




Hamilton

INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members Board of Health
DATE:	February 12, 2020
SUBJECT:	Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) February 12, 2020 Update (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City-Wide
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The health and safety of our community and our staff remain the top priority of Hamilton Public Health Services (PHS). We continue to work together with our health system partners, and provincial and federal levels of government to ensure we are prepared locally to respond to 2019-nCoV.

The risk to Hamiltonians and all Canadians remains low. To date, there have been no cases of 2019-nCoV in Hamilton.

Travellers Returning from Affected Areas

In accordance with recently updated guidance documents from the Public Health Agency of Canada, any travellers returning from Hubei province, including Wuhan City are being advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of departure, and contact their local public health unit for follow-up and regular monitoring. As well, travellers returning from mainland China are being advised to monitor themselves for symptoms of 2019-nCoV for 14 days from departure and contact their local public health unit if they experience symptoms.

PHS is currently expanding its ability to monitor any returning travellers from affected areas as the number of people may increase with these changes. We are also addressing technological issues required for this response.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Full Activation of Incident Management System (IMS)

Effective yesterday, PHS has fully activated its IMS structure in order to focus resources needed to continue preparing to respond to the novel coronavirus situation.

Information about 2019-nCoV, as well as recommendations to prevent the spread of respiratory illness in general, is available on the City of Hamilton's website at www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not Applicable.