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To the MUSC Family:

As many of you may be aware, the MUSC Medical Center was contacted by DHEC late yesterday evening regarding a patient requiring Ebola Medical screening. Our team enacted its planned response, and I am quite pleased to say that the specialized team performed as expected. From our transportation staff in Meducare and those staffing the specialized medical unit for isolation of the patient to our clinical leadership team, everyone worked hard to ensure this patient’s privacy and provide appropriate medical care. I’m quite proud of the level of care and coordination our team implemented in this complex medical situation.

Our initial assessments, as reported internally and externally through the news media, indicated the patient was unlikely to have Ebola. We can now confirm that the MUSC patient who underwent Ebola medical evaluation has been downgraded from low-risk to no-risk. This downgrade was based on the guidelines and protocols of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) and the clinical judgment of the MUSC care team.

In consultation with DHEC, CDC, and the Department of Defense, it has been confirmed the patient had no contact with anyone in Liberia, and based on this information, he has been determined to have no risk for Ebola. The patient will now be removed from Ebola precautions, and no quarantine will be required.

The patient continues to receive medical care at MUSC Medical Center, and we anticipate that he will be discharged sometime in the near future.

Your continued support for the efforts of the clinical staff, as well as your efforts to remain calm and measured during these situations does not go unnoticed. Thank you for all you do for MUSC.

Yours in service,

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