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Good morning,

Please see below for links to CDC's 2019 Novel Coronavirus updated clinical guidance and PUI definition. A HAN will be released this afternoon.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>

All the best,
Jordan

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Authorizing Person: BCDC

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Authorizing Person: BCDC

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Description of Alert: Immediate Attention Needed: Supply Shortages - Protocol for Requesting Supplies from New York State Department of Health

Source Organization: NYSDOH

Authorizing Person: Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D.

Sender's Jurisdiction: State

Notification ID: 102559

Date of Alert: 02/06/2020

Dear Colleague: As we are seeing Person Protective Equipment (PPE) supply shortages, particularly of N-95 respirators as a result of this severe respiratory illness season and preparations for 2019 Novel Corona Virus infection control, Dr. Howard Zucker, Commissioner of Health, New York State Department of Health. is urging facilities to track their critical supplies and to follow the protocol outlined in the attached Dear CEO letter, for requesting supplies they are not able to obtain through normal vendors and sources, through their local offices of emergency management.

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County DOH - Director, Disease Control

County DOH - Director, Patient Services

County DOH - HIN Coordinator

County DOH - Incident Command - LHD Logistics Section Chief

County DOH - Lead Epidemiologist

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

February 6, 2020

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Thank you for your commitment and efforts to support New York State's (NYS) response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). All hospitals should be ready and equipped to promptly screen, and where appropriate, to isolate, further evaluate, and correctly manage patients presenting to their facility with the potential of being infected with 2019-nCoV, and to notify appropriate public health authorities of the patient's potential status.

In close coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (Department) is providing updated information and guidance to facilities on this rapidly evolving situation, as it becomes available. It is important that all hospitals strictly adhere to the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding personal protective equipment (PPE), available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html>.

Shortages of PPE supplies may occur. The Department asks all facilities to compare their existing inventories of PPE, such as face shields, gowns, gloves, masks, N95 respirators, against the expected rate of use of these items under a surge situation, to determine the quantities needed to be on hand. Facilities or healthcare systems that identify a shortage of PPE, should use existing plans and vendor agreements to procure additional assets, by taking the following steps:

- Use existing vendor agreements and procurement plans to place orders for quantities needed by type and size of PPE.
- Activate existing Mutual Aid Agreements to obtain available support from those partners.
- Notify County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) when all existing agreements are exhausted and supply needs exceed those available from these sources.
- Coordinate with County OEM to identify and utilize other existing county resources.
- Notify the respective Department's Regional Office of ongoing need.
- If all local resources have been exhausted, submit a request, via your County OEM, to the NYS OEM. The request should include as much detail as available, but include at a minimum the following elements:
 - Type and Quantity of PPE by size
 - Point of Contact at the requesting facility or system
 - Delivery location
 - Date request is needed to be filled by
 - Record of pending orders

Upon receipt of a request submitted to NYS OEM, the Department will be notified and will use the information provided to validate the request and its ability to meet the identified need. Facilities should expect that the identified Point of Contact listed in the request will be

contacted by the Department for clarification and coordination. Please note that in order to assure adequate time to process and fill a request (as resources are available), a request should be submitted via your County OEM no later than 10 days before an item is out of stock at the requesting facility.

It is critical the healthcare facilities work in advance to prepare for anticipated shortages and to proactively work with all available sources of critical resources. It is also critical that healthcare facilities put controls in place to safeguard these resources and monitor their usage. The Department appreciates your attention to using the request process outlined above to help us all protect the health and safety of our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Zucker M.D.". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D.
Commissioner of Health

CDC WEEKLY KEY MESSAGES

2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Outbreak, Wuhan, China

February 4, 2020

This document summarizes key messages about the 2019-nCoV outbreak and the response. It will be updated and distributed regularly. For the most current information, visit www.cdc.gov/ncov.

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OUTBREAK SUMMARY

- There is an expanding outbreak, centered in China, of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus abbreviated “2019-nCoV.”
- The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new respiratory virus that can cause illness varying from mild to severe, including potentially resulting in death. It can spread from person-to-person.
- This virus is spreading from person-to-person in China. A growing number of countries are reporting cases in travelers from China and some limited person-to-person spread has been reported in countries outside of China, including in the United States.
- As of **February 3, 2020, 17,385** cases have been identified worldwide, including **11** in the United States.
- On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared this outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). A PHEIC is declared if an event poses a public health threat to other nations through the spread of disease and potentially requires a coordinated international response.

- On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to 2019 novel coronavirus.
- Also on January 31, the President of the United States issued a “[Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus.](#)”
- The situation is rapidly changing, and we are monitoring it closely. Guidance will be updated as needed.
- Outbreaks like this — when a new virus has emerged to infect people and spread between people — are especially concerning.
- This is a very serious public health threat and the federal government is working closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners as well as public health partners to respond to this public health threat.
- The goal of the ongoing U.S. public health response is to detect new cases quickly and prevent community spread of 2019-nCoV in this country.
- The coming days and weeks are likely to bring more confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in the United States and globally, but strong public health measures now may blunt the impact of the virus in the United States.
- While it is unclear how this situation will evolve in the United States, CDC is preparing as if it were the next pandemic.

OUTBREAK STATISTICS

As of **February 3, 2020**:

U.S. cases: 11

U.S. deaths: 0

Total patients under investigation (PUI): 260

- Positive: 11
- Negative: 167
- Pending: 82

States with patients under investigation: 36

Global cases: 17,385

- Mainland China: 17,205
- Outside mainland China: 180 in 26 locations, including the United States

Global deaths: 362

- China: 361
- Outside China: 1

OUTBREAK BACKGROUND

- In early January 2020, Chinese health officials identified a novel (new) coronavirus linked to an outbreak of respiratory illness in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.
- Most cases have been detected in China, but some cases have been detected in more than two dozen other locations. Most infections outside of China have occurred in travelers coming from Wuhan City.
- Initially, many of the patients in the Wuhan outbreak reportedly had some link to a large seafood and animal market, suggesting animal-to-person spread.
- Since then, Chinese officials report that sustained person-to-person spread in the community is occurring in China.
- Most cases in the U.S. have been associated with travel to Wuhan, China; however, person-to-person spread has also been seen in close (household) contacts of confirmed 2019-nCoV cases.
- Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that have a halo or crown-like (corona) appearance when viewed under a microscope. They are common in many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, cats, and bats.
- Human coronaviruses are a common cause of mild to moderate upper-respiratory illness in humans. But two coronaviruses have emerged to cause more severe illness: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

TRANSMISSION

Much is unknown about how 2019-nCoV can be spread. Current knowledge is largely based on what is known about other coronaviruses.

- Most often, person-to-person spread is thought to happen among people in close contact (about 6 feet) with each other.
- Person-to-person spread is thought to occur mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- It's also possible that a person may be able to get 2019-nCoV by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes.
- Typically, with most respiratory viruses, people are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (sickest).
- How easily a virus spreads person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious (like measles), while other viruses are less so.
- There is much more to learn about the transmissibility, severity, and other features associated with 2019-nCoV and investigations are ongoing. This information will further inform the [risk assessment](#).

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

- CDC has developed a real time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (rRT-PCR) test that can diagnose 2019-nCoV in respiratory and serum samples from clinical specimens. On

January 24, 2020, CDC [publicly posted the assay protocol](#) for this test. Currently, testing for this virus must take place at CDC.

- CDC submitted an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) package to the U.S. Food and Drugs Administration on February 3, 2020.
- Once FDA approves the EUA, the CDC test kits will be distributed to domestic and international partners through the agency's [International Reagent Resource](#).
- There is no specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCoV infection. People infected with 2019-nCoV should receive supportive care to help relieve symptoms.
- For severe cases, treatment should include care to support vital organ functions.

PREVENTION

There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

TRAVEL

Travel from China:

President Trump issued a [Presidential Proclamation](#) January 31, 2020, to implement temporary measures to increase our abilities to detect and contain the novel coronavirus proactively and aggressively.

The proclamation:

- Suspends entry to the United States to foreign nationals who have visited China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau) in the past 14 days. There are some exemptions, including for immediate family members of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents. (Hereafter referred to as "American citizens and exempted persons.")

In addition:

- All American citizens and exempted persons coming from China will be directed to (“funneled to”) one of 11 U.S. airports.
 - American citizens and exempted persons who have been in Hubei province in the previous 14 days will have an additional health assessment (screened for fever, cough, or difficulty breathing).
 - If symptomatic, American citizens and exempted persons will be transferred for further medical evaluation. (They will not be able to complete their itinerary.)
 - If asymptomatic, American citizens and exempted persons will be subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine at or near that location. (They will not be able to complete their itinerary.)
 - American citizens and exempted persons who have been in other parts of mainland China (outside of Hubei Province) in the previous 14 days will have an additional health assessment (screened for fever, cough, or difficulty breathing).
 - If symptomatic, American citizens and exempted persons will be transferred for medical evaluation. (They will not be able to complete their itinerary at that time.)
 - If asymptomatic, American citizens and exempted persons will be allowed to reach their final destination and, after arrival, will be monitored under self-quarantine for 14 days.

The declaration took effect at 5 p.m. EST, Sunday, February 2, 2020.

The 11 airports where flights are being funneled to include:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York
- Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD), Illinois
- San Francisco International Airport (SFO), California
- Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), Washington
- Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL), Hawaii
- Los Angeles International Airport, (LAX), California
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), Georgia
- Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD), Virginia
- Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), New Jersey
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), Texas
- Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW), Michigan

Travel to China:

- On January 30, 2020, the U.S. State Department issued a [level 4 travel advisory](#), their highest threat level, requesting Americans not to travel to China because of the public health threat posed by the new coronavirus.
- CDC has issued a level 3 Travel Health Notice for Wuhan, China recommending that all travelers avoid non-essential travel.

First Repatriated Flight Plus Quarantine Order:

- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary, under statutory authority, issued federal quarantine orders to 195 evacuees who came to the U.S. from Wuhan, China on January 29, 2020.
- The quarantine will last 14 days from when the plane left Wuhan, China.
- This action is a precautionary and preventive step to maximize the containment of the virus in the interest of the health of the American public.
- This quarantine order also will protect the health of the evacuees, their families, and their communities.
- These individuals will continue to be housed at the March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, California.
- Medical staff will monitor the health of each traveler, including temperature checks and observation for respiratory symptoms.

Additional Repatriation Flights:

- On January 23, 2020, the Department of State ordered the departure of all U.S. Consulate General Wuhan personnel and their family members.
- The Department of State is working with the U.S. Government interagency and People's Republic of China counterparts on staging additional evacuation flights to the U.S. from Wuhan.
- CDC will continue to support the Department of State in the safe and expedient ordered departure of all evacuees from Wuhan, China.

CDC LABORATORY TEST FOR 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

- CDC has developed a new laboratory test kit for use in testing patient specimens for 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).
- The test kit is called the "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-Time Reverse Transcriptase (RT)-PCR Diagnostic Panel." It is intended for use with the Applied Biosystems 7500 Fast DX Real-Time PCR Instrument with SDS 1.4 software.
 - Each test kit is enough for conducting 1,000 tests.

- The test utilizes a technology that can provide results in 4 hours from initial sample processing to result. (Note: Other steps involved in management of patient specimens, laboratory testing, and reporting may require additional time to perform.)
- CDC's test kit is intended for use by laboratories designated by CDC as qualified, and in the United States, certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) to perform high complexity tests.
 - This includes U.S. state and local public health laboratories and Department of Defense (DoD) laboratories.
 - The test kits also will be shipped to qualified international laboratories, such as WHO Global Influenza Surveillance Response System (GISRS) laboratories. For more information, see the section labeled [CDC Laboratory Test Kit Distribution \(general audiences\)](#).
- The test will not be available in U.S. hospitals or other primary care settings.
- This test is intended for use with upper and lower respiratory specimens collected from individuals who meet CDC criteria for 2019-nCoV testing.
- At this time, CDC only recommends diagnostic testing of patients who meet the clinical criteria for a 2019-nCoV patient under investigation (PUI), per [Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling and Testing Clinical Specimens from Patients Under Investigation \(PUIs\) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#).
 - For more information about interpreting test results, see section labeled "[Interpretation of test results from CDC 2019-Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel](#)."

Emergency Use Authorization Package Submittal:

- On Monday, February 3, 2020, CDC submitted an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) package to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in order to expedite FDA permitted use of the CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel in the United States. For more information, see FDA EUA Website: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>.
- The EUA process enables FDA to consider and authorize the use of unapproved, but potentially life-saving medical or diagnostic products during a public health emergency. The U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services declared the 2019-nCoV virus a U.S. public health emergency on Friday, January 31, 2020. (For more information, see the [Emergency Use Authorization Background](#) section below).
- Criteria upon which CDC's 2019-nCoV test is being submitted for EUA authorization, include the following:
 - The 2019-nCoV can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition, including severe respiratory illness, to humans infected by this virus;
 - There is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the emergency use of the CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel for diagnosing 2019-nCoV infection.

- Based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, it is reasonable to believe that the CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel may be effective in diagnosing 2019-nCoV infection, and that the known and potential benefits of the CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel, when used for diagnosing 2019-nCoV infection, outweigh the known and potential risks.
- CDC has provided guidance on specimen collection, storage and shipping at “[Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling and Testing Clinical Specimens from Patients Under Investigation \(PUIs\) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#).”
- Public health officials anticipate that distribution of the tests will improve 2019-nCoV laboratory testing capacity in the United States.

CDC Laboratory Test Kit Distribution:

- Once CDC’s diagnostic test is authorized by FDA under the EUA , the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) will begin distributing the test to the following laboratories:
 - 115 qualified U.S. laboratories; this includes U.S. state and local public health laboratories and Department of Defense (DoD) laboratories.
 - 191 qualified international laboratories, such as WHO Global Influenza Surveillance Response System (GISRS) laboratories.
 - Laboratories will place orders via the IRR Website. All the laboratories that will be placing orders are already registered and have active accounts with the IRR.
 - Each laboratory that places an order will receive one test kit initially, and each test kit is enough for approximately 1,000 patient specimens.

Background: Emergency Use Authorization:

- The FDA is responsible for reviewing and approving medical products for use in the United States. This usually is a lengthy process.
- However, when the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) determines that there is a significant potential for a public health emergency that has a significant potential to affect national security or the health and security of United States citizens living abroad and that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of an emergency use of a product pursuant to section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the commissioner of the FDA can use an EUA to permit use of certain unapproved medical products or unapproved uses of approved medical products. There are several criteria necessary for the FDA Commissioner to issue an EUA, including:
 - The agent or agents specified in the declaration can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition;
 - Based on the scientific information available, it is reasonable to believe that the medical countermeasure may be effective in diagnosing, treating, or preventing the disease or caused by a CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear) agent. The exact type and amount of data needed to support an EUA may vary depending on the nature of the circumstances giving rise to the declaration and the type of the candidate product;

- The known and potential benefits outweigh the known and potential risks of the product when used to diagnose, prevent, or treat the serious or life-threatening disease or condition; AND
- There is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the product for diagnosing, preventing, or treating the serious or life-threatening disease or condition. A potential alternative product may be considered “unavailable” if there are insufficient supplies to fully meet the emergency need. A potential alternative product may be considered “inadequate” if there are contradicting data for special circumstances or populations (e.g., immunocompromised individuals, individuals with drug allergies).

Information for Laboratory Professionals:

- The CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel contains the following:
 - 2019-nCoV_N1, 2019-nCoV_N2 and 2019-nCoV_N3 primers and probes that target the nucleocapsid (N) gene and are designed for both universal detection of SARS-like coronavirus as well as specific detection of the 2019-nCoV. CDC has published the primers and probes sequences for 2019-nCoV online: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/rt-pcr-panel-primer-probes.html>
 - RP primers and probes that target the Human RNase P gene
 - nCoVPC, the 2019-nCoV positive control used in the assay
- The CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel also requires the use of additional authorized materials and authorized ancillary reagents that are not included with the test but are commonly used in clinical laboratories and are described in the authorized CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel Instructions for Use Package Insert.
- The CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel requires the following control materials, or other authorized control materials; all controls listed below must generate expected results in order for a test to be considered valid, as outlined in the CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel Instructions for Use:
 - Human Specimen Control (HSC): A human cell culture preparation used as an extraction control and positive control for the RNase P primer and probe set that is extracted and tested concurrently with each specimen extraction run.
 - Positive Control for 2019-nCoV (nCoVPC): Run with each batch of specimens. Monitors for failures of rRT-PCR reagents and reaction conditions.
 - No Template Control (NTC): Nuclease-free water included in each run. Monitors for reagent and system contamination.
- Contact your state and/or local public health laboratory for a consultation for testing of a patient under investigation (PUI).
- Use appropriate personal protective equipment when collecting and handling specimens from individuals suspected of being infected with 2019-nCoV as outlined in the CDC [Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling and Testing Clinical Specimens from Patients Under](#)

[Investigation \(PUIs\) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#). Other specimens not listed in this guidance will not be accepted for testing.

Interpretation of test results from CDC 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-Time RT-PCR

Diagnostic Panel:

Note: *these are consistent with but not identical to the package insert and were synthesized from input from lab and epi teams.

Positive Result:

A positive test result means that 2019-nCoV was found in your sample. If you have a positive test result, it is very likely that you are infected with 2019-nCoV. Your healthcare professional will work with you to determine how best to care for you based on the test results along with other factors of your medical history and symptoms.

Negative Result:

A negative test result means that 2019-nCoV was not found in your sample. However, negative results do not necessarily preclude 2019-nCoV infection and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or other patient management decisions. Other risk factors such as travel history or contact with 2019-nCoV infected individuals should be considered.

Negative result if you are symptomatic:

For 2019-nCoV, a negative test result for a sample collected while a person has symptoms likely means that 2019-nCoV is not causing your current illness.

Negative result if you are asymptomatic:

While a negative test most likely means you do not have 2019-nCoV infection, patients who have no symptoms may:

- 1) in fact, not be infected with nCoV, or
- 2) have an infection that has not developed enough to be detected by the test. Optimum specimen types and timing for peak viral levels during infections caused by 2019-nCoV have not been determined so collection of multiple specimens (types and time points) may be necessary to definitively rule out 2019-nCoV viral presence in asymptomatic PUI's.

WHAT CDC IS DOING

CDC Response in the United States:

- The federal government is working closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners as well as public health partners to respond to this public health threat.
- The goal of the ongoing U.S. public health response is to detect new cases quickly and prevent further spread of 2019-nCoV in this country.
- CDC established a 2019-nCoV Incident Management Structure on January 7, 2020. On January 21, 2020, CDC activated its Emergency Operations Center to better provide ongoing support to the 2019-nCoV response.

