

New York hospital tests doctor for Ebola

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A doctor who recently returned to New York from West Africa was rushed to hospital with a fever on Thursday to be tested for possible Ebola, the city's health department said.

The man was rushed by ambulance from his home in Harlem to Bellevue Hospital suffering from a 103-degree Fahrenheit (39.4 degree Celsius) fever and nausea, The New York Post reported.

New York City health department confirmed that a health care worker who had returned to the United States within 21 days from an Ebola-afflicted country was being tested for the virus.

The patient had a fever and gastrointestinal symptoms and was being tested because of their "recent travel history, pattern of symptoms and past work," the department said.

The preliminary test results are expected in the next 12 hours.

Bellevue is one of three hospitals in Manhattan and eight in the state of New York equipped to handle patients diagnosed with Ebola.

As a further precaution, New York City health department said it was actively tracing all the patient's contacts to identify anyone who may be at potential risk.

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