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Dear CASN members and colleagues

The disturbing news that two U.S nurses have unfortunately been infected by the Ebola virus has brought home the critical role nurses play in the care and treatment of people who contract this disease, as well as the global reality of the world we live in. Combatting this epidemic successfully will involve the response of multiple players across multiple borders.

As nurse educators, we recognize that the potential for the Ebola virus to spread poses a risk to the safety of nursing students and faculty in clinical settings. Information related to Ebola preparedness, guidelines based on the latest evidence available, and resources provided by other national and international organization are critical in reducing this risk. We are, therefore, creating an Ebola Resource Section for faculty and students on the CASN website with information, and with links to other websites containing Ebola preparedness resources. This is also a good time to remind ourselves to adhere to routine practices for infection prevention and control, recommended by the Public Health Agency of Canada, to be used with all clients/patients/residents during all care to prevent and control transmission of microorganisms in all health care settings.

We invite and welcome information from you about initiatives and activities your school or association is taking related to Ebola preparedness and Ebola risk reduction for posting on this website. We also welcome additional links to sites with resources that we have not listed. Please send information and links to Jbridgewater@casn.ca.

We look forward to hearing from you, and working collectively with you in response to this potential risk.

Kind regards,

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