



TO: Healthcare Providers

RE: **2019-nCov (novel Coronavirus)**

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Healthcare Personnel Preparedness for 2019-nCoV

During this rapidly evolving outbreak of 2019-nCoV, we need to make the role of local public health clear. Our public health goal is to communicate effectively and take appropriate action, working with local partners to minimize the spread of 2019-nCoV virus. We are in frequent communication with Nebraska DHHS and with CDC and are following Interim US guidelines for risk assessment and public health management of persons with potential 2019-nCov exposure in travel-associated or community settings:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>

At this time, we ask for your cooperation in containing the spread of 2019-nCoV in our district. Please notify us at 308-385-5175:

1. If you have a patient that screens out as having recently been on mainland China regardless of presence or absence of respiratory symptoms.
2. If you have a patient with respiratory symptoms who has been in close contact with a person who has recently been on mainland China.

CDHD will then follow up with the patient with an intake and initiate active monitoring protocol as appropriate. We have met with area hospital administration and hospital ICP's to solidify action plans related to an outbreak/epidemic. We also met with County Emergency Managers, first responders and city/county governments on potential public health actions ranging from self-monitoring to quarantine, assuring them that we will opt for the least restrictive and most effective method (clearly not quarantining populations or subsets of populations).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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