- On January 27, 2020, CDC issued updated travel guidance for China, recommending that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to all of the country ([Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#)).
- The U.S. government has taken unprecedented steps with respect to travel in response to the growing public health threat posed by this new coronavirus.
 - Effective February 2, 2020, at 5pm, the U.S. government suspended entry of foreign nationals who have been in China within the past 14 days.
 - U.S. citizens, residents, and their immediate family members who have been in Hubei province and other parts of mainland China are allowed to enter the United States, but they are subject to health monitoring and possible quarantine for up to 14 days.
 - See more at: "[Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)"
- CDC issued an [updated interim Health Alert Notice \(HAN\) Update](#) to inform state and local health departments and healthcare professionals about this outbreak on February 1, 2020.
- On January 30, 2020, CDC published [guidance for healthcare professionals on the clinical care of 2019-nCoV patients](#).
- CDC has deployed multidisciplinary teams to Washington, Illinois, California, and Arizona to assist health departments with clinical management, contact tracing, and communications.
- CDC has developed a real time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (rRT-PCR) test that can diagnose 2019-nCoV in respiratory and serum samples from clinical specimens. On January 24, 2020, CDC [publicly posted the assay protocol](#) for this test. Currently, testing for this virus must take place at CDC.
- CDC submitted an Emergency Use Authorization package to the FDA on February 3, 2020.
- Once FDA approves the EUA, the CDC test kits will be distributed to domestic and international partners through the agency's [International Reagent Resource](#).
- CDC uploaded to GenBank the entire genome of the virus from reported cases in the United States as sequencing was completed.
- CDC also is growing the virus in cell culture, which is necessary for further studies, including for additional genetic characterization.

Internationally:

- CDC is working diligently and closely with partners to support the response to this novel coronavirus outbreak.
- CDC will work through WHO's China country office to support Chinese public health counterparts and help improve understanding of this new disease, including learning more about transmissibility and severity.
- One Beijing-based CDC expert is currently working with WHO in China and additional CDC headquarters experts are being identified and prepared for deployment.
- CDC staff based in 60+ countries around the world are working closely with ministries of health and other health partners to prepare and respond to the novel coronavirus.
- In addition to working with host country officials, CDC staff are working in coordination with Department of State and other agencies within U.S. embassies.
- CDC is mobilizing Atlanta-based staff to support the response. Many of these staffers have extensive experience responding to global outbreaks.

- CDC and the government of China have collaborated for the past 30 years addressing public health priorities affecting the U.S., China, and the world.
- CDC works closely with countries to establish Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs) that train a workforce of field epidemiologists —or disease detectives— to identify and contain outbreaks close to the source.
- In China, CDC is the primary technical partner for the Chinese FETP. Using classroom and hands-on experience, this program has graduated 279 epidemiologists who conducted more than 2,000 outbreak investigations as part of their training.
- Specialized training tracks are now being established in non-communicable diseases and tuberculosis.
- With technical guidance from CDC, 71 graduates completed training for the new Western FETP that supports 13 under-served provinces of China — remote areas more vulnerable to novel infections and with increasing transport corridors.
- CDC has supported China CDC’s national influenza laboratory for more than 20 years.
- CDC works in close partnership with the China CDC’s National Influenza Epidemiology, Virology, and Pandemic Preparedness Centers, China’s provincial and local CDCs, hospitals, and academic institutions.
- CDC supports Chinese partners in monitoring seasonal and novel influenza viruses, as well as enhancing efforts to detect and respond to seasonal, avian, and other novel influenza viruses with pandemic potential. CDC’s key supporting activities include:
 - Strengthening influenza surveillance for seasonal and novel influenza viruses
 - Conducting research to estimate disease burden and vaccine effectiveness among populations at greatest risk (including young children, older adults, and pregnant women)
 - Promoting influenza vaccination policy development and coverage
 - Supporting novel virus risk assessments
 - Establishing pandemic influenza preparedness in China
 - Maintaining close ties between U.S. and China influenza experts

RECOMMENDATIONS

CDC routinely advises that people help protect themselves from respiratory illnesses by washing their hands often, avoiding touching their face with unwashed hands, avoiding close contact with people who appear sick, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

Recent Travelers to China:

If you were in China and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, within 14 days after leaving the country, you should:

- Seek medical advice. Before you go to a doctor’s office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Not travel while sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to avoid spreading the virus to others. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

People Confirmed to Have, or Being Evaluated for, 2019-nCoV:

Your doctors and public health staff will evaluate whether you can be cared for at home. If it is determined that you can be isolated at home, you will be monitored by staff from your local or state health department. You should follow the prevention steps below until a healthcare professional or local or state health department says you can return to your normal activities. Detailed information is available at [Interim Guidance for Preventing 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) from Spreading to Others in Homes and Communities](#).

- Stay home except to get medical care.
- Separate yourself from other people in your home.
- Call ahead before visiting your doctor.
- Wear a facemask.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid sharing household items like eating utensils, cups, or linens.
- Monitor your symptoms and seek prompt medical attention if your symptoms worsen.

On February 3, 2020, CDC published interim guidance for state and local public health officials on how to assess and manage the risks posed by patients who may have been exposed to the 2019-nCoV virus.

- This guidance establishes four risk categories: High, Medium, Low and No Identifiable Risk.
- The categories are based on a person's travel history and possible contact with patients who have laboratory-confirmed infections.
- The guidance **offers recommendations** for movement restrictions and public health evaluations for people in different risk categories.
- **In most cases, state and local authorities will make these decisions. Federal public health authority primarily extends to international arrivals at ports of entry and preventing interstate communicable disease threats.**
- These guidelines are subject to change as the situation requires. They do not apply retroactively to people who have been in China during the previous 14 days and are already in the United States, or those being managed as part of a contact investigation.
- CDC will provide separate guidance for healthcare settings.

Close Contacts of Patients Under Investigation:

People who have had close contact with someone who is confirmed to have, or being evaluated for, 2019-nCoV infection, should:

- Monitor your health starting from the day you first had close contact with the person and continue for 14 days after you last had close contact with the person. Watch for these signs and symptoms:
 - Fever—take your temperature twice a day.
 - Coughing.
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

- Other early symptoms to watch for are chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and runny nose.
- **If you develop fever or any of these symptoms, call your healthcare professional right away.**
 - **Before** going to your medical appointment, be sure to tell your healthcare professional about your close contact with someone who is confirmed to have, or being evaluated for, 2019-nCoV infection. This notification will help the healthcare professional's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected. Ask your healthcare professional to call the local or state health department.
- If you do not have any symptoms, you can continue with your daily activities, such as going to work, school, or other public areas.

Detailed information for caregivers and household members can be found on the [Interim Guidance for Preventing 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) from Spreading to Others in Homes and Communities](#) web page.

For Healthcare Professionals:

Patients in the United States who meet the following criteria should be evaluated as a patient under investigation (PUI) in association with the outbreak of 2019-nCoV in Wuhan City, China.

Clinical Features	&	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)	AND	Any person, including healthcare workers, who has had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)	AND	A history of travel from Hubei Province , China within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization	AND	A history of travel from mainland China within 14 days of symptom onset

Note: Fever may be subjective or confirmed. The criteria are intended to serve as guidance for evaluation. Patients should be evaluated and discussed with public health departments on a case-by-case basis if their clinical presentation or exposure history is equivocal (e.g., uncertain travel or exposure). The above criteria are available on the [Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals web page](#).

Recommendations for Reporting, Testing, and Specimen Collection:

- Healthcare professionals should **immediately** notify both infection control personnel at their healthcare facility AND their local or state health department in the event of a PUI for 2019-nCoV.
- State health departments that have identified a PUI should immediately contact CDC's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 770-488-7100 and complete a 2019-nCoV PUI case investigation form available on [CDC's Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals](#).
- At this time, diagnostic testing for 2019-nCoV can be conducted only at CDC.
- Clinical specimens should be collected from PUIs for routine testing of respiratory pathogens at either clinical or public health labs. Note that clinical laboratories should NOT attempt viral isolation from specimens collected from 2019-nCoV PUIs.
- Testing for other respiratory pathogens should not delay specimen shipping to CDC.
- **For biosafety reasons, it is not recommended to perform virus isolation in cell culture or initial characterization of viral agents recovered in cultures of specimens from a PUI for 2019-nCoV.**
- To increase the likelihood of detecting 2019-nCoV infection, CDC recommends collecting and testing multiple clinical specimens from different sites, including all three specimen types—lower respiratory, upper respiratory, and serum specimens. Additional specimen types (e.g., stool, urine) may be collected and stored initially until decision is made by CDC whether additional specimen sources should be tested. Specimens should be collected as soon as possible once a PUI is identified regardless of time of symptom onset. Maintain [proper infection control](#) when collecting specimens.

[Additional guidance for collection, handling, and testing of clinical specimens is available](#) on CDC's website. Detailed information on specimen types and shipping can be found on the [Information for Laboratories](#) web page.

2019-nCoV CASE/PUI Monitoring Tracking Form

Case ID

Name

Address

County

Where did exposure occur?

Westchester

Wuhan, China

Age (yrs.)

City

Sex

Telephone number

Date of last exposure (mm/dd/yyyy)

Symptom Onset (mm/dd/yyyy)

1/17/2020

1/22/2020

Day number	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14	
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Fever/Pain Reducers*																												
Other symptoms (non respiratory)																												
Contacts symptomatic																												
Staff initials																												

*If Yes, please indicate medication in Additional Notes section

Enter Date and Any Additional Notes:

Case Name (

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From: Halbfinger, Caren
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:36 PM
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Subject: COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON CORONAVIRUS: NO CASES
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.jpg

Importance: High



News Release

GEORGE LATIMER, Westchester County Executive

Date: January 31, 2020
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COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON CORONAVIRUS

No Cases

(White Plains, NY) – Responding to questions from the public and media, the Westchester County Department of Health wants to reassure residents that there are no known cases of the novel coronavirus in Westchester and the risk to the general public remains low.

There are seven types of coronaviruses. Most cause respiratory symptoms similar to the common cold, with mild to moderate illness, such as coronaviruses 229E, NL63, OC43 and HKU1. These four types of coronavirus are quite common and not worrisome. Only SARS, MERS and novel coronavirus frequently cause severe illness.

It is important to know that if there were a case, residents would hear about it from the County Health Department. Testing for this new type of coronavirus cannot be performed without the cooperation of both the County and State Department of Health, and both departments would be involved in notifying the public and limiting the spread of the illness.

With this new coronavirus now declared a public health emergency of international concern, it is understandable that residents may be wary. However, there is no reason for people without symptoms to stay home from work or school, or to cancel events.

As always, the best way to avoid viruses during cold and flu season is:

- Avoid exposure – Avoid close contact with people who are sick with fever and cough.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away and wash your hands.
- If someone in your home is sick, clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces such as door knobs and faucet handles with a bleach solution. This is especially helpful during flu season, and any time.
- And of course, get a flu shot if you have not already done so.
- Stay home when you are ill to avoid exposing others.

For more information about novel coronavirus, go to www.westchestergov.com/health.

About Westchester County

Westchester County, located in the heart of the historic Hudson Valley, covers 500 square miles and has a population of just under a million. Originally home to Native Americans, who were members of the Lenape tribe, it is today a rich mix of many cultures and landscapes. The County is a blend of bustling cities, quaint villages and picturesque towns as well as open spaces and a network of beautiful parks. Westchester is made up of 6 cities, 19 towns and 20 villages. Westchester County is known for top-notch public schools, and a high quality of life. The County is also an intellectual capital, boasting a highly educated workforce, competitive colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, world changing non-profits, and cutting-edge research centers. Westchester is led by County Executive George Latimer, who took office in January 2018 as the ninth County Executive. Using inclusion and openness as a foreground, Latimer is fighting to make Westchester a destination for all people to live, work and enjoy. Learn more about Westchester County by visiting www.westchestergov.com

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To: Amler, Sherlita
Cc: Bass, Steven; Montalto, Melanie; DeLucia, Peter
Subject: Environment & Health Committee Meeting Tuesday Feb 4th @ 1:00 PM

Commissioner Amler,

The Environment & Health Committee would like to invite you to speak before the committee on the recent outbreak of Coronavirus on Tuesday, February 4th, at 1:00 pm. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your availability. Thank you.

Best regards,
Brandon

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To: Amler, Sherlita; Recchia, Renee
Subject: FW: Active Monitoring 2019-nCoV
Attachments: Coronavirus Symptom Monitoring Log.xlsx

As requested, CDC/NYSDOH are requesting that persons being tested be actively monitored as per below and documented as per the attached.

We are still awaiting information on what additional efforts will be needed if patient tests either positive or negative.

Marisa has requested nursing staffing be available this weekend to do this and anything else that may come up so request was forwarded to Renee.

Per CDC results not likely today but over weekend but no one can say for sure so we are trying to plan for weekend.

Thanks.

From: Gulotta, Christina A (HEALTH)
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 11:13 AM
To: McNamee, Jennifer ; Levin, Toby
Cc: Huang, Ada ; Skidmore, Jaclyn L (HEALTH)
Subject: Active Monitoring

Hi Everyone,

I just want to make sure you're aware that active monitoring should be conducted now that the patient has been discharged. Speaking with the patient or their caregiver twice a day for temperature checks, to make sure isolation is still in effect, and that no one else is having symptoms. If you want to discuss further give me a call.

Thank you,
Christina

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Subject: FW: CDC Press Release: Second travel-related case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus detected in United States

2nd case in Illinois

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From: Laura Espino
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To: Laura Espino
Cc: Robert Jennings
Subject: CDC Press Release: Second travel-related case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus detected in United States

Dear NPHIC Members:

Press Release

For Immediate Release
Friday, January 24, 2020

Contact: [CDC Media Relations](#)
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Second travel-related case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus detected in United States

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today confirmed the second infection with 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the United States has been detected in Illinois. The patient recently returned from Wuhan, China, where an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by this novel coronavirus has been ongoing since December 2019.

The patient returned to the U.S. from Wuhan on January 13, 2020, and called a health care provider after experiencing symptoms a few days later. The patient was admitted to a hospital, where infection control measures were taken to reduce the risk of transmission to other individuals. The patient remains hospitalized in an isolation room in stable condition and is doing well.

Based on the patient's travel history and symptoms, health care professionals suspected 2019-nCoV. A clinical specimen was collected and sent to CDC, where laboratory testing confirmed the infection. The Illinois

Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) are investigating locations where this patient went after returning to Illinois and are identifying any close contacts who were possibly exposed. The patient has limited close contacts, all of whom are currently well and who will be monitored for symptoms. Since returning from China, the patient has had very limited movement outside the home.

CDC is taking aggressive public health measures to help protect the health of Americans. While CDC considers this a serious public health threat, based on current information, the immediate health risk from 2019-nCoV to the general American public is considered low at this time. CDC is working closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Chicago Department of Public Health, and other local partners. A CDC team has been deployed to support the ongoing investigation.

However, CDC has been proactively preparing for the introduction of 2019-nCoV in the U.S. for weeks, including:

- First alerting clinicians on January 8 to be on the look-out for patients with respiratory symptoms and a history of travel to Wuhan, China.
- Developing guidance for clinicians for testing and management of 2019-nCoV, as well as guidance for home care of patients with 2019-nCoV.
- Has developed a diagnostic test to detect this virus in clinical specimens. Currently, testing must take place at CDC, but CDC is preparing to share these test kits with domestic and international partners.
- Implementing public health entry screening at Atlanta (ATL), Chicago (ORD), Los Angeles (LAX), New York (JFK), and San Francisco (SFO) airports. CDC is currently evaluating the extent and duration of this enhanced screening.
- CDC has activated its Emergency Operations Center to better provide ongoing support.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing respiratory illness in people and others circulating among animals including camels, cats and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people, such as has been seen with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). Investigations are ongoing to learn more, but person-to-person spread of 2019-nCoV is occurring.

It is likely there will be more cases reported in the U.S. in the coming days and weeks. CDC will continue to update the public as circumstances warrant. While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public is believed to be low at this time, there are simple daily precautions that everyone should always take. It is currently flu and respiratory disease season, and CDC recommends getting vaccinated, taking everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs, and taking flu antivirals if prescribed. Right now, CDC recommends travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Wuhan, China. In addition, CDC recommends people traveling to China practice certain health precautions like avoiding contact with people who are sick and practicing good hand hygiene.

For more information about the current outbreak in China, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. For travel health information, visit <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/pneumonia-china>.

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Subject: FW: Coronavirus Resources from WA State for NPHIC members

The information I provided in the talking points was modeled after that used in Washington State and/or CDC. The information below should give you a clearer picture of the monitoring involved should we get a case.

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Subject: Coronavirus Resources from WA State for NPHIC members

Dear NPHIC members,
Please find below communication resources from our WA State folks. Additionally, we will also have some social media in both English and Chinese from our Oregon members that they are also willing to share. More to come..

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Local Health Jurisdiction and Healthcare Provider Resources

- [Contact Risk Categories](#)
This document defines exposure categories to determine monitoring and activity restriction.
- [Guidance for Contacts](#)
This form should be provided to persons being monitored.
- [Guidance for Health Departments for Monitoring Contacts](#)
- [Healthcare Provider Tracking Form](#)
This is for healthcare workers that have cared for or are caring for patients with suspected or confirmed 2019 novel coronavirus. This form is for daily tracking of infection control procedures and type of patient interaction.
- [Infection Control Guidance for Prehospital Emergency Medical Services](#)
This provides infection control guidance for EMS personnel transporting patients with suspected or confirmed 2019

Main DOH webpage: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>

Initial press release: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom/Articles/ID/1068/Case-of-2019-novel-coronavirus-confirmed-in-Washington-state-resident>

Press release with update: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom/Articles/ID/1071/Update-on-response-to-2019-novel-coronavirus-in-Washington-state>

Best,

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Washington State Department of Health
Public Information Officer Desk
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Dear NPHIC Members:

Media Statement

For Immediate Release
Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Contact: [CDC Media Relations](#)
(404) 639-3286

UPDATED: HHS and CDC receive flight carrying repatriated US citizens

This morning, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with the Department of State received the flight carrying approximately 210 U.S. citizens from Wuhan at March Air Reserve Base in California.

The plane was met by a team of CDC medical officers deployed there to assess the health of the passengers. The passengers have been screened, monitored and evaluated by medical personnel every step of the way, including before takeoff, during the flight, during a refueling in Anchorage, Alaska, and now post-arrival. CDC staff have conducted risk assessments to ensure the health of each traveler, including temperature checks and observing for respiratory symptoms.

CDC will work with the California Department of Public Health and Riverside County Public Health to transport any passenger exhibiting symptoms to a hospital for further evaluation. Passengers not exhibiting symptoms of exposure, will be asked to stay on the base in housing to allow CDC medical officers to perform more thorough screening and to better understand each individual's exposure.

