



MIEMSS Direction for MPDS EIDS tool usage
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The EIDS tool shall be launched as follows:

1. If any of the following cards are the primary response cards utilized, the EIDS tool **must** be activated to begin the travel questions.
 - a. Protocol 1 Abdominal Pain
 - b. Protocol 18 Headache
 - c. Protocol 21 Hemorrhage (MEDICAL)
 - d. Protocol 26 Sick Person
 - e. Protocol 6 Breathing Problems
 - f. Protocol 10 Chest Pain
 - g. Protocol 32 Unknown Problem (Man Down)

OR

2. If at any time during interrogation, the dispatcher recognizes ANY of the signs and symptoms of Ebola (a current subset of EIDS tool list), the EIDS tool **must** be activated.

EIDS (SRI/MERS/Ebola)

These symptoms are considered Ebola essential symptoms to ask:

- measured body temperature $\geq 100.4^{\circ}$ F (38.0° C)
 - fever (hot to the touch in room temperature)
 - chills
 - unusual sweats
 - unusual total body aches
 - headache
 - recent onset of any diarrhea, vomiting, or bloody discharge from the mouth or nose
 - abdominal or stomach pain
 - unusual (spontaneous/non-traumatic) bleeding from any area of the body
- The above shall trigger the use of the EIDS tool. The travel questions pertain to Ebola. Dispatchers should encourage EMS providers to use protection for flu if they have contact with someone with the flu or flu-like symptoms.
 - MIEMSS is directing that this Medical Director–Approved additional question be included:
“Has s/he had personal contact with a confirmed Ebola patient in the last 21 days?”
If “YES” this is equal to a positive response to the first travel question, and symptoms should then be assessed.
 - The symptoms section is intentionally highlighted in red to indicate those symptoms associated with Ebola.
 - Dispatch Operators only need to confirm the presence of the symptom indicators in red and do not have to ask about all of them when interviewing the caller.
 - A positive travel history from a country with high rates of Ebola Virus Disease (Guinea, Sierra Leone, Mali and Liberia) and a positive symptom from the list in red shall trigger notification to EMS providers of a **Person Under Investigation (PUI)** so they can appropriately don PPE and use prescribed precautions.

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