



Case No. 2020-00717-FOIA-OS
American Oversight v. HHS, Civil No. 20-1169

October 10, 2023

Austin Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight
Sent via email: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the twenty-ninth interim response to your March 18, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

American Oversight requests that HHS produce the following records as soon as practicable, and at least within twenty business days:

All email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations) sent by the government officials specified below containing any of the following key terms:

1. Coronavirus
2. Corona
3. Virus
4. Disease
5. Pandemic
6. Epidemic
7. Outbreak
8. containment
9. "public health emergency"
10. "COVID-19"
11. "COVID 19"
12. COVID19
13. SARS
14. "2019-nCoV"
15. POTUS
16. Test
17. Tests
18. Testing
19. EUA
20. Emergency
21. Wuhan
22. Hoax
23. Hubei
24. Princess
25. Cruise
26. Kirkland
27. Seattle
28. "New Rochelle"
29. "BioGen Conference"
30. CPAC
31. AIPAC
32. RNA

33. "Extraction kits"
34. Roche
35. Vaccine
36. Antiviral
37. Antiretroviral
38. Quarantine
39. Distancing
40. Isolation
41. N95
42. Mask
43. Respirator

Government Officials

1. Alex Azar, Secretary
2. Brian Harrison, Chief of Staff
3. Eric Hargan, Deputy Secretary
4. Jerome Adams, Surgeon General
5. Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
6. John Brooks, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Drug Pricing Reform

On February 10, 2021, you narrowed your request per the following:

Eliminate attachments, documents regarding "Red Dawn" and obvious marketing and news bulletins

- a. Limit the date range of the following key terms as stand-alone search terms from January 15, 2020 through February 29, 2020. ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (Test OR Tests OR Vaccine OR EUA OR "Emergency Use" OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR "the WHO" OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR PPE OR Ventilators OR Respirators OR Swabs OR DPA OR "Defense Production Act" OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR "White House" OR "the WH")]]~~

- i. Coronavirus
- ii. Corona
- iii. "COVID-19"
- iv. "COVID 19"
- v. COVID19
- vi. "2019-nCoV"

~~vii. SARS~~

~~viii. Epidemic~~

~~ix. Pandemic~~

~~x. Outbreak~~

~~xi. "Public Health Emergency"~~

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- b. After March 1, 2020, for the key terms listed in Column A below (the same search terms as identified above), limit responsive records to those that also include one or more of the terms from Column B:

Column A	Column B
• Coronavirus • Corona • “COVID-19” • “COVID 19” • COVID19 • “2019-nCoV” • SARS • Epidemic • Pandemic • Outbreak • “Public Health Emergency”	• Test • Tests • Vaccine • Antiviral • Antiretroviral • EUA • “Emergency Use” • Shortage • Shortages • Supplies • “Emergency Use” • EUA • “the WHO” • “W.H.O.” • “World Health Organization” • States • Governor • Governors • PPE • Ventilators • Respirators • Swabs • DPA • “Defense Production Act”

- c. For the key terms that are in Column A below, limit responsive records to those that also include one or more of the terms from Column B, for the full time period of the search.

Column A	Column B
• Test • Tests • “Extraction Kits”	• CV19 • “CV-19” • C19 • “C-19” • Roche • RNA • Shortage • Shortages • Supplies • “Emergency Use” • “EUA” • “the WHO” • “W.H.O.” • “World Health Organization” • States • Governor • Governors • Kit • Kits • DPA • “Defense Production Act”

- d. ~~[~500 records] For the key terms that are in Column A below, limit responsive records to those that also include one or more of the terms from Column B, for the full time period of the search.~~

Column A	Column B
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• Vaccine • Antiviral • Antiretroviral	• CV19 • “CV-19” • C19 • “C-19” • “EUA” • “Emergency Use” • “DPA” • “Defense Production Act” • “the WHO” • “W.H.O.” • “World Health Organization”
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e. ~~[<50 records] For the key term “Emergency” limit responsive records to those that also include “DPA” or “Defense Production Act,” for the full time period of the search.~~

f. For the following key terms, please limit the time period as indicated:

i. Princess - February 1, 2020, through March 1, 2020 ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

~~ii. [~~150 records~~] Kirkland February 24, 2020, through March 24, 2020~~

~~iii. [~~750 records~~] Seattle February 24, 2020, through March 24, 2020~~

~~iv. [~~200 records~~] “New Rochelle” March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020~~

~~v. [~~<50 records~~] “BioGen Conference” March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020~~

~~vi. [~~50 records~~] CPAC February 21, 2020, through March 21, 2020~~

~~vii. [~~<50 records~~] AIPAC February 21, 2020, through March 21, 2020~~

g. For the following key terms, please run the search without any modifiers and using the full date range (i.e., no changes from original search)

i. Wuhan ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

ii. Hoax ~~[[no changes]]~~

iii. Hubei ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

iv. POTUS ~~[[no changes]]~~

v. Cruise ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

vi. Quarantine ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

vii. Distancing ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

~~viii. Isolation~~

ix. N95 ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (CV19 OR “CV-19” OR C19 OR “C-19” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “Emergency Use” OR “EUA” OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

x. Mask ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (CV19 OR “CV-19” OR C19 OR “C-19” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “Emergency Use” OR “EUA” OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

xi. Respirator ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (CV19 OR “CV-19” OR C19 OR “C-19” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “Emergency Use” OR “EUA” OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

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~~xiii. Containment~~

- h. Cut the following key terms completely: [[no changes]]
 - i. Disease
 - ii. Virus

The Department processed **409 pages** of potentially responsive records captured in the agency's search for FOIA request 2020-00717-FOIA-OS. After a careful review of these pages, I have determined to release **239 pages** to you in their entirety and I am further releasing in part **102 pages**, with portions redacted, pursuant to Exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(5) and (b)(6)). Furthermore, I have determined that **68 pages** should be sent for consultation to others and returned to this Department for final disposition.

FOIA exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. This exemption protects documents that would be covered by any privilege an agency could assert in a civil proceeding. These privileges include, among others, the deliberative process privilege, the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work-product privilege and the presidential communications privilege. I have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying the (b)(5) exemption.

FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits a federal agency to withhold information and records about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The definition of "similar files" has historically been broadly interpreted to include a wide variety of files, and the United States Supreme Court has held that Congress intended the term "similar files" to be interpreted broadly, rather than narrowly. I have analyzed these records and find they meet the threshold requirement of this exemption. Additionally, I have reviewed and weighed the public interest in disclosure of this information against the privacy interest in nondisclosure and found that the privacy interest outweighs the public's interest in disclosure.

I have found that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one or more of the exemptions to the FOIA's general rule of disclosure and/or that disclosure is prohibited by law.

We will continue to review the remaining records as efficiently and expeditiously as possible, consistent with our available resources. Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Department's response and/or the processing of your request, any such issues should be communicated to your legal counsel and Department of Justice Attorney representing the Department in this matter.

Sincerely,

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It is convened by the WHO. Typically members of the WHO Executive Committee and advisors.

For example, for Ebola it was:

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I'm not sure who is on the IHR EC.

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FYSA. Who is the U.S. representative to the IHR EC?

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Chief of Staff to the Surgeon General

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HHS International FYSA: Novel Coronavirus, Wuhan, China (Update #7)

The WHO Director General is convening the International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee (EC) for novel coronavirus 2019_nCoV (Wuhan, China) to discuss whether this event constitutes a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) and whether the Director-General should issue temporary recommendations on Wednesday, 22Jan20.

- **The meeting is only open to Members of the EC and to advisors and other experts informing the Committee.**
- **WHO will hold a press conference Wednesday, 22Jan20 to announce any recommendations coming from that meeting.**

The SOC will and **ASPR IHR program**, continue to monitor this incident and report as needed. *This message was sent to the SOC FYSA Distribution List.*

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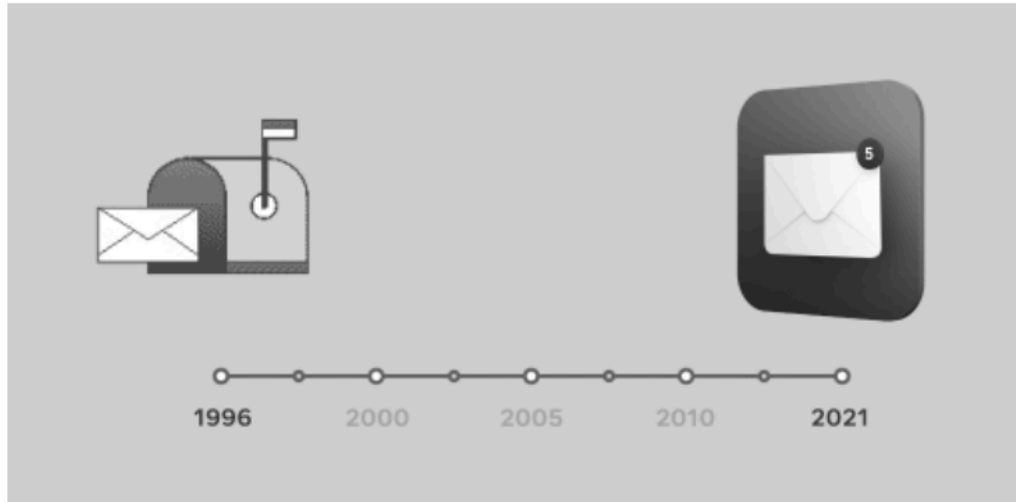
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Senators plead for volunteers in Iowa to step up as t



Monday night in Mason City, Iowa. (Ivan Alvarado/Reuters)

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) holds a town hall meeting on Monday night in Mason City, Iowa. (Ivan Alvarado/Reuters)



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BY JAMES HOHMANN
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THE BIG IDEA:

WAUKEE, Iowa – Sen. Amy Klobuchar’s political hero is Paul Wellstone. Evaluation was facing a tough fight in Minnesota to keep his Senate seat in 2002 after voting against county that includes Minneapolis. That allowed her to travel around the state with him. Y election, but he was also diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in that final year of his life.

“He would always run back and forth in parades, but that last year of his life he couldn’t run on Sunday night. “He would just stand on the back of his bus and wave. Here’s the amazing bus, hundreds of people, that you didn’t even notice that he wasn’t running himself. That’s

Klobuchar asked the crowd of 140 people to do that for her because the Minnesota senator Trump. **With some momentum, and an impressive list of endorsements, Klobuchar is my lot in life,” she said.**

All four of the senators still seeking the Democratic presidential nomination scrambled over campaigned in Iowa on Monday before flying to Washington, where they’re required to be over Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s proposed ground rules for the trial.

The 100 senators won’t be sequestered in a hotel for this jury duty, but they’ll be functioning even beyond the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 3.

“I’m going to be stuck in Washington for God knows how long so we need you to to the end of a 50-minute speech at the State Historical Museum of Iowa in Des Moines. “C

The independent senator from Vermont hoped he might be able to fly back to Iowa tomorrow for the day, but McConnell’s proposed rules mean that arguments could drag on past 1 Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) will headline events on Sanders’s behalf later in the week.

Sanders noted that “Us, not me” has been his 2020 slogan. “Ironically, the ‘us, not me,’ is not going to be able to be here as much as I would like, so you guys are going to have to



afternoon for a town hall meeting in Grimes, Iowa. (Brian Snyder/Reuters)

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) takes the stage on Monday afternoon for a town hall meeting in Grimes

It's undeniably terrible timing for jury duty, and Chief Justice John Roberts wouldn't dream of making such a request. They all insist that their day jobs, and sworn oaths, are

"There are things that are more important than politics," Sen. Elizabeth Warren said **School in Des Moines**, repeating a talking point she's used for weeks. When asked again, she took a wistful turn as she mused about how her time on the ground here has "changed" her. The

"I'll also miss the babies and the pinkie promises," Warren said. "I really have loved

talk about the issues that matter to them. This is the give-and-take that should really be a
billionaires and sucking up to billionaires. We need a democracy like the kind I've been al
changed me. And it's really strengthened my faith in what we can do in a democracy. So
I'll do my best."

Polls show impeachment is not top of mind for most caucusgoers. All the Democrats
so there's no contrast to highlight. But that does not mean voters don't care or are
become a social studies teacher, drove from Nebraska to volunteer for Warren. He wore
Pelosi clapping at Trump during last year's State of the Union. "Please let everyone in the

Later in the day, Warren used a candidate forum to emphasize her pledge that she
She singled out Gordon Sondland as the poster boy for why. Trump picked the Oregon ho
to the president's inauguration committee. Sondland became one of "the three amigos" in
Biden. "Ambassadorships should not be for sale," Warren said. "It's Washington corruption

Warren's closing argument is that she's the candidate most committed to, and cap
problem in Washington. She's promised for over a year to enact the biggest set of ethics
impeachment issue ripened over the past few months. Warren's campaign has aired two
before the House Intelligence Committee in November.

Warren unveiled her latest plan this morning, pegged to the impeachment trial, to a
says she will ask for the immediate resignations of all Trump political appointees on the d
establishment of a Justice Department task force that would have "independent authority"
officials accountable for illegal activity." She pledges to review the performance of indepe
justification to do so." And she promises an investigation into "federal contracting arrange
([Read Warren's eight-page proposal here.](#))

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candidate forum. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

Amy Klobuchar boards her bus in Des Moines on Sunday after a candidate forum. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

Klobuchar declines to rule out giving ambassadorships to her major donors, but she'll appoint to top jobs if she wins. Trump allegedly recalled Yovanovitch, a career Foreign Service officer, attorney Rudy Giuliani, an episode at the heart of the impeachment trial. "I personally know

The Minnesotan has perhaps the most to lose in Iowa from impeachment. She needs delegates. Klobuchar is straddling that threshold in the polls, trailing in fifth place behind V

Klobuchar is a grinder. During a recent three-day stretch, she visited 27 counties. "I would

Washington.

Her town hall in this Des Moines suburb had a somber vibe. Bob Dylan's downbeat "The Times They are a-Changin'" provided the musical fare at political events. She began her remarks by noting that the Green Bay Packers "are the only team I can relate," she said.

Speaking at an "innovation center" in an office park, with an icy parking lot and subzero temperatures, Klobuchar was also serving as a juror. "I always tell people that I'm a mom, and I can do two things at once," she said.

In the coming days, Klobuchar promises to push hard for the Senate to call witnesses. "If I can be a queen with a crown and a scepter," Klobuchar said, repeating one of her lines from last week's Democratic caucus.

Supporters hope that Klobuchar can use the national platform to bolster her standing in the state. Waukegan, Ill. "How much it would help her to be here, I don't know. But I'm glad to have her come and hopefully influence people."

Dan Looker, 72, said after listening to Klobuchar's speech that he will heed her call to action. Looker is a retired business editor of Successful Farming magazine, who lives in Des Moines, has been sober since 2010, and has cut back on his drinking. Looker thinks the senior senator from Minnesota proved her mettle by not getting drunk at the caucus. "She got assaulted – asked her if she's ever been blackout drunk. Kavanaugh subsequently apologized to her," he said. "If she can do that, anyone who lives in Iowa has seen lots of ads for all the candidates," he said. "If she can do that, she's got the edge."



during the 2020 Iowa Brown & Black Democratic Presidential Forum about race-related issues on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (Salwan George

Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) answers questions on Monday during the 2020 Iowa Brown & Black Democratic Presidential Forum about race-related issues on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (Salwan Georges/The Washington Post)

Sen. Michael Bennet has mostly focused on New Hampshire, but he was in Iowa on Monday. The senator from Colorado said he's not raised enough money to pay for the private planes that he's chartering. "If I had the money to charter, I might go with them, but I can't afford one myself," Bennet joked after the forum. "We've got to make sure we take the time to take it seriously and we cannot let the campaigning

Bennet emphasized that he'll "mostly" be in the Granite State when the trial is not going on.



at the State Historical Museum of Iowa in Des Moines. (Salwan Georges)

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) speaks during a rally on Monday night at the State Historical Museum of Iowa.

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Impeachment is shaping up to be an early test of Sanders's theory of the case for 2020, thereby engaging them in the political process, who won't support an establishment

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Sanders recalled taking a bus from Chicago to Washington, D.C. "It's a kind of sanitizes what Dr. King was all about," Sanders said. "He was a political revolution. This campaign is a campaign different than other campaigns, is that we are not just here to defeat Donald Trump, the revolution is."

Sanders's microphone cut out a dozen times during his stump speech at the historic Lincoln Memorial. Perturbed, the senator kept talking without the speakers on. His supporters quieted, straining to hear the structure. "As president, I intend to not only be the commander-in-chief of the military," he said.

He emphasized that his volunteers have a duty to step up in his absence because he needs their help. "I believe we can, then I think we're going to win in New Hampshire," Sanders said. "And in Nevada, we're going to do very well in South Carolina. And then we're going to win in California and Iowa."

Shari Hawk, a retired nurse who lives in the suburb of Ankeny, will be a precinct captain for Sanders.

even got asked to leave a shopping center a few days ago where she was canvassing for voters into Sanders supporters before management told her to skedaddle. **She acknowledges the drawbacks of his absence are obviated somewhat by the work she and other volunteers build up a winning organization in the state.** “It still bothers me, though, because nobody can know his surrogates can raise the roof.”

Brit Voss, 30, is less worried about the politics of the impeachment trial than the boycott of the country to sell merchandise at his events. She said they give some of their proceeds as a “boycott have rallies,” Voss said. “It means we’re not going to have rallies to go sell our merchandise, does that mean? At this point, it seems like it’s all kind of a facade because Republicans are never



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for a walk-through of the Senate floor in preparation for the impeachment

The House impeachment managers make their way to the Senate for a walk-through of the Senate floor

THE LATEST ON IMPEACHMENT:

-- **Trump's defense team is working behind the scenes with Senate GOP allies to ensure Democrats win enough votes to force witnesses.** Robert Costa and Rachael Bade report that the plan is to move Bolton's testimony to a classified setting because of national security concerns. Trump's attorneys would have to request such a step, according to one official, adding that such a move, among some Senate Republicans in recent days, is seen as a final tool against Bolton because, if it fails, said, would come a fierce battle in the courts. ... Trump has said he would assert executive

conversations with Republican lawmakers that it could appeal to federal courts for an injunction.

-- **Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) didn't release the draft ground rules** **written to wrap up the trial as quickly as possible.** Seung Min Kim and Karoun Demirjian

opening arguments, starting on Wednesday but compressed into two session days. **It is not until testimony past midnight.** After the House managers and Trump's lawyers make their case, both sides will debate for a maximum of four hours on whether to consider subpoenaing witnesses. If senators agree, then there will probably be motions from both sides to call various witnesses.

"The resolution also allows Trump's team to move to dismiss the charges at any time." doing so is allowed under standard impeachment trial rules. The Senate trial also won't be a big difference from the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton ... Though the material will be different, a majority of senators approve it. The resolution infuriated Democratic senators, with Sen. Chuck Schumer calling it 'a disgrace' and accusing McConnell of shrouding testimony and rushing the trial. ...