CDC is committed to protecting the health and safety of Americans. At this time, we continue to believe the risk of coronavirus exposure to the general public is low. CDC is taking these measures to assess and care for these returning Americans to protect them, their loved ones, and their communities.

Visit [2019 novel coronavirus](#) for the latest updates on CDC's response.

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News Release

GEORGE LATIMER, Westchester County Executive

Date: February 4, 2020
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**WITH PUBLIC FOCUSED ON CORONAVIRUS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT
URGES RESIDENTS TO PROTECT AGAINST FLU**
Health Commissioner Encourages All Residents to Schedule A Flu Shot

(White Plains, NY) – The Westchester County Department of Health reminds residents that the best way to avoid influenza is to get a yearly flu vaccine and wash hands frequently.

With flu activity now widespread throughout New York State and Westchester County, the risk of flu remains high, while the risk to the general public from 2019 Novel Coronavirus remains low.

People who forego an annual flu vaccine and catch the flu are more likely to experience serious illness and hospitalization than those who have had their annual flu shot. The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone ages six months and older. The vaccine remains beneficial throughout flu season, which can last until May.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: “I urge anyone still not vaccinated to get a flu shot right away - better late than never. Flu season typically peaks around this time, and we have seen an expected increase in lab-confirmed flu cases statewide. Flu vaccine is still widely available and it remains our best protection against the flu.”

Residents can get flu shots at medical offices and many pharmacies. The County Health Department also offers free flu vaccines by appointment. County clinics are open to all, especially those without insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover vaccines. Call 914-995-5800 to register for a free flu vaccine at the County Clinics, 134 Court St., White Plains or 20 South Broadway, Yonkers.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "Flu can be deadly, and the flu vaccine is very safe and the best protection we have. By getting an annual flu shot, you help protect infants too young to be vaccinated, as well as seniors and people with chronic health conditions who are more vulnerable to flu complications."

Other ways to keep healthy include:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick with fever and a cough.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away and wash your hands.
- If someone in your home is sick, clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces such as door knobs and faucet handles with a bleach solution. Avoid using eco-friendly cleaning products.
- Stay home when you are ill and keep your ill children home from school. Don't return to work or school until you or they are fully recovered and fever-free for at least 24 hours.

For more information about flu or 2019 Novel Coronavirus, go to westchestergov.com/health. Residents with questions about 2019 Novel Coronavirus may also call a New York State hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

About Westchester County

Westchester County, located in the heart of the historic Hudson Valley, covers 500 square miles and has a population of just under a million. Originally home to Native Americans, who were members of the Lenape tribe, it is today a rich mix of many cultures and landscapes. The County is a blend of bustling cities, quaint villages and picturesque towns as well as open spaces and a network of beautiful parks. Westchester is made up of 6 cities, 19 towns and 20 villages. Westchester County is known for top-notch public schools, and a high quality of life. The County is also an intellectual capital, boasting a highly educated workforce, competitive colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, world changing non-profits, and cutting-edge research centers. Westchester is led by County Executive George Latimer, who took office in January 2018 as the ninth County Executive. Using inclusion and openness as a foreground, Latimer is fighting to make Westchester a destination for all people to live, work and enjoy. Learn more about Westchester County by visiting www.westchestergov.com

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Date of Informational Message: 01/30/2020

CDC is holding a special webinar for providers entitled "Outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Interim Guidance for Clinicians," tomorrow from 2-3pm. During the call, subject matter experts from CDC will provide information about the current epidemiology, infection control and prevention recommendations, specimen collection and testing, and clinical management for patients with 2019-nCoV infection. Additional information, including instructions on how to join the event, are available at https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2020/callinfo_013120.asp.

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Please find Dr. Zucker's January 2020 Physician letter attached.

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[Azar: Coronavirus doesn't require a public health emergency declaration](#)

HHS Secretary Alex Azar said the novel coronavirus spreading in China does not constitute a public health emergency at present because although suspected cases are being monitored in about 30 states, all confirmed infections are travel-related. The CDC and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases are working on potential vaccines, and airport screenings are being expanded to 20 airports.

[The Hill](#) (1/28), [United Press International](#) (1/28)



[Excessive screen time in early childhood ups sedentary behavior risk](#)

Children who had at least three hours of daily screen time at ages 2 and 3 had nearly 41 more minutes of daily sedentary activity, as well as 28 and 13 fewer minutes of light and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity, respectively, at age 5.5 years, compared with those who had daily screen times of less than an hour, according to a study in *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*. Researchers didn't find a significant correlation between early-life screen times and sleep duration in childhood.

[MedPage Today \(free registration\)](#) (1/28), [United Press International](#) (1/28)



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PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE

Prenatal alcohol exposure tied to low birth weight, worse cognition

Researchers found that children whose mothers drank alcohol during pregnancy had lower birth weight and worse cognitive functioning, compared with those without prenatal alcohol exposure. The findings in the *International Journal of Epidemiology*, based on a review of 23 studies, reiterate that maternal alcohol consumption should be avoided throughout pregnancy.

[Business Standard \(India\) \(tiered subscription model\)/Asian News International](#) (1/29)



Mental disorders more likely in youths who had a NICU stay

Children who had been admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit had a nearly twofold increased likelihood of developing any mental disorder and having two or more mental illnesses, as well as increased odds of developing attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant syndrome, separation anxiety disorder and specific phobia at ages 4 to 11, compared with those without NICU admission, researchers reported in the *Archives of Disease in Childhood*. The findings also associated NICU admission to a nearly twofold increased risk of oppositional defiant disorder as well as any or multiple psychiatric problems among teens ages 12 to 17.

[Business Insider/Indo-Asian News Service](#) (1/29)



Poor metabolic control in childhood linked with premature death in T1D

A study in the journal [Pediatric Diabetes](#) found that young adults with type 1 diabetes who had poor metabolic control during childhood were three times as likely to die before age 30. Researchers found that young adults who died during the study had a mean A1C of 8.9% during childhood, compared with 7.8% among those still living.

[Healio \(free registration\)/Endocrine Today](#) (1/27)



Malaria antigens found in breast milk of some asymptomatic mothers

A study in the journal JAMA Pediatrics found that more than 15% of samples of breast milk from women in Uganda with asymptomatic malaria tested positive for antigens to the parasite. The antigens can stimulate or reduce immune responses, the study team said.

[Healio \(free registration\)/Infectious Diseases in Children](#) (1/27)



TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

Survey: Many Americans back stronger protections for health care data



(Pixabay)

More than 3 in 5 Americans want stronger privacy protections for their health care data, even if those protections make it more difficult for them to access their health information, according to a Morning Consult survey commissioned by America's Health Insurance Plans. Three in 4 adult respondents said they would not back a proposal that would make it easier for patients to obtain price information for health care procedures if it would also result in higher premiums.

[Health Data Management \(free registration\)](#) (1/28)



Study links e-consultation to better patient outcomes in rural areas

A study in Open Forum Infectious Diseases showed patients living in rural areas who received e-consultations from infectious disease specialists from other hospitals fared much better than their peers who didn't receive the service. "ID eConsultation is associated with a decrease in 30-day mortality, no increase in hospital-to-hospital transfer, and a high level of satisfaction from referring providers," researchers wrote, saying that it is a "viable option for hospitals without in-person ID consultation."

[MobiHealthNews](#) (1/27)



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HEALTH POLICY & REGULATIONS

Car smoking ban curbs teen secondhand smoke exposure

Researchers found that the rate of adolescents ages 13 to 15 who reported secondhand smoke exposure in cars declined from 3.4% to 1.3% in Scotland and from 6.3% to 1.6% in England after the countries implemented laws prohibiting smoking in vehicles with children. The findings in the journal Thorax also showed that exposure to secondhand smoke in cars was more likely to be reported by girls and youths from poorer communities.

[Reuters](#) (1/28)



Lawmakers push for market removal of flavored e-cigarettes

All flavored e-cigarettes should be removed from the market because the devices can impair brain development, especially among US adolescents who have increasingly used e-cigarettes, according to a letter sent by 55 Democratic House members to President Donald Trump's administration critical of a new policy focused on the marketing of flavored vape cartridges. "We are deeply alarmed that this policy exempts open tank-based products, disposable flavored e-cigarettes and certain flavored e-cigarette cartridges, including menthol and even tobacco," wrote lawmakers, who added that "these exemptions are all but certain to increase the popularity of refillable flavor pod systems."

[Colorado Politics](#) (1/27)



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Florence Nightingale,
social reformer, founder of modern nursing



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NYSACHO Web Digest January 31st, 2020

Member Spotlights



As cases of [novel coronavirus](#), a respiratory illness first identified in Wuhan, China, pop up throughout the US, NYS counties are preparing for its spread.

NYC

- [NYC Braces for Coronavirus](#)
- [NYC Health Officials Prepare For Possible Coronavirus Outbreak As U.S. Cases Rise](#)
- [Coronavirus No Match For NYC](#)

Nassau

- [CDC Testing Person Who Passed through Nassau for Coronavirus](#)
- [Nassau County Issues Health Advisory About Coronavirus](#)

Monroe

- [Monroe County Prepared for Coronavirus](#)

- [Monroe County Health Department Offering Guidance to Schools on Coronavirus](#)

[Broome County Health Department Says Two Suspected Coronavirus Samples Test Negative](#)

[Chemung County Prepares for Coronavirus](#)

[No Confirmed Coronavirus Cases in Erie County](#)

[One Person Investigated for Coronavirus in Steuben County, Test Comes Back Negative](#)

[Rensselaer County Officials Monitoring Wuhan Coronavirus](#)



Other Counties in the News

[Flu is Prevalent in Sullivan County](#)

[Niagara County Public Health Director Encourages Preventive Actions to Help Fight Flu](#)

[Opioid Crisis: Overall Deaths Decrease Across Region but Rate Rises in Orleans County](#)

[Reality Check Program Hosts Free Smoke-Free Movie Events for Onondaga, Cayuga, and Oswego Counties](#)

[Niagara County Department of Health Offers a Free Diabetes Self-Management Workshop](#)

[NYC Health Department Releases Lead Surveillance Report for Quarters 1 and 2 of 2019](#)



NYSACHO Meetings

- **February General Membership Meeting** - February 6th, 2020
- **March General Membership Meeting** - March 5th, 2020
- **Statewide Immunization Meeting** - March 18th, 2020 - March 19th, 2020
- **Environmental Health Summit** - March 25th, 2020
- **April General Membership Meeting** - April 9th, 2020

- **Early Intervention Statewide Meeting** - April 22nd, 2020 - April 23rd, 2020

For more information and dates visit our online calendar!

NYSACHO Calendar



Upcoming Events

Public Charge Rule: Webinar for LHDs

NYSACHO is partnering with the Department of Health and New York State Office for New Americans to bring to you a webinar on public charge. You may have heard about the recent decision from the supreme court to uphold the rule on public charge. **Join us on February 21st, 2020 from 11am to 12pm** to learn more about protecting immigrant families and how this rule will impact the services provided by your department. To register, [click here](#).

For more information on this, visit or call:

- [**Protecting Immigrant Families – Public Charge Know Your Rights**](#)
- Our Office for New Americans Hotline can be reached at **1-800-566-7636, and is available Monday through Friday, 9am-8pm.**
This Hotline is specifically to access immigrant services.

APHA 2020 Annual Meeting & Expo

[**Submit an abstract**](#) by **February 20th** to present and share your research at **APHA's 2020 Annual Meeting and Expo in San Francisco, October 24th – 28th, 2020.**

Abstracts from all areas of public health are accepted, but APHA encourages you to submit abstracts related to the APHA 2020 theme “Creating the Healthiest Nation: Preventing Violence.”

Presentation Formats:

- Oral: Formal presentations followed by a Q&A segment with a large audience.
- Roundtable: Engaging, group discussions led by one presenter.

- Poster: One-on-one interactions with attendees alongside research and findings presented visually.

2020 Public Health Marijuana Summit

With the emerging issue of illness and death related to vaping marijuana products, public health-marijuana has taken center stage nationally. **Join the 2020 Public Health Marijuana Summit from May 12th to 13th, 2020 in Portland, Oregon** to hear the latest on this topic as well as others as we navigate this emerging field. **To register [click here](#).**

2020 Statewide Immunization Meeting

Registration for the 2020 Statewide Immunization Meeting is now open! **Join us on March 18th to 19th, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Saratoga;** this meeting will coordinate the efforts of local health departments in meeting State and Federal immunization action plan goals and provide support to increase and sustain immunization rates of New York State residents. The agenda for the 2020 Statewide Immunization Meeting will be available next week.

Dates/Times:

- March 17th for NYSDOH Staff Only (NYSDOH Staff see below for more details)
- March 18th (10:30 am - 4:30 pm)
- March 19th (8:00 am - 2:30 pm)

Registration for LHD Attendees:

- NYSACHO will cover the cost of two immunization staff people per county to attend. *LHD staff attendance is limited to two people per county.*
- Wait list - In the event that a county does not use both seats available to them, we will open it up to counties that want to send a third person. Please note that the wait list is on a first-come first-served basis. We will notify you if a spot opens up.
- Overnight accommodations on March 18th for both attendees will be covered by NYSACHO.
- LHD attendees should not contact the hotel directly. NYSACHO will make all room reservations and forward you confirmation information before the event.

- To ensure you receive an overnight room, please register by February 25th. Our rooming block will be released after this date. Any late cancellations may result in a \$117 charge to you and your county.
- All overnight room cancellations for LHD staff must be made to Robert Viets at robert@nysacho.org by March 3rd. Any late cancellations may result in a charge to you and your county.
- Lunch on March 18th and March 19th will be included for all LHD attendees. *Please note that dinner on March 18th will be at your own expense.*
- Breakfast on March 19th will be included for LHD overnight guests only.
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Tailored Pharmacy-Based Interventions to Improve Medication Adherence

From the Community Preventative Services Task Force

Careers Posted to the NYSACHO Website

Executive Director, Race to Justice – New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene posted 1/21/2020

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Disease Control News

Wuhan Coronavirus 101: What We Do - And Don't - Know About A Newly Identified Disease

Coronavirus Should Prompt State of Emergency, NY Senator Says

How Area Officials, Hospitals Are Preparing for the Coronavirus



Environmental Health News

New Report "Smoking Cessation: A Report of the Surgeon General" from the CDC

Heavy Traffic Pollution May Affect Kids' Brain Development

Disposable E-Cigarettes, Sweet and Fruity, Escape FDA Regulations

Lab in Albany First in US to Find Potential Cause of Vaping-Related Illness



Maternal and Child Health News

Buprenorphine Treatment Webinar (Co-hosted With The AIDS Institute's Office of Drug User Health)

This webinar will take place on **February 4th, 2020 from 12pm to 1pm** and will feature a presentation by David Garry, MD, reviewing the pharmacology and safety profile of buprenorphine treatment for pregnant, post-partum and breast feeding persons with opioid use disorder (OUD). This webinar is open to all NYS birthing hospitals and providers. Please pre-register for the webinar, [here](#).

In the United States, Nearly 700 Women Die Each Year Due to Pregnancy, Childbirth, Report Says

Study Examines Within-Hospital Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Severe Maternal Morbidity Rates



Immunization News

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- CDC publishes "Use of Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid, and Acellular Pertussis Vaccines: Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices—United States, 2019" in January 24 MMWR
- CDC publishes "Variation in Tdap and Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Pregnant Women by Insurance Type—Florida, 2016–2018" in January 24 MMWR
- IAC Spotlight! IAC adds state mandate information for DTaP, Hib, MMR, and polio vaccines for child care and school entry to its "Laws" section on immunize.org
- CDC reports influenza activity remains high and increased slightly this week; please continue vaccinating through the winter months to prevent flu from spreading further
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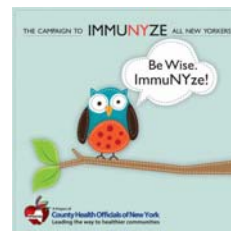
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NYSACHO Web Digest February 7th, 2020

NYSACHO is currently in the process of updating our weekly web digest to better serve our members by incorporating your suggestions and feedback. To take our quick survey, please [click here](#). Your feedback will remain confidential, but will be used to rework this weekly newsletter.

Coronavirus Updates

[NYSACHO 2019 Novel Coronavirus Resources](#)

[2019 Novel Coronavirus: Legal Preparedness and Public Health Response Efforts](#)

Presentation now available

[Coronavirus Updates: The Latest News on the Outbreak and the Global Response](#)

NYS counties continue to prepare for coronavirus's spread.

[Columbia County is Actively Monitoring for Novel Coronavirus](#)

[Coronavirus Concerns Cause Community Cancellations in Nassau](#)



[Niagara County Department of Health
'Remains Vigilant' In Protecting
Community from Novel Coronavirus](#)



[NYC Reports Fourth and Fifth Persons
Under Investigation for Novel
Coronavirus](#)

[Oneida County Educates Public on
2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)

[Steuben Urges Public to Follow Basic
Health Practices in Wake of
Coronavirus](#)



Counties in the News

[Erie County Department of Health, UB, and Patient Voices
Network Present a Community Conversation on Health and the
Environment](#)

[Essex County Community Health Plan Released](#)

[NYC Unveils New Postpartum Checks, Home Visits for First-Time
Parents](#)

[Orange County Announces 'Death by Delivery' Screening](#)

[St. Lawrence Gives Steps to Heat Your Home Safely](#)

[St. Lawrence Health Department Marks Chronic Disease,
Substance Use Prevention as Priorities](#)

[Looking to Quit Smoking? Suffolk County Wants to Help](#)



NYSACHO Meetings

- **March General Membership Meeting** - March 5th, 2020
- **Statewide Immunization Meeting** - March 18th, 2020 - March 19th, 2020
- **Environmental Health Summit** - March 25th, 2020

- **April General Membership Meeting** - April 9th, 2020
- **Early Intervention Statewide Meeting** - April 22nd, 2020 - April 23rd, 2020

For more information and dates visit our online calendar!

NYSACHO Calendar



Upcoming Events

Public Charge Rule: Webinar for LHDs

NYSACHO is partnering with the Department of Health and New York State Office for New Americans to bring to you a webinar on public charge. You may have heard about the recent decision from the supreme court to uphold the rule on public charge. **Join us on February 21st, 2020 from 11am to 12pm** to learn more about protecting immigrant families and how this rule will impact the services provided by your department. To register, [click here.](#)

For more information on this, visit or call:

- [**Protecting Immigrant Families – Public Charge Know Your Rights**](#)
- Our Office for New Americans Hotline can be reached at **1-800-566-7636, and is available Monday through Friday, 9am-8pm.**
This Hotline is specifically to access immigrant services.

