

Memo to WRH Team Update on Coronavirus

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After two days of meetings of the World Health Organization (WHO) the following statement was published today

“...the advice was that the event **did not** constitute a PHEIC [Public Health Emergency of International Concern], 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.”

For up to date commentary go to

[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))

China has made announcements on “shutdown” of cities impacted by outbreak

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/23/china/wuhan-coronavirus-update-intl-hnk/index.html>

The Minister of Health of Ontario issued the following statement on Ontario’s actions

<https://files.constantcontact.com/a0dec4bb701/fb4d2330-c182-4b6e-9a0c-d0d065e8381b.pdf>

As stated yesterday, the following outlines the steps that WRH takes regularly to identify and manage patients with infectious symptoms:

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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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