"The proceedings Tuesday will formally begin with a debate over the McConnell resolution." opportunity to debate the proposed rules, while Schumer is expected to offer changes to the rules. Democrats at the outset. Democrats could also push for more than one vote on witnesses. The resolution was written by McConnell. Once those parameters are set, the formal arguments will begin."

-- **A CNN poll finds that 69 percent of Americans want to hear from witnesses during the trial** to remove Trump from office, with 45 percent say senators should vote against conviction and 54 percent say they should not.

-- **An NPR poll shows that 51 percent of Americans think Trump has personally endangered the United States** is not very prepared or not prepared at all to keep November's election on track.

-- **Dueling filings: Trump's legal team argued in a 171-page legal brief that the two impeachments were** **acquittal in a "rigged process."** In their own 111-page brief, the House's seven impeachment managers argued there was no underlying crime. Democrats point to the Government Accountability Office report that

The new Republican talking point is that senators should only pay attention to evidence that

-- **Both sides did walk-throughs of the Senate chamber on Monday, and the White House is preparing Trump's defense.** They will make his case on cable news, not the Senate floor, but as other senators like Jim Jordan (Ohio), Debbie Lesko (Ariz.), Mark Meadows (N.C.), John Ratcliffe (Tex.), Elis

-- **A lawyer for Rudy Giuliani's former associate Lev Parnas said Attorney General William Barr is in a criminal case.** Joseph Bondy cites references to the attorney general in Trump's July 25

-- **The trove of messages released in recent days from Parnas reveal his wide reach.** Natalie Gryvnyak report: "The connections read like a who's who of Ukraine's political elite, including security services, two former top prosecutors and one of Ukraine's richest men. Parnas's travels to Vienna, Israel, Paris and Madrid, always, he has claimed, with Giuliani's consent and Trump's officials to cooperate stumbled. Giuliani and Parnas struggled and failed to get a meeting with Zelensky's administration went unanswered, Parnas, left hanging, responded with double

-- **Trump made 16,241 false or misleading claims during his first three years in the White House.**

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Gun rights activists descend on Virginia capital

DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS THAT SHOULDN'T BE OVERSHADOWED:

-- Thousands of gun rights advocates descended upon the Virginia Capitol carrying

Schneider, Laura Vozzella, Patricia Sullivan and Michael Miller report: "Armed militias can

Protesters without firearms filed through 17 metal detectors at a single entrance to Capitol

fiery speeches about the Second Amendment. ... Intelligence from law enforcement about

presence. The crackdown also made Northam (D) a symbol of the country's cultural and p

'radical Ralph' and photoshopped into a Nazi uniform. ... Inside the white-columned Capi

pages had the day off for safety; there was a skeleton staff but a beefed-up police presen

“Public safety officials said there were about 16,000 people, based on how many bl there were twice that many. Authorities reported no major incidents and only a single ar presence of numerous out-of-state militia and extremist groups that had threatened violer been set up on the street, inscribed with the words: ‘The penalty for treason is death.’ ... l than 100 gathering for dinner and prayers in a remote part of Henrico County. Vehicles in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey and more. ... **There were almost no signs of c** confronted a teen carrying an oversize long gun. ‘Why do you need to have that gun?’ the hands and walked off peacefully.”

-- The rally followed a weekend of gun violence across the nation:

- • In Hawaii, a shooting left two officers dead at a Honolulu home tha others unaccounted for, officials said. (Marisa Iati and Hannah Know)
- • In San Antonio, an assailant shot and killed two people and wound and will be charged with murder, police said. (Michael Brice-Saddler)
- • In Kansas City, Mo., a gunman opened fire on a line of people outs security guard shot and killed him. (Michael Brice-Saddler and Reis)

-- As Virginia grapples with the gun control proposals that drew such crowds to its some of the strictest in the nation. Bills that face favorable prospects include a ban on to be subject to background checks. (Erin Cox)

-- Secretary of the Navy nominee Kenneth Braithwaite may have had an undisclosed

“Braithwaite ... made no mention of an agreement in his required government disclosure and unpaid position he held outside government within the two prior calendar years before

-- The religious-schools case is heading to the Supreme Court, testing the constitutionality of tax credit funding available to others and further escalating the debate on school choice. [Robert](#)

deductible donations can help children attending the state’s private schools, most of which are private. That, as in 37 other states, it is reasonable for its constitution to prohibit direct or indirect aid to religious schools is increasingly skeptical of such stark lines between church and state. A majority of justices in the Montana case is prompted by a 2011 state program that rehabilitated playgrounds. ... The Montana case is prompted by a 2011 law that wanted to donate to a scholarship fund.”

-- State senators in Oklahoma want “Make America Great Again” license plates, a new

licenses would, if approved by the state legislature, be added to a list of 98 other specialty plates. The designated organization that matches the theme of the plate, although two senators support the president’s reelection bid but would instead be split between two veterans groups. The Oklahoma agreement with a corporation designated by Trump. ([Katie Mettler](#))



Central American migrants cross river into Mexico

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- **U.S.-bound Central American migrants clashed with Mexican forces at the Guatemala-Mexico border north.** Kevin Sieff reports: "Mexican National Guard troops deployed along the banks of the river as migrants crossed onto Mexican soil. The caravan, which formed last week in Honduras, presented a new test for Mexican authorities. The government would step up enforcement, even as President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said he would not. The caravan appeared to be the largest in more than a year, and its size has posed a particular challenge for the government."

-- **Trump arrived in Davos overnight and immediately took a victory lap, taking credit for his economic record, jobs and income.** Heather Long reports: "Trump ran through economic statistics with a sense of triumph, claiming he had bested his predecessors and defied his skeptics. .. Trump, who has called climate change a hoax, said he would not sign a new climate agreement until he had more information."

he did call for rejecting ‘the perennial prophets of doom and their predictions of the apocalyptic swi

swipe at ‘radical socialism,’ his term for Democratic ideas about health care, education and injecting optimism’ into the discussion. ... Trump got a polite but not enthusiastic reception

-- **The global economy is likely to rebound in 2020, but the International Monetary Fund** expected to hit 3.3 percent this year, the IMF predicted. That is up from 2.9 percent last year. But [at the World Economic Forum], as top business and political leaders gather in this ski resort, Kristalina] Georgieva warned that the record or near-record levels of wealth inequality in the world, the rapid advancement of technology, feels a lot like the 1920s, which ultimately led to financial crisis. “If unemployment is low and growth is decent, to address bigger problems in the economy.”

-- **Sanders and Warren are not attending the annual gathering of global elites and business leaders.** Long reports: “Leaders of large corporations are eager to show they are doing so. ... changes that Sanders and Warren are proposing. ... **For the first time, ‘climate action plan’ which is based on a survey of more than 1,000 key business and political figures.** ... protesters take to the streets in Switzerland holding signs that say ‘Eat the Rich,’ there’s a sense here are committing to concrete solutions.”

-- **At Davos, teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg said “pretty much nothing has been done.”** cannot solve it,” she said. “It will require much more than this, this is just the very beginning

-- **Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou, facing extradition to the United States.** reports: Under Canadian law, to ‘commit’ Meng for extradition, the allegations must meet the United States must also be considered crimes in Canada. Meng’s legal team told Associated Press that the case is about fraud, and that the case is really about the United States trying to enforce its sanctions against Iran. ... agreed to begin extradition.”

-- **Iran has asked the U.S. and French authorities for equipment to download information from**

weeks ago. ([Reuters](#))

-- **The Brexit deal has received a setback in the House of Lords after three amendments**

-- **China is trying to close the city at the center of a mystery virus that has claimed** :
be spread from person to person, so they're trying to limit travel in and out of the city of Wuhan.

-- **Norway Prime Minister Erna Solberg lost her parliamentary majority after the right**

[Noack reports](#): "The right-wing protest move came in response to the controversial repatriation of a suspect.
The unnamed 29-year-old suspect was arrested upon her return but is denying the accusations. The move
put Solberg's government at further risk of accusations that she handled the case recklessly."

-- **Seven members of a hiking group are still missing after an avalanche hit the Himalayas**

government officials have joined tourism groups, locals and others to look for the four Slovaks. "The
lives were in jeopardy' to safety, Nepal's tourism department said in a statement. But an avalanche
prevented a military helicopter with rescue teams from landing Monday..."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Trump's legal team took a tour of the impeachment battleground:



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Alan Dershowitz, the liberal lawyer Trump tapped for his defense team, didn't represent C



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Senate if you were in charge

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The Office of Legal Counsel has become more politicized than ever under Barr, coming up with legal justifications for Trump's actions. I noticed that Trump's team wasn't particularly careful about details in its brief:



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White House brief has 37 pages
yesterday, in its appendix
issued prior to 10/31/19
not a formal impeachment



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January 18, 2020

**MEMORANDUM FOR PAT A. CIPOLLONE
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT**

Re: House Committees' Authority to Investigate for Impeachment

On September 24, 2019, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi "announced" that "the House of Representatives is moving forward with an official inquiry into the President's actions and that she was 'directing . . . six Congressional committees to conduct investigations under that umbrella of impeachment.'"¹ Thereafter, the House Committee on Foreign Affairs issued a subpoena to the Secretary of State to produce a series of documents related to the recent conduct of the United States and Ukraine. See Subpoena of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, H. Rept. 116-246, 116th Cong. (2019). In an accompanying letter, three committee chairmen stated that they jointly sought these documents, not in connection with legislative oversight, but in connection with the House's impeachment inquiry.² In the following days, the House issued subpoenas to the Acting White House Chief of Staff, the Secretary of Energy, and several others within the Executive Branch.



Max Kennerly ✓
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The Trump / Barr OLC doesn't have the pretense of lawfulness. OLC supposedly "memorializes" the lawfulness of what they advised Trump to ignore. Judge Rao's dissent in an unpublished opinion, 13, 2019. 😞

ANALYSTS (INCLUDING CHIEF OF COUNSEL) HAVE REVIEWED THE MATTER AND CONCLUDE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ACTIONS ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND THE PRIVILEGES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGAINST DEFECTIVE SUBPOENAS—BASED ON ADVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. Accepting that theory would do lasting damage to the separation of powers.

I. President Trump Properly Asserted Executive Branch Privileges.

Contrary to the mistaken charge that the President lacked "lawful cause or excuse" to resist House Democrats' subpoenas,³ the President acted only after seeking advice from the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) and based on established legal principles and precedents.

a. Several Executive Branch officials refused to comply with subpoenas purportedly issued pursuant to an "impeachment inquiry" before the House had authorized any such inquiry. Because the OLC advised that the subpoenas were unconstitutional and had no legal force,⁴

¹ H.R. Comm. on the Judiciary, *Impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States*, H.R. Rep. No. 116-246, 116th Cong. (2019) (HRC Report).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* at 113, see also Trial Mem. of the U.S. House of Representatives at 4.

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Good afternoon All,

Please see the Media Advisory below, Dr. Nancy Messonnier, will brief out an update on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2019 Novel Coronavirus response.

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CDC Telebriefing: Update on 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

What The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will provide an update on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus response.

Who Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

When 2 p.m. ET Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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TRANSCRIPT

A transcript will be available following the briefing at CDC's web site: www.cdc.gov/media.

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Good afternoon Dr. Kadlec

Open source media is reporting:

- CDC is expected to announce that the first case of 2019 novel coronavirus has been reported in the United States.
- The first case appears to be reported in Washington state.

Link to alert in First Alert: <https://firstalert.dataminr.com/#alertDetail/6/850845679-1579630380000-3>

The SOC will continue to monitor this situation and provide updates as needed.

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<https://us.cnn.com/2020/01/21/health/wuhan-coronavirus-first-us-case-cdc-bn/index.html>

(CNN)The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expected to announce this afternoon that the first case of Wuhan coronavirus has been reported in the United States, in Washington state, a federal source outside the CDC tells CNN.

The source is involved in the matter and was made aware of a CDC media briefing scheduled for later today.

The novel virus, which was first identified last month in Wuhan, China, has so far infected more than 300 people and killed six, in an outbreak that has been reported in five countries -- now including the United States.

It is unclear if this person recently traveled to China, where and how they became infected, and if this person has transmitted the virus to anyone else in the United States.

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First case of deadly China virus identified in U.S.

By Dan Diamond

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The CDC today will announce that a case of a new Chinese virus has been detected in the United States, two individuals familiar with the announcement told POLITICO.

The agency has scheduled a 2 p.m. briefing with reporters, where scientists are expected to announce that the deadly coronavirus is spreading through human-to-human contact, the individuals said.

The mystery virus, which was first reported in the city of Wuhan in late December, has sickened more than 200 people, claimed at least four lives and spread to at least four other nations. The virus causing the disease is the same general type that caused an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, in 2003, as well as some forms of the common cold.

CDC did not immediately respond to request for comment. CNN first reported that there was a U.S. case, in Washington state.

The World Health Organization on Wednesday will consider whether to declare an emergency declaration over the new virus. HHS Secretary Alex Azar also is expected to soon decide whether to declare a public health emergency in the United States.

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Good Afternoon Dr. Kadlec -

Please see below the message sent to USG IHR Stakeholders seeking their review of the potential PHEIC event. The IHR Program will seek your approval for transmission of the message to WHO (**estimate between 1830 and 2000 tonight**), once USG IHR Stakeholders provide their comments. **This message is for your situational awareness and no action is required.**

On Behalf of the IHR Program,

Adam Tewell

ASPR IHR Program / U.S. NFP Management Team

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Dear USG IHR Stakeholders,

Please advise in the by **1800 January 21, 2020** (Eastern Standard Time) if you have any questions or comments.

The U.S. International Health Regulations (IHR) National Focal Point requests your review of the attached pending notification of a potential public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC). Subsequent to this review period, we will request the approval of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, who serves as the IHR Message Authorizing Official, to send this notification to the World Health Organization.

Event information

The IHR Program has been notified of a potential PHEIC involving a Chinese citizen in the United States who tested positive for nCoV.

Title: Confirmation of novel coronavirus (nCoV)

Location: United States

PHEIC notification criteria met:

Criteria 1- Public health impact of the event is serious

Criteria 2- Event is unusual/unexpected

Criteria 3 –Significant Risk of International Spread

Criteria 4- Significant Risk of Travel or Trade Restrictions

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Chinese authorities first identified the new coronavirus, which has resulted in about 200 confirmed human infections and three reported deaths in China. A number of countries, including the United States, are actively screening incoming travelers from Wuhan, and exported cases have been confirmed in Thailand, Japan, and South Korea. The first case confirmed case in the United States was announced on January 21, 2020.

United States Patient Case Summary:

35 year old otherwise healthy male, Chinese citizen, traveled from the United States to Wuhan, China on November 26, 2019. He returned to the United States on January 15, 2020 and began to experience symptoms on January 16, 2020. He had normal chest x-ray and a negative test for influenza virus. He did not report exposure to ill persons, livestock or seafood/animal markets while in China. Due to travel to Wuhan, he was tested for nCoV (and was discharged home with instructions for home isolation). The patient specimen, acquired on January 19, 2020, was sent overnight to CDC and on January 20, 2020 tested positive for nCoV. CDC is actively coordinating with state and local health departments on the response.

Very respectfully,

U.S. IHR National Focal Point

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As you can see from time stamps looks like the 1230 large briefing had just ended . . .

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CDC expected to announce first US case of Wuhan coronavirus

By CNN staff

Updated 1:28 PM ET, Tue January 21, 2020

(CNN)The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expected to announce this afternoon that the first case of Wuhan coronavirus has been reported in the United States, in Washington state, a federal source outside the CDC tells CNN.

The source is involved in the matter and was made aware of a CDC media briefing scheduled for later today.

The novel virus, which was first identified last month in Wuhan, China, has so far infected more than 300 people and killed six, in an outbreak that has been reported in five countries -- now including the United States.

It is unclear if this person recently traveled to China, where and how they became infected, and if this person has transmitted the virus to anyone else in the United States.

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Scientists are expected to announce that the deadly coronavirus is spreading through human-to-human contact.

By **DAN DIAMOND**

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First Wuhan Coronavirus Patient Identified in the United States

A person in Washington State is infected with a new respiratory virus. The outbreak began at a market in China and now has spread to at least four other countries.

By **Roni Caryn Rabin**

• • Jan. 21, 2020 Updated 1:57 p.m. ET

A person in Washington State is infected with the Wuhan coronavirus, the first confirmed case in the United States of a mysterious respiratory infection that has killed at least six people and sickened hundreds more in Asia.

The man is a resident of Snohomish County, Wash., who experienced symptoms after returning from a trip to the region around Wuhan, China, where the outbreak began. He was hospitalized with pneumonia last week, and infection with the coronavirus was confirmed on Monday afternoon.

Local officials declined to identify the patient, who was said to be quite ill.

News of the first case in the United States comes amid growing evidence that the virus spreads from person to person, although it is not clear how easily.

The outbreak, which began in a seafood and poultry market in Wuhan, a city of 11 million, is spreading: Patients have been identified in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen, as well as Taiwan, Japan, Thailand and South Korea.

On Tuesday, Chinese authorities confirmed that six people have died of the infection in Wuhan. Nearly 300 cases have been reported to date in China. Many of the patients lived in or traveled to Wuhan.

The World Health Organization will meet tomorrow to decide whether to declare the outbreak an international public health emergency. But information about the new virus is still thin, and it's not clear whether or how many Americans are at risk.

"There are still more questions that we don't know the answers to than things we do know," said Dr. William Schaffner, a professor of preventive medicine and infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

"For example, what is the source? We don't know exactly. The location likely was the live animal market, but we don't know the particular animal."

The more pressing and urgent question, he said: "How frequent is human-to-human transmission?"

In one instance a patient appears to have infected 14 health care workers in a medical facility, but that individual may have been a "super-spreader," he said. "Could people with mild infections transmit this virus from person to person? That all remains still under investigation."

On Monday, Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville changed its electronic prompts so that any patients coming in to its hospital, emergency room or clinics with a fever or respiratory symptoms will be asked whether they have been to China recently or have had contact with anyone who has recently traveled to China.

Hospitals around the country are likely taking similar steps, Dr. Schaffner said, in an effort to quickly identify infected patients and place them in isolation so they can be cared for safely by hospital workers, and so specimens can be collected for testing.

Dr. Schaffner cautioned anyone traveling to China to avoid visiting live animal markets and to keep a distance from all live animals, including domesticated farm animals. Travelers to China should practice lots of good hand hygiene, he added, and do their best to avoid anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

Reporting was contributed by Mike Baker in Seattle.

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First U.S. case of potentially deadly Chinese coronavirus confirmed in Washington state

By [Lena H. Sun](#) National reporter focusing on health [Email](#) [Follow](#) **January 21 at 1:48pm ET**

A man in Washington state has been diagnosed with the mysterious virus, the first case confirmed in the United States of an illness that began in China last month and **has killed at least six people** and sickened hundreds more, according to people familiar with the investigation.

The man is in **stable condition**. He arrived in the United States **last week**, before federal health officials began **screening travelers** from the central Chinese city of Wuhan at Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York's John F. Kennedy international airports.