APHA 2020 Annual Meeting & Expo

[Submit an abstract](#) by February 20th to present and share your research at APHA's 2020 Annual Meeting and Expo in San Francisco, October 24th – 28th, 2020.

Abstracts from all areas of public health are accepted, but APHA encourages you to submit abstracts related to the APHA 2020 theme “Creating the Healthiest Nation: Preventing Violence.”

Presentation Formats:

- Oral: Formal presentations followed by a Q&A segment with a large audience.

- Roundtable: Engaging, group discussions led by one presenter.
- Poster: One-on-one interactions with attendees alongside research and findings presented visually.

2020 Public Health Marijuana Summit

With the emerging issue of illness and death related to vaping marijuana products, public health-marijuana has taken center stage nationally. **Join the 2020 Public Health Marijuana Summit from May 12th to 13th, 2020 in Portland, Oregon** to hear the latest on this topic as well as others as we navigate this emerging field. **To register [click here](#).**

2020 Statewide Immunization Meeting

Registration for the 2020 Statewide Immunization Meeting is now open! **Join us on March 18th to 19th, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Saratoga;** this meeting will coordinate the efforts of local health departments in meeting State and Federal immunization action plan goals and provide support to increase and sustain immunization rates of New York State residents. The agenda for the 2020 Statewide Immunization Meeting will be available next week.

Dates/Times:

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- NYSACHO will cover the cost of two immunization staff people per county to attend. *LHD staff attendance is limited to two people per county.*
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February is National Children's Dental Health Month, American Heart Month, and more!

To see more February Health Observances [click here!](#)

Safe Injection Practices Coalition Monthly Digest February 4th, 2020

Injection Safety: Domestic

- [Women Sue Hastings Over 'Lapse in Protocol'](#) (TahlequahDailyPress.com, 1/27/2020)
- [Start the New Year Off Right By Preventing These Top 10 Medication Errors and Hazards](#) (ISMP.org, 1/16/2020)
- [Insight on Drug Diversion and Its Impact on Healthcare with CDC](#) (FedHealthIT.com, 1/15/2020)
- [Utah Nurse Who Infected Patients with Hepatitis C by Using Dirty Needles Sentenced to 5 Years in Prison](#) (FoxNews.com, 1/15/2020)

- [**A Hospital Staffer Diverted Drugs, Which Gave Me Hepatitis C**](#) (STATnews.com, 12/20/2019)
- [**FDA Issues Public Safety Notification After Exosome Treatment Sickens Patients in Nebraska**](#) (Exclusive.multibriefs.com, 1/17/2020)
- [**Public Safety Alert Due to Marketing of Unapproved Stem Cell and Exosome Products**](#) (FDA.gov, 12/9/2019)

Injection Safety: International

- [**Urgent Action Needed to Control and Treat Unprecedented Outbreak of Childhood HIV in Pakistan**](#) (LSHTM.ac.uk, 12/20/2019)
- [**Pakistan Imposes Ban on Reusable Syringes**](#) (DailyTimes.com, 12/18/2019)

Other Infection Prevention Articles

- [**Hand Hygiene Ambassadors Welcomed With Open Arms**](#) (InfectionControlToday.com, 1/15/2020)

Resource Spotlight

2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals can be found [here](#).

Uniform Chart of Accounts

Local health departments (LHDs) face many challenges, including limited funding and resources. The Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA) gives LHDs a true understanding of the total costs of programs and services, a means to identify gaps in services, a breakdown of revenue sources by program, and improved budgeting processes, performance management, and external reporting. To learn more about the Uniform Chart of Accounts, visit their [website here](#), view their [visualizations here](#), or e-mail Melinda Schultz at schulm5@uw.edu to set up your webinar.

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Disease Control News

[**Release of Joint Senate Task Force's Report on Opioids, Addiction, and Overdose Prevention**](#)



Environmental Health News

[Hot Tub Displays and Legionella Risk - Guidance for Environmental and Public Health Practitioners](#)

[Bag Waste Reduction Law Goes Into Effect on March 1st](#)



Maternal and Child Health News

[Updated Recommendation for Syphilis Screening in Pregnancy](#)



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[IAC Express: Issue 1476.](#) Weekly News and Information from the Immunization Action Coalition.

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- Deadline extended to February 10 for submitting nominations for 2020 Immunization Excellence Awards for the National Adult and Influenza Summit
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CDC Public Health Grand Rounds: Measles - Maintaining Disease Elimination and Enhancing Vaccine Confidence (Webinar)

Please join the CDC for Public Health Grand Rounds next webinar on **Tuesday, February 18th, 2020, at 1 pm.** This session of Public Health Grand Rounds will focus on measles in the United States and the response to and lessons learned from the outbreaks in New York in 2018-2019. Presenters from New York City and New York State will share details about their outbreaks and response efforts. Presenters from CDC will discuss the national picture of measles in the United States and the agency's strategy for

strengthening vaccine confidence and increasing coverage of vaccine-preventable diseases. **A live webcast will be available on the CDC [website](#). Feel free to [e-mail](#) your questions before or during the session.**



Funding Opportunities

Funding Opportunity Announcement PS20-2010: Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year 2020 funds for a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to support the development and implementation of programs tailored to ending the HIV epidemic in America. To learn more and register [click here](#).



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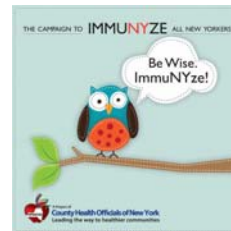
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2019 Novel Corona Virus Respiratory Illness:

What we know

What we don't know

What we will need to know for clinical management

Marisa A. Montecalvo, MD
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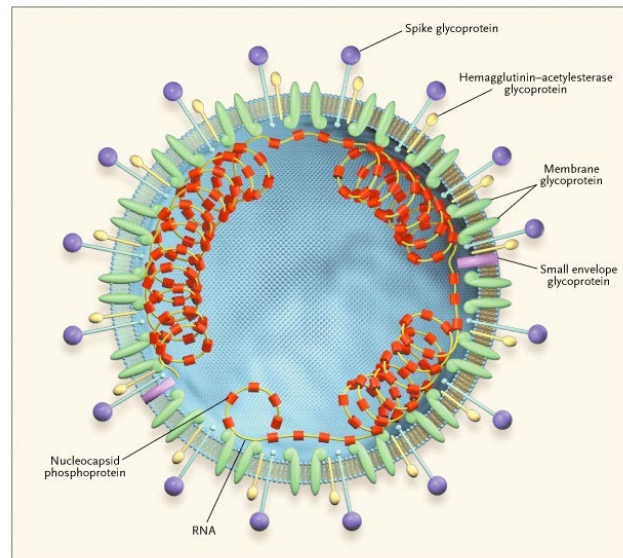
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Objectives:

- What we know
 - Corona virus
 - Novel corona virus: Severe acute respiratory syndrome, SARS-CoV (2003),
Mid Eastern corona virus (2012)
 - Infection Control measures
 - 2019 novel Corona virus, 2019-nCoV
- What we don't know
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 - Pathophysiology
 - Spread and containment

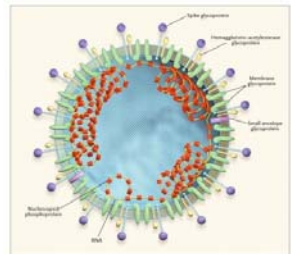
Corona virus (CoV): What we know

- Typically cause upper respiratory tract illness +/- viral diarrhea
- Important pathogens in animals
- Mutate frequently and infect new species



Corona virus (CoV): Human infection

- Incubation period: 2-4 days
- Spreads by droplets
- Infects and replicates in nasopharynx
- Duration of illness, 1 week
- Cause of common cold 15-35 % cases



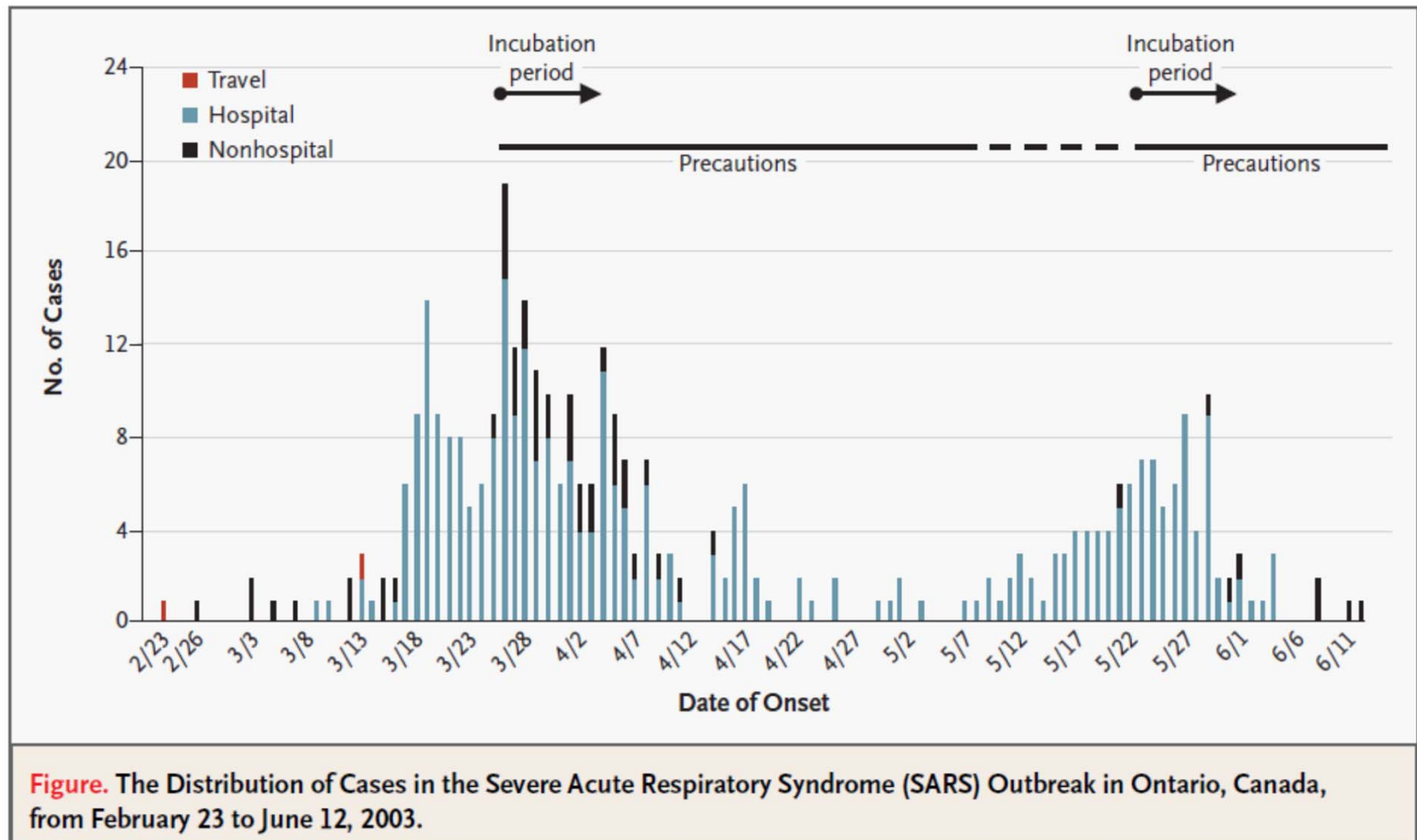
2003: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV)

- Late 2002: Unusual pneumonia, Guangdong Province, China

2003

- Feb 11: 305 Cases, 5 deaths
- Feb 21: Doctor from Guangdong travels to Hong Kong hotel, sick, infects guests, spread to Viet Nam, Singapore, Viet Nam, Toronto
- March 4: Hanoi hospital - Mysterious pneumonia reported to WHO - ? Avian Flu
Carlo Urbani MD
- March 9: WHO Emergency Meeting: Quarantine, strict infection control measures, international appeal for assistance
- March 15: CDC field teams in affected countries
- March 24: CDC: novel corona virus is identified agent of SARS
- March 29: Carlo Urbani MD, dies of SARS





SARS- CoV: How was it brought under control?

- SAR-CoV: Fever 99%, chills, myalgias, cough, 50-60%
- Case definition:
 - Fever, respiratory symptoms AND
 - travel within 10 days: China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Hanoi, Toronto
- Identification of potential cases, triage, placement of infection control measures, testing
- Screen at border crossings
- Screen contacts

SARS- CoV: One year later

- 8098 cases, 774 deaths, mortality < 10%
- Occupational exposure to caged animals “game food”
- Corona virus lineage: Betacoronavirus (bats)
- Infected lung, bowel, lymph nodes, liver and kidney
- Virus peaked in humans during second week of illness
- Virus detected AFTER symptoms – No asymptomatic spread



Infection Control Measures

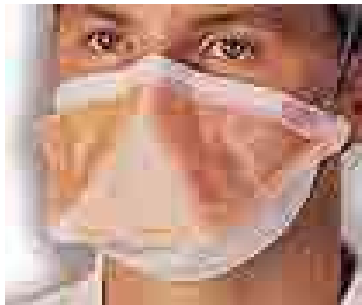
How do these viruses spread?



Droplet spread – Fall to ground within 6 feet



Direct / indirect contact
Prevent contamination



Airborne spread- Particles ride on air currents

Special room for airflow

Use N95 respirator,
Filters particles less than
5 microns



Eye inoculation

How to Handwash?

WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED! OTHERWISE, USE HANDRUB

⌚ Duration of the entire procedure: 40-60 seconds



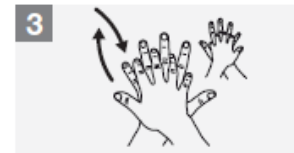
Wet hands with water;



Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces;



Rub hands palm to palm;



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;



Rinse hands with water;



Dry hands thoroughly with a single use towel;



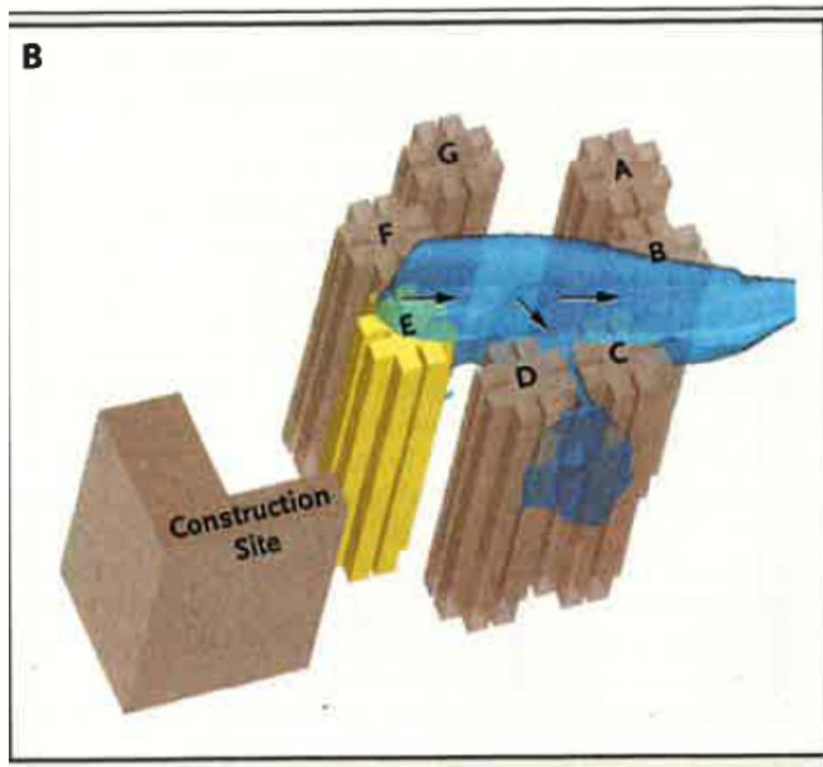
Use towel to turn off faucet;



Your hands are now safe.

Airborne Spread and Super-Spreading Events

Airborne Spread, SARS, Hong Kong



New Engl J Med April 22, 2004

Intubation for ventilator support



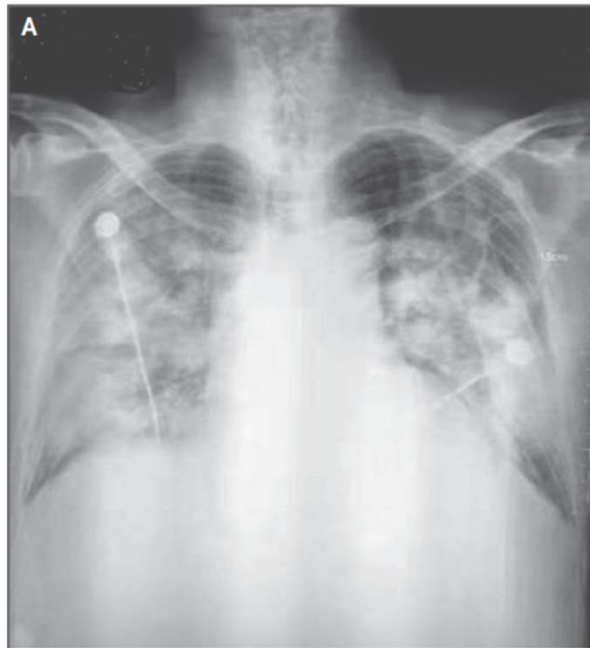
Personal Protective Equipment: Unclear Transmission



