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Connecticut Hospital Association Statement on Ebola

WALLINGFORD – We are pleased to hear that the preliminary test was negative for the Yale-New Haven Hospital patient who is being treated for Ebola-like symptoms. We support our doctors, nurses, and staff at hospitals across our state who treat everyone who comes through their doors 24 hours a day.

Ensuring the safety of patients and caregivers is the number one priority of Connecticut hospitals.

Our hospitals are deeply committed to maintaining the highest standards of infection control and minimizing the risk of contracting any infectious diseases including Ebola. Governor Malloy's order reinforces the importance of drills and exercises; Connecticut hospitals train constantly to respond to emergency situations, and they have been preparing for a potential Ebola occurrence, including holding drills, since it first became a possibility in the U.S.

Hospitals are in regular contact with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and other agencies to ensure they are up to date on the evolving guidelines and have a coordinated response plan in place. CHA is working with DPH to manage critical communications among hospitals and to share materials and resources related to Ebola detection, treatment, and response. CHA and hospitals began regular emergency preparedness coordination calls last week to share tools and resources, as well as best practices and lessons learned, particularly from hospital drills. As long as Ebola is a threat, we will continue to monitor the situation and share information to keep everyone in Connecticut safe.

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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, diversity, and hospital reimbursement.