The outbreak **has grown rapidly in recent days**, with authorities in China reporting confirmed cases in multiple cities as hundreds of millions of people in China and elsewhere in Asia are on the move in the run-up to the Lunar New Year, the biggest migration event in the world.

The World Health Organization is **meeting Wednesday to decide whether to declare** the outbreak an international public health emergency.

The CDC is expected to announce details about the U.S. case **in a 2 p.m. news conference**. Neither his identity, nor his travel route have been publicly released.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses ranging from the common cold to much more serious diseases, which can infect both humans and animals, according to WHO. The strain spreading in China is related to two other coronaviruses that have caused major outbreaks in recent years: Middle East respiratory syndrome, also known as **MERS**, and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or **SARS**.

Symptoms of a coronavirus infection include respiratory problems, difficulties breathing, fever and cough, and can lead to severe cases of **pneumonia, kidney failure**, acute respiratory syndrome (when fluid builds up in the lungs) and **death**.

The elderly, young and those with an already weakened immune system are at a higher risk of developing severe lower-respiratory tract diseases, like bronchitis and pneumonia, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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New coronavirus infects health workers, spreads to Korea ... **Jan 20, 2020 ... 3:20pm ET**

A Chinese health official said today that **14 healthcare workers** have been infected with the Wuhan-linked novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), **bolstering evidence of human-to-human spread** and spurring new questions about virus circulation against a backdrop of other winter respiratory illnesses.

In addition, **South Korea** early this morning reported its first 2019-nCoV case, as the number of outbreak-related cases grew in other Chinese cities, including Beijing and Shanghai, pushing the nation's total to **218**.

The **quickly evolving outbreak** prompted the World Health Organization (WHO) to announce that it will convene an emergency committee **on Jan 22** to see if developments warrant a public health emergency of international concern under International Health Regulations.
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The current situation relates to an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus in Wuhan, China.

CDC confirmed the first case of Novel Coronavirus in the United States:

- **35 year old male traveled from the U.S. to Wuhan, China on 26Nov20, returned to Seattle, WA on 15Jan20.**
- **Begin experiencing symptoms on 16Jan20.**
- **Specimen taken and sent to CDC on 19Jan20, confirmed positive for nCoV on 20Jan20.**
- **CDC is actively engaged with state and local health departments.**
- **CDC transitioned at 0800ET on 21Jan20 from center-level response to agency-level response in support of 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response.**

The SOC and ASPR IHR program will continue to monitor this incident and report as needed.
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Hello WSJ and WashPost ... please call these people and ask them if and when they plan to fund this nVoC Vaccine Offer?

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Special Assistant to AFauci@NIAID.NIH.GOV ... Patty Conrad at (301) 496-6416 conradpa@niaid.nih.gov

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Hello Ms. Conrad, I hope that NIH is funding several nCoV vaccine candidates that include a few vaccine candidates that use this T-4 Phage Head Vaccine Platform ... ??? Please see this Attachment.

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Question: Can ... BARDA and/or AHRQ assist with some of the Emergency Funding?

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Thank you for your excellent reporting!

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New coronavirus infects health workers, spreads to Korea ... Jan 20, 2020 ... 3:20pm ET

A Chinese health official said today that **14 healthcare workers** have been infected with the Wuhan-linked novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), bolstering evidence of human-to-human spread and spurring new questions about virus circulation against a backdrop of other winter respiratory illnesses.

I can put WHO in contact with **at least three (3) of the Authors** from this important Attached Document.

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Gentlemen,

I hope that NIH is funding several **nCoV vaccine candidates** that include a few vaccine candidates that use this T-4 Phage Head Vaccine Platform ... ??? This could get out-of-control, like SARS and MERS.

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Gentlemen, I hope you will use the T-4 Phage Head Platform for this. Good luck, Clark

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This posting is communicated by Edward C. Holmes, University of Sydney on behalf of the consortium led by Professor Yong-Zhen Zhang, Fudan University, Shanghai

The Shanghai Public Health Clinical Center & School of Public Health, in collaboration with the Central Hospital of Wuhan, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, the Wuhan Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute for

Communicable Disease Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control, and the University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia is releasing a coronavirus genome from a case of a respiratory disease from the Wuhan outbreak. The sequence has also been deposited on GenBank (accession MN908947) and will be released as soon as possible.

The sequence can be downloaded here:

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Below is from:

<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/01/china-releases-genetic-data-new-coronavirus-now-deadly>

China releases genetic data on new coronavirus, now deadly ... Jan 11, 2020

In quickly moving developments last night, health officials from Wuhan, China, posted a novel coronavirus (nCoV) pneumonia outbreak update, which scaled back the number of cases to 41 and **noted the first death**, and researchers from China released the genetic sequence of the nCoV.

And this morning the World Health Organization (WHO) released several interim guidance documents, including advice on travel, lab testing, and medical evaluation.

Michael T. Osterholm, PhD, MPH, said he's pleased to see that health officials and scientists in China have released as much information as they have. He said the main focus now turns toward identifying the animal species that transmitted nCoV to humans and determining whether exposure to those animals poses a threat of outbreaks in other areas.

Osterholm is director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, which publishes CIDRAP News.

The patient who died is apparently a 61-year-old man who had chronic liver disease and was a frequent customer at the market at the center of the investigation, according to a translation of a Chinese media report posted on Twitter by Hayes Luk, PhD, a microbiologist at the University of Hong Kong.

So far 739 close contacts have been identified for monitoring, 419 of them medical staff. No related cases have been detected.

Investigators haven't found any clear evidence of human-to-human spread, and no infections have been found in healthcare workers. Most of the patients were workers at the seafood market at the center of the outbreak, which also sold **life animals** and **meat** from **wildlife**. The most recent illness was reported on Jan 3.

Genetic findings, search for more clues

Chinese scientists submitted the gene sequencing data for posting on ... <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=3bf99696-67ad8fea-3bf9a7a9-0cc47adc5fa2-08c401354f928fc7&u=http://www.virological.org/> ... a hub for prepublication data designed to assist with public health activities and research. Earlier this week, they announced that they had isolated and fully sequenced the virus, setting off calls for full release of the details. The post was communicated by Edward Holmes, PhD, with the University of Sydney, on behalf of a Chinese group led by Yong-Zhen Zhang, PhD, with Fudan University in Shanghai.

Since the release of the gene sequences, coronavirus experts have been pouring over them looking for clues on where the Wuhan nCoV came from, how lab officials might test for it, and how it might behave.

Vineet Menachery, PhD, with the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) said on Twitter that nCoV appears to be a group 2B coronavirus, which puts it in the same family as the SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) virus.

Andrew Rambaut, PhD, administrator of Virological.org and professor of molecular evolution at the University of Edinburgh, said on Twitter that nCoV is 89% similar to SARS-related bat coronavirus in the *Sarbecovirus* group of betacoronaviruses. "But that doesn't mean it comes from bats. MERS-CoV is 88% identical to the nearest known bat virus, and MERS is endemic in camels."

He said though bat viruses span coronavirus diversity and bats are a dominant host in much of the evolutionary history, the link to bats was a distraction when looking for the source of human MERS-CoV (Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus) cases.

Another question that the gene sequences could shed light on is the size of the animal source population, Rambaut said. For example, if the 10 genomes so far are nearly identical, then all patients were probably exposed to the same few animals.

Regarding early prospects for testing, **Menachery** noted that the nucleocapsid protein for coronaviruses is highly conserved across coronavirus families, and the N protein of nCoV is about 90% conserved with the SARS N protein. Though less than some other coronaviruses, the

similarity may signal nCoV cross-reactivity with the SARS N protein. If there is cross-reactivity, commercially available SARS N protein might allow screening of patient sera.

In a follow-up, **Menachery** said testing for the antibody for the N protein may be effective, but it would need to be tested and verified. Though it's not clear if there are commercial tests that look for the N protein, the N protein is available and could be used to look for exposure in human blood samples. "It is not as good as making N protein specific to the new virus, but a quick and dirty way to test for exposure," he said.

WHO travel, medical guidance

This morning the WHO on Twitter acknowledged the new information from Wuhan health officials and added that Chinese authorities narrowed the number of cases from the earlier 59 illnesses with the use of a genomic test kit.

It also provided preliminary guidance to help countries prepare for nCoV cases, including travel and trade advice. The WHO urges international travelers to practice usual precautions and calls for no restriction on international travel.

On its coronavirus page, the agency posted several interim technical documents for nCoV, which cover the case definition, laboratory guidance, infection prevention and control, risk communications, a readiness checklist, and a disease commodity package.

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HOST: Lou Dobbs

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Thank you!!

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All added !
Thanks Caitlin

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 6:33 PM, Oakley, Caitlin B. (OS/ASPA) <Caitlin.Oakley@hhs.gov>wrote:

Could we please add a dial in for the 7pm and add Dr. Redfield & Martin Cetron to the invite for media prep?

Thank you!

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Media Prep 7:00-7:20 PM

WHAT: Live TV Interview with Fox Business's *Lou Dobbs Tonight*

WHEN: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:30 PM Eastern

DURATION: Approx. 10 minutes

WHERE: HHS Studio

HHS STAFF: Caitlin Oakley, 202-868-9798

TOPICS: Trump Administration healthcare accomplishments—3rd year anniversary of President Trump's Inauguration; Coronavirus from China; and SCOTUS announcement today on Texas vs. Azar

HOST: Lou Dobbs

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Healthcare worker infections are a closely watched marker for not only virus transmissibility, but also **"super spreader" events** that can amplify outbreaks, a feature seen in SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) and MERS-CoV (Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus) events.

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Hello WSJ and WashPost ... please call these people and ask them if and when they plan to fund this **nCoV Vaccine Offer**?

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Special Assistant to AFauci@NIAID.NIH.GOV ... Patty Conrad at (301) 496-6416 conradpa@niaid.nih.gov

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Hello Ms. Conrad, I hope that NIH is funding several **nCoV vaccine candidates** that include a few vaccine candidates that use this T-4 Phage Head Vaccine Platform ... ??? Please see this Attachment.

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Question: Can ... **BARDA** and/or **AHRQ** assist with some of the Emergency Funding?

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New coronavirus infects health workers, spreads to Korea ... Jan 20, 2020 ... 3:20pm ET

A Chinese health official said today that **14 healthcare workers** have been infected with the Wuhan-linked novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), **bolstering evidence of human-to-human spread** and spurring new questions about virus circulation against a backdrop of other winter respiratory illnesses.

I can put WHO in contact with **at least three (3) of the Authors** from this important Attached Document.

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Gentlemen, I hope that NIH is funding several **nCoV vaccine candidates** that include a few vaccine candidates that use this T-4 Phage Head Vaccine Platform ... ??? This could get out-of-control, like SARS and MERS.

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The Shanghai Public Health Clinical Center & School of Public Health, in collaboration with the Central Hospital of Wuhan, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, the Wuhan Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute for Communicable Disease Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control, and the University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia is releasing a coronavirus genome from a case of a respiratory disease from the Wuhan outbreak. The sequence has also been deposited on [GenBank](#) (accession [MN908947](#)) and will be released as soon as possible.

The sequence can be downloaded here:

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<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/01/us-detects-first-novel-coronavirus-case-traveler>

US detects first novel coronavirus case, in traveler Jan 21, 2020

In **rapidly escalating** developments with the spread of the Wuhan-linked novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today announced the

first US case, involving a man who got sick after returning to Washington state from Wuhan and contacted medical authorities.

At a CDC media briefing today, health officials said the man, who is reported to be in stable condition, **didn't visit any markets or have any contact with sick patients during his stay in Wuhan.**

The CDC said it is expanding health checks in travelers from Wuhan to more US airports. (See today's other [CIDRAP News story](#) on international 2019-nCoV developments.)

Man stable, took indirect flight from Wuhan

The man, who is a resident of Snohomish County, arrived at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on Jan 15, before screening began at three other US airports. Sea-Tac doesn't receive direct flights from Wuhan and doesn't receive large numbers of indirect flights.

Health officials said the man had been following 2019-nCoV developments online and reached out to health providers on Jan 19 when he started feeling sick. His medical team obtained samples and shipped them overnight to the CDC, where tests **were positive** for the new virus yesterday. The CDC's lab used its real-time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) test to confirm the result.

The man is currently hospitalized at Providence Medical Center, where he is in isolation and under monitoring. He is in good condition and receiving supportive care. Contact tracing is under way.

Health officials said there is little risk to the hospital staff or to the general public.

Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, Washington's state epidemiologist, said health systems are aware of the new virus and are prepared to detect it early and minimize ongoing exposure. He added that the hospital recently had a drill to handle high-risk patients. "We were well prepared," he said.

Monitoring expands at US airports

Nancy Messonnier, MD, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said that, on Jan 19 as the nCoV situation was evolving in China and in the Asian region, federal officials decided to expand traveler health checks in people arriving from Wuhan at two more US airports: Atlanta and Chicago.

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See also: Jan 21 CDC [press release](#)

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WHO eyes possible sustained nCoV spread in China Jan 21, 2020

In major developments surrounding the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak centered in China, the World Health Organization (WHO) said it sees possible evidence of sustained transmission—meaning the virus is spreading beyond just clusters of patients.

In addition, China today reported another spike in cases—to more than 300—plus **two more deaths**, with more newly affected provinces, while Taiwan reported its first 2019-nCoV case in a traveler from Wuhan. (See today's other [CIDRAP News story](#) on US developments.)

Health worker infections closely eyed

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China outbreak tops 300 cases

China's outbreak **total has now topped 300, led by 60 more cases, 2 of them fatal**, officials reported today from Wuhan, the outbreak epicenter. According to China's National Health Commission (NHC), as of earlier today it has received reports of 291 cases, most of them from Hubei province where Wuhan is located. It said the latest cases were reported from Hubei province, plus 2 more in Shanghai and 3 in Beijing.

Later in the day, more Chinese provinces reported their first cases. For example Zhejiang, which reported five, and the cities of Tianjin and Chongqing, reported their first illnesses. Previously affected areas reported additional cases, such as Guangdong province and the cities of Beijing and Shanghai.

A Chinese medical community tracking the developments in real time put the country's **current total at 321 cases**.

Wuhan's health commission said in a statement today that the 60 latest case-patients range in age from 15 to 88 and that the latest illness onset was Jan 18. Twenty of the patients are seriously ill. The report was translated and posted by FluTrackers, an infectious disease news message board.

The two deaths, which push the **outbreak fatality count to six**, were reported in a 66-year-old man and a 48-year-old woman, both of whom had underlying health conditions.

Taiwan reports first case

Taiwan's first imported case involves a woman in her 50s who worked in Wuhan. The Taiwan Centers for Disease Control (Taiwan CDC) didn't specify her exposure but said she got sick in Wuhan. The agency added that officials are monitoring 46 contacts.

Also today, the WHO posted more information on **South Korea's imported case-patient**, a 35-year-old Chinese woman from Wuhan who got sick in that city on Jan 18 and was diagnosed there with a cold before flying to South Korea the next day. Her fever was detected when she arrived at the Seoul airport, and tests yesterday on her samples were positive for 2019-nCoV.

She said **she hadn't visited any markets**, did not have contact with any wild animals, and did not have contact with any known 2019-nCoV patients.

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Hello WSJ and WashPost ... please call these people and ask them if and when they plan to fund this **nVoC** Vaccine Offer?

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Hello Ms. Conrad, I hope that NIH is funding several **nCoV vaccine candidates** that include a few vaccine candidates that use this T-4 Phage Head Vaccine Platform ... ??? Please see this Attachment.

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New coronavirus infects health workers, spreads to Korea ... Jan 20, 2020 ... 3:20pm ET

A Chinese health official said today that **14 healthcare workers** have been infected with the Wuhan-linked novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), **bolstering evidence of human-to-human spread** and spurring new questions about virus circulation against a backdrop of other winter respiratory illnesses.

I can put WHO in contact with **at least three (3) of the Authors** from this important Attached Document.

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US detects first novel coronavirus case, in traveler *Jan 21, 2020*

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At a CDC media briefing today, health officials said the man, who is reported to be in stable condition, **didn't visit any markets** or have **any contact with sick patients during his stay** in Wuhan.

The CDC said it is expanding health checks in travelers from Wuhan to more US airports. (See today's other [CIDRAP News story](#) on international 2019-nCoV developments.)

Man stable, took indirect flight from Wuhan

The man, who is a resident of Snohomish County, arrived at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on Jan 15, before screening began at three other US airports. Sea-Tac doesn't receive direct flights from Wuhan and doesn't receive large numbers of indirect flights.

Health officials said the man had been following 2019-nCoV developments online and reached out to health providers on Jan 19 when he started feeling sick. His medical team obtained samples and shipped them overnight to the CDC, where tests **were positive** for the new virus yesterday. The CDC's lab used its real-time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) test to confirm the result.

The man is currently hospitalized at Providence Medical Center, where he is in isolation and under monitoring. He is in good condition and receiving supportive care. Contact tracing is under way.

Health officials said there is little risk to the hospital staff or to the general public.

Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, Washington's state epidemiologist, said health systems are aware of the new virus and are prepared to detect it early and minimize ongoing exposure. He added that the hospital recently had a drill to handle high-risk patients. "We were well prepared," he said.

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China outbreak tops 300 cases

China's outbreak **total has now topped 300, led by 60 more cases, 2 of them fatal**, officials reported today from Wuhan, the outbreak epicenter. According to China's National Health Commission (NHC), as of earlier today it has received reports of 291 cases, most of them from Hubei province where Wuhan is located. It said the latest cases were reported from Hubei province, plus 2 more in Shanghai and 3 in Beijing.

Later in the day, more Chinese provinces reported their first cases. For example Zhejiang, which reported five, and the cities of Tianjin and Chongqing, reported their first illnesses. Previously affected areas reported additional cases, such as Guangdong province and the cities of Beijing and Shanghai.

A Chinese medical community tracking the developments in real time put the country's **current total at 321 cases**.

Wuhan's health commission said in a statement today that the 60 latest case-patients range in age from 15 to 88 and that the latest illness onset was Jan 18. Twenty of the patients are seriously ill. The report was translated and posted by FluTrackers, an infectious disease news message board.

The two deaths, which push the **outbreak fatality count to six**, were reported in a 66-year-old man and a 48-year-old woman, both of whom had underlying health conditions.

Taiwan reports first case

Taiwan's first imported case involves a woman in her 50s who worked in Wuhan. The Taiwan Centers for Disease Control (Taiwan CDC) didn't specify her exposure but said she got sick in Wuhan. The agency added that officials are monitoring 46 contacts.

Also today, the WHO posted more information on **South Korea's imported case-patient**, a 35-year-old Chinese woman from Wuhan who got sick in that city on Jan 18 and was diagnosed there with a cold before flying to South Korea the next day. Her fever was detected when she arrived at the Seoul airport, and tests yesterday on her samples were positive for 2019-nCoV.

