

Update on Novel Coronavirus

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An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) originated in Wuhan, China in late 2019. To date, a small number of cases have been documented outside of China, including a case in the United States.

This coronavirus can cause illness that is mild—a simple cold or upper respiratory infection that can be overcome—to more severe cases that can result in life-threatening pneumonia.

The University is monitoring the situation closely and is communicating proactively with individuals who may have traveled to or near the affected locations. We also know that U.S. health officials are screening travelers arriving from Wuhan to Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York's JFK, Chicago O'Hare, and Atlanta international airports, and in the coming days all flights from Wuhan to the United States will be redirected so their first port of entry is one of those five airports.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists the risk to the general American public as being low at this time, but it is also an evolving situation. Here is additional information and guidance about the virus from the CDC:

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

Anyone who may have been exposed to this infection and is having fever, cough or shortness of breath should contact UHS (585-275-2662) for advice on what to do.

University travelers abroad are reminded to [register their travel](#) with Global Engagement so that the University can connect with and support them in the event of an emergency abroad. For questions about University travel to and from China, please contact the Office of Global Engagement at 585-275-8699.