

## 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCOV)

### What Should I Know?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak of novel coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and continues to expand. As news spread, military health officials say that an informed, common sense approach minimizes the chances of getting sick.

Anyone contracting a respiratory illness shouldn't assume novel coronavirus; it is far more likely to be a more common malady. In fact, influenza is far more commonplace. However, patients who traveled to China in the past 14 days with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, should seek medical care right away.

Because novel coronavirus is new, there is as yet no immunization nor specific treatment. Care providers are instead treating the symptoms – acetaminophen to reduce fever, lozenges and other treatments to soothe sore throats, and, for severe cases, ventilators to help patients breathe.

### Travel

The commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM), in support of the U.S. Department of State's Level 4 Travel Advisory, has restricted all DOD travel to the People's Republic of China (PRC). This restriction is specific to the geographic confines of the PRC, and applies to all U.S. military, civilians and DOD contractors. There are no travel restrictions from INDOPACOM for DOD personnel in the remainder of the INDOPACOM area of operations.

Due to the threat of novel coronavirus (2019-nCov), the Department of State recently adjusted the travel advisory for China to a Level 4, meaning individuals should not travel there. Additionally, the Department of State has requested that all non-essential U.S. government personnel defer travel to China in light of the novel coronavirus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also adjusted their travel advisory to a Level 3, recommending that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to China. This outbreak is of high-risk to travelers and there are no precautions available to protect against the identified increased threat.

For all individuals, we encourage you to follow guidance put out by the [CDC](#) and [Department of State](#).

### March Air Reserve Base

An evacuation flight of Department of State employees, dependents and U.S. citizens from Wuhan, China landed at March Air Reserve Base (Ontario, California) January 29, 2020. March Air Reserve Base and the Department of Defense (DOD) stand ready to provide housing support to Health and Human Services (HHS) as they work to handle the arrival of nearly 200 people. Should routine monitoring of the evacuees identify ill individuals, HHS has procedures in place to transport them to a local civilian hospital.

DOD will work closely with our interagency partners and monitor the situation closely. The Department's primary responsibility at this time is the safety of our force, our families, and our base communities.