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| **Situation Report Number:** 2020-OERS-0219 | |
| **Incident Name:** COVID-19 - MultCo Coordination | |
| **OERS Number:** 2020-0279 | |
| **EOC Activation Level:** Enhanced | **Incident Commander:** Lisa Ferguson |
| **Date (xx/xx/xx):** 02.26.2020 | **Main communicable disease phone:** (503) 988-3406 |
| **Time:** 1300 | |

## General

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

In December 2019, a [respiratory virus identified as a novel coronavirus has spread from Wuhan, Hubei Province, China](#) (population ~11 million) to other countries, including the US, through person-to-person transmission. Wuhan is a major air transportation hub in mainland China and infected travelers (mainly air) are known to be responsible for introductions of the virus in other cities. This incident was formally named COVID-19 by the [World Health Organization](#) in February.

The first case reported in the United States was in Washington State on Jan. 21. Since then, a team of nurses and epidemiologists have been working full-time and on-call 24/7 to keep up-to-date on COVID-19. This team is trained to scale up quickly if needed. In addition, the team has established a response plan based on potential levels of risk to guide its actions.

What we know about the novel coronavirus so far:
- It is spread by close and prolonged contact with someone who is sick.
- Reports so far suggest that the vast majority of people recover.
- People with underlying medical conditions may be more likely to have severe illness.
- There is no vaccine and no specific treatment.

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](#).

### EOC Updates

Multnomah County EOC is disseminating a Situation Report each Wednesday by 12:00 hrs (noon). On February 14, 2020 the EOC requested that all partners departments, divisions, and

any activated Branch/Group/Unit/Section submit updates/actions taken related to COVID-19. Updates must be received prior to 10:00am on Tuesdays to be included in the Wednesday Situation Report. Updates received after 10:00 hrs on Tuesdays will be included in the following week's Situation Report.

## Operations

**This is a dynamic situation. Information and case counts are changing rapidly and the incident is on-going.**

**Epidemiology Updates**

**Global Cases**\* (as of 2/25, 8:00PM)
- 80,994 total confirmed cases and 2,760 confirmed deaths worldwide
  - China Mainland (77,660 cases, 2,663 deaths), South Korea (1,146 cases, 10 deaths), Italy (322 cases, 10 deaths), Japan (170 cases, 1 death),Iran (95 cases, 16 deaths)Hong Kong (85 cases, 2 deaths), Singapore (91), Thailand (37), Taiwan (31 cases, 1 death), Vietnam (16)  Afghanistan (1), Algeria (1), Australia (22), Austria (2), Bahrain (23), Belgium (1), Cambodia (1), Canada (11), Croatia (1), Egypt (1), Finland (1), France (14, 1 death), Germany (18), India (3), Iraq (1), Israel (1), Kuwait (11), Lebanon (1), Macau (10), Malaysia (22), Nepal (1), Oman (2), Philippines (3, 1 death), Russia (2), Spain (6), Sri Lanka (1), Sweden (1), Switzerland (1), United Arab Emirates (13), United Kingdom (13), United States (57), *Diamond Princess* Cruise Ship off Japan Coast (691 cases, 3 deaths),

\*please note these numbers are changing rapidly and now include clinical cases

WHO's situation report (2-25-20) reports 1,665 new COVID-19 cases in countries outside of China since the last Situation Report was distributed on February 17th.  Eight countries have reported their first confirmed cases since that report. Published numbers from WHO include laboratory-confirmed cases and those reported as clinically diagnosed (currently only applicable to Hubei province, China).

**CDC Travel advisories:**
Warning Level 3-China, South Korea
Alert Level 2- Iran, Italy, Japan
Watch Level 1- Hong Kong

**United States**
- People Under Investigation (PUI)\*\* through 2/24/2020:
  - 14 confirmed cases
    - Arizona (1), California (8), Illinois (2), Massachusetts (1), Washington (1), and Wisconsin (1)
    - 412 negative tests

\*\* Does not include PUIs in the US that were evacuated from the Diamond Princess cruise ship

As of February 23, 14 COVID-19 cases had been diagnosed in 6 states.Twelve of these 14

cases were related to travel to China, and two cases occurred through person-to-person transmission to close household contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19.

An additional 39 cases were reported among repatriated U.S. citizens, residents, and their families returning from Hubei province, China (three), and from the Diamond Princess cruise ship that was docked in Yokohama, Japan (36). Thus, there have been 53 cases within the US.No deaths have been reported in the United States.

