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City of The Colony responds to Ebola concerns

THE COLONY, Texas — The Texas Department of State Health Services today reports that test samples for a patient from The Colony admitted yesterday to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas have come back negative for Ebola.

When officials in The Colony became aware of a patient diagnosed with Ebola virus in Dallas last week, the city immediately began taking steps to protect its residents and first responders. Those steps included:

- implementing the Centers for Disease Control’s Interim Guidelines for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Virus Diseases in the United States;
- review of applicable emergency management plans and annexes;
- assigning a chief officer to review best practices for first responders and for assuring the purchase of essential supplies and equipment;
- maintaining open communications with The Colony Fire Department medical control and local health care facilities;
- training first responders and communications personnel; and,
- updating the public on issues relevant to the City of The Colony.

The Colony Fire Department and Emergency Management team remains in contact with the Denton County Health Department and will continue to monitor the overall situation and provide updates as necessary.

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