

# PROVIDER UPDATE #20- 039

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## 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed a second travel-related case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus has been detected in the United States.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing respiratory illness in people and others circulating among animals including camels, cats and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and person-to-person spread of 2019-nCoV is occurring, however, the immediate health risk from 2019-nCoV to the general American public is considered low at this time.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is closely monitoring events and partnering with local and federal agencies due to frequent travel among Los Angeles County residents and visitors to areas that might be impacted by this new virus.

**Recommendations for Healthcare Providers:** No vaccine or specific treatment for 2019-nCoV infection is available; *care is supportive*. The CDC clinical criteria for a 2019-nCoV patient under investigation (PUI) have been developed based on what is known about MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV and are subject to change as additional information becomes available.

Healthcare providers should obtain a detailed travel history for patients being evaluated with fever and acute respiratory illness. Resources for providers, including travel alert posters and a checklist for clinicians managing patients who may have 2019-nCoV, are available at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/nCorona2019.htm>

**Evaluation of Patients Under Investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV:** Patients in the United States who meet the following criteria should be evaluated as a PUI in association with the outbreak of 2019-nCoV in Wuhan City, China.

- 1) Fever AND symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)  
–and in the last 14 days before symptom onset,
  - History of travel from Wuhan City, China -**OR**-
  - Close contact with a person who is under investigation for 2019-nCoV while that person was ill.
- 2) Fever -**OR**- symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)  
–and in the last 14 days before symptom onset,
  - Close contact with an ill laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient.

### Reporting

#### Los Angeles County DPH Acute Communicable Disease Control:

- Weekdays 8:30am–5pm: call 213-240-7941.
- After-hours: call 213-974-1234 and ask for the physician on call.

#### Long Beach Health and Human Services:

- Weekdays 8am-5pm: call 562-570-4302.
- After hours: call the Duty Officer at 562-500-5537.

#### Pasadena Public Health Department:

- Weekdays 8am-5pm (closed every other Friday): call 626-744-6089.
- After hours: call 626-744-6043.

For more information about the current outbreak in China, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

For travel health information, visit <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/pneumonia-china>.

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