She said **she hadn't visited any markets**, did not have contact with any wild animals, and did not have contact with any known 2019-nCoV patients.

See also: [Virological.net post](#)

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Dear Senior Leader Team,

Below and attached are the notes from today's (21Jan20) 2020 Novel Coronavirus conference call for your review. Please feel free to contact the SOC if you have any questions.

SLT Conference Call Notes: 2020 Novel Coronavirus

Reason SLT call was initiated: In accordance with the ASPR Senior Leadership Notification SOP, the SOC Watch determined that a Tier 1 ASPR Critical Information Requirement (CIR) had been tripped for a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus in the United States. Determination was made at 1503ET, and the SLT Call began at 1520ET, 21Jan20.

SOC Situation:

The CDC and ASPR are closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Chinese authorities first identified the new coronavirus, which has resulted in about 200 confirmed human infections and three reported deaths in China. A number of countries, including the United States, are actively screening incoming travelers from Wuhan, and exported cases have been confirmed in Thailand, Japan, and South Korea. The first confirmed case in the United States was announced today (21Jan20)

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Region 10 – John Smart / CDR Jennifer Cockrell

The patient is anticipated to stay at the current hospital, and there are currently no plans to transfer the patient to the Ebola Treatment Facility in Region 10.

CDC is in the process of deploying to Washington, and will work specifically on public messaging in coordination with the state.

ASPR International Health Regulations – Adam Tewell

A potential Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) assessment form was submitted by CDC to the SOC which serves as the IHR National Focal Point. The SOC and IHR are currently working with U.S. Government partners to ensure this assessment of the situation is reviewed prior to distribution to the WHO.

Additionally, the decision from WHO's committee meeting tomorrow (22Jan20) to determine if the global incident meets the criteria.

Q – Linda Lambert (BARDA): Are the family members of the patient in Quarantine?

A - R-10: not at this time, however CDC Quarantine Branch is conducting follow up

Decisions:

1. • **Activate COOP Plan?** No
2. • **Activate SOC?** Not at this time, however this incident does warrant increased coordination with ASPA, IEA, and OGA. The main effort for ASPR's initial response will be coordinating information
3. • **Alert/Activate/Deploy Incident Management Elements?** Not at this time
4. • **Draft/Issue PHE if appropriate?** Not at this time.
5. • **Notify Secretary?** Yes; S1 will be receiving daily briefings from CDC outside of the SOC. The SOC will ensure coordination with CDC for any S1 Briefing in the SOC that there is synchronization
6. • **Convene ASPR coordination call?** Not at this time, as this is a developing incident and ASPR wants to ensure that we are working in support of CDC's efforts.
7. • **Next Senior Leader Call?** Yes, by Friday (at the latest) have a SLT with specific brief outs from Plans, CIP and HPP. Focusing attention to the national capabilities and capacities to respond to this incident. The next SLT will be an "Extended SLT" with additional invited participants.

Other decisions:

- CDC numbers are the definitive/authoritative case counts for the incident. Open Source will augment to ensure timeliness of awareness, however CDC numbers and case definitions will be the standard used in all published reports or slide presentations.
- The trigger for initiation of another SLT on Novel-Coronavirus is another confirmed U.S. case.
- DLG may be warranted and could be possible as early as Thursday.
- At the regional level questions regarding case counts, case definitions should be referred to the CDC as they have the lead in the current response.

Additional information:

- 10 Congressional staff will be visiting the SOC on Thursday 23Jan20, and additional questions may come on this topic.
- There is the potential for complication with the WHO guidance regarding the use of Level 3 surgical gowns. A major U.S. supplier is about to announce a recall due to sterility issues.
- The triggers for increased ASPR role in the response is in development and SPPR Plans will be looking at novel virus plans.
- ASPR LNO to DHS/FEMA will be increasing coordination efforts.

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Good Evening Dr. Kadlec -

As the Message Authorizing Official for all official IHR communications with the World Health Organization (WHO), please advise in the next **two hours** if you have any revisions or questions and whether you authorize the transmission of the message to WHO.

IHR Program requires approval of a potential public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) notification to the WHO. In the event the IHR Program does not make contact with you within the two-hour timeline, the IHR Program will seek PDASPR's or his designee's approval and authorization to transmit the message to WHO.

This is the first potential USG notification of 2020.

Changes/Comments made during the USG IHR Stakeholder review period: *added "Washington State" to the location*

Event information

Title: Confirmation of novel coronavirus (nCoV)

Location: Washington State, U.S.

PHEIC notification criteria met:

Criteria 1- Public health impact of the event is serious

- Criteria 2- Event is unusual/unexpected
Criteria 3 –Significant Risk of International Spread
Criteria 4- Significant Risk of Travel or Trade Restrictions

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Update (1600ET): Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Zhejiang, Henan, Chongqing, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Seoul, Tokyo, Brisbane, Taipei - and now Washington State.

The viral pneumonia-like lung illness first discovered late last year in Wuhan, a mid-sized Chinese city in the center of the country, has Beijing's leadership - who are already grappling

with slowing economic growth and continuing trade pressure from the US - very much on edge.

It's clear now that Beijing's initial response to reports of a new SARS-like virus was to dissemble. After initially insisting that there was no evidence that the virus could be spread by humans, health officials have now admitted that they were "wrong", and that human-to-human transmission is possible, meaning that there's no telling yet just how contagious this thing really is.

It's already spread rapidly: In just a few weeks, it's gone from a few isolated cases in Wuhan to nearly 300 confirmed cases, not just in Greater China, but also across the Asia-Pacific region, and now in the US. The fact that the CDC has already identified the first case in Washington State suggests that this is an aggressive pathogen, and health officials are duly concerned.

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It has already confounded expectations. The fact that 139 cases - roughly half the total number reported - were only just identified over the weekend is especially unnerving, because now infected hosts have had time to scatter back to wherever they're from, potentially spreading the virus across the planet.

According to Bloomberg, the US case has been revealed to be a man in his 30s who returned to the US last week, but not before visiting a public market in Wuhan...

The sudden spike in cases has prompted airports in the US, Australia and elsewhere to tighten borders and to trace contacts of those who have become ill.

On Wednesday, the World Health Organization will decide whether this crisis qualifies as a public health emergency of international concern, a label signifying only the most complex pathologies with the potential to cross borders. The WHO could recommend that travel be restricted, or that global governments take other drastic measures.

With global health officials on high alert, local authorities in Wuhan have announced that the city has 800 hospital beds ready in three separate designated care hospitals, and it's ready to have 1,200 prepared at short notice, according to local media reports.

With the Chinese New Year travel season about to begin, many fear that millions of Chinese traveling abroad or internally for vacation will help the virus spread at an exponential rate. Chinese health officials have played down the possibility of this. But they also say they don't want to underestimate it. After all, the last major outbreak, SARS in 2003, killed 800 people.

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Update (1335ET): The CDC has confirmed that a traveler from China has been diagnosed in Seattle with the Wuhan Coronavirus.

The patient, who was hospitalized with pneumonia last week, recently had traveled to Wuhan, China, where the outbreak appears to have originated, federal officials have found.

Officials declined to identify the patient, who was said to be quite ill.

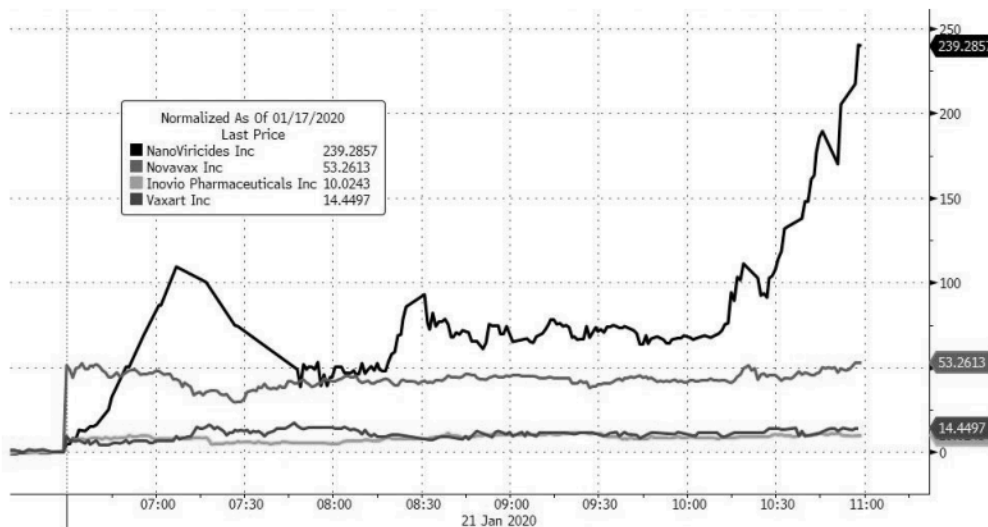
Additionally, on a conference call, the CDC confirmed it expects more US cases to come.

The outbreak began at a market in China and now has spread to at least four other countries, and has killed at least six people and sickened hundreds more in Asia.



Broadly speaking, stocks are getting hammered on this but there is one silver lining however, prices for flu-shot manufacturers are soaring: Nanovaricides +240%, Novavax +53%, Inovio Pharma +10%, and Vaxart +14%.

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CNN's AnneClaire Stapleton (@AnneClaireCNN)

tweeted an ominous warning:

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And the market reacted rapidly...



Transports are the worst hit on the day, already suffering from coronavirus fears overnight...



Can The Fed just print up some anti-virus?

As we detailed earlier, the global risk-off wave had started in the overnight hours of Monday as the full extent of the Chinese coronavirus scare became apparent to traders, has rolled into the cash session Tuesday with airline,

casino and gaming, hotel, and travel stocks, taking a leg lower.

Delta Air -3.50%, United Airlines Holdings -3.20%, Southwest Airlines -1.5%, and American Airlines Group -2.50%, were all sold as the outbreak may crimp global air travel during the upcoming Lunar New Year holiday period.



Investors dumped Wynn Resorts -4.45%, Las Vegas Sands Corp -4%, and MGM Resorts International -3%, as the virus threatens to decrease foot traffic.



Hotels were also sold, Wyndham Hotels and Choice Hotels International -1%, and 1%.

Resorts -1%,
Extended Stay America -



Travel stocks were dumped, Expedia Group Holdings -2.20%, TripAdvisor Inc -1%, and

-1%, Booking
Trip.com -10%.



Investors are unloading sensitive travel confirmed cases of coronavirus have spread to other countries spreading across the

stocks because
tripled since Monday and
around China with the risk of
world.

Fears of a 2002-03 outbreak of SARs has been on everyone's mind to start the week – and with a Lunar New Year holiday fast approaching – the spread of the virus could broaden in the days ahead.

Travel sensitive stocks have taken a beating in Asia, Europe, and the US – basically across the world on Tuesday, as investors brace for new cases of the virus that is quickly spreading.

Could this mean world stocks are due for a pullback?



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All, per conversation with CAPT Redd, he is comfortable going with the current CDC language (approved by CDC leadership). The IHR Program acknowledge's Dr. Kadlec's approval and will proceed with transmitting to WHO unless other objections are noted. Thank you.
On Behalf of the IHR Program,

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Sent to White House (Night Note):

- **CDC held a tele-briefing on 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**

Today, CDC hosted a telebriefing providing an update on the [2019-nCoV response](#). The telebriefing was accompanied by a [press release](#) that confirmed the first case of 2019-nCoV in the United States in the state of Washington involving a patient returning to the United States from Wuhan on January 15, 2020.

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Other Newsworthy Items:

- OIG will post the following report:

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From Today:

- (CDC) Dr. Nancy Messonnier, pre-taped TV interviews on the Coronavirus from China:
 - AP-TV – Robert Bumsted (will accompany packaged AP story in newspapers/digital channels nationwide)
 - CBS – Mark Strassmann (segment will run on CBS Evening News today, and likely on CBS This Morning)
 - Fox – David Lewkowict (segment will run on Fox News national throughout the day and possibly on Special Report this evening)
 - NBC – Erika Edwards (segment will run on NBC national, specific programs TBD)
 - ABC - David Muir (segment will run on ABC's World News Tonight, and possible Good Morning America tomorrow morning)
- (CDC) [CDC Telebriefing: Update on 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)
- (CDC) [First Travel-related Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus Detected in United States](#)
- (CMS) [CMS finalizes decision to cover Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain for Medicare beneficiaries](#)
- (FDA) [FDA approves first treatment for thyroid eye disease](#)
- (NIH) [Combined prenatal smoking and drinking greatly increases SIDS risk](#)
- (NIH) [Drug increases brown fat activity in healthy women](#)

Notable Coverage:

[HHS Secretary Alex Azar: We need the Grassley/Wyden bill to lower drug costs](#)
iHeartRadio // Need to Know with Jeff Angelo

[HHS Secretary Alex Azar on the Scott Sands Show](#)
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[HHS Secretary Alex Azar On Protecting Americans From The Coronavirus From China](#)
Fox Radio // Brian Kilmeade Show

HHS Secretary shares reaction to U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Obamacare (starts at 30 min. mark)
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Good morning Dr. Kadlec.

The GHSI Coordination and Liaisons Committee (CLC) and Pandemic Influenza Working Group (PIWG) held a second joint teleconference yesterday to continue sharing information at the technical/policy levels regarding the latest epidemiological information regarding the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak in China, as well as preparedness and response actions GHSI countries are taking to address potential spread. A summary of the call is attached for your information, and I'm happy to answer any questions you have regarding GHSI member activities in this area. The CLC/PIWG has activated the GHSI Event Response Management Framework and is collecting further information on GHSI actions related to the GHSI 2019-nCoV outbreak, and we should have that consolidated information early next week.

Additionally, you will have received an invitation to a special GHSI Senior Officials call on January 28 at 10am to discuss the evolving outbreak. Given yesterday's news that the U.S. has confirmed a travel-associated case of 2019-nCoV, we anticipate that your fellow Senior Officials will be eager to hear your take on the situation. As usual, we will send you the meeting agenda and any other briefing materials in advance of next week's call.

Best,
Robin

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Subject: Summary of Outcomes 2019-nCoV GHSI Teleconference

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the Summary of Outcomes from yesterday's GHSI teleconference regarding the novel coronavirus in Wuhan, China.

We ask delegates to kindly review the contents and provide any changes that may have been improperly recorded by **mid-day (Ottawa time) 23 January 2020**, including your country's case definitions (if available).

Find also attached two postcards used by our colleagues from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for airport screening.

Note that the WHO is working at answering questions posed by members on yesterday's teleconference.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

Phil

Phil Menard
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- CDC is working to address the new coronavirus in the United States in multiple ways, including alerting clinicians to be on the look-out for patients with certain symptoms and travel histories, and conducting entry screening for passengers on certain flights into five U.S. airports.
- The Administration takes very seriously the health and safety of the American people, and CDC will remain vigilant in monitoring and informing the public about this issue.

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I'll be onsite at ASPR at that time, Dr. Kadlec. I can call in or come to your office if you are there.

V/r,
Monique

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Thanks Michael working to set up call at 5 today. Btw name of Chris at CDC who you suggested to invite.
Best. Bob

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Correction: the Chinese internal SIDS (unfortunate name) reports 69 deaths-5 overnight and another 12 suspect deaths.

New data

- Deaths are under reported because hospital administrators do not want added scrutiny from SCDC and central party
- don't test/don't tell us back in place
- "more" HCW infections despite N95 suggest conjunctival infection.
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The Chinese authorities are scrambling to control a virus that has sickened more than 470 people, killed at least 17, and spread around the region and to the United States. Officials are imposing restrictions on travel out of Wuhan, the central Chinese city of more than 11 million at the epicenter of the outbreak, and stepping up screening at transportation hubs.

The World Health Organization was expected to hold a meeting on Wednesday to discuss whether to declare the outbreak an international health emergency, which would escalate the global response.

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Subject: Re: Breaking News: The death toll rose to 17 in the coronavirus outbreak in China, with more than 400 people infected, forcing officials to impose travel restrictions.

Tim Uyeki MD is the field hardened virologist at CDC. Highly regarded internally. His email is tmu0@CDC.GOV

After that, it's Dan Jernigan and Chris Braden, both are Division heads.

Question: any preference for getting Brett involved?. He was my boss for the prior 2 live fire MCM efforts and he and I wrote the Mass Casualty ARDS position paper.
Stay caffeinated!

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On Jan 22, 2020, at 10:07, Kadlec, Robert (OS/ASPR/IO) <Robert.Kadlec@hhs.gov> wrote:

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Thanks Michael working to set up call at 5 today. Btw name of Chris at CDC who you suggested to invite. Best. Bob

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On Jan 22, 2020, at 12:00 PM, Callahan, Michael V., M.D.

(b)(6) wrote:

Correction: the Chinese internal SIDS (unfortunate name) reports 69 deaths-5 overnight and another 12 suspect deaths.

New data

- Deaths are under reported because hospital administrators do not want added scrutiny from SCDC and central party

- don't test/don't tell us back in place

- "more" HCW infections despite N95 suggest conjunctival infection.

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BREAKING NEWS

The death toll rose to 17 in the coronavirus outbreak in China, with more than 400 people infected, forcing officials to impose travel restrictions.

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:04 AM EST

The Chinese authorities are scrambling to control a virus that has sickened more than 470 people, killed at least 17, and spread around the region and to the United States. Officials are imposing restrictions on travel out of Wuhan, the central Chinese city of more than 11 million at the epicenter of the outbreak, and stepping up screening at transportation hubs.

The World Health Organization was expected to hold a meeting on Wednesday to discuss whether to declare the outbreak an international health emergency, which would escalate the global response.

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Good Afternoon All,

Attached is the 22Jan20 2019 Novel Coronavirus Social Media Report.

BLUF: (U) The number of confirmed cases and deaths due to the novel Coronavirus has dramatically increased since last week. There is great concern for continued spread of the virus due to the upcoming Lunar New Year celebrations, which is the busiest travel season in the world. The U.S. confirmed its first case of the virus in a patient with recent travel history to Wuhan, China.

Epidemiology:

- •* (U) The death toll from the novel Coronavirus is currently at 17 people in China per the Hubei provincial government.
- •* (U) There were 548 confirmed cases of the virus across China as of late Wednesday night local time.
- •* (U) The first U.S. case of the novel Coronavirus was reported on Tuesday. The patient is a man in his 30s who is a resident of the United States and is in stable condition at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett, Washington. He has recent travel history to Wuhan, China.

Public Health Response:

- □(U) Health officials in Beijing are concerned about the spread of the virus during the Lunar New Year celebrations. This is China's (and the world's) busiest travel season. About 400 million Chinese are expected to travel within and outside of China beginning at the end of the week
- □(U) Doctors and researchers at the Galveston National Lab at UTMB are working on a vaccine for the virus

Travel Considerations:

- □(U) CDC has begun screening passengers at 5 airports (Los Angeles International, San Francisco International, New York's JFK, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International, and Chicago's O'Hare International) and all arrivals from Wuhan are to be routed to these airports

Please see the attached Social Media Report for additional information. (FOUO) This message was distributed to ASPR SLT, SOC Section Chiefs and SOC Leadership.

