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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 Officer.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a health update on February 1, 2020 about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCov). This CDC HAN Update provides a situational update and guidance that supersedes the [January 17, 2020 HAN](#) and supplements the information we released in our [January 31, 2020 Health Alert](#). It adds guidance for clinicians caring for patients with 2019-nCov, guidance for evaluation and testing of patients under investigation (PUIs), and updated infection prevention and control guidance. The CDC also added a [Flowchart to Identify and Assess 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#). Additional resources for clinicians evaluating and managing patients who may have 2019-nCoV, are available [online from the CDC](#)

Please report any suspected cases in Berkeley residents to the City of Berkeley, Public Health Division.

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](#) and Travel Alert Posters: ([English](#) and [Chinese](#)) on our [Health Alerts webpage](#). In addition, we have attached a 2019-nCoV Fact Sheet to this alert.

Please distribute to all providers and staff in your practice.

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