

EMS Care and Lassa Fever: Identify, Isolate, and Inform

Additional Resources

The following resources were shared during the live session:

National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center: <https://netec.org/>

Q&A:

- How will this affect the pre-hospital workers specifically Air EMS? And what can we expect?
 - Phoenix Air Group is the only provider that would take a pathogen of concern – whether it's an in the air or on the ground patient.
- Do you feel that the current focus on COVID-19 has helped or hindered the identification of pathogens of special concerns in travelers - specifically Lassa Fever?
 - May have hindered alternative diagnoses
- Do you think it is reasonable to disseminate information on Lassa Fever to the general public or would this create panic or distress?
 - Messaging to the community is critical and needs to be intentional to minimize panic or distress – such as what took place with H1N1. It's important to focus on international travel history of community members and the existence of symptoms. Travelers and symptomatic individuals should follow-up with their primary care providers to identify possible infection.