Ebola FACT vs. FICTION

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Me:
I touched someone else's coat; I think I might get Ebola.

Ebola:
I really doubt you're going to get Ebola. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, unless you have direct contact with blood or bodily fluids, objects contaminated with the disease such as needles or syringes, or infected fruit bats or primates, you're in the safe zone.

Me:
Does saliva count as bodily fluid? Because I threw my chair at this chick in my class when she sneezed. I ain't trying to get Ebola!

Ebola:
Yes, technically saliva is a bodily fluid. However, sneezing is not one of the symptoms of Ebola. The girl you hit with your chair probably just had a regular cold. If she had a fever, severe heaache, muscle pain, weakness, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain and unexplained bruising or bleeding then you can be concerned. Although, I don't recommend hitting anyone with a chair.

Me:
If I start spitting blood do I have Ebola?

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Ebola:
Probably not. There are other explanations for that problem but either way you should definitely see a doctor.

Me:
Tori Roberts, a student at Clackamas Community College, heard that Ebola kills people. OMG is that true? Is there a cure for the virus?

Ebola:
There isn't a lot that you can do once you have it. In the hospital doctors will hook you up to an IV but vaccines and treatments are still in development at this point.

Me:
Is it really that bad? Because when I heard the new U2 album it made my ears bleed, literally. LOL.

Ebola:
I think I would rather listen to nails on a chalkboard for the rest of my life than have to face the effects of Ebola.

Me:
They should just call Ebola Justin Bieber because nobody wants it in this country. Evan Thompson, another CCC student, told me he heard that someone had Ebola in Milwaukie! It's a good thing it was a false alarm.

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Ebola:
Point taken. LOL. Yeah that was a close call. You know, we aren't the only country with an Ebola problem right now. In fact, the three worst outbreaks are all in the West African countries: Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Me:
Can't I just wash my hands with soap so I won't contract it from anyone?

Ebola:
Having good hygiene will always help protect against illness but the best thing to do to avoid Ebola is to stay away from the blood and bodily fluids of someone who is infected.

Me:
So am I going to get the virus or not?

Ebola:
Well Jose, one of the tutors in the math lab at CCC had a good joke for this question. Have you heard it?

Me:
...No?

Ebola:
You probably won't get it anyway.