

Memo to WRH Team Update on Coronavirus

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Recently there has been a Novel (new) Coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

There are estimates of over 400 people infected worldwide and 9 reported deaths. The first case was confirmed in the United States yesterday.

An update and details on the Coronavirus is found at

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

The following outlines the steps that WRH takes regularly to identify and manage patients with infectious symptoms:

In addition to Routine Practices, individuals who present with the acute respiratory infection symptoms and travel history to Wuhan, China are to be placed on **Airborne/Droplet/Contact Precautions** in an Airborne Infection Isolation Room (negative pressure). Staff are to wear gloves, gowns, N95 respirators and face protection. If a patient is identified that meets this criteria notify the hospital IPAC department.

Our pandemic response team will be meeting regularly as the situation evolves to ensure we are ready and provide updates on a regular basis.

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