COVID-19: GET THE FACTS

- COVID-19, also referred to as 'coronavirus,' is a respiratory illness that was first detected in the Hubei province city of Wuhan, China, in late December 2019
- Symptoms include: fever, cough and difficulty breathing
- The virus can be spread via person-to-person contact
- 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 information guidance, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) coronavirus (COVID-19) webpage

CDC Risk Level for Americans

- The risk to the American community remains low and there are currently no restrictions on travel within the U.S.

CDC Travel Guidance

- For the latest, visit CDC’s COVID-19 Information for Travel
- China: Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel (last updated February 22)
- South Korea: Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel (last updated February 25)
- Japan: Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions (last updated February 22)
- Hong Kong: Level 1, Practice Usual Precautions (issued February 19)
- Italy: Level 3, Practice Enhanced Precautions (last updated February 25)
- Iran: Level 3, Practice Enhanced Precautions
- Travelers should reconsider cruise ship voyages into or within Asia at this time
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TIMELINE OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

● **Mar. 3:** During a press conference, Vice President Pence said that ‘there has been no recommendation against any limitations on travel within the United States... the risk to the American public remains low.’

● **Mar. 2:** The U.S. expanded travel restrictions from Iran and heightened a travel advisory for certain regions of South Korea and Italy. Additional screening procedures are being implemented for people traveling from ‘high risk countries.’

● **Mar. 1:** American Airlines is suspending operations to and from Milan and Italy from JFK Airport and Miami International Airport and waiving change fees for anyone who purchases travel between March. 1-16. Delta Airlines have temporarily suspended flights between JFK and Milan until May 1 or 2, following a reduction to service between the U.S. and Seoul last week. United Airlines has suspended operations between U.S. and Beijing, Chengdu, Hong Kong and Shangai until Apr. 30.

● **Feb. 26:** President Trump and health officials held a press conference where he said the risk to Americans ‘remains very low.’ When asked about the impact on travel, the president responded that Americans will ‘travel to places we have’ stating America is ‘the greatest tourism country in the world.’

● **Feb. 25:** Following pre-scheduled budget hearings in the U.S. Senate, CDC announced that the American public should prepare for a possible pandemic outbreak in the U.S.

● **Feb. 22/23:** Italy, Iran, Japan and South Korea reported significant increases in the number of confirmed cases

● **Feb. 11:** WHO announced an official name for the disease: COVID-19

● **Feb. 6:** The U.S. Department of Defense identified military installations that can provide housing for quarantined passengers traveling to or returning to the U.S. through the airports screening for the coronavirus from China

  • 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

**COVID-19 U.S. Airports with Screening**

1. Los Angeles International  
2. San Francisco International  
3. Chicago O’Hare  
4. New York JFK  
5. Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International  
6. Houston George Bush Intercontinental  
7. Dallas-Fort Worth International  
8. San Diego International  
9. Seattle-Tacoma International  
10. Honolulu International  
11. Anchorage Ted Stevens International  
12. Minneapolis-St. Paul International  
13. Detroit Metropolitan  
14. Miami International  
15. Washington Dulles International  
16. Philadelphia International  
17. Newark Liberty International  
18. Boston Logan International  
19. El Paso International  
20. Puerto Rico’s San Juan Airport

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