New York Times, Jan 30, 2020

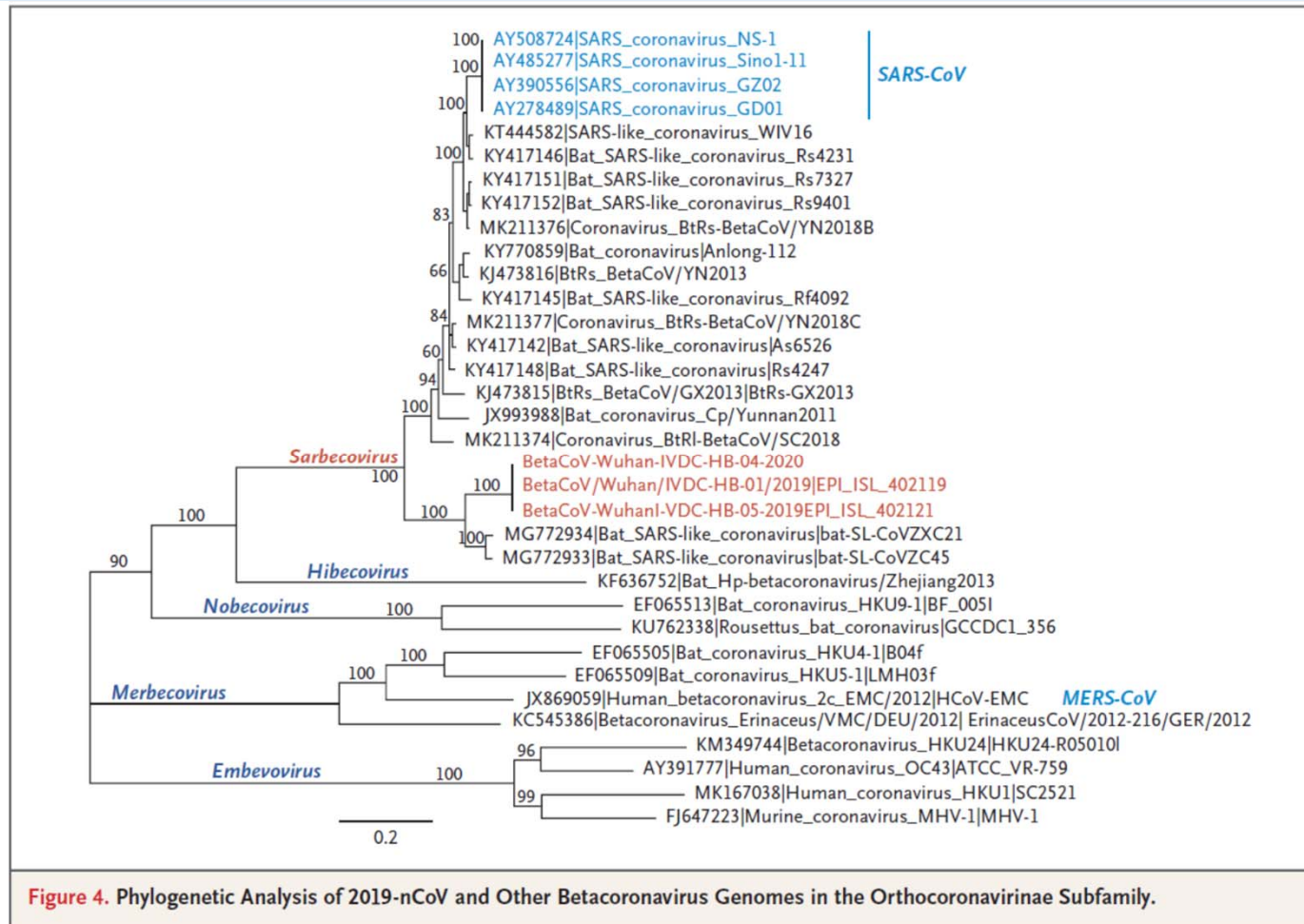
2019: Novel CoV

- Dec 21, 2019: Wuhan, China: Pneumonia of Unknown Cause: Linked to Huanan Seafood Whole Market



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Relatedness of Novel Corona Virus: SARS, MERS, 2019-nCoV

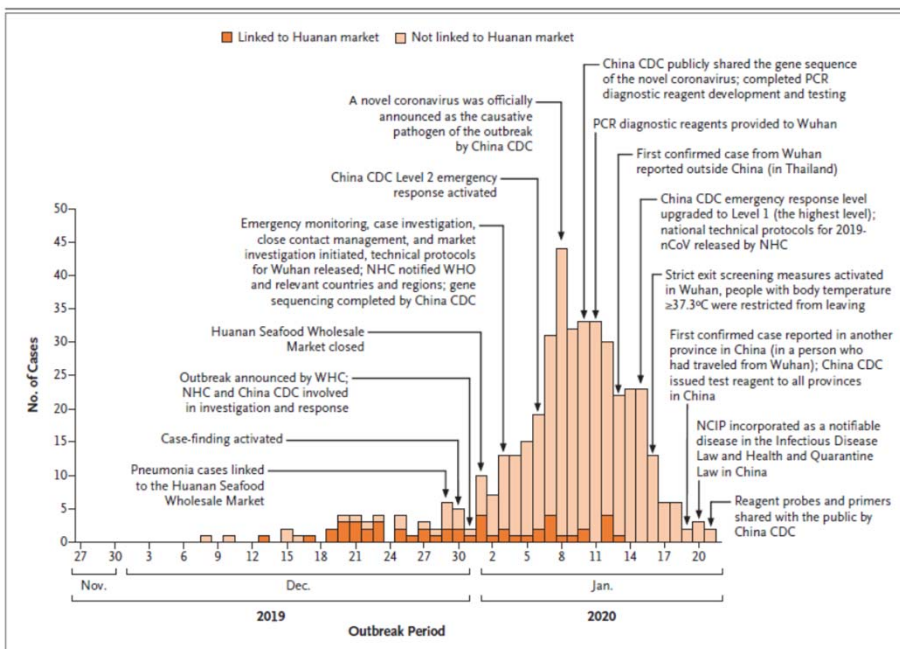


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2019: Novel CoV: What we Know

First 425 cases – Pneumonia

THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

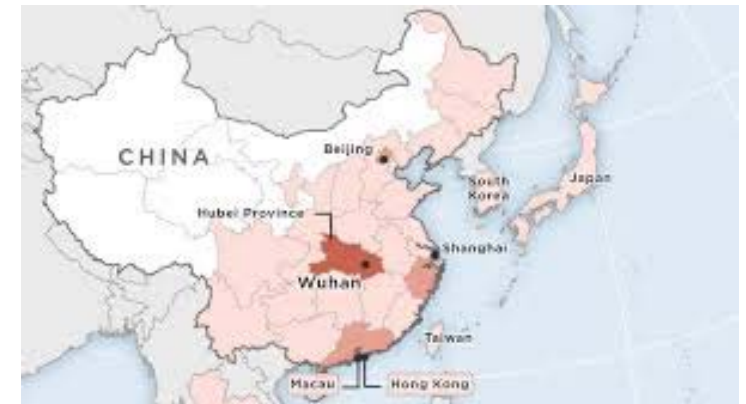


- Median age: 59 years
- Mean incubation: 5.2 days (up to 12.5)
- Duration of illness to medical visit: 5.8 days
- No cases in children < 15

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2019: Novel CoV: What we Know

- Exponential Spread
- Person to person transmission
- China population 1.4 billion, Wuhan: 11 million
- China: January 30, 2020: 7700 cases, 170 deaths
- Jan 21, 2020: First US case; 5 cases to date
- Case Definition:
 - Fever, Cough or Shortness of breath
 - Travel from Wuhan within 14 days



What we know:

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and You



What is 2019 novel coronavirus?

The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get 2019-nCoV?

This 2019-nCoV virus does seem to be able to spread from person-to-person although it's not clear how easily this happens. Person-to-person spread in the United States has not yet been detected, but it's likely to occur to some extent. At this time this virus is not spreading in the United States, so the likelihood of someone in the U.S. getting sick with this virus is very low. Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in China or people who have traveled to China. CDC continues to closely monitor the situation.

Have there been cases of 2019-nCoV in the U.S.?

Yes. The first infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States is available on CDC's webpage: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html

How does 2019-nCoV spread?

This virus probably originally emerged from an animal source but now seems to be spreading from person-to-person. It's important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. Some viruses are highly contagious (like measles), while other viruses are less so. At this time, it's unclear how easily or sustainably this virus is spreading between people. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html.

What are the symptoms of 2019-nCoV?

Patients with 2019-nCoV have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

How can I help protect myself?

This virus is not spreading in the United States right now, but the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick?

If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should get medical care. Call the office of your health care provider before you go and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against 2019-nCoV. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCoV. People with 2019-nCoV can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

• Basic infection control measures

Hand washing, Respiratory hygiene

- Presume airborne spread and contact spread
- Screening at portals of Entry into US
- Identify potential suspects
- Refer to Local Health Department for appropriate work up
- PCR primers for diagnostic testing published January 24, 2020: Testing to become available

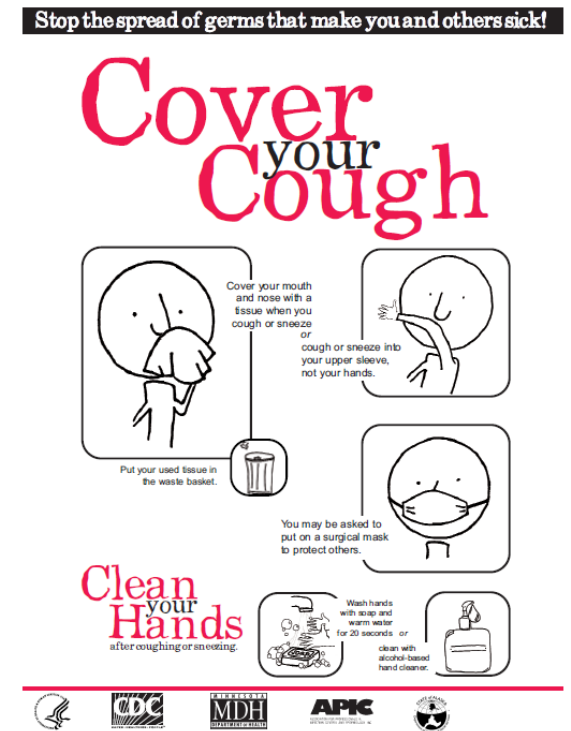
2019: Novel CoV: What We Don't Know

1. Natural History of Infection
 - a. Are patients shedding virus before symptoms begin?
 - b. What is the duration of viral shedding?
 - c. Are there sanctuaries where virus may remain dormant?
2. Environmental / Zoonotic Reservoir
 - a. Can the virus remain infectious in the environment?
 - b. Are there super-spreading events?
3. Treatment of severe illness
 - a. Will there be a benefit to adjunctive medication?

2019: Novel CoV: What We Will Need For Clinical Management

The Basics

1. Stay Educated: Case Definition
2. Advise those Ill to seek care
3. Use respiratory hygiene at all times
4. Scrupulous attention to Hand Hygiene
5. Close attention to cleaning and disinfection



2019: Novel CoV: What We Will Need For Clinical Management

Identify Potential Cases


Novel Coronavirus Outbreak
(2019-nCoV)

Symptoms* of Novel Coronavirus

Patients with 2019-nCoV have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

* Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.
If you have been in China within the past 2 weeks and develop symptoms, call your doctor.

 **www.cdc.gov/nCoV**

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2019: Novel CoV: What We Will Need For Clinical Management

Identify Potential Cases

1. Minimize Exposure: Announce potential case before arrival
2. Use contact and respiratory protection: N95, gown, gloves, eye protection
3. Appropriate diagnostic work up in accordance with public health authorities
4. Remember normal diagnostic work up for respiratory illness
Influenza, RSV, adenovirus, parainfluenzae, human metapneumovirus, rhinovirus, coronavirus, *C. pneumonia*, *M. pneumonia*, *Legionella*, *Streptococcus*
5. Educate patients about home isolation
6. Always communicate with the local health department

Stay Informed:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>

Thank you



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January 17, 2020

TO: Healthcare Providers, Healthcare Facilities, Clinical Laboratories, and Local Health Departments (LHDs)

FROM: New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)
Bureau of Communicable Disease Control (BCDC)

HEALTH ADVISORY: INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND FACILITIES IN NEW YORK STATE ON THE OUTBREAK OF 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)

SUMMARY

- The enclosed [Health Update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) provides updated information about an outbreak of a 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China that began in December 2019.
- [CDC will today begin screening travelers on direct and indirect flights from Wuhan](#) to John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport.
- NYSDOH is working closely with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and other public health partners to support CDC's efforts at JFK.
- In accordance with the current requirements and expectations from the 2014 Commissioner's Order, healthcare providers and facilities are required to collect a travel history for patients presenting with febrile illness and remain aware of current outbreaks overseas.
- As described in [CDC's Health Update](#), patients who meet either of the following criteria should be evaluated as a person under investigation (PUI) in association with the 2019-nCoV outbreak.
 - Fever **AND** symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) and in the last 14 days before symptom onset had:
 - A history of travel from Wuhan City, China **OR**
 - Close contact with a person who is under investigation for 2019-nCoV while that person was ill.
 - Fever **OR** symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) and in the last 14 days before symptom onset:
 - Had close contact with an ill laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient.
- Providers caring for patients who meet either PUI criteria should follow CDC's recommended infection prevention and control guidelines and immediately notify the [local health department \(LHD\) where the patient resides](#). Notification is required under the New York State Sanitary Code (10NYCRR 2.10).
 - Providers who are unable to reach the LHD can contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at 518-473-4439 during business hours or the NYSDOH Public Health Duty Officer at 1-866-881-2809 evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- NYSDOH will assist providers in determining and accessing appropriate laboratory testing for respiratory pathogens and if indicated, 2019-nCoV. Specimen collection and shipping instructions will also be provided.

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Update and Interim Guidance on Outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan, China

Summary

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to closely monitor an outbreak of a 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China that began in December 2019. CDC has established an Incident Management System to coordinate a domestic and international public health response.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause illness in people; numerous other coronaviruses circulate among animals, including camels, cats, and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people such as has been seen with Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/index.html>) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (SARS-CoV) (<https://www.cdc.gov/sars/index.html>).

Chinese authorities report most patients in the Wuhan City outbreak have been epidemiologically linked to a large seafood and animal market, suggesting a possible zoonotic origin to the outbreak. Chinese authorities additionally report that they are monitoring several hundred healthcare workers who are caring for outbreak patients; no spread of this virus from patients to healthcare personnel has been reported to date. Chinese authorities are reporting no ongoing spread of this virus in the community, but they cannot rule out that some limited person-to-person spread may be occurring. China has reported that two of the patients have died, including one with pre-existing medical conditions. Chinese health officials publicly posted the genetic sequence of the 2019-nCoV on January 12, 2020. This will facilitate identification of infections with this virus and development of specific diagnostic tests.

Thailand and Japan have confirmed additional cases of 2019-nCoV in travelers from Wuhan, China. It is possible that more cases will be identified in the coming days. This is an ongoing investigation and given previous experience with MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV, it is possible that person-person spread may occur. There is much more to learn about the transmissibility, severity, and other features associated with 2019-nCoV as the investigations in China, Thailand, and Japan continue. Additional information about this novel virus is needed to better inform population risk.

This HAN Update provides a situational update and guidance to state and local health departments and healthcare providers that supersedes guidance in CDC's HAN Advisory 424 distributed on January 8, 2020. This HAN Update adds guidance for evaluation of patients under investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV, prevention and infection control guidance, including the addition of an eye protection recommendation, and additional information on specimen collection.

Background

An outbreak of pneumonia of unknown etiology in Wuhan City was initially reported to WHO on December 31, 2019. Chinese health authorities have confirmed more than 40 infections with a novel coronavirus as the cause of the outbreak. Reportedly, most patients had epidemiological links to a large seafood and animal market. The market was closed on January 1, 2020. Currently, Chinese health authorities report no community spread of this virus, and no transmission among healthcare personnel

caring for outbreak patients. No additional cases of infection with 2019-nCoV have been identified in China since January 3, 2020.

On January 13, 2020 public health officials in Thailand confirmed detection of a human infection with 2019-nCoV in a traveler from Wuhan, China. This was the first confirmed case of 2019-nCoV documented outside China. On January 17, 2020 a second case was confirmed in Thailand, also in a returned traveler from Wuhan City. On January 15, 2020 health officials in Japan confirmed 2019-nCoV infection in a returned traveler from Wuhan City. These persons had onset dates after January 3, 2020. These cases did not report visiting the large seafood and animal market to which many cases in China have been linked.

On January 11, 2020, CDC updated the level 1 travel health notice (“practice usual precautions”) for Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China with additional information (originally issued on January 6, 2020): <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/novel-coronavirus-china>.

Recommendations for Healthcare Providers

Limited information is available to characterize the spectrum of clinical illness associated with 2019-nCoV. No vaccine or specific treatment for 2019-nCoV infection is available; care is supportive.

The CDC clinical criteria for a 2019-nCoV patient under investigation (PUI) have been developed based on what is known about MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV and are subject to change as additional information becomes available.

Healthcare providers should obtain a detailed travel history for patients being evaluated with fever and acute respiratory illness. CDC guidance for evaluating and reporting a PUI for MERS-CoV remains unchanged.

Criteria to Guide Evaluation of Patients Under Investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV

Patients in the United States who meet the following criteria should be evaluated as a PUI in association with the outbreak of 2019-nCoV in Wuhan City, China.

- 1) Fever¹ AND symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
–and in the last 14 days before symptom onset,
 - History of travel from Wuhan City, China–or–
 - Close contact² with a person who is under investigation for 2019-nCoV while that person was ill.
- 2) Fever¹ OR symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
–and in the last 14 days before symptom onset,
 - Close contact² with an ill laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient.

The above criteria are also available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/novel-coronavirus-2019/clinical-criteria.html>. The criteria are intended to serve as guidance for evaluation. Patients should be evaluated and discussed with public health departments on a case-by-case basis if their clinical presentation or exposure history is equivocal (e.g., uncertain travel or exposure).

Recommendations for Reporting, Testing, and Specimen Collection

Healthcare providers should **immediately** notify both infection control personnel at their healthcare facility and their local or state health department in the event of a PUI for 2019-nCoV. State health departments that have identified a PUI should immediately contact CDC’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 770-488-7100 and complete a 2019-nCoV PUI case investigation form available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/novel-coronavirus-2019/downloads/pui-form.pdf>. CDC’s EOC will assist local/state health departments to collect, store, and ship specimens appropriately to CDC, including during afterhours or on weekends/holidays. At this time, diagnostic testing for 2019-nCoV can be conducted only at CDC. Testing for other respiratory pathogens should not delay specimen shipping to

CDC. If a PUI tests positive for another respiratory pathogen, after clinical evaluation and consultation with public health authorities, they may no longer be considered a PUI. This may evolve as more information becomes available on possible 2019 nCoV co-infections.

For biosafety reasons, it is not recommended to perform virus isolation in cell culture or initial characterization of viral agents recovered in cultures of specimens from a PUI for 2019-nCoV. To increase the likelihood of detecting 2019-nCoV infection, CDC recommends collecting and testing multiple clinical specimens from different sites, including all three specimen types—lower respiratory, upper respiratory, and serum specimens. Additional specimen types (e.g., stool, urine) may be collected and stored. Specimens should be collected as soon as possible once a PUI is identified regardless of time of symptom onset. Additional guidance for collection, handling, and testing of clinical specimens is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>.

Interim Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients Under Investigation for 2019-nCoV

Although the transmission dynamics have yet to be determined, CDC currently recommends a cautious approach to patients under investigation for 2019-nCoV (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/clinical-criteria.html>). Such patients should be asked to wear a surgical mask as soon as they are identified and be evaluated in a private room with the door closed, ideally an airborne infection isolation room if available. Healthcare personnel entering the room should use standard precautions, contact precautions, airborne precautions, and use eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield). Immediately notify your healthcare facility's infection control personnel and local health department.

