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Community Bulletin: Coronavirus Monitoring in Virginia

RICHMOND, VA - January 30 - The Virginia Asian Advisory Board (VAAB) advises the Asian community to adhere to the public health announcements from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (termed "2019-nCoV"). The illness was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and continues to expand.



About 2019-nCoV: Chinese health officials have reported hundreds of infections with 2019-nCoV in China, including outside of Hubei Province. Infections with 2019-nCoV also are being reported in a growing number of countries internationally, including the United States, where the first 2019-nCoV infection was detected in a traveler returning from Wuhan on January 21, 2020.

Cases Reported in Virginia: On January 27, 2020, the VDH received test results for the two Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) for 2019-nCoV in the Central Region of Virginia. The results from testing performed at the CDC were negative, indicating that the two individuals do not have the 2019-nCoV infection. Test results for a PUI in the Northern Region of Virginia are expected to be received later this week. At this time, Virginia continues to have no confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV. VDH will continue to monitor the situation and work with the CDC and local partners to detect and respond to any possible cases that might occur in Virginia.

Prevention and Treatment: There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- ◆ Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ◆ Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ◆ Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- ◆ Staying home when you are sick.
- ◆ Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- ◆ Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

These are everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of several viruses.



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The VAAB, as members of the Asian community, realizes that our communities engage in numerous events and/or travel this time of year. We urge our communities to exercise caution, stay abreast of the latest developments, and respond accordingly. Currently, the CDC [recommends](#) that travelers avoid all non-essential travel to China. Authorities in China are [imposing](#) quarantines and restricting travel throughout the country.

Those who are sick, especially with fever, cough, or respiratory illness should NOT travel and should seek medical care immediately.

For more information about the 2019-nCoV , please visit:

- ◆ [VDH 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)
- ◆ [CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)
- ◆ [World Health Organization](#) (includes Situation Reports)

For more information about the Virginia Asian Advisory Board, please visit:

- ◆ [Virginia Asian Advisory Board](#)

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