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Situation Report Number: 2020-ORES-0130	
Incident Name: Novel CoVirus Coordination	
OERS Number: 2020-0279	
EOC Activation Level: Enhanced	Incident Commander: Lisa Ferguson
Date: 02.06.2020	Main communicable disease phone: (503) 988-3406
Time: 1400	

General

Multnomah County Public Health will be analyzing and providing updates weekly.

Incident Summary

In December 2019, a [respiratory virus identified as a novel coronavirus has spread from Wuhan, Hubei Province, China](#) to other countries, including the US. The first case reported in the United States was in Washington State on Jan. 21. Public health officials have confirmed this virus is now transmitted human-to-human. There is currently no vaccination against 2019-nCoV. See [Johns Hopkins case map](#) for up to date information on locations of confirmed cases.

This is a dynamic situation. Information and case counts are changing rapidly and the incident is on-going. For media inquiries related to nCoV please contact our public information(PIO) officer Kate Wilson, 503-410-4524.

Please review the [Multnomah County Coronavirus FAQs](#) and submit your questions if you can't find the answer. Interim guidance for clinicians in the Portland metro region can be found [here](#):

<https://multco.us/health-officer/news/clinician-alert-new-coronavirus-identified-wuhan-china-united-states-sees-first>

Incident Update and key talking points

The risk to Oregonians is low.

- There are no cases in Oregon.
- Federal, state and local officials are working to detect any cases of this virus.
- If Oregon does get a case, health officials have a plan in place to help the sick person and protect the public.

Don't discriminate

- We have heard stories of fear and discrimination. We want to remind everyone that a person's association with a country doesn't mean they carry this virus.
- We live in a global world and are better for it. Globalization also presents challenges; disease transmission is one of them.

- Allowing misinformation to spread and ostracizing community members puts public health and safety at risk.

Keep healthy

- In the Portland Metro area, people are at higher risk for flu and other respiratory diseases at this time. There is still time to get your flu shot.
- Wash your hands, cover your mouth and stay home if you're sick. These measures also protect people from this virus.
- We do not recommend people wear masks.

Epidemiology Updates

Reports of local transmission are growing. South Korea and Malaysia have reported cases among travelers returning from Singapore. The US has confirmed it's 12th case of 2019-CoV in Wisconsin. This person confirmed travel to Beijing, China and had known exposure to confirmed cases of 2019-CoV. Emergency department staff quickly and safely isolated the patient with appropriate infection control procedures. Public Health Officials reported that the individual is doing well and is being isolated at home.

Investigation numbers* as of 2/6/2020 at 1400:

- Cases:
 - Oregon
 - zero
 - People Under Investigation (PUI) in the US:
 - 12 confirmed cases
 - 206 negative tests
 - 76 lab tests pending
 - Worldwide
 - 30,830 total confirmed cases
 - 30,565 cases in mainland China
 - 635 deaths

*please note these numbers are changing rapidly

Activated EOCs/ICPs

<i>Operations Center</i>	<i>Status of Activation</i>
Oregon Health Authority	Enhanced
Multnomah County	Enhanced

Activated Call Centers

<i>Call Center</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Hours</i>
CD line	503-988-3406	24/7
Crisis line	503-988-4888	24/7

Summary from Initial Operations Period 1-29-20 through 2-5-20

Multnomah County moved into an Enhanced Emergency Center Activation (and remains in enhanced activation as of 2/7/2020)

The federal government identified PDX as one of 20 international airports being explored as a possible receiving location for 240 - 800 American citizens (all ages) evacuated from Wuhan

Province China due to a Level 4 Travel Advisory caused by a novel Coronavirus. The request was for Multnomah County and the state of Oregon to outline their capabilities for possibly receiving people in 3 days. At first the ask was to plan included a 72 hour quarantine for the people arriving, but that was shortly increased to 14 days.

The County worked with the State on available resources including the identification of appropriate locations to support a 14 day quarantine.

At first, quarantines were voluntary in the first city to receive people being evacuated from China. This policy changed in Los Angeles to a mandatory quarantine.

Ideal facility characteristics were identified by MCHD (hotels whose rooms open directly to the out of doors). Congregate options were offered, but Multco uniformly stated through multiple lines of communication that congregate housing/sheltering was not optimal.

Multco operated with the understanding that neither Multco nor the state may have any choice regarding where individuals being evacuated (under the repatriation plan concept)

To support these early activities, the County went to an enhanced monitoring program and stood up a planning group starting January 30th, 2020.

Daily coordination calls also started between the county and the Oregon Health Authority. Scheduled coordination and update calls also began with OHA, Multnomah County leadership, departments and partners (PDX).

On Friday, Jan 31, 2020, The County coordinated the development of guidance for County Staff regarding internal and external (public) operations during a contagion by close of business 01.31.20.

At approximately 8pm on 1/31/2020 the county was informed by OHA that there was no short term need for the county to assist with a 14 day quarantine of personnel being repatriated from China.

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