Additional Infection Control Practices Resources

- Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings (<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>)

Notes

¹Fever may not be present in some patients, such as those who are very young, elderly, immunosuppressed, or taking certain fever-lowering medications. Clinical judgment should be used to guide testing of patients in such situations.

²Close contact with a person who is under investigation for 2019-nCoV.

Close contact is defined as—

a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters), or within the room or care area, of a novel coronavirus case for a prolonged period of time while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection); close contact can include caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a novel coronavirus case.

— or —

b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a novel coronavirus case (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment.

See CDC's [Interim Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/infection-control.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/infection-control.html>).

Data to inform the definition of close contact are limited. Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure (e.g., longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk) and the clinical symptoms of the person with novel coronavirus (e.g., coughing likely increases exposure risk as does exposure to a severely ill patient). Special consideration should be given to those exposed in healthcare settings.

For More Information

More information is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or by calling 800-CDC-INFO | (800-232-4636) | TTY: (888) 232-6348

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Dear Colleagues:

Happy New Year and welcome to a new decade. I thought this would be a good moment to address technological innovation in healthcare considering that it's a topic we tend to perceive as hovering on the horizon rather than knocking on our door.

Well, it's 2020, and the future has arrived. Artificial-intelligence-powered health products are already serving us via wearable sensors and phone apps. AI technologies have the potential to transform and augment not just aspects of patient care but also administrative processes within the healthcare sector.

One of the most promising AI applications in medicine is recognizing patterns and interpreting images in CT scans, X-rays, MRIs, and other patient data and doing so faster and more accurately than clinicians are able. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved more than [40 AI products](#) in the past five years.

Despite AI's many potential benefits, however, other factors need to be evaluated when it comes to its application, including potential breaches of privacy and security and the threat of cyber-terrorism. In addition, healthcare data is very attractive to major corporations, and the "fail fast" mentality driving tech innovation can seem at odds with patient protection and our responsibilities as clinicians.

For these reasons, I want to discuss this month both the positive and the negative aspects of the new tech frontier in healthcare and the critical need to balance the risks and benefits to improve health outcomes for all. I will also provide an update on New York State's monitoring of the Wuhan coronavirus.

Health Systems and Cybersecurity. As the use of technology grows, the onus is going to be on healthcare providers and software vendors amassing patient data to carefully consider the ethical issues before sharing or selling this data to AI companies. In addition, a disciplined cybersecurity practice to safeguard patient privacy and safety becomes a necessity for healthcare organizations as we begin to adopt technology-enabled healthcare delivery.

2020 began with the United States' escalating tensions with Iran, which has a history of cyber-offensives against government, financial, and energy sectors. On January 8, the Health Information Sharing and Analysis Center [issued an urgent warning](#) on potential cyber-threats to American healthcare institutions. Cyber-attacks are insidious—very sudden, providing little or no warning—and an overwhelming majority of them exploit common vulnerabilities within the healthcare sector. Breaches can have major implications beyond financial losses. They can result in limiting access to care, especially in remote areas, and can impact patient safety.

As we say in regard to health, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and that applies to cyber-health as well. The more your workforce knows about cybersecurity, the greater your organization's vigilance against cyber-attacks. In December 2018, a U.S. Department of Health & Human Services task group released [cybersecurity guidelines](#) that can be used across

the healthcare field. We all need to protect patient data because this is what ensures quality healthcare—clinicians and caregivers must be able to trust their institution's data and systems. Every member of a healthcare organization must remember that cyber-safety is patient safety.

Enhancing Diagnoses and Treatments. AI-guided technology is already performing groundbreaking tasks in testing environments—detecting Alzheimer's disease from the sound of a person's voice, helping ophthalmologists detect clinical changes in people with diabetes, monitoring conditions like multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease, and interpreting MRIs, CT, photographs of the retina, or a wrist fracture that would be hard for a human to see.

But the greatest impact potential in AI right now is more accurate diagnoses of America's two deadliest forms of cancer—lung cancer and breast cancer. This month, the American Cancer Society [announced](#) that from 2016 to 2017, the United States saw its largest-ever single-year drop in overall cancer deaths, a 2.2% reduction fueled by a steep decline in lung cancer deaths. That is great news, but technology has the potential to make that number drop even further.

In a [study published last year](#) in the journal *Nature Medicine*, researchers applied AI to CT scans used to screen people for lung cancer. The system being tested proved 94% accurate in assessing 6,716 cases with known diagnoses. When no prior scan was available, the AI system was more effective than six expert radiologists, producing fewer false positives and false negatives. When an earlier scan was available, the AI system and the doctors were tied.

In a [report published](#) on the first day of this year in the journal *Nature*, AI developed by Google performed better than radiologists at finding breast cancer on mammograms where the diagnosis was already known. On mammogram scans from the United States, the system produced a 9.4% reduction in false negatives and a 5.7% reduction in false positives. Mammograms miss about 20% of breast cancers according to the American Cancer Society.

We must remember that AI is not a threat to radiologists and other physicians but a resource that can perform many mundane medical chores (such as taking notes and reading scans), freeing doctors to spend more time connecting with patients. By augmenting human performance, AI can make the lives of radiologists easier; by giving overworked clinicians more time and patients greater involvement in their care and treatments choices, it can improve healthcare overall.

Tech Innovation in New York State. I wanted to mention what the Department has been doing to leverage technology for better health. Telehealth—the use of electronic information and communication technologies to deliver health services at a distance—effectively increases access to care, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas, and supports coordinated, patient-centered care. In 2018, New York State Public Health Law Article 29-G and Social Services Law Section 367-u were amended to expand Medicaid coverage of telehealth services to include additional originating (location of the patient) and distant (location of the eligible healthcare provider) sites, telehealth applications, and practitioner types. Notably, this expansion allows Medicaid members to receive services (including behavioral healthcare) via telehealth when located in their home or other temporary location in or outside of the State. Telehealth not only provides better quality care for New Yorkers; it also establishes technology-enabled healthcare delivery as a basis for future innovations such as those in AI. More information on this Medicaid expansion [is available here](#).

It's All in the Balance. A good analogy for looking at the pros and cons of AI in healthcare is Wikipedia. In the beginning, people feared that this new concept would provide false information and become manipulated by bad actors. But so far at least, the platform has managed to instill widespread public trust for its accuracy because of volume and conscientiousness among citizen monitors. Similarly, AI will keep improving as more and more data is fed into shared and closely monitored systems.

The [first randomized trial of an AI system](#)—which found that colonoscopy with computer-aided diagnosis found more small polyps than standard colonoscopy—was published online last October. Of course, all of these systems need to be rigorously studied, with the results published in peer-reviewed journals, and tested in real-world settings before entering public use. Still, we are looking at a new era in patient care.

Update on 2019 novel coronavirus. Local, State, and federal public health officials are all closely following developments with the emergence of a novel coronavirus with apparent ties to an animal and seafood market in Wuhan, China. While we are learning new information about this new virus with each passing day, it is now clear that person-to-person transmission is likely. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recently implemented airport entry screening to identify infected individuals and is working to develop a real-time PCR assay for the virus that can be used by State public health labs. Please know that we will continue to issue updated Health Advisories as we learn new information and have recommendations that impact you and your patients. <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

One Final Note: I wanted to mention that Facebook's decision to remove deceptive ads that questioned the safety of the HIV-prevention drug Truvada is a huge win for all New Yorkers. Governor Cuomo raised these concerns in December, and Facebook finally recognized the danger these misleading ads posed to public health and took action to remove them.

As always, I am grateful for the unfailing integrity and commitment to patient care I see in clinicians across New York State. I know that New York's healthcare professionals will embrace and even improve technological innovations that are safe and provide better options and better outlooks because you really care about your patients. Thank you again—and all the best throughout 2020!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Howard".

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February 1, 2020

TO: Healthcare Providers, Healthcare Facilities, Clinical Laboratories, and Local Health Departments (LHDs)

FROM: New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)
Bureau of Communicable Disease Control (BCDC)

HEALTH ADVISORY: UPDATE AND INTERIM GUIDANCE ON THE OUTBREAK OF 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)

SUMMARY

- The enclosed [Health Update](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides a situational update and interim guidance that supersedes guidance in [CDC's HAN 426 distributed on January 17, 2020](#). It also adds
 - [Guidance for clinicians caring for patients with 2019-nCoV](#).
 - [Guidance for public health professionals on the evaluation and testing of patients](#) under investigation (PUIs) for 2019-nCoV.
 - Updated [infection prevention and control guidance](#) specific to 2019-nCoV.
- On January 29, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak to be a [public health emergency of international concern](#).
- On January 31, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar [declared a public health emergency](#) in the U.S. Additionally, the President has signed a Presidential Proclamation, using authority pursuant to Section 212(f) and 215(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1182(f) and 1185(a), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, temporarily suspending the entry into the United States of foreign nationals who pose a risk of transmitting 2019-nCoV.
 - Beginning 5 PM Eastern Standard Time, Sunday, February 2, the U.S. government will implement temporary movement and monitoring restrictions on certain individuals.
 - Any U.S. citizen returning to the U.S. who has been in Hubei Province in the previous 14 days will be subject to up to 14 days of mandatory quarantine, to ensure they're provided proper medical care and health screening.
 - Any U.S. citizen returning to the U.S. who has been in the rest of mainland China within the previous 14 days will undergo proactive entry health screening at a select number of ports of entry and up to 14 days of monitored self-quarantine to ensure they have not contracted the virus and do not pose a public health risk.
 - Foreign nationals, other than immediate family of U.S. citizens and permanent residents, who have traveled to China within the last 14 days will be denied entry into the U.S. for this time.
- CDC and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) are continuing to identify and screen travelers who have recently been in China at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and other airports in the U.S. NYSDOH is working closely with the New York City Department of

Health and Mental Hygiene, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and other public health partners to address CDC's and CBP's efforts at JFK.

- In accordance with the current requirements and expectations from the 2014 Commissioner's Order, healthcare providers and facilities are required to collect a travel history for patients presenting with febrile illness and remain aware of current outbreaks overseas.
- As described in [CDC's Health Update](#), patients who meet the following criteria, which are intended to serve as guidance for evaluation and testing, should follow CDC's [recommended infection prevention and control guidelines](#) and be [immediately reported to the LHD where the patient resides](#).
 - Patients will be evaluated and discussed with LHD staff on a case-by-case basis for possible 2019-nCoV infection. Testing decisions may be further informed by the clinical presentation or exposure history (e.g., uncertain travel or exposure), and the presence of an alternative diagnosis that explains their clinical presentation.
 - These criteria are subject to change as additional information becomes available.

Clinical Features	AND	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever ² or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)	AND	Any person, including health care workers, who has had close contact ¹ with a laboratory-confirmed ³ 2019-nCoV patient within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever ² and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)	AND	A history of travel from Hubei Province , China within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever ² and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization ⁴	AND	A history of travel from mainland China within 14 days of symptom onset

- Notification is required under the New York State Sanitary Code (10NYCRR 2.10).
 - Providers who are unable to reach the LHD can contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at 518-473-4439 during business hours or the NYSDOH Public Health Duty Officer at 1-866-881-2809 evenings, weekends, and holidays.
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Notes

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Update and Interim Guidance on Outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Summary

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to closely monitor an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that was initially detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019.

This CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) Update provides a situational update and interim guidance to state and local health departments that supersedes guidance in CDC's HAN 426 distributed on January 17, 2020. It also adds

- guidance for clinicians caring for patients with 2019-nCoV (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>),
- and for public health officials on the evaluation and testing of patients under investigation (PUIs) for 2019-nCoV (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>), and
- updated infection prevention and control guidance specific to 2019-nCoV (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html>).

Early in the outbreak, many of the patients with respiratory illness caused by 2019-nCoV in China had exposure to a large seafood and live animal market, suggesting animal-to-human transmission. More recently, cases have been confirmed with no exposure to animal markets, indicating that person-to-person spread of the virus has occurred. Chinese officials report that sustained person-to-person spread in the community is occurring in China.

The first US case-patient was identified on January 21, 2020, and had recently traveled from Wuhan, China. Since that time, six additional cases have been confirmed in the United States, four among persons who traveled from Wuhan, and one a close contact of a confirmed case. Globally, reported illnesses in people with 2019-nCoV have ranged from mild (no or few signs and symptoms), to severe, including death. These findings are consistent with other coronaviruses, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) (<https://www.cdc.gov/sars/>) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/index.html>). Additional information about 2019-nCoV is needed to better understand transmission, disease severity, and risk to the general population. The goal of the ongoing US public health response is to identify and contain this outbreak and prevent sustained spread of 2019-nCoV in the United States.

Recommendations for Screening of Patients for 2019-nCoV in Healthcare Facilities

Recommendations for screening of patients for possible 2019-nCoV infection are based on (1) current knowledge of the characteristics of clinical illness observed in early cases, and (2) the geographic distribution of current cases. They reflect the current public health goal of rapidly containing and preventing transmission of 2019-nCoV illness.

Patients presenting to healthcare facilities should be assessed for exposures associated with risk of 2019-nCoV infections (e.g., travel to China or close contact with a confirmed case) and for symptoms consistent with 2019-nCoV infection (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical->

[criteria.html](#)). The assessment is intended to allow healthcare providers to make decisions about appropriate infection control and management of patients. Note that the signs and symptoms of 2019-nCoV overlap with those associated with other viral respiratory tract infections. Given the time of year, common respiratory illnesses, including influenza, should also be considered in patients who are screened. (Figure 1)

Clinicians should ask:

- Does the person have fever or symptoms of lower respiratory infection, such as cough or shortness of breath?

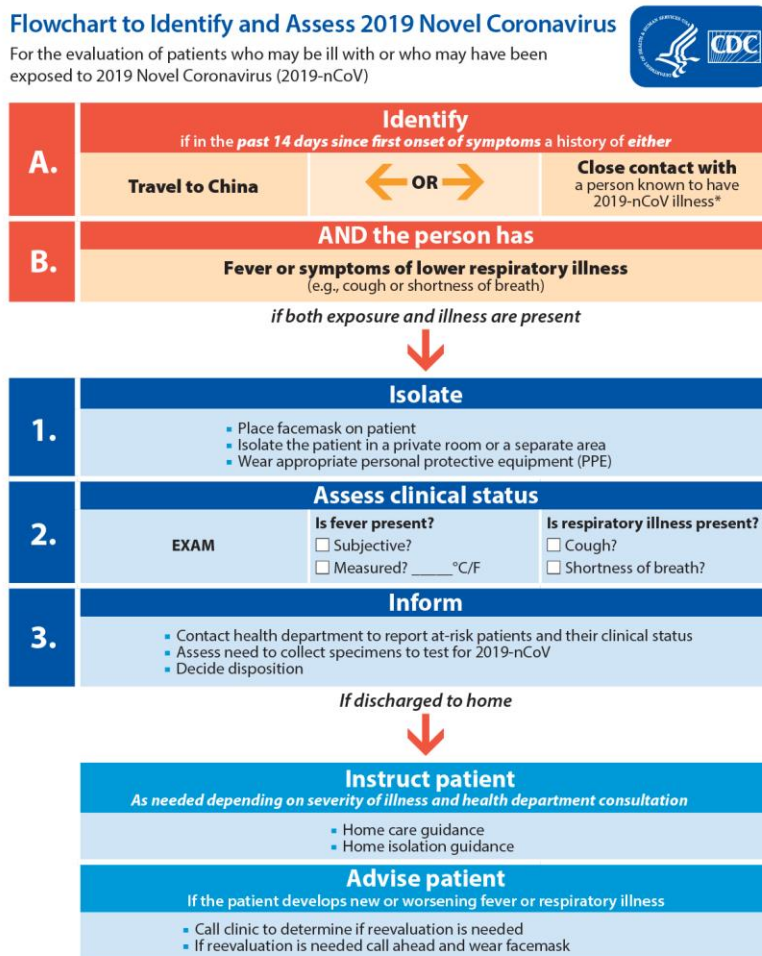
AND

- Has the patient traveled to mainland China within 14 days of symptom onset?

OR

- Has the patient had close contact¹ with a person confirmed with 2019-nCoV infection?

Figure 1.



* Documentation of laboratory-confirmation of 2019-nCoV may not be possible for travelers or persons caring for patients in other countries. For more clarification on the definition for close contact see CDC's Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html

If a patient meets these criteria:

- To minimize the risk that other people will be exposed to individuals who may have 2019-nCoV, patients who report having these symptoms should be asked to wear a surgical mask as soon as they are identified and directed to a separate area, if possible, with at least 6 feet (2 meters) separation from other persons. Patients should be evaluated in a private room with the door closed, ideally an airborne infection isolation room (AIIR), if available. Healthcare personnel entering the room should use standard precautions, contact precautions, airborne precautions, and use eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield). For more information about this, see CDC's *Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Known or Patients Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in a Healthcare Setting* (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html>).

Clinicians should immediately notify the healthcare facility's infection control personnel and local health department. The health department will determine if this patient needs to be considered a PUI for 2019-nCoV and be tested for infection.

Criteria to Guide Evaluation and Testing of Patients Under Investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV

Local health departments, in consultation with clinicians, should determine whether a patient is a PUI for 2019-nCoV. The CDC clinical criteria for 2019-nCoV PUIs have been developed based on available information about this novel virus, as well as what is known about SARS and MERS. These criteria are subject to change as additional information becomes available.

Clinical Features	AND	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever ² or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)	AND	Any person, including health care workers, who has had close contact ¹ with a laboratory-confirmed ³ 2019-nCoV patient within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever ² and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)	AND	A history of travel from Hubei Province , China within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever ² and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization ⁴	AND	A history of travel from mainland China within 14 days of symptom onset

These criteria are intended to serve as guidance for evaluation and testing. Patients should be evaluated and discussed with public health departments on a case-by-case basis for possible 2019-nCoV infection. Testing decisions might be further informed by the clinical presentation or exposure history (e.g., uncertain travel or exposure), and the presence of an alternative diagnosis that explains their clinical presentation.

Recommendations for Reporting, Testing, and Specimen Collection

Healthcare providers should **immediately** notify infection control personnel at their healthcare facility if a patient is classified a PUI for 2019-nCoV. State health departments that have identified a PUI should immediately contact CDC's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 770-488-7100 and complete a 2019-nCoV PUI case investigation form (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html#reporting-testing-specimen-collection>). CDC's EOC will assist local and state health departments with obtaining, storing, and shipping appropriate specimens to CDC, including afterhours or on weekends or holidays. Currently, diagnostic testing for 2019-nCoV can be done only at CDC. Testing for other respiratory pathogens should not delay specimen shipping to CDC.

