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ATTENTION: U.S. College and University Student Health Centers and International Study  
Abroad Program Offices

RE: Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Human infections with the novel coronavirus, called 2019-nCoV, identified first in Wuhan, China continue to be reported, including cases among travelers from Wuhan to other parts of China and the world. To date, one case has been reported in the United States in a traveler from Wuhan.

Please be on alert for patients coming to your college or university health clinic with fever and respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) who have been in Wuhan during the 14 days before illness onset.

If you evaluate any patient you suspect may be infected with 2019-nCoV, implement infection control precautions and notify your local public health authorities immediately. Suspect 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. Healthcare personnel entering the room should use standard precautions, contact precautions, airborne precautions (N-95 respirator), and use eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield).

For the latest information about the outbreak, see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Interim guidance for healthcare professionals, including CDC's Health Alert Notice, guidance on clinical signs and symptoms, and infection prevention and control recommendations, is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/guidance-hcp.html>.

In addition, an updated CDC Travel Notice about this outbreak is here : <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/novel-coronavirus-china>. This notice gets updated frequently, so this website should be checked often for updates. Information in the travel notice may be useful if your college or university wants to send health information to students who are traveling to, currently in, or arriving from Wuhan, or who arrived from Wuhan in the past 2 weeks.

If you have any additional questions, information on how to contact us is available on our CDC Info webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/cdc-info/index.html>. Inquiries may be sent by email using our email form available at: <https://wwwn.cdc.gov/dcs/ContactUs/Form> or by phone at: 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636).

Sincerely,

Travelers' Health Branch

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention