



## EMS Provider Situation Update—2019-nCoV

The Virginia Department of Health is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (termed “2019-nCoV”) that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and which continues to expand.

The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and Regional EMS Council directors participated in situational update call on Friday, February 7, 2020. We are sharing this information with EMS agencies and providers as part of ongoing preparedness activities related to this virus.

### Key Points Related to 2019-nCoV

- Testing is recommended for specific individuals who have specific symptoms AND either close contact with 2019-nCoV confirmed patients or travel in specific areas
- Eleven cases have been confirmed in the United States
- There are no confirmed cases in Virginia at this time
- Immediate risk to general public is low
- The federal government has enacted procedures to limit potential spread of the virus including surveillance, diagnostic testing, and provision of information and guidance
- The Virginia Department of Health has implemented measures to coordinate the public health response, prevent spread of the disease, and provide ongoing education
- Situation updates are being provided at [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus)

### What Can Agencies Do

- Maintain open lines of communication with your local health department or the VDH central office
- Review emergency operations plan, continuity plan, etc.
  - Be prepared to provide support to Emergency Support Function (ESF-8) as identified in the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP)
- Maintain situational awareness through trusted sources
- Direct residents to [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus)

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To ensure that your agency has access to the most up-to-date information regarding 2019-nCoV, please utilize the following links:

#### Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

- 35 Local Health Districts
- [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus)

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV)

#### World Health Organization (WHO)

- [www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019](http://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)