For initial diagnostic testing for 2019-nCoV, CDC recommends collecting and testing upper respiratory (nasopharyngeal AND oropharyngeal swabs), and lower respiratory (sputum, if possible) for those patients with productive coughs. Induction of sputum is not indicated. Specimens should be collected as soon as possible once a PUI is identified, regardless of the time of symptom onset. See *Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)* (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/lab/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html>).

Recommendations for Healthcare Providers

No vaccine or specific treatment for 2019-nCoV infection is available. At present, medical care for patients with 2019-nCoV is supportive.

Persons with confirmed or suspected 2019-nCoV infection who are hospitalized should be evaluated and cared for in a private room with the door closed, ideally an airborne infection isolation room, if available. For more information, see *Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Known or Patients Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in a Healthcare Setting* (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html>).

Home care and isolation may be an option, based on clinical and public health assessment, for some persons. Please see *Interim Guidance for Preventing the Spread of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Homes and Communities* (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>).

Those isolated at home should be monitored by public health officials to the extent possible. Refer to *Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)* (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-home-care.html>) for more information.

Notes

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- or -

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²Fever may be subjective or confirmed

See CDC's updated *Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Known or Patients Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in a Healthcare Setting* (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control.html>).

Data to inform the definition of close contact are limited. Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure (e.g., longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk) and the clinical symptoms of the person with 2019-nCoV (e.g., coughing likely increases exposure risk as does exposure to a severely ill patient). Special consideration should be given to those exposed in health care settings.

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For More Information

More information is available at the 2019 Novel Coronavirus website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) or by calling 800-CDC-INFO | (800-232-4636) | TTY: (888) 232-6348

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Please reserve conference rooms at 145H and 134C, set up videoconferencing capacity between the two, and sonexis call in# for any staff not able to attend e.g. those in YDO, for a briefing on the novel Coronavirus by myself. I plan to be at 145H.

Please inform all your respective staff to attend.

Thanks.

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This reporter was at our event on Friday and interviewed both Amlers (scroll down), she is doing another story tomorrow as well.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/wuhan-coronavirus-myths-red-meat-bleach-antibiotics-and-sesame-oil-2020-2>

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Hi Lora,
As for Rockland, we're working on our plan.
I'll complete the survey when there is specific information to inform you about.
Dr. Ruppert

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Hi all – a few questions have been raised.

First terminology:

Isolation is for someone who is ill.

Quarantine would be for someone not ill but potentially exposed.

“PUI” or person under investigation meets specific criteria for symptoms, travel history and contact and does not include everyone potentially exposed.

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/docs/health_advisory_2.pdf

This survey pertains to **Quarantine** facilities – to be used in the scenario where an individual is asymptomatic but determined to be in the medium or high-risk category according to the Proposed Interim Movement and Monitoring Guidance previously shared and reattached here. This could be in voluntary or involuntary situations, where the home setting is not indicated or appropriate.

Additional Isolation and Quarantine guidance and additional surveys are expected. In the meantime, please complete this survey ASAP for your quarantine facility.

Thank you!

~Lora

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Importance: High

Dear Local Health Department Commissioners and Public Health Directors:

Given recent 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) guidance related to the likely need to quarantine travelers returning to the U.S. after travel to China, EVERY local health department (LHD) must identify a facility to serve as a quarantine location in the event that the traveler is not able to return to their residence. These questions will help us assess the capacity for quarantine in the state.

Please complete the survey ASAP using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ncov-quarantine>

A pdf copy of the survey is attached for your reference.

Please note that additional guidance re: isolation and quarantine is forthcoming, and we will be ascertaining your county's level of readiness to provide wrap around social supports, mental health services, language access, etc. As the health department, you are not alone in these efforts. We stress the need to be working closely with your county emergency management and partner agencies in this response!

Thank you.

~Lora

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Also please let me know when I can expect the press release from Caren on the topics discussed in meeting.

All the best,
CC

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Cc: McDonald, Joan ; Saltzman, Emily ; Meyer, Aviva ; Amler, Sherlita ; Ferris, Andrew ; Bass, Steven ; Spear, Susan ; Hendrickx, Ellen ; Jenkins, Kenneth
Subject: RE: Coronavirus - County Employee Update

+Ken

All the best,
CC

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Agree and tell me when you post on social and I'll share on the county pages also.

All the best,
CC

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Subject: RE: Coronavirus - County Employee Update

UPDATE – NYSDOH has established a Coronavirus hotline for the GENERAL PUBLIC. The number is 888-364-3065. It is presently operational 8am- 8pm M-F. There will be a recording on the weekends. We are placing this number on our home page on our website but we may want to include in the employee letter.

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Subject: RE: Coronavirus - County Employee Update

This is the first time Carolyn is seeing. She and I did speak about it.

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Subject: RE: Coronavirus - County Employee Update

Did you work with Carolyn on this?

All the best,
CC

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Subject: Coronavirus - County Employee Update

Please find our suggested communication to all county employees for your review, approval and transmission as discussed this AM. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Renee

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Halbfinger, Caren

From: McGuire, Kevin
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 4:29 PM
To: McDonald, Joan; Carpenter, Mae; Befus, John; Milovanovic, Aleksandar; Cullen, John; Orth, Michael; Glazer, Joseph; Gleason, Thomas; Beirne, Marguerite; Scherrer, Peter; Nonna, John
Cc: Saltzman, Emily; Amler, Sherlita; Recchia, Renee; Atkins, Diane; Lopez, Blanca; Lopez, Martha; Meyer, Aviva; Jenkins, Ken; Cioffi, Catherine; Ferris, Andrew
Subject: Re: Coronavirus and county responsibility

Just received it. I will be there.

From: "McDonald, Joan"
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 12:04 PM
To: "Carpenter, Mae" ,"McGuire, Kevin" ,"Befus, John" ,"Milovanovic, Aleksandar" ,"Cullen, John" ,"Orth, Michael" ,"Glazer, Joseph" ,"Gleason, Thomas" ,"Beirne, Marguerite" ,"Scherrer, Peter" ,"Nonna, John"
CC: "Saltzman, Emily" ,"Amler, Sherlita" ,"Recchia, Renee" ,"Atkins, Diane" ,"Lopez, Blanca" ,"Lopez, Martha" ,"Meyer, Aviva" ,"Jenkins, Ken" ,"Cioffi, Catherine" ,"Ferris, Andrew"
Subject: Coronavirus and county responsibility

Good morning. Dr Amler and renee participated in a call yesterday with NYS DOH regarding g the national response to the coronavirus and CDC direction for state/local response. Each of your departments could have a role. Please come to a mandatory meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 am on the 9th floor. Please respond to me that you have received this message and will be in attendance. Thank you.

Halbfinger, Caren

From: Micciche, Giacomo
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Amler, Sherlita
Subject: RE: Coronavirus

Thank you Dr. Amler.

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From: Amler, Sherlita
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Micciche, Giacomo
Subject: RE: Coronavirus

Here is the CV you requested.

Here are the answers to your questions:

description of the novel 2019 Coronavirus, including:

- (i) What the disease is: This is a new emerging type of Coronavirus, not seen in humans before being identified in China in December of 2019. Coronavirus are a large family of RNA viruses that can cause disease in humans and some animals. Coronaviruses cause the common cold, but other Coronaviruses have caused more serious lower respiratory diseases affecting humans such as SARS-CoV.
- (ii) How it is spread: It is thought to be transmitted via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes similar to influenza and other respiratory pathogens. Other modes of transmission are under investigation.
- (iii) Duration of time an infected individual remains contagious: The duration of time that a person can transmit the disease to others is currently unknown.
- (iv) Treatment of the disease, including medications and/or forms of therapy: There is no current vaccine or treatment for this infection other than supportive therapy.

Dr. Sherlita Amler, M.D., M.S.
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From: Micciche, Giacomo <ggma@westchestergov.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Amler, Sherlita <SAmler@westchestergov.com>
Subject: Coronavirus

Good morning Dr. Amler:

When you have a moment, can you please send your most current CV so that we have same on file in the event we need to proceed with an order to show cause.

Also, for any petition we would file in support of the OtSC, I will need to include a description of Coronavirus, including: (i) what the disease is; (ii) how it is spread; (iii) the duration of time an infected individual remains contagious; and (iv) treatment of the disease, including medications and/or forms of therapy. If you would be so kind as to provide this information, or to have a member of your department provide same, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you and best regards,
Jack

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From: LHD2 <LHD2-L@LISTSERV.HEALTH.STATE.NY.US> on behalf of
doh.sm.Prevention.Agenda
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:00 PM
To: LHD2-L@LISTSERV.HEALTH.STATE.NY.US
Subject: Update for Healthcare Providers on the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)
Attachments: image001.jpg

Dear Colleagues:

Please see details and [registration link](#) below for a webinar titled: **Update for Healthcare Providers on the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**

Monday, February 3rd 2020, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Please share widely.

An Update for Healthcare Providers on the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

The New York State Department of Health and New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene will present updates on the outbreak, review new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, and discuss infection control considerations.

Date: Monday, 2/3/20

Time: 4 PM- 5 PM

[Register for WebEx](#)

For audio, please call 844-512-2950



Speakers:

Brad Hutton, MPH

Deputy Commissioner for Public Health
New York State Department of Health

Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH

Deputy Commissioner, Division of Disease Control
New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

Dan Kuhles, MD, MPH

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Halbfinger, Caren

From: Halbfinger, Caren
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 4:59 PM
To: Amler, Sherlita; Guzzetta, Michele
Cc: Recchia, Renee
Subject: WVOX Coronavirus Interview
Attachments: Coronavirus Talking Points-1-27-20.docx

Importance: High

Dr Amler,

As discussed, WVOX would like to speak with you about Coronavirus. The producer said she hopes to calm down the worried well.

I was able to move the time to **Friday at 8:10 am, which appears open on your calendar.**

As before, Dennis Nardone would conduct the interview.

Please call a few minutes early and tell the engineer you are their guest.

You would call 914-636-0110 .

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Attached are the talking points.

I'll monitor for any needed updates and send new info Thursday if needed.

Michelle, Please print out the attachment and add this to Dr A's calendar for Friday.

Thank you.

Caren Halbfinger

Director, Public Affairs

Westchester County Health Department

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From: From Tonny <tonny05@hotmail.com> on behalf of From Tonny
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Amler, Sherlita; Amler, Sherlita
Subject: WVOX Radio Request on COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR CORONAVIRUS
Attachments: image006.jpg; image002.jpg; 2E11C41E97004B64A9C6AB1E7C3E8A38.png; 3C431FA031284EA59109D8C77CD6F562.png; A4EFC75893D04319B8FFC0F83A7D69E2.png

Hi Dr. Amler,

Its Tonny from the WVOX "Good Morning Westchester" radio program. Dennis Nardone and I would like to invite you to be a call in guest for a ten minute segment this Wednesday Jan. 29th. From 7:35am to 7:45am. It would be to talk about this press release and the Cornona virus. It would be very informative to our listeners. Please let me know if that time works for you and if you would like to. The number on dial is WVOX 1460AM and we stream live at Wvox. The call in number is 914-636-0110. We will touch base on it little when County Exec. George Latimer does his weekly call in tomorrow, but we would like it to go more into depth about the health aspects of the virus..

Thanks so much,
Tonny
Wvox Radio



News Release

GEORGE LATIMER, Westchester County Executive

Date: January 23, 2020
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COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR CORONAVIRUS

No Immediate Threat

(White Plains, NY) – With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) closely monitoring an outbreak caused by 2019 novel coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China, the Westchester County Department of Health is ready for the possibility that travelers with the virus could arrive in the County.

The County Health Department is working with state and federal partners to learn more about this virus, is sharing information with local medical providers and has created [a web page on coronavirus for the public](#). The County Health Department would coordinate any local response with the New York State Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local hospitals, medical providers, and emergency medical services.

“While the risk to residents is low, our training prepares us to handle emerging disease outbreaks like this,” said Sherlita Amler, MD, Commissioner of Health. “Anyone who has symptoms and recently traveled to Wuhan or has had contact with someone from Wuhan should first call their health care provider and await further instructions to avoid exposing others.”

The first U.S. case of this new coronavirus was identified in a Washington state man who returned from Wuhan, China, on Jan. 15, before federal health officials initiated airport screening. Measures are now in place to screen and monitor travelers from this region at five U.S. airports, including John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

Cases of novel coronavirus have been identified in Thailand, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, as well as China and the U.S. Symptoms may include runny nose, headache, fever, cough, sore throat and a general ill feeling. There is no specific treatment for illnesses caused by coronaviruses. Most people will recover on their own after resting and drinking plenty of fluids. To relieve symptoms, people with the virus can take pain and fever medication, use a room humidifier or take hot showers to help ease a sore throat and cough.

Coronaviruses most commonly spread from an infected person to others through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact, touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands, or rarely, fecal contamination.

For more information about coronavirus, go to www.westchestergov.com/health.

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From: Bowman, Arlene <ABowman@GNYHA.org> on behalf of Mandel-Ricci, Jenna
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:13 AM
Subject: Emergency Preparedness Coordinating Council Meeting tomorrow, February 25th, 1:30pm-4:00pm

Dear Colleagues,

We're looking forward to seeing you at tomorrow's Emergency Preparedness Coordinating Council meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday, February 25th, 1:30pm-4:00pm**

At our February 25th meeting, there will be three presentations:

1. Low Stress Exercising of Infant Protection Systems
2. Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Briefing & Discussion
3. GNYHA's Recent Puerto Rico Mental Health Deployment

We will also discuss:

- Sit Stat 2.0
- Workplace Violence Prevention activities
- Mass Casualty Incident Response
- Upcoming Events

The details of tomorrow's meeting are as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2020
TIME: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
LOCATION: GNYHA Board Room
555 West 57 Street, 15th Floor

For planning purposes, please let us know if you will be attending by replying to Arlene Bowman at abowman@gnyha.org

Please let us know if you plan to join remotely and we will provide a webinar link.

Please also make note of all **2020 EPCC dates:**

Thursday, March 26th	1:30-4:00pm
Thursday, April 23rd	1:30-4:00pm
Thursday, May 21st	1:30-4:00pm
Thursday, June 25th	1:30-4:00pm
Thursday, July 23rd	1:30-4:00pm
Thursday, August 20th	1:30-4:00pm
Tuesday, September 15th	1:30-4:00pm

Thursday, October 22nd	1:30-4:00pm
Tuesday, November 17th	1:30-4:00pm
Thursday, December 17th	1:30-4:00pm

Sincerely,
Jenna

Jenna Mandel-Ricci

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From: Delborgo, Dennis
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 4:00 PM
To: McGuire, Kevin
Cc: Amler, Sherlita; Cullen, John
Subject: RE: FW: County Emergency Preparedness Work Group - Conference Call - 2/5/20

Good afternoon, Commissioner

We do have a protocol in place to activate the EOC based on a confirmed case of Ebola Virus Disease. In the event of a confirmed case of NCoV Commissioner Cullen and I would consult with Dr. Amler and the CE's Office. If they decided to pull the trigger, we're ready.

Dr. Amler would be the lead in this type of an incident and DES would support DOH as requested. Generally; that support would be no different in a public health emergency than in a hurricane: interagency coordination, situational awareness, incident action planning, resource management and mission support. The EOC is the best way to accomplish this when multiple stakeholders are engaged or we're going to run multiple operational periods. For example; isolation/quarantine and all the wrap around services required (transportation, lodging, food, laundry, security, public messaging, etc.) may be best coordinated via the EOC.

Dennis

Dennis Delborgo
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From: McGuire, Kevin
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Delborgo, Dennis
Subject: Re: FW: County Emergency Preparedness Work Group - Conference Call - 2/5/20

Dennis,

Will the EOC be activated if a suspected Novel Coronavirus case is identified in Westchester County? If so, would it be safe to assume that County Health Commissioner Amler will be the Lead for this?

Kevin

Kevin M McGuire
Commissioner,
Westchester County Department of Social Services

From: "Delborgo, Dennis"
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:05 PM
To:
Subject: FW: County Emergency Preparedness Work Group - Conference Call - 2/5/20

Good afternoon,

Please see attached; notes from our call this morning.

ICS-100 Training: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>

IS-700 Training: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b>

US CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Dennis

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From: Delborgo, Dennis

Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 4:04 PM

Subject: County Emergency Preparedness Work Group - Conference Call - 2/5/20

Good afternoon,

REMINDER

We will conduct our regularly scheduled County Emergency Preparedness Work Group Conference Call tomorrow morning at 9:30am.

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AGENDA:

- Introduction and Overview
- Operations
- Planning and Preparedness
- Training and Exercise
- Recovery and Mitigation
- Roll Call and Agency Reports

Dennis Delborgo, Director
Office of Emergency Management
Westchester County, NY

Halbfinger, Caren

From: NYSDOH HEALTH NOTIFICATION <notify01@health.ny.gov> on behalf of NYSDOH HEALTH NOTIFICATION
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Amler, Sherlita
Subject: Informational Message: Novel Coronavirus Key Updates and Q&A Session for Healthcare Providers
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Authorizing Person: Elizabeth Dufort

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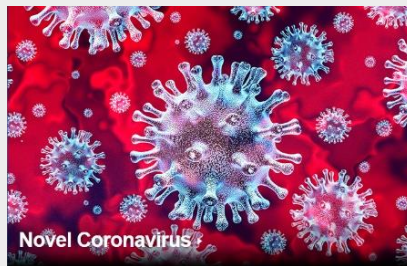
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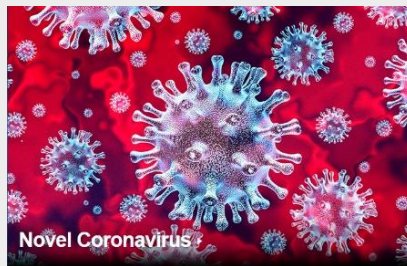
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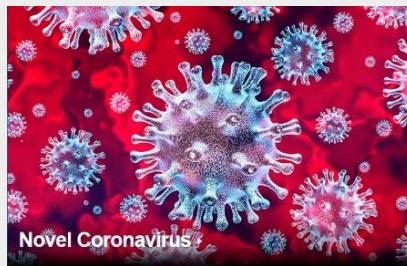
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Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Amler, Sherlita; Recchia, Renee; Huang, Ada
Subject: FW: Press Release: Shipping of CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus Diagnostic Test Kits Begins

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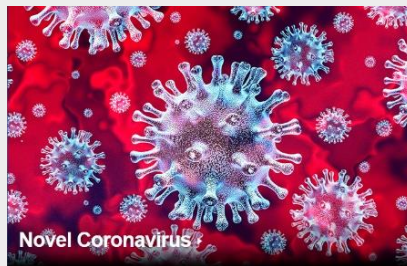
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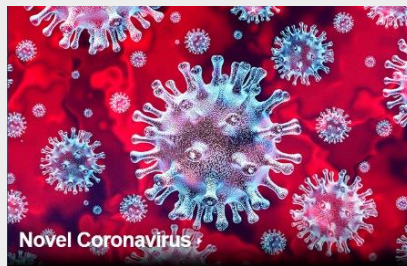
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County Executive Latimer and Departments of Health, Public Safety and Emergency Services take proactive efforts against Coronavirus.



