Ebola Additional Question #1: Have you ever had Ebola virus disease or infection?

Donor Eligibility: You must indefinitely defer a donor with a history of Ebola virus disease or infection.

See the January 2017 FDA Guidance: Recommendations for Assessment of Blood Donor Eligibility, Donor Deferral and Blood Product Management in Response to Ebola Virus

The Guidance can also be found by date and title on the FDA website at the following link: http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/Blood/default.htm.
Ebola Additional Question #2: In the past 8 weeks, have you lived in, or traveled to, a country with widespread transmission of Ebola virus disease or infection? (Review list of affected areas, as classified by CDC) *

Donor Eligibility: A donor is deferred for 8 weeks from the date of departure after living in, or traveling to, a country with widespread transmission of Ebola virus disease or infection or with cases in urban areas with uncertain control measures, as classified by the CDC at:


The January 2017 FDA Guidance, Recommendations for Assessment of Blood Donor Eligibility, Donor Deferral and Blood Product Management in Response to Ebola Virus, refers to the list of countries “with widespread transmission or cases in urban areas with uncertain control measures” at:
Ebola Additional Question #3: In the past 8 weeks, have you had sexual contact with a person who has **EVER** had Ebola virus disease or infection?

Donor Eligibility: A person who has ever had Ebola virus disease or infection is at increased risk of transmitting the virus, without regard to the length of time since recovery. The sexual contact of a person who has ever had Ebola is also at risk and is deferred for 8 weeks from the date of last sexual contact.
Ebola Additional Question #4: In the past 8 weeks, have you had direct exposure to body fluids (blood, urine, stool, saliva, semen, vaginal fluids or vomit) from a person who may have Ebola virus disease or infection, including a person under investigation?

Donor Eligibility: A person who has had direct exposure (close contact) to the body fluids (blood, urine, stool, saliva, semen, vaginal fluids or vomit) * of a person who has or may have Ebola virus disease or infection is not eligible to donate based on the risks associated with that exposure. This includes direct exposure to the body fluids of a person under investigation for whom a diagnosis is pending. Examples of persons who may have come in contact with body fluids include healthcare workers, caregivers or co-habitants. A donor is deferred for 8 weeks after the date of last exposure to the body fluid.

*The January 2017 FDA Guidance, Recommendations for Assessment of Blood Donor Eligibility, Donor Deferral and Blood Product Management in Response to Ebola Virus, states “For the purposes of this guidance, close contact is defined as contact that could have resulted in direct exposure to body fluids.” The FDA defines body fluid as blood, urine, stool, saliva, semen, vaginal fluids or vomit in Section III of the guidance.
Ebola Additional Question #5: In the past 8 weeks, have you been notified by a public health authority that you may have been exposed to a person with Ebola virus disease or infection?

Donor Eligibility: Defer for eight weeks from date of last exposure, a person who has been notified by a federal, state, or local public health authority that he or she may have been exposed to a person with Ebola virus disease or infection.