

COLLEGE POLICY DOCUMENT

MANAGEMENT OF EBOLA RISK POLICY

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Introduction

At the present time there is a lot of coverage in the media about deaths from the Ebola virus in Africa. Nigeria is one of the countries affected and the college must be prepared in case any of its students travelling from Nigeria bring the virus with them to the college. The risk should be managed in the boarding houses and in the college classroom buildings.

Symptoms of Ebola HF

- Fever
- Headache
- Joint and muscle aches
- Weakness
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Lack of appetite

If a student is suffering from any of the symptoms above, the House Manager should contact the doctor's surgery for advice on whether to take him/her to the surgery or if they should remain at home. Whilst in the hall of residence, the student should be isolated. This may mean that the student who is sharing a room with the ill student will have to be moved to a host family.

Action to be taken by House Managers in order to protect themselves:

- Wear gloves when working with students' laundry
- Wear a mask when in close proximity to the students
- Ask students in the hall of residence to wear their masks
- Provide hand sanitiser in every room

Students should be briefed at their induction about infection control. This should include:

- The need to inform a member of staff immediately if they are feeling unwell
- The need to frequently wash hands or use hand sanitiser
- The need to ensure that they do not cough onto other people

Staff travelling to Africa

If there is significant concern about widespread infection in a particular country, staff will not be asked to travel there.

Host families

For students staying in host families, guidance will be taken from the NHS with regard to action that must be taken.

Hand sanitiser

Hand sanitiser will be placed in all halls and all college buildings and students will be instructed to use it frequently.

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