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**California Department of Public Health, Sacramento County
Department of Health and Human Services and UC Davis Medical
Center - Sacramento Confirm Patient at Hospital has Tested Negative
for Ebola**

SACRAMENTO – State and local public health and hospital officials have confirmed that the patient transported by specialized ambulance and admitted to UC Davis Medical Center early Thursday who exhibited symptoms consistent with a viral illness including Ebola, and with a history of travel to an Ebola-affected country, has tested negative for the Ebola virus.

“We will continue to work together with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), along with hospitals and local health departments across California to quickly identify individuals who could potentially be at risk of Ebola, and take quick action in order to protect the health and safety of all California residents,” said California Department of Public Health State Epidemiologist and Deputy Director, Center for Infectious Diseases, Dr. Gil Chavez.

“The expediency of this investigation also preserves resources and allows staff to resume other investigations,” said Sacramento County Health Officer, Dr. Olivia Kasirye.

The test for Ebola done by the Sacramento County Public Health Laboratory came back negative last night.

“The patient remains in good condition and we will continue to provide ongoing medical care,” said J. Douglas Kirk, Chief Medical Officer at UC Davis Medical Center.

At this time, there have been no confirmed cases of Ebola in California and there is no threat to the general public. Ebola symptoms may appear anywhere between two to 21 days after exposure and include a fever, muscle pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain and lack of appetite. Travelers from Africa may experience flu-like or GI symptoms due to malaria or other non-Ebola associated diseases.

For more information, visit <http://cdph.ca.gov/programs/cder/Pages/Ebola.aspx>.

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