



Health, Housing & Community Services Department
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HEALTH ALERT
Novel Corona Virus 2019 – Wuhan Pneumonia Outbreak
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This is a message from the City of Berkeley Public Health Division.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a health update on January 17, 2020 about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). This CDC HAN Update provides a situational update and guidance that supersedes the [January 8, 2020 HAN](#). It adds guidance for evaluation of patients under investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV, prevention and infection control guidance, including the addition of a recommendation for eye protection, and additional information on specimen collection and testing.

The first confirmed case of 2019-nCoV in the United States is a healthy male in his 30s in Washington State, who arrived at Seattle-Tacoma Airport on January 15, 2020 after traveling to Wuhan.

Local suspect cases should be reported immediately by phone to Public Health. Resources for providers, including travel alert posters and a checklist for clinicians managing patients who may have 2019-nCoV, are available [online from the CDC](#).

Reporting

Alameda County Acute Communicable Disease Control:

- Weekdays 8:30am–5pm Phone: (510) 267-3250
- After hours Phone: (925) 422-7595 and ask for the public health duty officer on call.

Berkeley Public Health Division:

- Weekdays 8am-5pm Phone: (510) 981-5292.
- After hours: Phone: (510) 981-5911 and ask for the Health Officer on call.

The full CDC Health Update can be found attached and from the [CDC online](#) and is available along with the City of Berkeley [Clinician Guidance Checklist](#) on our [Health Alerts webpage](#).

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