
**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY FOR EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS ON
CORONAVIRUS**
GUIDANCE ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
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SITUATION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has alerted local and state health officials about an outbreak of pneumonia caused by novel type of coronavirus (2019-nCoV). The outbreak originated in Wuhan, China, but has now expanded to other countries. As of January 25, 2020, 1320 confirmed cases have been reported, with 1297 from China. Five cases, two of which were from California, have been reported in the United States. The CDC is closely monitoring the situation and is working with the World Health Organization. Passengers on direct flights from Wuhan, China are being screened for illness. At this time, no cases have been reported in Riverside County. CDC, CDPH and RUHS-PH believe that the risk to the public is low.

Background

Coronavirus are large group viruses that are common among animals and humans. In rare cases, animal coronavirus can be transmitted from animals to humans. This novel coronavirus is newly discovered coronavirus that has not been previously detected in animals to humans. The source of the novel coronavirus is not yet known.

Typically, human coronaviruses cause mild-to-moderate respiratory illness. Symptoms are very similar to the flu, including:

- Runny nose
- Headache
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Shortness of breath

Information is available at www.cdph.ca.gov

Due to concern about the disease spreading, CDC is currently screening passengers from China for signs of illness. Individuals who appear to be ill are referred for additional evaluation.

Recommendations

It is important that students who arrive or have visitors from Wuhan, China or adjacent impacted areas be asked about symptoms and potential exposure. The attached flow chart can assist with identifying students (or staff) who are potentially ill due to 2019-nCoV.

Students and staff with fever and cough (regardless of the cause) should not attend classes, or work until they are afebrile for at least 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication.

Please contact Disease Control at 951-358-5107 if you have any questions.

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