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Police Fingerprint Technology

Westchester County Police unveil new technology that lifts finger prints from paper, fabric and plastic – a tool to help solve cold case crimes.



County Tackles Wrong-Way Crashes

Westchester County launches Task Force to investigate frequent wrong-way crashes on the County's roadways.



New Plans for Memorial Field

Mount Vernon's Memorial Field to be transformed into a new recreational facility, including a NCAA-regulated football field.



Public Hearing on Indian Point

Latimer asks for transparency from Holtec and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the Indian Point decommissioning process.



The Census and our Seniors

County Executive George Latimer releases series of PSA's to raise awareness about the upcoming 2020 Census.



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Latimer on Medicaid Proposal

Latimer testifies to state lawmakers that shifting Medicaid costs onto local government would destroy the Westchester County budget.



Coronavirus Treatment

The US Department of Health and Human Services is partnering with Regeneron to develop a drug for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.



Drop I-684 Toll Plan

Westchester County Executive George Latimer urges Connecticut lawmakers to rethink a toll at the New Castle/Greenwich border.



Public Comment on Indian Point

County Executive George Latimer calls for Indian Point closure comment period to be extended to 60 days.



Westchester County's Homeless

A team of Westchester County officials fan out on a winter night to try and locate people who might be left out in the cold.



The Census and Renters

It doesn't matter where you are renting – you must still be counted in the upcoming 2020 Census. Watch this video to find out more.



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Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 5:45 PM
To: Halbfinger, Caren
Cc: McGill, Heather; Amler, Sherlita; Huang, Ada; Smith, Kevin; Montecalvo, Marisa
Subject: Public health alert

The CDC did update its travel alert status for countries. South Korea has been added to the level 3 warning. Can you please draft a short and concise message that we can send to health providers. While we await the CDC to update its PUI guidance we should be notifying providers that has Covid 19 spreads more widely, the importance of asking recent travel hx is essential. If ppl with travel hx and symptoms present they should be contacting us.

Team – we will need to figure out how to manage. I have some ideas but will need to discuss together.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>

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To: Amler, Sherlita
Subject: RE: Addresses to EMs
Attachments: image001.png

Will do – just letting you know what they told us earlier...

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Importance: High

I know, but they want it now and we will have to send them updates as the list changes.

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Cc: Amler, Sherlita <SAmler@westchestergov.com>; Smith, Kevin <kmsc@westchestergov.com>
Subject: Addresses to EMs

Toby – Could you work with Katherine to do this?
Dr. A – they previously did not want this as the list will change every day.

Thanks

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Subject: FW: Voluntary

Please send the addresses to those we are monitoring to Michael Volk, address only **NO Names!**

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Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Amler, Sherlita <SAmler@westchestergov.com>
Cc: Cullen, John <JCullen@westchestergov.com>
Subject: Voluntary

Dear Dr. Amler,

Per Comm. Cullen's request, please provide us with the list of address for the those individuals who are voluntarily being quarantined for potential exposure to Covid 19. This list will be placed in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system so if dispatched to an event we can provide the fire and EMS providers a heads-up to limit personnel and don the proper PPE.

If possible having the date(s) each location will be taken off of quarantine would be helpful.

Thank you

Mike

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From: Cioffi, Catherine
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 5:39 PM
To: Amler, Sherlita; Saltzman, Emily; Recchia, Renee
Subject: RE: Communication on Coronavirus Scarsdale and Thank You
Attachments: image004.png; image005.png; image006.jpg

It is time to pay a visit to the school and just walk around a talk to students?

All the best,
CC

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From: Amler, Sherlita
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 4:35 PM

To: Cioffi, Catherine ; Saltzman, Emily ; Recchia, Renee
Subject: FW: Communication on Coronavirus Scarsdale and Thank You

FYI, see below. The Health department is continuing to get calls daily from the Scarsdale parents and I also got a call today from Madeline Smith of Senator Amy Paulin's office about this issue. We will continue to be supportive to the school and reassuring where possible to the parents.

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From: Eric Rauschenbach <erauschenbach@scarsdaleschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Amler, Sherlita <SAmler@westchestergov.com>
Subject: Communication on Coronavirus Scarsdale and Thank You

Hi Dr. Amler,
First thank you for your call this morning it was very helpful!!! I have link today's communication below along with our other two updates. I appreciate being able to mention our conversation. While there are still some parents who are not satisfied it looks like reasonable people are understanding.

<https://www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us/Page/28342>

Thank you again!

Eric

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From: McDonald, Joan
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 5:50 PM
To: Hendrickx, Ellen; Amler, Sherlita; Delborgo, Dennis
Subject: RE: Coronavirus
Attachments: image002.png; image003.jpg; image004.jpg

We will discuss tomorrow

From: Hendrickx, Ellen
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 5:47 PM
To: McDonald, Joan ; Amler, Sherlita ; Delborgo, Dennis
Subject: FW: Coronavirus

How would you like to handle this and questions from others if/when they come in?

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From: James Palmer <jpalmer@vobny.com>
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To: Hendrickx, Ellen <ephh@westchestergov.com>
Subject: Coronavirus

Ellen,

Is the County able to advise me if any of the County residents currently under voluntary quarantine are Bronxville residents? Specifically, my Building Department is inquiring whether or not they should be taking certain precautions before entering a property. Guidance from the Health Department would be most appreciated. Perhaps the County can at least confirm that no Bronxville residents are under a voluntary quarantine.

Jim

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From: Huang, Ada
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 5:54 PM
To: Ostrowski, Stephanie E (HEALTH)
Cc: Amler, Sherlita; Kuhles, Daniel J (HEALTH); Smith, Lou C (HEALTH); Blog, Debra S (HEALTH); Yates, Nora K (HEALTH); Gulotta, Christina A (HEALTH); Skidmore, Jaclyn L (HEALTH); Smith, Kevin; Hutton, Brad J (HEALTH); Mazeau, Adrienne V (HEALTH); McNamee, Jennifer
Subject: RE: COVID-19 School Issues

Stephanie – thanks for getting back to us so quickly.

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Subject: Re: COVID-19 School Issues

Hi Ada -

Thank you for your note. I have included comments to questions 2-4 below. And I welcome to discuss in more detail at any time.

I have also copied in Brad and Adrienne for their awareness.

Many thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 26, 2020, at 2:56 PM, Huang, Ada <ajh1@westchestergov.com> wrote:

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Stephanie – Thanks for your heads up and assistance.

1. Dr Amler spoke with the Scarsdale schools superintendent this morning.
2. The most recent school communications that WCDH is aware of are at the below links:
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/FINALJointNYSDOH-NYSEDCoronavirus020520.pdf>

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ssd/documents/CoronavirusParentLetter2-5-20.pdf>

- Are there any other updated communications for schools and if so could the links be sent to us?
- If not, is NYSDOH planning a follow up communication or webinar in the near future/estimated date?

Yes. This is the current version of our joint guidance. As you know, travel guidance is changing quickly and we will continue to work closely with SED on issuing updates. There is no current date identified for another webinar. But stay tuned.

3. WCDH is getting a lot of inquiries about whether individuals (both students and non-students) returning from travel to South Korea, Iran, Japan, and the Lombardy region of Italy where community transmission is being reported should be quarantined and monitored same as returning travelers from mainland China.
 - WCDH's understanding is that there are no restrictions or monitoring recommendations for such individuals – could you confirm?
 - What risk group, if any, are such returning students/travelers from countries with community transmission other than mainland China being classified?

You are correct. There are no additional federally directed monitoring and movement restriction requirements for returning travelers from any country other than China. However, CDC's website does provide guidance on what to do to protect yourself if you travel and what to do if you get sick when you return.

As such, asymptomatic individuals returning from countries other than China are allowed to attend work and school.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

4. WCDH has been contacted by BOCES stating that a communication was sent out to them/school community from the Association of Educational Safety & Health Professionals claiming that NYSDOH is directing them to contact their local health departments but very vague about what and why they should be contacting LHDs. They are refusing to share the communication with WCDH.
 - Can you confirm that NYSDOH is directing schools to do this?
 - If so, possible to distribute the communication to LHDs and to let us know what LHDs should do in response to such inquiries?

I am not aware of any direction from DOH to schools other than the joint guidance you noted above. I defer to others who may know more. However, school questions regarding school attendance restrictions due to required home isolation will be directed to the LHD.

Thanks and please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

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From: Hendrickx, Ellen
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To: Saltzman, Emily; Amler, Sherlita
Subject: RE: Northern Westchester Hospital coronavirus meeting
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I was able to change my appointment and can attend.

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From: Saltzman, Emily
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Amler, Sherlita ; Hendrickx, Ellen
Subject: RE: Northern Westchester Hospital coronavirus meeting

Fine with me. Ellen are you able to attend? If not, I will. thanks

From: Amler, Sherlita <SAmler@westchestergov.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Saltzman, Emily <ESaltzman@westchestergov.com>
Subject: Northern Westchester Hospital coronavirus meeting

Emily,

I just got a call from the senior leadership of NWH requesting that we attend a meeting tomorrow morning at the hospital at 8:30 am to address preparedness concerns being raised by the town supervisors of the communities served by the hospital. Please let me know if you have any concerns. I think that a dialogue with this group is important for the health department to assist us in getting our message to the public. I agreed to participate to discuss basically the same things that we have talked about during our press conferences, but just wanted you to be aware.

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Cc: Cioffi, Catherine
Subject: RE: NY1 News Media Inquiry

Already done. They called this am and I sent them the video from yesterday.

Caren Halbfinger

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From: Amler, Sherlita
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To: Halbfinger, Caren
Cc: Cioffi, Catherine
Subject: FW: NY1 News Media Inquiry

Can you reach out to them?

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Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Amler, Sherlita <SAmler@westchestergov.com>
Cc: Garcia, Chantal M <Chantal.Garcia@charter.com>; Veale, William M <William.Veale@charter.com>
Subject: NY1 News Media Inquiry

Good Morning

Wanted to see if you could confirm that 26 people have been placed into quarantine in Westchester county because of Coronavirus concerns. If so could you provide some details on the quarantine?

Thanks.

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From: O'Connor, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Amler, Sherlita
Cc: Recchia, Renee
Subject: RE: PPE Inquiry - White Plains Hospital
Attachments: image002.png; image003.png

Thank you!!!

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Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Amler, Sherlita
Cc: Recchia, Renee (rro3@westchestergov.com)
Subject: FW: PPE Inquiry - White Plains Hospital

Dr. Amler,

Just so you have some background about this request (see below)

Again, it's the burn rate that seems outsized, especially since we've received no other types of support request from the other hospitals. These were patients already in their hospital.

Another note was received from Ed today:

Our delivery due this morning did not arrive and we are at a critical level. We have 3 patients that are on a type of isolation requiring the use of N95's.

I'd need to take you up on your offer of N95 mask. If possible 6 cases would hold us over.

Again thanks for the assistance and let me know if and when I can pick up the mask.

Ed

You will get the call info shortly

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Cc: O'Connor, Katherine <koc3@westchestergov.com>; Delborgo, Dennis <drd2@westchestergov.com>; Volk, Michael <mkv1@westchestergov.com>

Subject: RE: PPE Inquiry - White Plains Hospital

Ed and I spoke in this regard, and below is a summary. Ed please feel free to add anything I may have overlooked. As mentioned, I'll pass along additional information as able.

- White Plains Hospital's supplier- Medline indicating N-95 backlog. Also reached out to Grainger and was advised of March fulfillment;
- Communicated thru MACE and Montefiore System and was advised all experiencing similar issue and unable to part with stock;
- **Although Pt. respiratory isolation levels not significant currently (3) the burn rate is still depleting assets.**
- Advised Ed County DES and DOH actively participating in planning discussion regarding Novel Corona Virus impact planning. Guidance and outreach underway. Additional memorandums likely as situation develops.
- DES does have a small cache of N-95 masks should the situation become a crisis. WP hospital has 10 PAPRs as back-up plan if necessary.
- Attempting thru WC DOH to identify if NYSDOH will be conducting PPE survey/discussion with hospitals, and any SNS access plans.
- Ed advises NYSDOH has been conducting weekly Respiratory Impact Surveys. However, they do not assess PPE.

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From: Tangredi, Ed [<mailto:etangredi@wphospital.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2020 8:12 AM

To: Olmoz, Daniel; O'Connor, Katherine

Subject: PPE

Good Morning,

I have a concern / question for you. We are having difficulty getting our normal stock of N95's and if we do not receive any soon we will have none in 6 days with our current patient load. Our stock of surgical mask is good, but again if things get worse with supplies we're sure to go through our stock and not have an adequate level. Our vendors are telling us there are no dates on when deliveries will continue.

I am sure this is effecting all the hospitals. What are the possibilities of tapping the SNS? Are there actions being worked on by either OEM or DOH? I am thinking it would be a good idea to get all the Westchester hospitals on a conference or in person meeting to discuss how hospitals are responding to supply issues and the coronavirus in general. I know the media is hyping things up and I get what reality is, but as you know perception of senior leaders in our organizations is a dominating factor.

Thoughts?

Ed

Ed Tangredi, CEM

Director of Emergency Management

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Halbfinger, Caren

From: Cioffi, Catherine
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Halbfinger, Caren
Cc: Recchia, Renee; Amler, Sherlita
Subject: RE: Quarantine Question
Attachments: image004.png; image005.png; image006.jpg

Please CC me on all emails on this topic with reporters.

All the best,
CC

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From: Halbfinger, Caren
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 2:58 PM

To: Cioffi, Catherine
Subject: FW: Quarantine Question

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From: Halbfinger, Caren
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 11:28 AM
To: 'Lee, Isabelle' <Isabelle.Lee@turner.com>
Subject: RE: Quarantine Question

No! People who are being quarantined have been exposed but do not have symptoms. Here's an explanation below from the CDC:

Quarantine means separating a person or group of people who have been exposed to a contagious disease but have not developed illness (symptoms) from others who have not been exposed, in order to prevent the possible spread of that disease. Quarantine is usually established for the incubation period of the communicable disease, which is the span of time during which people have developed illness after exposure. For COVID-19, the period of quarantine is 14 days from the last date of exposure, because 14 days is the longest incubation period seen for similar coronaviruses. Someone who has been released from COVID-19 quarantine is not considered a risk for spreading the virus to others because they have not developed illness during the incubation

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From: Lee, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lee@turner.com>
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To: Halbfinger, Caren <[cq4@westchestergov.com](mailto:cqh4@westchestergov.com)>
Subject: RE: Quarantine Question

Hi, Caren!

Got it. Thanks for getting back to me. Quick question: are they exhibiting any symptoms? Thanks so much!

Best,
Isabelle

From: Halbfinger, Caren <[cq4@westchestergov.com](mailto:cqh4@westchestergov.com)>
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To: Lee, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lee@turner.com>
Subject: RE: Quarantine Question

Hi Isabelle, As of today, we have eight under quarantine.

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To: Halbfinger, Caren <[cq4@westchestergov.com](mailto:cqh4@westchestergov.com)>
Subject: RE: Quarantine Question

Got it, Caren. Thanks so much!

From: Halbfinger, Caren <[cq4@westchestergov.com](mailto:cqh4@westchestergov.com)>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Lee, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lee@turner.com>
Subject: RE: Quarantine Question

Isabelle, the start date would be different for each person, so I can't really tell you that. As you know, US citizens have been able to return home, and they have done so/are doing so on different dates, so their start/end times would be different.

I will be able to tell you how many would be currently under quarantine, so when I have that, I'll reach out.

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Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Halbfinger, Caren <[cq4@westchestergov.com](mailto:cqh4@westchestergov.com)>
Subject: RE: Quarantine Question

Hi, Caren!

Thanks so much for reaching out. Hope you are well. Yes - would like to know how many people remain under quarantine in Westchester County and when this voluntary quarantine started. We understand that quarantine ends after 14 days from when person leaves China. Last we checked with Carolyn Fortino on February 21, she said the country is currently monitoring 17 people, adding "all are still showing no symptoms and are well." Thanks so much!

Best,
Isabelle

From: Halbfinger, Caren <[cq4@westchestergov.com](mailto:cqh4@westchestergov.com)>

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:51 AM

To: Lee, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lee@turner.com>

Subject: Quarantine Question

Hi Isabelle, Catherine Cioffi asked that I reach out re your quarantine question. Staff have to review numbers from over the weekend re people who are quarantined currently. As soon as I have an accurate number, I will be in touch.

Thanks

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Halbfinger, Caren

From: Cioffi, Catherine
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Recchia, Renee; Fortino, Carolyn; Amler, Sherlita
Cc: McGill, Heather
Subject: RE: Upcoming Blood Drive
Attachments: image011.jpg; image012.jpg; image001.png; image002.png; image007.png; image008.jpg

Ok great – thank you.

All the best,
CC

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To: Cioffi, Catherine ; Fortino, Carolyn ; Amler, Sherlita
Cc: McGill, Heather
Subject: RE: Upcoming Blood Drive

No issue – just don't donate if feeling ill - The blood bank may ask travel related hx

Renee Recchia, MPH

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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Recchia, Renee <rro3@westchestergov.com>; Fortino, Carolyn <CFortino@westchestergov.com>; Amler, Sherlita <SAmler@westchestergov.com>
Cc: McGill, Heather <hlw3@westchestergov.com>
Subject: RE: Upcoming Blood Drive

OK so no issue with corona or flu?

All the best,
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Subject: RE: Upcoming Blood Drive

This looks fine and such an important event,

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Cc: Cioffi, Catherine <CCioffi@westchestergov.com>; Recchia, Renee <rro3@westchestergov.com>; McGill, Heather <hlw3@westchestergov.com>
Subject: RE: Upcoming Blood Drive

Hi Dr. Amler, just circling back here. Any issues with this letter?

Kind regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Amler, Sherlita <SAmler@westchestergov.com>
Cc: Cioffi, Catherine <ccioffi@westchestergov.com>
Subject: Upcoming Blood Drive

Good Afternoon Dr. Amler,

We are thinking of distributing this letter (attached) from the CE to County Employees to encourage participation in the upcoming Westchester County Employee Blood Drive. I want to make sure there are no issues with this, given the fluid situation with the Coronavirus. Can you please give it a read and let me know when you have a chance? Thank you for your help with this.

Kind regards,

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