Key Facts about Ebola

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1) Flu is more of a threat to the general public than Ebola because flu is much easier to catch. Please consider getting your flu vaccine this year.

2) Ebola is not contagious until a person shows symptoms. In other words, you cannot catch Ebola from another person unless they are sick.

3) You cannot catch Ebola unless you come in direct contact with the blood or body fluids of a person with Ebola.

4) A person is not tested for Ebola unless they show symptoms AND they have traveled in the last 21 days to a country where an outbreak of Ebola is occurring or they have come in direct contact with an Ebola patient.

5) Ebola is easy to kill once it is outside the body.

6) Healthcare providers and family members providing care to a diagnosed Ebola patient are at greatest risk.

7) Refer to the Health Department website for additional Ebola information (http://www.harfordcountyhealth.com/).