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Bill has the call-in info as well. If they are worried about lines, I can ask him to join whoever is calling in from here.

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Yes. Redfield will be on. No one else from CDC will be on the call.

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Is cdc or aspa on the list?

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Brian and Chad: We have a narrowly tailored list of invitees for the 4pm on coronavirus. We are making a phone line exception for the two of you and likely Dr. Fauci. Here is the dial-in below – pls do not share with others. Thank you!

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China coronavirus: travel ban issued for residents of Wuhan

By Cissy Zhou | South China Morning Post

01/22/2020 03:41 PM EST

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Officials in Wuhan announced a complete travel ban on its residents amid a coronavirus outbreak that has killed 17 people and infected more than 550 others throughout China, state media outlet CCTV said on Wednesday.

The ban, which was issued by the outbreak command authority in Wuhan, the epicenter of the virus, said that from 10 a.m. on Thursday, urban buses, subways, ferries and long-distance passenger transport would be suspended in the city.

Flights and trains departing from Wuhan will also be temporarily suspended. The notice did not

say when the services would resume.

The notice did not mention private cars but said “citizens should not leave the city unless there are special conditions.”

With a population of 11 million, Wuhan is bigger than London or New York. The virus has now spread to the United States, Thailand, Japan and South Korea.

The ban is to “best prevent and control the epidemic of the new type of coronavirus infection, effectively cut off the transmission of the virus, and curb the spread of the epidemic” to “ensure the safety and health of the people,” the notice said.

The Wuhan municipal government also issued a notice mandating that everyone wear masks in public places, and that staff of state departments and public institutions wear masks while they are on duty.

Before Wuhan’s announcement, Jiangsu province posted an order banning buses departing from any of its cities to Wuhan, and it set up special lanes in airport and train stations to inspect passengers from Wuhan.

On social media, the travel ban was welcomed by some, but others questioned why the authority didn’t issue it earlier.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Britain on Wednesday advised its citizens against all but essential travel to Wuhan.

The city’s government has struggled to treat suspected patients because of limited resources.

On Wednesday, Beijing News reported that hospitals in Wuhan have been overcrowded with feverish patients queuing up on winter nights. The transfusion rooms were full of patients, with some sitting in corridors to be treated with intravenous drips.

The outbreak is occurring just as millions of people in China are traveling for the upcoming Lunar New Year holiday, including migrant workers returning home to their families.

The travel rush over the holiday period, which can last up to 40 days, is considered the largest annual human migration in the world.

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Bob

Respectfully Requesting addition of SME CAPT Patrick Blair of NAMRU2. Dr Blair has deep and topical understanding of surge diagnostics in the ASEAN and has deployed to multiple outbreaks globally. He is in Honolulu briefing Joint Chiefs.

His emails are :

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(b)(6)

He is aware of this activity.

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WHO defers on declaring coronavirus an emergency

By Brianna Ehley

01/22/2020 04:09 PM EST

A World Health Organization committee today postponed deciding whether to declare the Chinese coronavirus outbreak a global public health emergency as officials in the city where it originated ordered a complete travel ban on its residents.

Panel members on the WHO emergency committee split on the declaration and plan to meet again Thursday.

"It's clear that to proceed we need more information and for that reason I have decided to ask the emergency committee to meet again tomorrow," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters. "We will have much more to say tomorrow."

The virus has killed at least 17 people and sickened nearly 500 in six countries with the majority of cases in China's Hubei province. Officials are concerned about a possible uptick during the forthcoming Lunar New Year — the country's biggest travel season.

As the WHO panel met, Chinese officials effectively quarantined the city of Wuhan, suspending public transit and long-distance transportation. WHO officials said they did not advise authorities on those restrictions.

Officials said there is evidence of human-to-human transmission, but questions remain about the

extent to which the disease can be spread.

An emergency declaration gives the WHO authority to issue recommendations on how to respond to an outbreak. It also raises public awareness and can spur outside groups to mobilize and contribute money and resources. The WHO expert panel most recently used the declaration last July to respond to an Ebola outbreak in the Congo. It has made similar declarations to respond to outbreaks of SARS, Middle East respiratory syndrome and the Zika virus.

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John, it is the masks that are dated, not you. We have a tiny number (about 800) current dated n95s that have expiry dates that were bought during Ebola. My memory is that the very small number were necessary for an observer role (spotter) for the donning and doffing of Ebola specific PPE. I believe any commercial masks we bought today would have an expiration date.

Steve

From: Bartrum, John (OS/ASPR) (CTR) <John.Bartrum@hhs.gov>

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Subject: RE: N95 Masks -- SNS

Steven,

Thanks. – we wanted to flag if there is an opportunity to get some fresh stock rotation. It is interesting on the expiration date, my understanding is likely dated, but in the past my N95 masks had a 5 year expiration date.

Best,

John

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Subject: Re: N95 Masks -- SNS

John, some complexities to this we can discuss but off the top, we hold approx 18M n95 respirators. They do not have an expiration date but all were acquired with Pan Flu supplemental funds in 2007 and maintained with a visual inspection protocol. We have asked NIOSH SMEs to weigh in and give us an opinion as to how long these could reasonably be used but that is ongoing. We don't have a mechanism or authority to receive reimbursement but could conceivably get reimbursement under an IAA with DOS if they were interested. Given the global concern with 2019 nCoV, we may have some difficulty replacing any significant number quickly if we need them.

Steve

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Cc: Kadlec, Robert (OS/ASPR/IO); Shuy, Bryan (OS/ASPR/IO)

Subject: N95 Masks -- SNS

Steven,

Dr. Kadlec and I were just talking about the Austrian fires. I heard from a friend down under today (non-government person) that they were running out of N95 masks due to everyone using them for the smoke issues.

It prompted Dr. Kadlec and I to wonder how many we might have that are getting near the expiration date. If we had a significant number, would it make sense to see if we can make a deal to provide to Austrian government (if they have a need) and have them or some mechanism for them to replace out stock. It might provide us with an opportunity to lower our future replenishment stock, reduce waste, and be a good neighbor to a partner nation.

Best,
John

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Dr. Yeskey,

Following up on yesterday Coronavirus SLT call, the WHO did not provide an explanation as to why they made the recommendation on the use of level 3 surgical gowns. Attached is the WHO guidance as it relates to PPE gowns recommended for Novel Coronavirus, the section is highlighted on the bottom of page two. We have looped in IHR who are still working to get an explanation from the WHO on why this recommendation was made.

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Very Respectfully,

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4 things to know about the China coronavirus

By Brianna Ehley, Rachel Rouben, Sarah Oweremohle

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Chinese authorities have clamped down on travel in the city of 11 million people at the epicenter of the deadly coronavirus outbreak that's spread to five other nations.

The World Health Organization has postponed deciding whether to declare a global health emergency, to give its experts more time to gather information. Meanwhile, state and local officials are preparing for more cases in the United States after a man in Washington state contracted the disease while visiting China.

As the death toll rises to at least 17 and nearly 500 people have been stricken by the virus, there are plenty of unknowns surrounding the severity, duration and transmission risks, as well as what effectively fights the disease. Here are four key things to know:

The virus isn't 'brand new' – but the public health risk is a mystery

The Wuhan illness is part of a family known as coronaviruses. They often feel like a common cold or an upper respiratory tract infection, with fever, cough and runny nose. More severe cases can turn into pneumonia or kidney failure, according to WHO.

But officials still don't know how infectious this particular virus is. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last weekend developed a test that can quickly detect the bug. Agency officials told reporters Tuesday that they will soon share the test with state and local officials.

Major professional associations, like the American Medical Association and the American College of Emergency Physicians, are sending information so doctors and other health workers know how to respond.

Officials still don't know how easy it is to catch the virus

Coronaviruses are common in animals, and sometimes they evolve and can infect humans, according to the CDC. WHO officials have confirmed this strain can be spread from one person to another, but they don't know contagious it is or how long the chain of infection can be. They're gathering more information from Chinese authorities and other governments in affected areas.

Hospitals are getting ready for new cases

Health workers are being told to be on the lookout for new cases and to ask patients whether they've traveled to China recently — or come into contact with someone who has. Advisories are being sent through electronic medical records, internal hospital newsletters and daily huddles before shifts begin, according to Nancy Foster, the American Hospital Association's vice president of quality and patient safety.

Providence St. Joseph Health saw the country's first coronavirus patient in Washington state, and quickly turned on an electronic prompt for doctors and nurses to ask travel screening questions. That system also reminds health workers of symptoms, including a cough and a fever over 101 — and instructs them to isolate patients and contact the local infection prevention department when one screens positive.

“At the moment, the travel history is a really good marker,” said Amy Compton-Phillips, the health system's chief clinical officer. “If we start seeing flu-like symptoms in populations of people who have been immunized, I think it'll be a telling sign that things have gotten beyond

those directly exposed.”

Widespread travel bans are unlikely

Chinese officials froze travel in the city of Wuhan, but U.S. and WHO officials have held back on similar moves for now — and don’t expect widespread restrictions.

It is very rare for WHO to issue travel warnings for a viral pandemic. The global health authority sounded the alarm for travel to Chinese cities and Toronto during the deadly 2003 SARS epidemic that killed 774 people and sickened more than 8,000 but refrained during more recent outbreaks of Ebola virus, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome or the Avian flu. The WHO has to balance public health concerns against the harmful impact travel restrictions could have on affected countries that need a flow of goods and people to keep their economies running and fight a deadly outbreak.

“Travel bans are not justified from a public health perspective,” said WHO spokesperson Tarik Jašarević. “They will disrupt response and economies and will have a negative impact on response.”

But the CDC said this week that people traveling from the region could be asked health screening questions when they arrive in U.S. airports. Passengers’ temperatures can also be checked using thermal scanners. More comprehensive screenings will be performed before sending a passenger to a hospital if it appears they may be infected, Howard Zucker, New York state’s health commissioner, said on a call with reporters.

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Update 6 (1530ET): Hong Kong has reportedly confirmed a second case of coronavirus.



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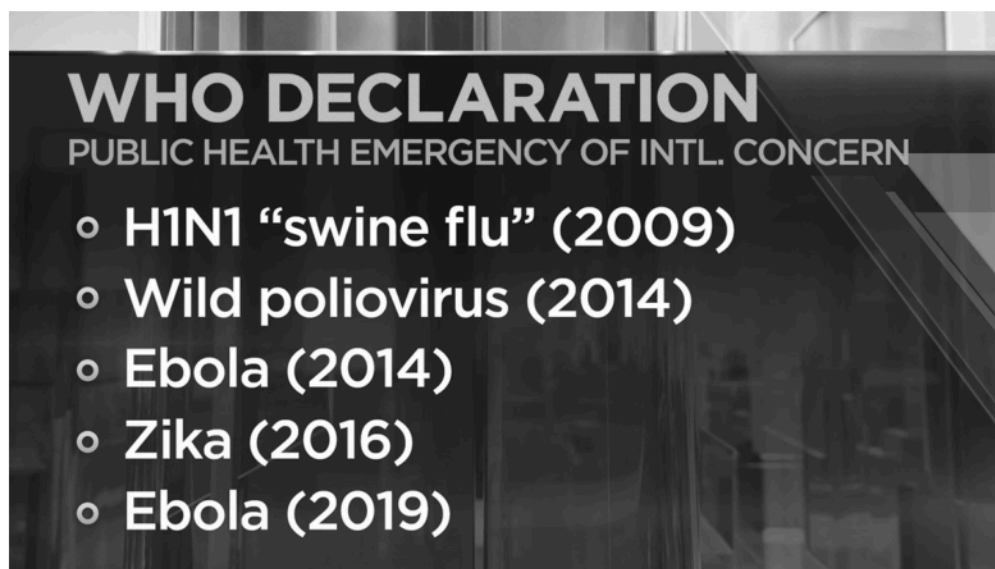
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Update 5 (1500ET): After praising all of China's efforts to contain the outbreak, the WHO Director General announced that the emergency committee would delay its decision on whether to declare the coronavirus a major health emergency of international concern because the committee wants "more information."

It's unclear exactly what they're hoping to learn between today and tomorrow, but with the pace at which the virus is spreading, it's possible that nearly 1,000 cases will have been identified by then.

Only five other outbreaks have warranted this designation from the WHO.



Fortunately, we should know more tomorrow.

As of 3 pm ET, their press conference was still ongoing, and any interested readers can watch below:

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Update 4 (1350ET): Almost exactly an hour after we tweeted a flight tracking map showing dozens of departures from Wuhan's International Airport...



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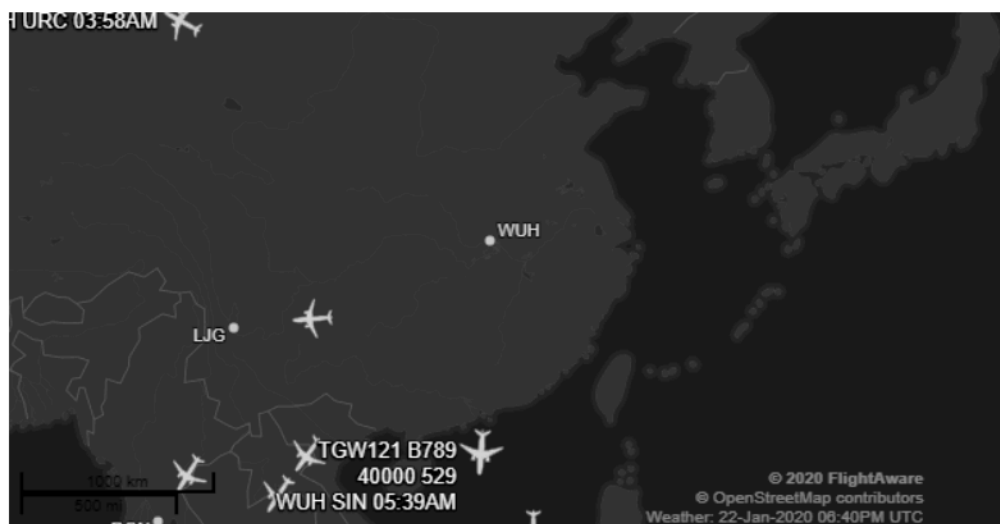
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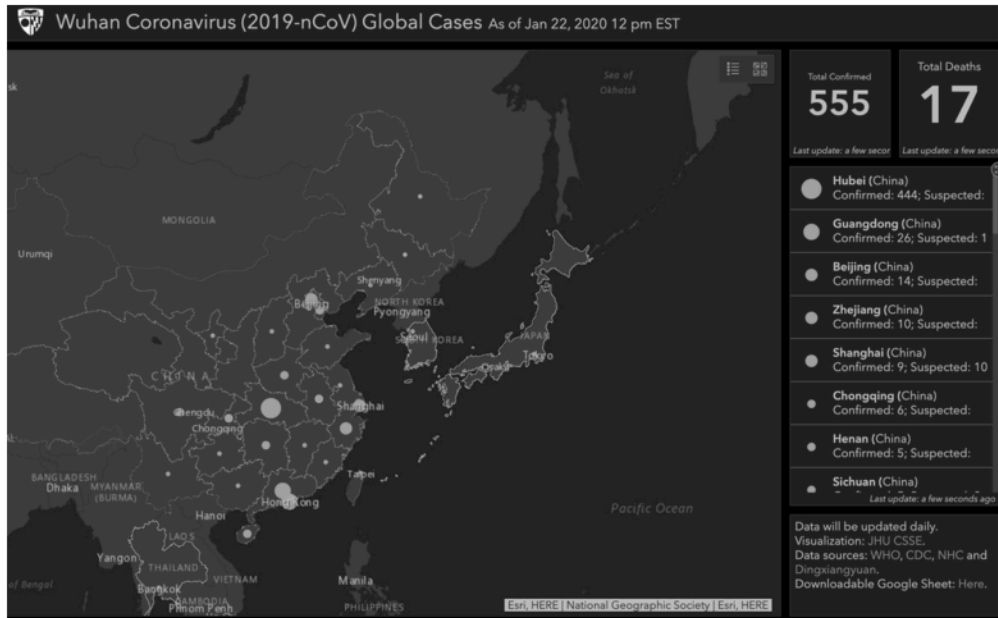
No flights have taken off from that airport for the last 40 minutes.

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Screenings for the virus have been expanding to airports in Atlanta, Chicago, New York and elsewhere. Russia has tightened its border for Chinese travelers, and other countries have also stepped up screening efforts.

As the outbreak worsens, the people of Wuhan are feeling increasingly isolated as the number of cases surpasses 550, and the number of deaths has nearly doubled.



Communist Party leaders, via their allies in the press, touted the transit shutdown as unprecedented, something that wasn't done even during the 2003 SARS outbreak.



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Shutting down outbound transportation of a provincial capital city is unprecedented in China since 1949. Didn't do so even during SARS in 2003.

This is a forced step since virus is expanding fiercely. It will greatly increase the chance of epidemic being contained.

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But as Beijing once again tries to convince the world that it has the situation under control, one reporter has offered some food for thought:



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Wuhan is home to 11mil - more people than any city in US and many in Europe. Think about how challenging the quarantine will be. #China
<https://twitter.com/onlyyoontv/status/1220058769247232000> ...

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All public transport in Wuhan -local buses, long-distanced buses, subway, ferry - temporarily closed starting 10am #China time Thu (9pm ET Wed), state media reports. All flights, trains set to depart Wuhan also temporarily canceled to curb #WuhanCoronavirus, local government says.

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They might as well change Wuhan's name to Raccoon City.

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Update 3 (1230ET): As Beijing scrambles to contain the coronavirus as the number of cases discovered in China and around the world soars, Japan Times reports that government officials have cancelled some Olympic qualifying events in China.

Women's soccer qualifiers for this summer's Tokyo Games will be moved from Wuhan, the city at the center of the outbreak, to another location within China, per the Asian Football Confederation said Wednesday.

Wuhan was supposed to host China, Taiwan, Thailand and Australia for the Group B qualifiers between Feb. 3 and Feb. 9. Instead, the games will be held on the same dates in the city of Nanjing.

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Update 2 (1030amET): Just as we suspected, Chinese authorities have revised the death toll for the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak to 17 on Wednesday, meaning that in under 24 hours, the death toll has practically doubled.

Meanwhile, Russia media reports claim that a passenger from Shanghai has been hospitalized, a sign that the virus may now have spread to Russia.

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US stocks are rebounding from yesterday's
authorities around the world, including
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But does this really sound "contained"?

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Update (1000amET): So much for being 'contained'.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador - better known
as AMLO - said Wednesday morning that two cases of
coronavirus are suspected in Mexico, and that health officials are
scrambling to confirm. He added that one of the patients is under
observation in Tamaulipas.



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#ConferenciaMatutina el Presidente Andrés Manuel @lopezobrador afirmó que se identificaron dos casos de coronavirus en México. Uno de ellos está en observación en Tamaulipas, del que es probable que se descarte que sea coronavirus de Wuhan.



