

Summary and Action Items

- A confirmed case of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has been detected in a hospitalized patient in Chicago.
- Health care providers should continue to ask patients with respiratory symptoms and fever about any travel to Wuhan, China or any known contact with a person with 2019-nCoV.
- Suspect patients under investigation should be immediately placed in respiratory isolation and reported to the local health department
- Appropriate actions will be taken by public health with any persons who may have had contact with the confirmed case.

Background

The Illinois Department of Public Health and local health departments are working closely with health care providers on the outbreak caused by this novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and are consulting with local health departments about any patients of concern.

Potential Exposures

Health department personnel will be following up with any individuals who may have had exposure to this confirmed case.

Symptoms

Symptoms include fever and respiratory symptoms (coughing and shortness of breath).

Contact

For additional information or questions, please contact your local health department. If they are not available, please contact the IDPH Communicable Disease Section at 217-782-2016 or email Isaac.ghinai@illinois.gov . For information after hours please contact your local health department, if they cannot be reached, use the IDPH after hours number 800-782-7860.

Additional Resources

IDPH website: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

Target Audience

Local Health Departments administrators and communicable disease staff, Infectious Disease Physicians, Hospital Emergency Departments, Infection Control Preventionists and Laboratories

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