



Talking Points: 2019 Coronavirus

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- Over 300 cases of illness with a novel coronavirus have been identified in China, including several deaths.
 - In addition, imported cases have been reported in Thailand, Japan, and the Republic of Korea.
 - One imported case has been identified in the United States (in the state of Washington).
- The primary source of infection is under investigation,
 - Some links to large seafood and animal markets suggesting animal-to-person spread.
 - Growing number of patients who did not have exposure to any animal/seafood markets suggesting limited person-to-person spread.
- CDC is conducting screening and education to travelers returning from Wuhan, China at five airports (JFK, SFO, LAX, ATL, ORD) where direct and indirect flights from Wuhan will be funneled.
 - Persons being screened are being given information about signs and symptoms to watch for and who to contact if they become ill.
- Patients most frequently report fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.
- The risk to the general public remains low at this time.
- CDC has issued a Level 2 Travel Warning:
 - Person-to-person spread is occurring, although it's unclear how easily the virus spreads between people.
 - Preliminary information suggests that older adults and people with underlying health conditions may be at increased risk for severe disease from this virus.
 - Travelers to Wuhan, China, should avoid contact with sick people, animals (alive or dead), and animal markets.
 - Travelers from Wuhan to the United States, and other countries, may be asked questions about their health and travel history upon arrival.
 - The situation is evolving. This notice will be updated as more information becomes available.
- If you traveled to Wuhan and feel sick with fever, cough or difficulty breathing you should:
 - Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a healthcare office, call ahead and tell them about your travel and your symptoms.
 - Avoid contact with others.
 - Not travel while sick.
 - Cover your mouth with your upper arm when coughing or sneezing.
 - Wash hands often.