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Guidance for Law Enforcement:

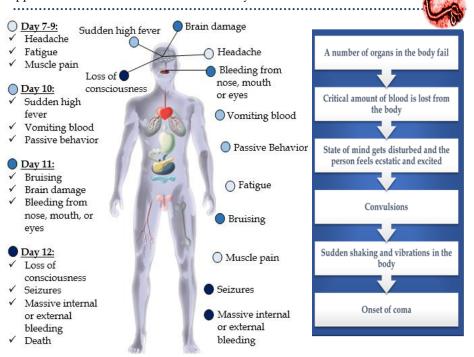
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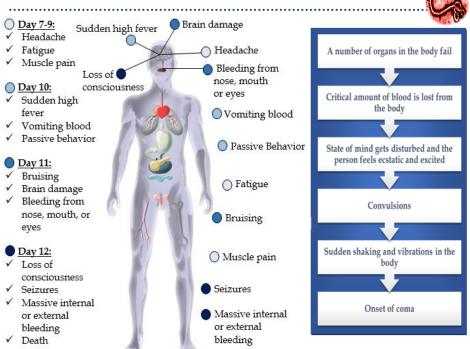


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- The arrestee has resided in, or previously traveled to, a country where an Ebola outbreak is occurring (West Africa - Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone)
- Subject complains of signs and symptoms of Ebola (such as indicators provided in this guideline; fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.)
- Has recently been in direct contact with someone sick with the Ebola virus.

(U//FOUO) If the officer's assessment of the signs and symptoms provided by the arrestee pose a risk of infection, the officer should:

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- Wash the affected skin surfaces with soap and water.
- Receive a medical evaluation and including follow-up care, fever monitoring twice daily for 21 days, after the last known exposure.





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