

# EMS Ebola Response Flowchart

## Wyoming Department of Health

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This document was created to aid in the preparation for response and transport of a known or suspected Ebola patient in the State of Wyoming. This document is not intended to replace or alter local protocol or response plans but rather to serve as a guideline for obtaining the most information possible to be able to handle a variety of circumstances.

The following two (2) assumptions are reflected in the document. The responder:

- 1) Has been dispatched to a call and is responding; AND
- 2) Has, in some way, been informed of a possible Ebola situation (either by the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), by index of suspicion, or other assessment findings).

The document has three (3) scenarios, the last being a “surprise” indication in which a patient activates the system for an unrelated event and, at some point in the response, a responder suspects that Ebola is possible. At the point that this realization is made, the guideline would come into play as part of the overall treatment/transportation plan for the patient.

The overall goals of the guideline are two-fold:

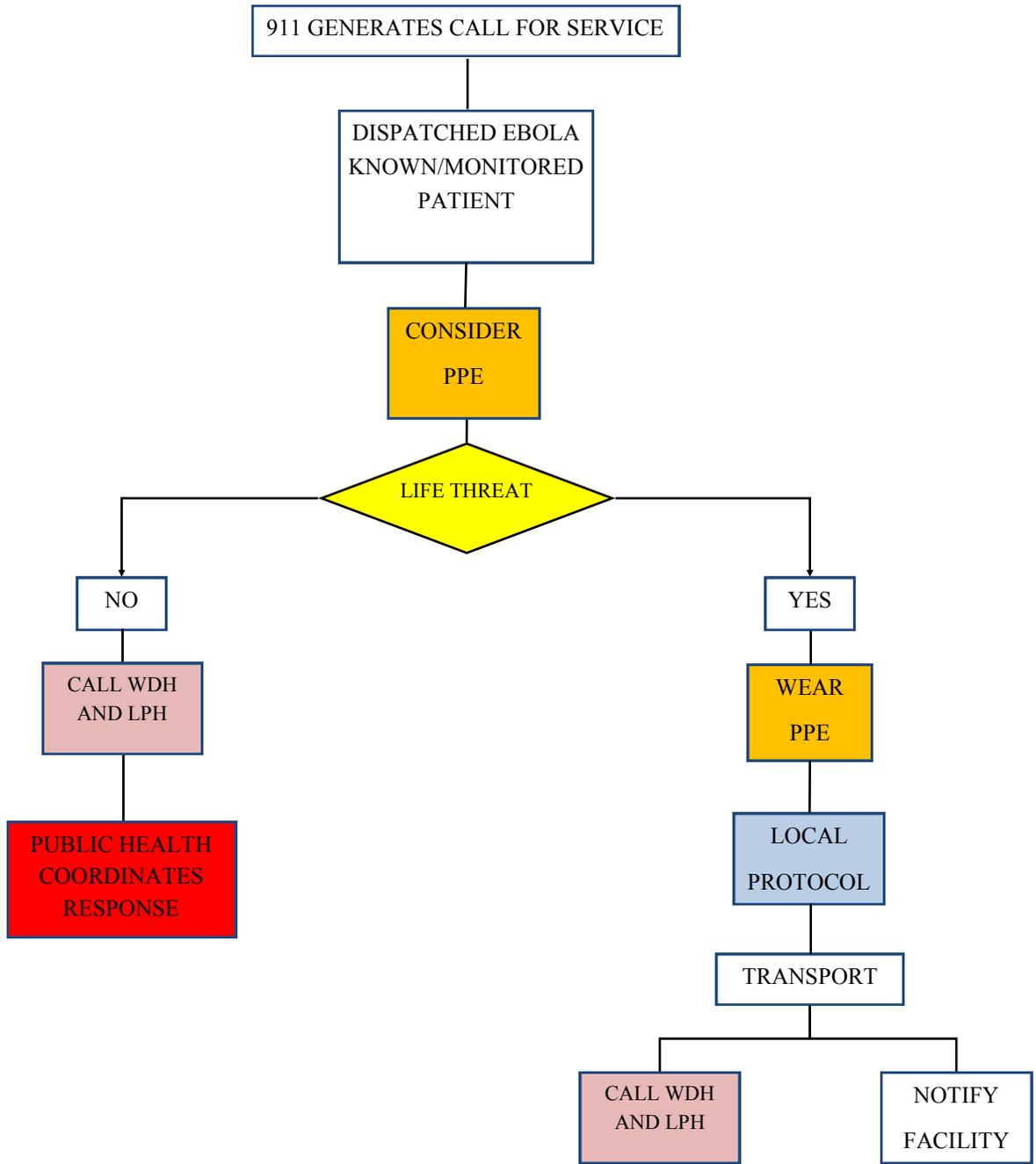
- 1) To emphasize the local response plan as the primary plan to follow when dealing with a stable patient that is not currently being monitored for Ebola.
- 2) To quickly, after dealing with immediate threats to the well-being of the patient, provide a path for activation of the local public health agency and the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) to coordinate efforts in planning, logistics, and management of a potential Ebola infected patient, without compromising the immediate needs of the patient and the responders.

