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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RULES OUT EBOLA CASE AFTER DISEASE INVESTIGATION

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has determined that the individual in isolation at a Honolulu hospital who was reported to the department as a possible Ebola case yesterday does not meet the criteria for testing. The individual is no longer under evaluation for possible Ebola infection.

"The hospital acted in the best interests of the community, with an abundance of caution," said Health Director Dr. Linda Rosen. "We commend the facility for being prepared and remaining vigilant regarding the risk of Ebola. After investigation by the health department, it was determined that the individual did not meet the clinical or travel exposure criteria for an Ebola infection."

With the nation on heightened alert for possible Ebola cases, physicians are reminded to follow the guidelines established by the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Information on Ebola infection is available at www.cdc.gov/Ebola.

DOH continues to work with the healthcare community, state, county, and federal officials to prepare for a possible Ebola case.

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