CORONAVIRUS: GET THE FACTS

- Coronavirus is a respiratory illness that was first detected in the Hubei province city of Wuhan, China, in late December 2019
- At this time, the immediate risk to Americans is believed to be low
- Per a February 7 update, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that the coronavirus is not spreading in communities in the U.S. at this time and the agency is working to contain spread of the virus
- Effective February 2, the United States government temporarily suspended entry of foreign nationals who have traveled to China within the past 14 days
- U.S. citizens, residents and their immediate family members who have been in Hubei province and other parts of mainland China are allowed to enter the United States, but they are subject to health monitoring and possible quarantine for up to 14 days
- Though major U.S. air carriers have temporarily ceased flights to/from China, any other carriers currently operating flights from China are being funneled to 11 select U.S. airports
- U.S. citizens who have been in mainland China will be screened at these airports for risk and evidence of symptoms to ensure they receive medical care. If needed, potentially affected individuals may be government-quarantined or self-quarantined
- Cases have been reported in more than two dozen countries globally, including in the U.S.
- Symptoms include: fever, cough and difficulty breathing
- The virus can be spread via person-to-person contact
- The CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the People’s Republic of China (this does not include the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, or the island of Taiwan)
- The U.S. Department of State has issued a “Level 4: Do Not Travel” to China advisory
- On January 30, the World Health Organization determined the rapidly spreading outbreak constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern
- **All of the current expert advice indicates that travel within the U.S. can and should continue as normal**
- Travelers should strongly adhere to healthy travel practices, similar to recommendations associated with the U.S. flu season: wash hands often, cough into your elbow and sneeze into a tissue, avoid contact with people who may already be sick, etc.
- For more guidance, visit the CDC coronavirus [webpage](#)
A GUIDE FOR COMMUNICATING WITH TRAVELERS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

CORONAVIRUS: A GUIDE TO HEALTHY TRAVEL PRACTICES

- Avoid unnecessary travel to China
- Wash hands often
- Cough into your elbow and sneeze into a tissue
- Stay up-to-date on vaccinations
- Avoid contact with people who are already sick
- Avoid contact with animals while traveling
- Seek medical attention if you have traveled back from China and are experiencing the following symptoms: fever, cough, difficulty breathing
- Be aware of the latest travel advisories from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. State Department