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AMLO assured the public that the Mexican government is closely monitoring the situation.

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China's National Health Commission has revised the total of coronavirus cases higher for at least the second time on Wednesday: there are now 473 confirmed patients infected in China alone, though the death toll remained at 9, [Reuters](#) reports.

Internationally, the total number of cases has climbed to 481, according to a running count by the [SCMP](#):

Wuhan Virus

	Cases	Deaths
Mainland China	471	9
Thailand	4	--
Hong Kong	1	--
Macau	1	--
Taiwan	1	--
South Korea	1	--
Japan	1	--
USA	1	--
Vietnam	--	--
Other	--	--

Total Figures

481
cases

9
deaths

Source: China's National Health Commission

As the virus spreads throughout the mainland, health officials in Hong Kong have confirmed that the first case of coronavirus has been detected in the Special Autonomous Region. According to the SCMP, the male patient arrived in Hong Kong on a high-speed train on Tuesday from Wuhan, the Chinese city at the center of the outbreak. He was discovered to have a fever when he arrived at a rail station in West Kowloon, and has now tested positive for the virus three times, the first two at Queen Elizabeth hospital in Jordan.

Local television footage showed the still-unnamed patient being taken from Queen Elizabeth to Princess Margaret Hospital, where the Hospital Authority Infectious Disease Center is located. Several health care workers wearing full protective gear could be seen pushing the patient on a stretcher.



Hong Kong's public rail company, MTR Corp, confirmed that it had been notified by the Department of Health that the patient took a high-speed rail train G5607 from the Shenzhen North station to West Kowloon Station. Officials are now taking steps to disinfect the train.

The virus has also reportedly made it to Macau, which also confirmed its first case on Wednesday, according to the SCMP.

Alarming, considering that Macau is one of the most popular destinations for the hundreds of millions of vacationers from the mainland looking to travel for the Chinese New Year Holiday this week, Macau's patient zero made it through health screenings for the virus, even though she had been showing symptoms including a cough and soar throat for about a week.

Ominously, four family members of the patient, all of whom didn't have symptoms, stayed overnight at a hotel in a popular tourist area of Hong Kong before departing for Manila.

The virus has already spread to Chinese cities including Beijing and Shanghai, as well as to the US, Australia, South Korea, Thailand, Japan and beyond.

Earlier, we reported that China had launched a nation-wide screening effort to detect any remaining cases of the virus, suggesting that there could be many more cases yet to be uncovered. Screeners are looking for symptoms including fever, cough and difficulty breathing, all pneumonia-like symptoms. In addition to the autonomous regions, the virus has been confirmed in at least 13 Chinese provinces.

Beijing has also launched extensive operations to coat whole cities in disinfectant, as the video below shows:

Disinfection in the city of Shanghai due to the outbreak of a new #coronavirus pic.twitter.com/a3UDnqhFkI

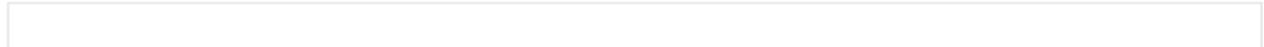
— Raccoon Brother (@RaccoonBrother) January 22, 2020

President Trump said earlier during an interview with CNBC's Joe Kernan that the situation in the US is "totally under control" after

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Asked about criticisms that China wasn't completely transparent about the virus, and initially tried to conceal the fact that it could spread from human to human, Trump said he had a good relationship with President Xi and expected that he could trust the Chinese government.

Click on the image in the Twitter box below to watch the 72-second video clip:



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“We have it totally under control,” President Trump says after the CDC confirmed the first U.S. case of the coronavirus that has sickened hundreds of people in China. [#Davos2020 https://cnb.cx/2TG1NOI](https://cnb.cx/2TG1NOI)



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Chinese officials have warned that the virus and mutating as it has traveled. The map

has been evolving below is the NYT's

most up-to-date accounting of confirmed cases, though at this point it's already woefully out-of-date.

Confirmed cases



Source: National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China. Note: Data as of 10 a.m, Jan. 22 local time.

The WHO is meeting on Wednesday to decide whether the outbreak warrants the most serious categorization for global pandemics.

Meanwhile, some experts are warning that on Wednesday the virus has taken a "step closer to full-blown epidemic."

Media reports have been warning people in China and around the world about steps they can take to avoid being infected. Basic steps include frequently washing hands, avoid touching ones eyes, mouth or nose with unwashed hands, clean and disinfect objects, and covering one's mouth and nose during a sneeze, per CNN.

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A professor has warned that the new deadly coronavirus which originated in China has the same kill rate as the Spanish flu, which claimed the lives of 20-50 million people in 1918.

Fears of widespread contagion are growing after hundreds of cases were confirmed and 17 people died. The virus originated in an animal market in Wuhan, China and has now spread to numerous other countries, including the United States.

The virus has a 2% death rate, compared to 0.1% for the regular flu. For every 50 people who are infected, one will statistically die.

“This [2019-nCoV’s death rate] could be 2%, similar to Spanish flu,” said Professor Neil Ferguson from Imperial College London.

“Novel viruses spread much faster because we have no immunity,” he added.

Yikes.

Let’s do some math here.

In 1918, the population of the earth was just under 2 billion. Spanish flu killed around 20-50 million, around 2.5% of the population. In today's figures with a population of 7.8 billion, a similar kill rate would take out 195 million people.

Fatalities are occurring as a result of pneumonia and there is "no effective anti-viral," according to Professor Peter Horby from the University of Oxford.

Hopefully now that the Chinese government has banned all travel in Wuhan and shut down the airport, the spread of the virus will be massively contained.

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Update 7 (1630ET): Mexico is the latest country to announce a 'coordinated response' to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

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- • MEXICO TO MONITOR COORDINATE NATION-WIDE EFFORTS TO CORONAVIRUS
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Until the epidemic is over, it's private jets only.

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Update 6 (1530ET): Hong Kong has reportedly confirmed a second case of coronavirus.



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Hong Kong authorities report a second confirmed case of coronavirus.
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More details to come...

Update 5 (1500ET): After praising all of China's efforts to contain the outbreak, the WHO Director General announced that the emergency committee would delay its decision on whether to declare the coronavirus a major health emergency of international concern because the committee wants "more information."

It's unclear exactly what they're hoping to learn between today and tomorrow, but with the pace at which the virus is spreading, it's possible that nearly 1,000 cases will have been identified by then.

Only five other outbreaks have warranted this designation from the WHO.

WHO DECLARATION

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF INTL. CONCERN

- H1N1 “swine flu” (2009)
- Wild poliovirus (2014)
- Ebola (2014)
- Zika (2016)
- Ebola (2019)

Fortunately, we should know more tomorrow.

Update 4 (1350ET): Almost exactly an hour after we
tweeted a flight tracking map showing dozens of departures
from Wuhan's International Airport...



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....Chinese authorities have reportedly suspended all outbound air and train travel from the city, expanding on their edict that nobody leave, and nobody enter, the city in central China, which has a population of 11 million people, making it larger than New York City.

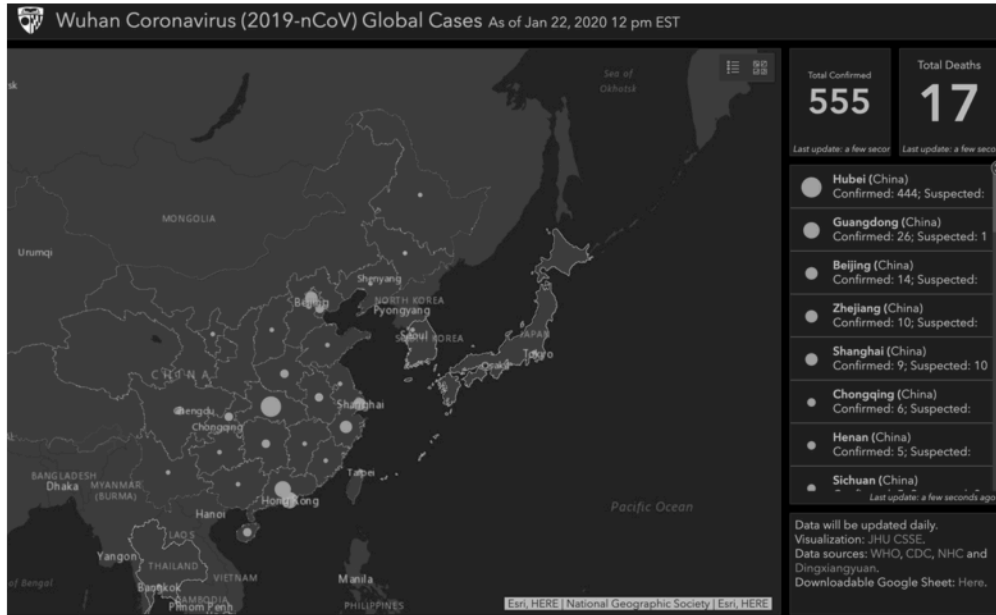
No flights have taken off from that airport for the last 40 minutes.

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Screenings for the virus have been expanding to airports in Atlanta, Chicago, New York and elsewhere. Russia has tightened its border for Chinese travelers, and other countries have also stepped up screening efforts.

As the outbreak worsens, the people of Wuhan are feeling increasingly isolated as the number of cases surpasses 550, and the number of deaths has nearly doubled.



Communist Party leaders, via their allies in the press, touted the transit shutdown as unprecedented, something that wasn't done even during the 2003 SARS outbreak.



Hu Xijin 胡锡进 ✓@HuXijin GT

Shutting down outbound transportation of a provincial capital city is unprecedented in China since 1949. Didn't do so even during SARS in 2003. This is a forced step since virus is expanding fiercely. It will greatly increase the chance of epidemic being contained.

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#Wuhan to suspend bus and subway in the city, close outbound channels at train stations and airports from 10 am Thursday amid escalating epidemic of coronavirus #nCoV2019 [https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=405d6c2e-1c097552-405d5d11-0cc47adc5fa2-aa72157aa9934145&u=https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1177745.shtml ...](https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=405d6c2e-1c097552-405d5d11-0cc47adc5fa2-aa72157aa9934145&u=https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1177745.shtml)



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But as Beijing once again tries to convince the world that it has the situation under control, one reporter has offered some food for thought:



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Wuhan is home to 11mil - more people than any city in US and many in Europe. Think about how challenging the quarantine will be. [#China](https://twitter.com/onlyyoontv/status/1220058769247232000)
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All public transport in Wuhan -local buses, long-distanced buses, subway, ferry - temporarily closed starting 10am #China time Thu (9pm ET Wed), state media reports. All flights, trains set to depart Wuhan also temporarily canceled to curb #WuhanCoronavirus, local government says.

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They might as well change Wuhan's name to Raccoon City.

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Update 3 (1230ET): As Beijing scrambles to contain the coronavirus as the number of cases discovered in China and around the world soars, Japan Times reports that government officials have cancelled some Olympic qualifying events in China.

Women's soccer qualifiers for this summer's Tokyo Games will be moved from Wuhan, the city at the center of the outbreak, to another location within China, per the Asian Football Confederation said Wednesday.

Wuhan was supposed to host China, Taiwan, Thailand and Australia for the Group B qualifiers between Feb. 3 and Feb. 9. Instead, the games will be held on the same dates in the city of Nanjing.

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Update 2 (1030amET): Just as we suspected, Chinese authorities have revised the death toll for the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak to 17 on Wednesday, meaning that in under 24 hours, the death toll has practically doubled.

Meanwhile, Russia media reports claim that a passenger from Shanghai has been hospitalized, a sign that the virus may now have spread to Russia.

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PASSENGER FROM SHANGHAI HOSPITALIZED IN ST
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NOVEL CRONAVIRUS DEATHS RISE TO 17 IN HUBEI
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US stocks are rebounding from yesterday's virus-driven dip as authorities around the world, including President Trump, insist that the outbreak is under control.

But does this really sound "contained"?

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Update (1000amET): So much for being 'contained'.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador - better known as AMLO - said Wednesday morning that two cases of coronavirus are suspected in Mexico, and that health officials are scrambling to confirm. He added that one of the patients is under observation in Tamaulipas.



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AMLO assured the public that the Mexican government is closely monitoring the situation.

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China's National Health Commission has revised the total of coronavirus cases higher for at least the second time on Wednesday: there are now 473 confirmed patients infected in China alone, though the death toll remained at 9, Reuters reports.

Internationally, the total number of cases has climbed to 481, according to a running count by the SCMP:

Wuhan Virus

	Cases	Deaths
Mainland China	471	9
Thailand	4	--
Hong Kong	1	--
Macau	1	--
Taiwan	1	--
South Korea	1	--
Japan	1	--
USA	1	--
Vietnam	--	--
Other	--	--

Total Figures

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Source: China's National Health Commission

As the virus spreads throughout the mainland, health officials in Hong Kong have confirmed that the first case of coronavirus has been detected in the Special Autonomous Region. According to the SCMP, the male patient arrived in Hong Kong on a high-speed train on Tuesday from Wuhan, the Chinese city at the center of the outbreak. He was discovered to have a fever when he arrived at a rail station in West Kowloon, and has now tested positive for the virus three times, the first two at Queen Elizabeth hospital in Jordan.

Local television footage showed the still-unnamed patient being taken from Queen Elizabeth to Princess Margaret Hospital, where the Hospital Authority Infectious Disease Center is located. Several health care workers wearing full protective gear could be seen pushing the patient on a stretcher.



Hong Kong's public rail company, MTR Corp, confirmed that it had been notified by the Department of Health that the patient took a high-speed rail train G5607 from the Shenzhen North station to West Kowloon Station. Officials are now taking steps to disinfect the train.

The virus has also reportedly made it to Macau, which also confirmed its first case on Wednesday, according to the SCMP. Alarming, considering that Macau is one of the most popular destinations for the hundreds of millions of vacationers from the mainland looking to travel for the Chinese New Year Holiday this week, Macau's patient zero made it through health screenings for the virus, even though she had been showing symptoms including a cough and soar throat for about a week.

Ominously, four family members of the patient, all of whom didn't have symptoms, stayed overnight at a hotel in a popular tourist area of Hong Kong before departing for Manila.

The virus has already spread to Chinese cities including Beijing and Shanghai, as well as to the US, Australia, South Korea, Thailand, Japan and beyond.

Earlier, we reported that China had launched a nation-wide screening effort to detect any remaining cases of the virus, suggesting that there could be many more cases yet to be uncovered. Screeners are looking for symptoms including fever, cough and difficulty breathing, all pneumonia-like symptoms. In addition to the autonomous regions, the virus has been confirmed in at least 13 Chinese provinces.

Beijing has also launched extensive operations to coat whole cities in disinfectant, as the video below shows:

Disinfection in the city of Shanghai due to the outbreak of a new [#coronavirus pic.twitter.com/a3UDnqhFkl](https://twitter.com/a3UDnqhFkl)

— Raccoon Brother (@RaccoonBrother) [January 22, 2020](#)

President Trump said earlier during an interview with CNBC's Joe Kernan that the situation in the US is "totally under control" after the first case was identified in Washington state, the CDC announced yesterday.

Asked about criticisms that China wasn't completely transparent about the virus, and initially tried to conceal the fact that it could spread from human to human, Trump said he had a good relationship with President Xi and expected that he could trust the Chinese government.

Click on the image in the Twitter box below to watch the 72-second video clip:



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“We have it totally under control,” President Trump says after the CDC confirmed the first U.S. case of the coronavirus that has sickened hundreds of people in China. [#Davos2020 https://cnb.cx/2TG1NOI](https://cnb.cx/2TG1NOI)



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Chinese officials have warned that the virus has been evolving and mutating as it has traveled. The map below is the NYT's most up-to-date accounting of confirmed cases, though at this point it's already woefully out-of-date.

Confirmed cases



Source: National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China. Note: Data as of 10 a.m, Jan. 22 local time.

The WHO is meeting on Wednesday to decide whether the outbreak warrants the most serious categorization for global pandemics.

Meanwhile, some experts are warning that on Wednesday the virus has taken a "step closer to full-blown epidemic."

Media reports have been warning people in China and around the world about steps they can take to avoid being infected. Basic steps include frequently washing hands, avoid touching ones eyes, mouth or nose with unwashed hands, clean and disinfect objects, and covering one's mouth and nose during a sneeze, per CNN.

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As cases of the Chinese health public, and coronavirus 'contained'

new coronavirus popped up around the globe, officials managed to assuage the worries of the the market, by insisting that the new, deadly that emerged late last month in Wuhan had been and that the outbreak would swiftly die down.

Despite imposing some draconian travel bans, it's becoming increasingly clear that this isn't going to happen. Even after

quarantining an entire city of 11 million people - Wuhan is the 7th largest city in China and larger than any US city - experts are warning that it's too late: The cat is already out of the bag.

But that won't stop Beijing from trying: Now that Wuhan has been effectively cut off, Chinese officials announced another city-wide quarantine on Thursday: Huanggang city, which is in Hubei province and situated close to Wuhan, will suspend outbound train and bus services, as well as all bus services within the city effective Friday. All public places, including movie theaters, have been ordered to close until further notice, practically guaranteeing that the quarantine will take a bite out of GDP. Though even after authorities cut off all flights, Reuters reports that a few airlines were still running flights out of Wuhan.

Wuhan Virus

	Cases	Deaths	Total
Mainland China	571	17	583 cases
Thailand	4	--	
Hong Kong	2	--	
Macau	2	--	
Taiwan	1	--	
South Korea	1	--	17 deaths
Japan	1	--	
USA	1	--	
Vietnam	--	--	
Other	--	--	

Source: China's NHC, state media, other authorities

SCMP

As the SCMP pointed out, Wuhan, the city at the center of the outbreak, is five times larger than London.



The decision comes as more than 600 cases of the virus have now been confirmed. The death toll has been steady since yesterday at 17, as the WHO ponders whether to label the outbreak as a global pandemic risk.

Chinese state broadcasters shared images of Wuhan's ghostly transport hubs, including the Hankou rail station, with all gates barred or blocked. Highway toll booths were shutting down as guards patrolled major highways. Inside the city, residents crowded into hospitals and rushed to buy up essential supplies from supermarkets and gas stations.

Interestingly, at least one Western journalist is reporting from Wuhan. We imagine Beijing allowed ABC access to the city to try and calm the growing panic in the West.

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As more barriers rise, one well-known public health expert known for his work on the SARS outbreak warned that the quarantines likely wouldn't be enough to stop the virus from becoming a global pandemic, according to the New York Times.

Dr. Guan Yi, a professor of infectious diseases at the University of Hong Kong who visited Wuhan earlier this week, warned there was a potential for the virus to spread rapidly despite the controls put in place Thursday morning.

"We have a chance to have a pandemic outbreak," said Dr. Guan, who was part of the team that identified the coronavirus that caused the deadly SARS outbreak in 2002 and 2003. SARS infected more than 8,000 people and killed nearly 800.