Local Update
Oregon Cases as of 2/24/2020 at 8:00am PST:
- **Oregon**
    - Zero Cases

## Situation in Oregon

*Data will be updated weekly on Tuesdays starting March 3.*

| Persons Under Monitoring (PUM)* | |
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| Current as of 2/24/2020 | 76 |
| PUM who have completed monitoring without developing symptoms | 178 |
| Cumulative PUM since 1/24/2020 | 254 |

*Individuals who do not have COVID-19 symptoms but who may have been exposed through close contact with a confirmed case or from travel to mainland China.

| Persons Under Investigation (PUI)* | |
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| Current as of 2/24/2020 | 0 |
| PUI who have completed monitoring without developing COVID-19 | 2 |
| Cumulative PUI since 1/24/2020 | 2 |

*Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms—but not necessarily the virus—who may have been exposed through close contact with a confirmed case or from travel to mainland China.

| Oregon Test Results | |
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| Positive (confirmed) | 0 |
| Negative | 2 |
| Total tested | 2 |
| Pending results | 0 |

**County Enterprise Outreach Efforts**
- Multnomah County Health Department's Community Partnerships & Communicable Disease units are developing educational events and material to share with Multnomah County staff.

**Culturally Specific Outreach Efforts**
- Multnomah County Health Department's Community Partnerships & Communicable Disease units are hosting four train-the-trainer workshops for community healthcare workers, home visitors, and other community leaders. Training dates and sign-up information can be found in the link above.
- Educational and outreach material is being translated into multiple languages.
- Ongoing outreach and education is being provided to community based organizations.

## Public Information

**For media inquiries related to COVID-19 please contact:** Kate Willson, Public Information Unit Leader: 503-410-4524.

**Health Department's Key Talking Points.** Prepare, don't panic.

**The risk to Oregonians is low.**
- Right now there are no cases of COVID-19 in Oregon, but we know the risk is real.
- Local, state, and federal public health officials are working to detect any cases of this virus.
- If Oregon does get a case, public health officials have a plan in place to help the sick person and protect the public.

**Don't discriminate**
- We have heard reports of descrimination and stigma. We want to remind everyone that a person's ethnicity, language or association with a country is not a risk factor.
- Allowing misinformation to spread and ostracizing community members puts public health at risk.

**What you can do now**
- Wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and stay home if you're sick.
- Keep your immune system strong by eating a healthy diet, getting enough sleep and regular exercise, and by taking care of underlying health conditions.
- Develop or update your household preparedness measures
    - Learn about your employer's sick and telecommuting policies.
    - Establish a childcare plan in the event your kids need to stay home from school.
    - Make sure you have the kinds of foods, drinks and medications you would want if you needed to stay home with a cold or flu for a couple weeks.
    - Get to know your neighbors, especially seniors, who might need support, especially if they live alone.
    - We do not recommend that people who are not sick wear masks.

**Social Media Posts**
- (**Facebook**): Multnomah Public Health Is Ready.  There are still no cases of the new coronavirus #COVID19 in Oregon. The risk to Oregonians is still low. We are working closely with our state and federal public health officials to detect any cases. If Oregon does get a case, we have a plan in place to help the sick person and to protect the public. Stay up to date:  https://multco.us/health-officer/novel-coronavirus-covid-19
- (**Facebook**): Multnomah County Health Department nurse Sara McCall fields calls from the public worried about #COVID2019. She is often asked, "I spent time with someone who may or may not be from China. Now I don't feel good. Am I at risk?"

    "It's scary when people don't know. So it's our job to make sure people have the right information. The real risk here is travel, not ethnicity. It's travel," she said. "So making sure we understand that and people don't stigmatize people based on perceived county of origin."

Learn more: https://multco.us/covid2019

With Oregon Health Authority.

#mythbusting #knowthefacts #2019nCoV #coronavirus

**Interviews**
- February 13, 2020: KXL's Coronavirus Panel Discussion in the Bloodworks Live Studio

**Resources:**
- Multnomah County COVID-19 Response: Information about the county's response activities.
- Multnomah County Coronavirus FAQs: Read FAQs related to COVID-19 topics, such as general health, traveler health, provider health, and animal health.
- Novel Coronavirus Questions Submittal Form: Still have a question about this virus? Ask our health experts through this online form.
- Public Health Alerts: Read current and past public health alerts.
- Oregon Health Authority Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication: COVID-19 fact sheets, flyers, and templates.
- CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information: Information for specific audiences, situation reports, and information about COVID-19.
- WHO Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information: Information about protecting yourself, Q&A's, travel advice, situation reports, technical guidance, and global research.
- Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Global Map: John Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering map of the global outbreak (updated daily).

## Partner Updates

Partners departments, divisions, and any activated Branch/Group/Unit/Section please submit updates/actions taken related to COVID-19 by 10:00 am Tuesdays. Information submitted will be included in the Multnomah County COVID-19 Situation Reports. These situation reports are disseminated Wednesdays by Noon and **are for public consumption**.

To submit updates/actions, email the Multnomah County Emergency Management Duty Officer (em.dutyofficer@multco.us) with the subject line: *Partner Update for COVID-19 Situation Report.*

### Activated EOCs/ICPs

| *Operations Center* | *Status of Activation* |
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| Oregon Health Authority | Enhanced |
| Multnomah County | Enhanced |

### Activated Call Centers

| *Call Center* | *Phone Number* | *Hours* |
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| CD line | 503-988-3406 | 24/7 |
| Mental Health Call Center | 503-988-4888 | 24/7 |
| 211 | 211 | 7 days a week 9am-5pm |

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