The key points to remember when Ebola or any other communicable diseases may be present are:

- 1) Protect yourself;
- 2) Take care of your patient;
- 3) Know your resources and use them;
- 4) Inform the others who may need to get involved; and
- 5) Prepare, Plan, Train, Train, and Train.

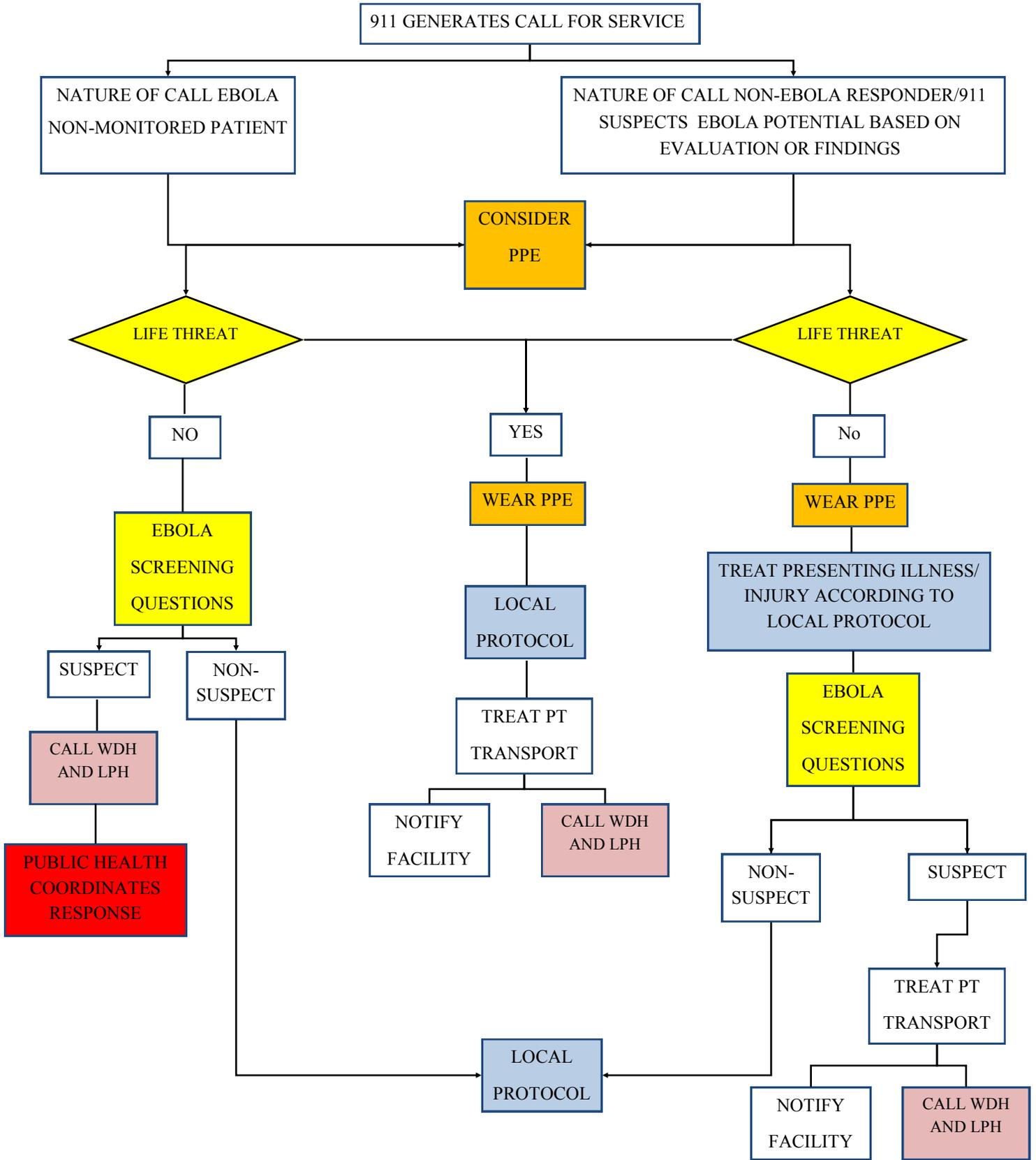
If you have questions about this guideline please call the Wyoming Office of EMS (307-777-7795). If you have any other Ebola related questions or concerns, please call the Wyoming Department of Health 24/7 Telephone Response Line at 1-888-996-9104.

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