Dr. Guan also told Caixin, an influential Chinese magazine known for investigative reports, that he had traveled to Wuhan earlier in the week hoping to help track the virus's animal source and control the epidemic. But he left, he said, feeling "powerless, very angry."

Dr. W. Ian Lipkin, an epidemiologist at Columbia University who advised the Chinese government and the World Health Organization during the SARS outbreak, said that infected people outside Wuhan would continue to spread the disease.

"The horse is already out of the barn," he said.

Another expert warned that there could already be as many as 4,000 cases of coronavirus in Wuhan, meaning that the vast majority of infections likely haven't yet been reported.

Meanwhile, regulators around the world are scrambling to cut off flights from Wuhan (even though Beijing has supposedly cut off all rail and plane travel out of the city): The Philippines is the latest country to cut off flights from the city. The country's Civil Aeronautics Board added that flights from elsewhere in China would be placed under 'strict monitoring', according to CNN Philippines. Manila, the Philippines' crowded capital city, has started handing out 100,000 face masks.



The director of the country's Civil Aeronautics Board explained that, even though Beijing is quarantining entire cities, it's up to the Philippines to take their own steps to curb the outbreak.

When you look at the seriousness of the outbreak, Wuhan should be the focus of attention," CAB Executive Director Carmelo Arcilla told reporters.

"Even if they lift it, we have to look at our side first and make our own assessment. So our assessment is different from theirs, I mean, even their decision is different from ours," Arcilla said.

Experts have warned that quarantining an entire city of 11 million would be virtually impossible. But the nabobs in Beijing refuse to be deterred: Videos circulating on social media show Chinese police setting up barricades across roads leading out of the city. Anybody in Wuhan who had New Year's travel plans should probably cancel them and ask for a refund.

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Roads leading to and from Wuhan have now been blocked as the city has been placed in quarantine to try and stop the spread of the coronavirus [#China](#) [#Wuhan](#) [#Coronavirus](#)



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After a suspected case of coronavirus was discovered in Macau yesterday, officials in the special autonomous region warned that they might close all casinos in the territory, a move that would spoil the vacation plans of millions of Chinese planning to travel to Macau for the Chinese New Year. A second case was reportedly discovered on Thursday.

Across the world, a mildly risk-off mood is once again dominating markets. That means US stocks are one outbreak headline away from deeper declines.

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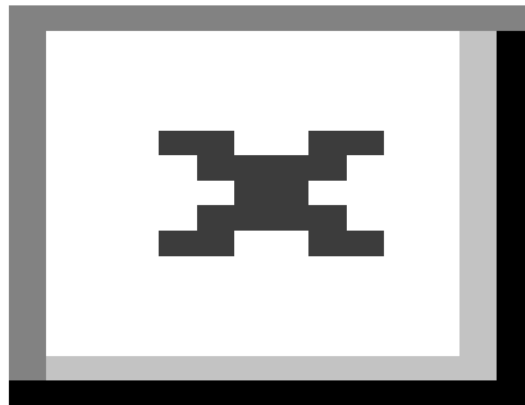
At least 17 people have died and more than 570 have been sickened by a mysterious illness. Many residents are worried by the official response.

By The New York Times

The authorities enacted strict travel bans for the central Chinese cities of Huanggang, Ezhou and Wuhan, collectively home to nearly 20 million people.

An outbreak is spreading. Here's what you need to know:

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ImagePolice officers guarding an entrance to the closed Hankou Railway Station in Wuhan, China, on Thursday.Credit...Thepaper, via Associated Press

The authorities ban travel from three cities at center of outbreak, affecting millions.

The authorities expanded travel restrictions to two central Chinese cities near Wuhan, the epicenter of a mysterious outbreak of coronavirus, hours after announcing that 17 people had died and more than 570 had contracted the disease.

The restrictions on train and other forms of travel will apply to tens of millions of people and come just days before the Lunar New Year holiday, when hundreds of millions of people travel around and out of the country.

The Chinese authorities on Thursday morning closed off Wuhan — a major port city of more than 11 million people and the center of a pneumonia-like virus that has spread halfway around the world — by canceling flights and trains leaving the city, and suspending buses, subways and ferries within it.

By evening, officials planned to close off Huanggang, a city of seven million about 30 miles east of Wuhan, and shut rail stations in the nearby city of Ezhou, which has about one million residents.

In Huanggang, public transportation and departing trains would were to stop service at midnight.

Residents would not be allowed to leave the city without special permission, according to a government statement. In Ezhou, all rail stations were to be closed.

In Wuhan, residents said that a sense of fear was growing as the city went into lockdown.

Containing an Outbreak

Images from China's battle against a deadly coronavirus.

The new virus, which first emerged at the end of December, has killed at least 17 people and sickened more than 570, including in Taiwan, Japan, Thailand, South Korea and the United States. It has raised the specter of a repeat of the SARS epidemic, which broke out in China in 2002 and 2003 and spread rapidly while officials obscured the seriousness of the crisis. That virus eventually killed more than 800 people worldwide.

Roughly 30,000 people fly out of Wuhan on an average day, according to air traffic data. Many more leave using ground transportation like trains and cars. The city is the hub of industry and commerce in central China, home to the region's biggest airport and deepwater port.

The sudden restrictions could upend the travel plans of millions of Chinese citizens, who travel in huge numbers during the Lunar New Year holiday, which begins on Friday. The government said it would close Wuhan's airport and train stations to departures, and it urged residents not to leave the city unless they had an urgent reason to do so.

In Beijing, the government said it would cancel large public gatherings for the holiday, including fairs at temples that usually draw shoulder-to-shoulder crowds.

Residents in Wuhan are nervous. Some are also angry.

Across Wuhan on Thursday, residents — some wearing masks, some sniffing or coughing — visited hospitals and clinics seeking treatment. In interviews with a New York Times correspondent in the city, some said they were angry about the sudden lockdown. Others said they were confused by the restrictions.

Outside the Wuhan No. 3 Hospital, Yang Lin, said she had come to the hospital to see if a sniffing cold she had might be the coronavirus. She said that after a quick check, the doctors told her not to worry. But she was not reassured.

"They said it was just a common cold, and told me to get some medicine and go home," Ms. Yang, 28, said. "But how am I to know? They didn't even take my temperature. It's just not responsible."

The outbreak is testing Wuhan's health care system. Several Wuhan residents said on social media websites that they had gone from hospital to hospital, waiting in lines for hours, only to be sent home with medicine and instructions to seek further treatment later if symptoms persisted in a few days.

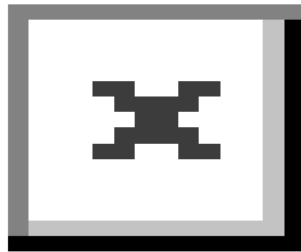
“The government did not fulfill its duty,” Du Hanrong, 56, a retiree, said by telephone. “They just are doing things hastily and carelessly.”

Doctors told some patients that there was a shortage of hospital beds as well as testing kits, according to posts on Chinese social media sites.

Cheng Shidong, a doctor at the Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University, said in an interview that his hospital had set up 100 beds to receive infected patients, but that it didn’t have enough protective material, such as masks and suits, for the medical staff.

In Wuhan, Ms. Yang said that while she was in a pharmacy buying medicine, another person complained that he thought he had the coronavirus but had not been isolated. The city’s medical system, especially its smaller hospitals, seems unprepared for the influx of patients, she said.

“I’m willing to accept that we have to stay in Wuhan, O.K., but the medical care needs to keep up,” she said. “You shouldn’t tell us we can’t leave, and then give us second-rate medical care. That’s unfair.”



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Maps: Where the Wuhan Coronavirus Has Spread

The virus has sickened hundreds of people in Asia and one person in the United States.

Who are the victims?

China’s health commission, which has tightly controlled news about the toll of the outbreak, released on Thursday its most detailed list of the people who have died of the disease.

The first 17 people were largely older men, many with underlying health problems. All died in Hubei Province, which includes the city of Wuhan.

The first confirmed death was a 61-year-old man who went to a hospital in Wuhan on December 27, weak with a fever and a cough. He was transferred to another hospital as his condition worsened, and he was later attached to a machine that helped oxygenate his blood. But his condition worsened, and he died on Jan. 9.

Of the first 17 deaths, 13 were men and four were women, officials said. The youngest victim was a 48-year-old woman identified only by her surname, Yin, who died on Monday. The oldest were two 89-year-old men who died on Saturday and Sunday.

Many had underlying conditions like cirrhosis of the liver, hypertension, diabetes and Parkinson’s disease. Most had gone to the hospital with a fever and a cough, though at least three had no fever when they were admitted, according to the health commission.

While a full picture of the virus is still unknown, medical experts found some positive signs in the fact that the disease did not appear to be killing young and otherwise healthy people.

It was a somewhat reassuring sign that “the majority of fatal cases are elderly and/or have a chronic disease that would increase their susceptibility to infectious diseases,” said Dr. W. Ian Lipkin, an epidemiologist at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in New York.

‘I feel extremely powerless,’ says a SARS expert, raising an alarm.

In an unusually blunt interview, Dr. Guan Yi, a professor of infectious diseases in Hong Kong and expert on SARS, criticized the authorities in Wuhan for acting too slowly and obstructing his efforts to investigate the outbreak.

Dr. Guan, who helped successfully identify the coronavirus that caused SARS during the 2002-2003 outbreak in China, told the influential Chinese magazine Caixin that he was deeply frustrated by the city government’s response to the spread of the virus.

He and his team had visited Wuhan on Tuesday hoping that they could track the animal that was the source of the coronavirus but were shocked to find that residents at a market were not taking any precautions or wearing masks. No special measures were in place at the airport to disinfect surfaces and floors, either. This showed that the city government was being complacent despite the urgent orders handed down by Beijing, he said.

“I thought at the time, we had to be in a ‘state of war’, but how come the alarm has not been raised?” he told Caixin. “Poor citizens, they were still preparing to ring in the New Year in peace and had no sense about the epidemic.”

He also criticized the local authorities for disinfecting the market where many infections had been traced to, saying that made it difficult for researchers to investigate where the virus came from.

“I consider myself a veteran in battles,” he said, citing his experience with bird flu, SARS, and other outbreaks. “But with this Wuhan pneumonia, I feel extremely powerless.”

What is a coronavirus and why is it so dangerous?

Coronaviruses are named for the spikes that protrude from their membranes, which resemble the sun’s corona. They can infect both animals and people, and cause illnesses of the respiratory tract, ranging from the common cold to severe conditions like SARS, which sickened thousands of people around the world — and killed nearly 800 — during a 2003 outbreak.

Symptoms of infection include a high fever, difficulty breathing and lung lesions. Milder cases may resemble the flu or a bad cold, making detection very difficult. The incubation period — the time from exposure to the onset of symptoms — is believed to be about two weeks.

Little is known about who is most at risk. Some of the nine patients who have died also suffered other illnesses.

Some residents worry the government is underreporting cases.

There are growing concerns that the Chinese authorities are underreporting the number of people who are ill with the virus. Relatives of patients say that some hospitals, strapped for resources as they deal with an influx of patients, are turning sick people away or refusing to test them for the coronavirus. Many people remain skeptical of the government’s official statistics, with memories of the effort to cover up the severity of the SARS outbreak in 2003 still fresh.

In Wuhan, Kyle Hui, an architect from Shanghai, said that doctors at Tongji Hospital declined to test his stepmother for the virus, even though she was showing symptoms like a cough and a fever. She died on Jan. 15 of “severe pneumonia,” according to a copy of her death certificate.

Mr. Hui said that hospital workers treated his stepmother as if she had the coronavirus, wearing hazmat suits. After she died, the hospital instructed the family to cremate the body immediately. Mr. Hui said that after her death, doctors informed the family that they suspected his stepmother had the coronavirus.

“I’m very sad my stepmother left without any dignity,” Mr. Hui said during an interview this week in a cafe in Wuhan. “There was no time to say goodbye.”

Chinese state media plays down the crisis.

A sense of crisis is spreading through China as more people fall ill to the deadly virus. But you wouldn’t know it reading the front pages of China’s official newspapers.

As China grapples with one of its most serious public health crises in years, the ruling Communist Party’s most important news outlets seem oblivious to the emergency.

On Thursday, the front page of the People’s Daily featured stories about China’s leader, Xi Jinping, “visiting and comforting” villagers in Yunnan, a southwestern province, ahead of the Lunar New Year Holiday, describing a “warm and peaceful” scene. A [photo](#) showed New Year’s revelers aboard a train, smiling and snapping photos.

On Wednesday, China Central Television, the state broadcaster, treated the outbreak as a footnote in its evening newscast, one of the most watched television programs in China, instead focusing on Mr. Xi’s talks with world leaders.

While more commercially focused outlets, such as Caixin, a financial magazine, and the Beijing News, a newspaper, are covering the crisis extensively, the party’s flagship news outlets have been relatively quiet.

Experts said Mr. Xi appeared to be trying to prevent a sense of panic and to limit criticism of the party’s response.

“The top priority will be to keep coverage from asking more probing questions about how China’s institutions have responded, questions that might lead to criticism of the government,” said [David Bandurski](#), co-director of the China Media Project.

A New York Times reporter travels to the epidemic’s ground zero.

Chris Buckley, our chief China correspondent, headed to Wuhan from Beijing to cover the outbreak. He is [sending live dispatches](#) from his trip.

11 a.m. — Aboard the G79 high speed train

The G79 high speed train from Beijing to Hong Kong, which stops in Wuhan, was crowded with holiday passengers. The train was a hubbub of conversation, much of it about the deadly coronavirus and the lockdown around Wuhan.

Guo Jing, a worker from northeast China, was headed with two friends for a holiday in Macau. After some hesitation, they had taken off their masks. “They’re too uncomfortable inside,” Mr. Guo said. “My view is we have to be careful but not panic. If you’re the panicky type, then you wouldn’t be on this train.”

1:37 p.m. — Aboard the G79 high speed train

Half an hour out from Wuhan, the train is quite crowded with passengers. When I explain that I’m getting off at Wuhan, the reactions vary from advice — wear masks, don’t go, drink lots of water — to mordant jokes that I may be there a long time.

“You should know that they probably won’t let people out until the New Year holiday is over,” said one woman, who would only give her family name, Yang.

2:29 p.m. — Wuhan

Wuhan Railway Station, usually thronging with people in the days before the Lunar New Year holiday, is very empty. An announcement playing on a loop over the speakers tells the few people here that residents cannot leave the city and the station is temporarily closed.

Bats, badgers or bamboo rats? What Chinese scientists say

Scientists have been scrambling to understand the source of the coronavirus, in particular, the animals from which the virus may have jumped to humans. Many of the cases in Wuhan were connected to a market that sold live poultry and exotic animal meats. Considered a likely source of the virus, the market was closed and disinfected.

Early epidemiological research is indicating that it may have come from wild animals such as bamboo rats and badgers, said Dr. Zhong Nanshan, a prominent Chinese scientist who was the country's leading expert during the SARS outbreak, said in an interview with state media on Monday. Named for its bamboo-heavy diet, the cat-sized bamboo rat has become a somewhat popular delicacy in recent years in China, promoted for its purported health properties.

A group of Chinese researchers from the eastern city of Tianjin and Nanjing in the south, said the Wuhan coronavirus may have originated from Chinese horseshoe bats, according to a study they published in the Chinese Journal of Bioinformatics on Tuesday.

China's National Genomics Data Center said the Wuhan virus was 88 percent genetically similar to a SARS-like coronavirus that was collected from bats in China in 2017.

Another group of Chinese scientists suggested that snakes were the "most probable wildlife animal reservoir" for the novel coronavirus, then transmitted to humans, in an article published in the Journal of Medical Virology Wednesday.

Many residents tried to leave the city.

The announcement that the city of Wuhan would be temporarily sealed off from the outside world starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday came while most residents were asleep at 2 a.m.

Some decided to flee the city.

Residents were seen hauling their luggage to a train station in the early hours before the citywide lockdown took effect, the Chinese news outlet Caixin reported. Several people said they would buy tickets for any destination as long as they could leave Wuhan, the magazine reported.

Lines of passengers in masks and down jackets, lugging suitcases, formed outside the major Hankou railway station just 20 minutes before the cutoff time, a live video by media outlet The Paper showed. Han Zhen and Wang Mengkai, two migrant workers from Henan Province, said they had rushed to the railway station in order to leave on Wednesday night, but missed the last train out.

Both said they were frustrated by the sudden lockdown and were scrambling to find a way home.

"It's serious but not that serious," said Mr. Wang, who works in an electronics parts factory. "We're trying to figure out how we can get home. If we can't get out on a train, we'll try putting together a car with a driver."

Asked if they were motivated to leave by fear of the virus, Mr. Han said: "No, we are not scared."

"It's the New Year, we just have to go home," he added.

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention plans to ask the FDA to authorize emergency use of a newly developed diagnostic test to detect the Wuhan coronavirus that CDC leaders want to share with state and local health agencies in the coming weeks.

The authorization would follow a precedent set during outbreaks of Zika, Ebola and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome — and would give local health officials a similar test federal researchers used to confirm the first case of the coronavirus in the United States, in Washington state.

The FDA issues emergency use authorizations, or EUAs, when unapproved medical products can be used to diagnose serious or life-threatening diseases when there are no available alternatives. For that to happen, HHS Secretary Alex Azar would have to declare circumstances justify the test's need, FDA spokesperson Megan McSeveney said in an email.

There is no commercially available diagnostic test for the Wuhan coronavirus that's approved by the FDA. The outbreak has killed at least 17 people and sickened more than 600 and prompted Chinese authorities to lock down four cities to try to contain transmission.

The FDA granted emergency authorizations after CDC developed tests in response to the outbreak of Ebola in West Africa from 2014 to 2016 and the Zika virus epidemic in North and South America in 2015 and 2016.

"We stand ready to use our authorities to the fullest extent to help facilitate the development and availability of diagnostic tests for this virus, as we did during previous outbreaks," McSeveney said. FDA would not confirm if CDC already applied for an EUA for its diagnostic test.

China shared the genetic sequence of the virus to help countries develop diagnostic kits Jan. 12 and CDC finalized development of a new test last weekend. For now, any samples from infected patients have to be sent to the CDC's headquarters in Atlanta.

"Any time there is a new infectious disease outbreak and you don't have a standard diagnostic test, initial cases are going to be diagnosed using a laboratory developed test," said Amesh

Adalja, an infectious disease expert and assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security. “In the early days of an outbreak, the CDC is often the only source of testing until it can be pushed out to state and local health departments.”

The CDC test works by directly detecting the viral genome in an actively or recently infected individual, said Christopher Mores, an arbovirologist and professor of global health at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health.

“It’s a really rapid test; once the sample gets to the laboratory it’s only a matter of a couple of hours to get the test result,” Mores said. “I’m sure their goal is to get this out to state and city laboratories that are in their network as quickly as possible.”

The World Health Organization said Tuesday it is working on a research and development blueprint to speed the development of diagnostic tests and is coordinating global work among researchers and other experts.

But even as tests to detect the virus become more widely available, they will not be used as a screening tool at airports, according to Mores.

