

CDC spends 2.7 million on Ebola hospital kits

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(HealthDay)—About \$2.7 million in personal protective gear has been ordered for health care workers at U.S. hospitals treating Ebola patients, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday.

The Ebola-specific [protective equipment](#) is being sorted into 50 kits that can be rapidly delivered to hospitals. Each kit contains enough gear to enable medical teams to care for one Ebola patient for up to five days, the agency said.

The supplies in the kits comply with recommendations for caring for Ebola patients issued by the CDC in October. The equipment includes: face shields and hoods; boot covers; gloves; impermeable gowns, coveralls and aprons; N95 respirators, which are considered highly effective filters; powered-air purifying respirator systems; and disinfecting wipes.

"We are making certain to not disrupt the orders submitted by states and hospitals, but we are building our stocks so that we can assist when needed. Some of these products are not normally used by hospitals for regular patient care," Greg Burel, director of the CDC's division of strategic national stockpile, said in an agency news release.

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