

# CORONAVIRUS AND TRAVEL

We are closely monitoring the growing coronavirus situation originating in Wuhan, China and its impact on inbound travel to the United States. Public health organizations both in the U.S. and abroad continue to assess whether further precautions are necessary. U.S. Travel encourages travelers and travel industry partners to monitor and follow guidance offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which at the moment continues to be very specific to travelers to and from central China. Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health on Wednesday (01.22.2020) described the health risk to the American public as “low,” and advised that no further special precautions in the U.S. are necessary at this time.

## Travel Industry Message Points 3 (as of 01/24/2020, 2:00 p.m. ET)

- The U.S. Travel Association is in contact with CDC officials and U.S. airport authorities regarding this growing situation.
- In an effort to contain the virus, Chinese authorities have restricted travel in 12 cities in central China, in addition to suspending public transportation services in Wuhan and nearby areas in central Hubei province.
- Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health [said late Wednesday](#) that the health risk to the U.S. is “low” and that no extraordinary measures are necessary at this time.
- Still, precautions initiated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are in place which are specific to travelers arriving from some parts of China.
  - Travelers are encouraged to follow guidance issued by official sources of public health information, such as the CDC. As of January 23, the CDC’s new coronavirus travel notice was moved back down to “[Level 1](#): Practice Usual Precautions” after having been at “Level 2”. The CDC has made clear that screening enhancements are specific to travelers to and from China.
  - Prior to the restriction of flights from Wuhan, CDC deployed personnel to five main U.S. entry ports—New York JFK, Los Angeles International, San Francisco International, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International and O’Hare International in Chicago—to conduct screening of passengers on direct and connecting flights from Wuhan, China. U.S. Travel will maintain close contact with airport authorities on this evolving situation.
- On January 23, the U.S. Department of State issued a [Level 4 Travel Advisory](#) specific to travel to the Hubei province (“Do not travel”).
- The CDC confirmed on January 21 the first case of Novel Coronavirus in the United States (in the state of Washington). On January 24, a second U.S. case was confirmed in Illinois. CDC press release [here](#).
- The World Health Organization (WHO), in a January 23 [Situation Report](#), assesses the risk of this event as “moderate” at the global level.
- Further, the WHO concluded following a [meeting](#) of its Emergency Committee on January 22, that the event did not constitute a public health emergency of international concern—but the Committee agreed on the urgency of the situation and will reconvene to examine the situation further.