“There isn’t a more rapid test that can be deployed at screening centers at airports at this point, that isn’t something we will see anytime soon” Mores said. “It will be screening based on travel history, contact with infected individuals and symptoms.”

CDC staff began screening travelers on Jan. 17 at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport — and plans to expand operations to Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport this week as soon as it has the capacity to do so, according to Martin Cetron, director of the agency's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine.

“All of the people who originate in Wuhan and travel into the United States ... will be rerouted into these five,” Cetron said.

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CDC wants FDA to evaluate emergency use for new Wuhan virus test

By David Lim

01/23/2020 12:44 PM EST

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention plans to ask the FDA to authorize emergency use of a newly developed diagnostic test to detect the Wuhan coronavirus that CDC leaders want

to share with state and local health agencies in the coming weeks.

The authorization would follow a precedent set during outbreaks of Zika, Ebola and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome — and would give local health officials a similar test federal researchers used to confirm the first case of the coronavirus in the United States, in Washington state.

The FDA issues emergency use authorizations, or EUAs, when unapproved medical products can be used to diagnose serious or life-threatening diseases when there are no available alternatives. For that to happen, HHS Secretary Alex Azar would have to declare circumstances justify the test's need, FDA spokesperson Megan McSeveney said in an email.

There is no commercially available diagnostic test for the Wuhan coronavirus that's approved by the FDA. The outbreak has killed at least 17 people and sickened more than 600 and prompted Chinese authorities to lock down four cities to try to contain transmission.

The FDA granted emergency authorizations after CDC developed tests in response to the outbreak of Ebola in West Africa from 2014 to 2016 and the Zika virus epidemic in North and South America in 2015 and 2016.

"We stand ready to use our authorities to the fullest extent to help facilitate the development and availability of diagnostic tests for this virus, as we did during previous outbreaks," McSeveney said. FDA would not confirm if CDC already applied for an EUA for its diagnostic test.

China shared the genetic sequence of the virus to help countries develop diagnostic kits Jan. 12 and CDC finalized development of a new test last weekend. For now, any samples from infected patients have to be sent to the CDC's headquarters in Atlanta.

"Any time there is a new infectious disease outbreak and you don't have a standard diagnostic test, initial cases are going to be diagnosed using a laboratory developed test," said Amesh Adalja, an infectious disease expert and assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security. "In the early days of an outbreak, the CDC is often the only source of testing until it can be pushed out to state and local health departments."

The CDC test works by directly detecting the viral genome in an actively or recently infected individual, said Christopher Mores, an arbovirologist and professor of global health at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health.

"It's a really rapid test; once the sample gets to the laboratory it's only a matter of a couple of hours to get the test result," Mores said. "I'm sure their goal is to get this out to state and city laboratories that are in their network as quickly as possible."

The World Health Organization said Tuesday it is working on a research and development blueprint to speed the development of diagnostic tests and is coordinating global work among researchers and other experts.

But even as tests to detect the virus become more widely available, they will not be used as a screening tool at airports, according to Mores.

“There isn’t a more rapid test that can be deployed at screening centers at airports at this point, that isn’t something we will see anytime soon” Mores said. “It will be screening based on travel history, contact with infected individuals and symptoms.”

CDC staff began screening travelers on Jan. 17 at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport — and plans to expand operations to Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport this week as soon as it has the capacity to do so, according to Martin Cetron, director of the agency's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine.

“All of the people who originate in Wuhan and travel into the United States ... will be rerouted into these five,” Cetron said.

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Fauci: Vaccine work progressing on Wuhan virus but strong public health response is first defense

By Sarah Oweremohle

01/23/2020 01:48 PM EST

Work to develop a vaccine against the deadly Wuhan coronavirus is already underway in the U.S. and human testing could start within a few months. But a basic public health response is still the best weapon against the fast-spreading illness, longtime NIAID director Tony Fauci said today.

“We learned a very important lesson from SARS,” Fauci, who has led NIH’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984, told POLITICO, referring to the 2003 epidemic that killed 774 people and sickened more than 8,000 worldwide over about a year.

“We were able to stop the SARS outbreak without ever having a vaccine or a treatment,” Fauci said, because governments used “standard, low tech” public health tools like identifying patients and isolating or quarantining when needed.

Still, there are many open questions about the Wuhan virus, which has affected at least 600 people, killed at least 17, and spread so far to at least five countries outside of China. Before the turn of the century, few people had thought much about coronaviruses and how they affected human health — because they largely had affected animals, not people. That changed with the SARS outbreak in 2003, followed by MERS in 2012 and now the Wuhan virus. As the human population grows, these diseases could become a new normal, he said.

“That is three outbreaks causing global implications with serious disease in 18 years,” Fauci said. “I fully expect that as humans continue to encroach upon the animal world in one way or another, things that are zoonotic [animal-based] are going to continue to jump species.”

The Wuhan virus does not appear to be as lethal to humans as its predecessors, though it is still early. Wuhan’s mortality rate so far has been roughly 3 to 4 percent, while SARS killed 10 percent of people that got sick and MERS killed 30 percent.

NIH scientists are working with biotech company Moderna Therapeutic to develop a vaccine for the Wuhan virus. Barring “unanticipated potholes,” the vaccine should be ready for human testing within three months, Fauci said.

American scientists were able to move relatively fast because Chinese officials uploaded the virus’ sequence onto an open database known as GenBank.

Still, one of the most pressing issues is disseminating accurate diagnostic tests to health care workers — especially in the winter, when viruses like flu and the common cold abound. CDC had been leading the way on developing a test in the U.S. while Chinese regulators have distributed their own version.

The key to any outbreak is good diagnostics and a solid public health response, Fauci said. “We’re doing better and better. We’ve experienced many of them,” said Fauci, an immunologist who has let the NIAID through the original HIV epidemic in the U.S. as well as Ebola, Zika and the series of coronaviruses.

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WHO won't declare coronavirus a global health emergency

By Brianna Ehley, Sarah Oweremohle

01/23/2020 01:57 PM EST

The World Health Organization Thursday opted against declaring the deadly Wuhan coronavirus a global public health emergency after two days of heated deliberations by a committee of experts.

The virus has claimed at least 17 lives, sickened more than 600 and prompted Chinese authorities to lock down eight cities in an effort to contain the disease.

"Make no mistake, this is still an emergency in China. But it has not yet become a global health

emergency," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters. "It may yet become one."

Ghebreyesus announced the decision after a meeting of WHO's emergency committee in Geneva spilled over to a second day and officials requested more information on the fast-moving and deadly virus.

WHO experts were "very divided" and almost 50-50 on the decision, said committee chairman Didier Houssin. Some argued the emergency designation was warranted given the evolution of the outbreak while others said it was too early to make the call and pointed to Chinese response efforts, including closing off certain cities near the epicenter of the outbreak.

The emergency declaration would have given WHO authority to issue recommendations on how best to respond. It also could have elevated public awareness and possibly spur global donors to mobilize with money and resources toward the response efforts.

The WHO expert panel most recently used the emergency designation last July in response to an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It has also used it to respond to outbreaks of polio, swine flu, Zika virus and the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa that killed more than 11,000.

Most cases of coronavirus originated in China's Hubei province, though it's spread to Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Vietnam and Taiwan. Officials are concerned about a possible uptick during the forthcoming Chinese Lunar New Year — the country's biggest travel season. Chinese officials have already shut down travel in and out of Wuhan, epicenter of the virus' spread, along with smaller cities close to the bustling port city.

Ghebreyesus told reporters there are many unanswered questions, like the virus' source and how it is spread. "I will not hesitate to reconvene the committee at a moment's notice."

The United States on Tuesday reported its first case — a Washington state resident, who traveled from Wuhan to Seattle on Jan. 15 and is reportedly in good condition.

The WHO announcement comes a day after President Donald Trump, in a CNBC interview, said the outbreak was under control.

CDC officials on Tuesday told reporters that "the risk to the American public at large remains low" but had ramped up screening at five major airports. An official said they anticipate more cases in the United States.

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Here's latest talkers....

2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Media Key Points January 23, 2020

MAIN KEY MESSAGES

- • This is a rapidly changing situation and we are still learning about the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) discovered in China. We are monitoring the situation closely and anticipate updating our recommendations and guidance as needed.
- • Outbreaks like this – when a new virus is emerging to infect people – are always concerning. Some people might be worried about this virus and how it may impact Americans.
 - • While this situation poses a very serious public health threat, CDC believes the immediate risk to the U.S. public is low at this time.
 - • However, the situation is evolving, and the risk will depend on how well the virus spreads and how sick it makes people.
- • CDC has activated its Emergency Operations Center and begun using public health measures, including enhanced entry screening, as part of our aggressive public health response strategy.
- • We fully expect that in the coming days and weeks, we will see more cases of this new coronavirus here in the United States and globally.

SITUATION UPDATE

- • Although Chinese officials have closed transport within and out of Wuhan, CDC will continue to conduct enhanced entry screening at five designated airports – New York JFK, San Francisco, Los Angeles LAZ, Chicago O'Hare, and Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson. We are currently evaluating the extent and duration of this enhanced screening.
- • Next week CDC will begin regular reporting of laboratory results on our website.
 - • As of today, no new cases with novel coronavirus have been detected in the United States since our announcement on Tuesday.
- • Again, it's likely that we will see more cases in the United States.

- • We must also prepare for potential person to person spread here since we have seen instances of this in Asia.
- • CDC will continue to lean in on public health response efforts to protect Americans. We are working closely with state and local health departments and have teams on standby to deploy if needed.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- • While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public is believed to be low at this time, there are simple daily precautions that everyone should always take.
 - • It's currently flu and respiratory disease season and CDC recommends getting vaccinated, taking everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs, and taking flu antivirals if prescribed.
- • Right now, CDC recommends travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Wuhan, China. We also recommend people traveling to China practice certain health precautions like avoiding contact with people who are sick and practicing good hand hygiene.

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Hey Bill - is there an updated version of this coronavirus comms doc as well as a media plan doc?

+ Sam who is asking.

- Ryan

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Daily updates on the emerging novel coronavirus from the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

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EPI UPDATES There are currently at least 644 cases and 18 deaths reported. One case has been confirmed by Singapore's Ministry of Health. Two cases have been confirmed by Vietnam's Health Ministry.

The CDC recommended that "travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Wuhan, China."

RISK TO VULNERABLE POPULATIONS "...it's not the residents of Washington state or Bangkok who are most at risk from the coronavirus. It's China's poor—as in many countries, a critically underserved population when it comes to health care. It's the poor who were most likely to be in contact with the virus, it's the poor among whom it will spread fastest, and it's the poor who will likely be the main victims of over-repressive measures as the government, after weeks of what looked like a cover-up, snaps to action." via Foreign Policy

PHEIC NOT DECLARED On 22 January, the members of the Emergency Committee expressed divergent views on whether this event constitutes a PHEIC or not. At that time, the advice was that

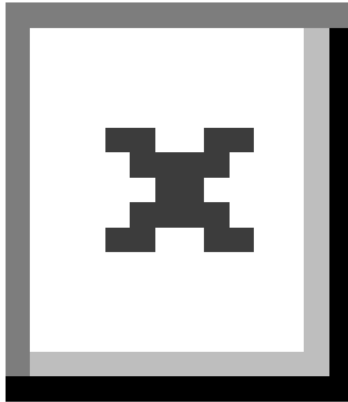
the event did not constitute a PHEIC, but the Committee members agreed on the urgency of the situation and suggested that the Committee should be reconvened in a matter of days to examine the situation further. The EC statement notes:

- • Human-to-human transmission is occurring and a preliminary R0 estimate of 1.4-2.5 was presented.
- • Amplification has occurred in one health care facility.
- • Of confirmed cases, 25% are reported to be severe.
- • The source is still unknown (most likely an animal reservoir) and
- • the extent of human-to-human transmission is still not clear.

BIOSAFETY LEVEL DETERMINATION China has issued revised biosafety guidelines for handling nCoV-2019. These guidelines require all viral culture experiments to be conducted in a BSL3 following explicit approval from the National Health and Health Commission. All animal experiments using nCoV-2019 must also be performed at BSL3. Uncultured viruses, such as patient samples being tested for the virus, can be worked with at BSL2 if personnel are wearing PPE commiserate with BSL3 guidelines. A BSL2 is allowed for inactivated virus and BSL1 is allowed for cloning activities that do not produce an infectious particle. The appropriate disinfectant should have a 0.55% chlorine content.

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REAL-TIME ESTIMATES OF 2019-NCOV EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS A novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) causing severe acute respiratory disease emerged recently in Wuhan, China. Information on reported cases strongly indicates human-to-human spread, and the most recent information is increasingly indicative of sustained human-to-human transmission. While the overall severity profile among cases may change as more mild cases are identified, we estimate a risk of fatality among hospitalised cases at 14% (95% confidence interval: 3.9–32%). Via [Eurosurveillance](#)





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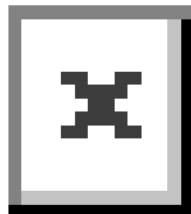
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Dear Secretary Azar,

Today several articles have appeared online about the CoVs outbreak in Wuhan, PRC. I have attached those articles below:

WHO: [https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/23-01-2020-statement-on-the-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-\(2005\)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)](https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/23-01-2020-statement-on-the-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-(2005)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov))

NBC News: <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/1st-case-coronavirus-china-confirmed-u-s-n1119486>

Becker's Infection Control: https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/quality/7-things-to-know-about-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html?origin=PayerE&utm_source=PayerE&utm_medium=email&oly_enc_id=0573J6191345F3O

Dr. Fauci's NIH Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-officials-discuss-novel-coronavirus-recently-emerged-china>

Becker's Infection Control re: President's Comment:

https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/quality/the-worst-has-yet-to-come-experts-believe-coronavirus-outbreak-is-just-beginning.html?origin=bhre&utm_source=bhre&oly_enc_id=

I have read all of these brief reports. In summary, the Wu-CoVs virus is a relative of SARS-CoVs and MERS-Covs. PRC say they have discovered the genomic sequence, but they have not released the sequence to NIH or CDC. So we don't have confirmation of the genomic sequence. The Wu-CoVs has a mortality rate of 4% to date. PRC has closed the Wuhan airports and trainstations to prevent residents from leaving Wuhan. The Seattle resident who had visited Wuhan and become sick with Wu-CoVs did not visit a seafood market and was not bitten by a bat. WHO has not declared this outbreak a public emergency but will reconsider in 10 days. Five U.S. airports are screening passengers from Wuhan for fever and symptoms/signs of viral infection.

Here are my recommendations. Note that I am a diagnostic radiologist with some training in situational awareness and analysis. I am not an infection disease specialist:

Ask Dr. Chan, former WHO Director, to personally ask President Xi to release the genomic sequence to Dr. Fauci.

Send Dr. Fauci and his team to Wuhan with Dr. Liang, PRC representative to the WHO Wu-CoVs committee.

Refuse admission of Chinese arrivals to U.S. from Wuhan via airplanes or ships or trains. Note this is travel time for Chinese New Year, the only time of the year that PRC residents may see their relatives. So travel to relatives may not be a direct route given this outbreak. Travel documents need to be carefully checked by Customs.

Have Dr. Tedros declare via WHO Wu-CoVs committee a public emergency now. Why wait until a public emergency does develop?

Use this outbreak to 'incentivize' Big Pharma to develop a universal CoVs vaccine and a universal Influenza vaccine and African Swine Flu pig and human vaccine.

Stop U.S. airlights and ships to PRC. This safety measure will be a show stopper and bring Wu-CoVs outbreak under control within days. It will appeal to President Trump.

Dr. Fauci and his team will have more specific answers to this outbreak in a short time. He will determine the vector, how the vector transmits the virus to seafood, how human to human transmission occurs, and what additional precautions should be taken. His team will check the value of Tamiflu and other tools on Wu-CoVs. He can talk Big Pharma to research quickly a universal Wu-CoVs vaccine, universal Influenza vaccine, and animal and human vaccine against African Swine Flu (ASF) if you/President Trump give Big Pharma some incentive.

Be well,

Robert G. Levitt, M.D.

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- **CDC's NIOSH releases new video on black lung disease among coal miners**

Today, CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) [released a new video](#) demonstrating black lung disease is not confined just to older miners – it is also occurring in younger mine workers. *Faces of Black Lung II – The Story Continues* shows the personal costs of black lung and how miners can participate in free health screenings.

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Other Newsworthy Items:

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From Today:

- (CDC) Dr. Nancy Messonnier pre-taped with ABC's *Good Morning America* re: the Coronavirus from China
- (NIH) Dr. Fauci participated in the following interview re: Coronavirus from China
 - Fox Business – Live with Lou Dobbs
 - CNN – Live on New Day with Alyson Camerota
 - Turkey's News Channel – pre-taped
 - CNBC – Live on Squawk Box
 - Fox News – Live on Cavuto
 - ABC7 (DC) – pre-taped
- Dr. Fauci published an article in JAMA titled, "[Coronavirus Infections—More Than Just the Common Cold](#)"
- Moderna, Inc. and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) announced a plan to develop a 2019-nCoV vaccine, which will include clinical work and financial support from NIAID
- (CDC) [CDC's NIOSH Releases New Video on Black Lung Disease among Coal Miners](#)
- (FDA) [FDA informs health care providers, facilities and patients about potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities for certain GE Healthcare Clinical Information Central Stations and Telemetry Servers](#)
- (NIH) [NIH officials discuss novel coronavirus that recently emerged in China](#)

Notable Coverage:

Is the FDA ready for the next E. coli outbreak?

Boston Globe // Christine Haughney

E-cigarettes lead people to start smoking, surgeon general says

NBC // Rosemary Guerguerian

Surgeon General Says 'Shocking' Portion of People Aren't Told to Stop Smoking

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AGENDA:

- Roll Call and Opening Comments (SOC and Dr. Kadlec)
- Situation Overview (CDC – CAPT Jernigan, Joe Gregg or designee)
- Current Interagency Planning Activities (Ken McCreary)
- Ongoing HHS Activities

- Critical Infrastructure Protection (Dr. Wolf)
 - Healthcare Preparedness Program (Jack Herrmann)
 - Strategic National Stockpile (Steve Adams)
 - BARDA (Dr. Bright, Dr. Disbrow or Dr. Lambert)
 - CDC (CAPT Jernigan, Joe Gregg or designee)
 - FDA (Dominic Frasca)
 - OASH (RADM Orsega)
 - HRSA (CAPT Lennon)
 - IHS (Chris Jones)
 - Others by exception
- Ongoing Interagency Activities
 - DHS (Dr. Caneva, Paul Brooks or Designee) (DHS NOC and CWMD also invited)
 - FEMA (Mike Vineyard)
 - DoD (ASPR LNOs – OSD, INDOPACOM, SOUTHCOM, TRANSCOM and NORTHCOM)
 - VHA (Dr. Kim or Designee)
 - USDA (Jessica Fantinato)
 - Others by exception
- Command and Control Structure Discussion

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