

# Official: Alabama patient doesn't have Ebola, tests negative (Update)

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Alabama state health officials say a patient whose symptoms caused

concerns about Ebola has tested negative for the virus.

The Alabama Department of Public Health said in a statement Wednesday that the patient is improving. The patient's name hasn't been released.

Edward Khan of the Jefferson County Health Department says the patient was hospitalized Tuesday after developing symptoms and notifying authorities.

Khan says the patient recently traveled to a country with Ebola cases. He didn't identify the country or specify the symptoms.

On Tuesday night, a quarantine was placed on a Birmingham home for two of the patient's relatives. That has been lifted.

Last year, an epidemic of the deadly virus broke out in West Africa. Federal officials say there've been four confirmed cases diagnosed in the U.S.



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