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Hospital Preparedness Program
HPP Weekly Update

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Emergency Response Activities

World Health Organization Official Names 2019 Novel Coronavirus

On February 11, the World Health Organization [announced](#) that the official name for the novel coronavirus is COVID-19. CDC is updating its website and other CDC materials to reflect the updated name of the disease and the virus causing it.

While the virus poses a high potential global public health threat, the immediate risk to most Americans is low. As of February 13, 15 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States and most cases have been associated with travel from China. Only two occurrences of person-to-person spread among close contacts of travelers have been documented, and it is important to note that this virus is not spreading widely in U.S. communities.

COVID-19: Stay Up-to-Date

The response to COVID-19 continues to evolve. Stay up-to-date on developments by visiting the [CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak website](#) and reviewing the CDC Key Points and the CDC Key Messages. In addition, CDC has established a [webpage for SLT public health professionals](#) that includes a summary of key COVID-19 resources and highlights new content.

CDC Updates COVID-19 Call Schedule

Following is the current schedule of CDC weekly calls with state, local, and territorial (SLT) public health partners to discuss Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) response activities.

4:30 PM EST on Tuesday, February 25 and Thursday, February 27

SHO and State Epidemiologist Touchbase: Hosted by ASTHO and the directors of CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response and Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, this call focuses on current response issues. By invitation only for state and territorial health officials and state epidemiologists.

3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26 and Friday, February 28

COVID-19 Public Health Response Operations: Provides a weekly summary of emerging COVID-19 developments for SLT health departments and their partners.

The SCTF provides participant information for each of the calls in separate calendar invitations.

Other News and Resources

CDC Online Resources

[CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: February 21, 2020](#)

[CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak website](#)

[CDC webpage for SLT public health professionals](#)

CDC travel notices for [Hong Kong](#) and [Japan](#)

State Department [travel guidance](#)

CDC Issues New Travel Advisories

CDC has issued travel notices for [Hong Kong](#) and [Japan](#). In addition, on February 20, the State Department updated its [travel guidance](#) to recommend that U.S. citizens reconsider travel by cruise ship to or within East Asia and the Asia-Pacific Region.

Trainings and Webinars

CDC Legal Preparedness Webinar on Health Care Preparedness

CDC's Public Health Law Program and the Center for Preparedness and Response, in collaboration with partners, will host the second of the two-part series on legal preparedness focusing on COVID-19. Scheduled for **Noon on Tuesday, February 25, 2020**, the webinar will be co-hosted by the American Health Lawyers Association and the Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals and will cover healthcare preparedness considerations. Webinar presenters will focus on legal issues, including patient screening and testing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and more.

Coronavirus Disease 2019: Healthcare Provider Legal Preparedness Webinar:
Tuesday, February 25 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM EST. Register [here](#).

Developing a Healthcare Coalition Pediatric Surge Annex Webinar

ASPR TRACIE will host a webinar titled "Developing a Healthcare Coalition Pediatric Surge Annex" from **1:30 – 3:00 PM ET on Wednesday, February 26, 2020**. The webinar will discuss guidance, resources, and lessons learned to help health care coalitions complete the Pediatric Surge Annex. This webinar is a follow up to the Pediatric Annex Planning workshop held at the 2019 National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference. Space in the webinar is limited, so [register now](#). The webinar will also be recorded and archived on the ASPR TRACIE website.

Highly Pathogenic Infectious Disease Training and Exercise Resources Webinar

ASPR TRACIE and the National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC) will host a joint webinar titled "Highly Pathogenic Infectious Disease Training and Exercise Resources" from **1:30 – 3:00 PM ET on Thursday, March 5, 2020**. This webinar will highlight new online courses and exercise templates. Space in the webinar is limited, so please [register now](#). The webinar will also be recorded and archived on the ASPR TRACIE website.

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Resource Available – Refreshed Topic Collection

Check out the newly refreshed [Exercise Program](#) and [Training and Workforce Development](#) Topic Collections.

Around ASPR

ASPR Blog: Sepsis is Skyrocketing in the Medicare Population

A recent study sponsored by HHS has returned some sobering findings: a 40 percent increase in the rate of sepsis-related hospital admissions among Medicare beneficiaries between 2012 and 2018 and as a result, costs are soaring despite a decreasing inpatient stay cost per patient. Read [more](#).

On Twitter

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- We are excited 600+ evacuees from [#Wuhan](#) have completed quarantine this week. Medical professionals from [@HHSgov's](#) National Disaster Medical System & [#USPHS](#) have been proud to serve night & day throughout the response, evaluating patients & providing behavioral health support. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- Before leaving Travis Air Force Base, one of the evacuees paused to write a thank you note to the responders who cared for evacuees who left [#Wuhan in the wake of the #coronavirus outbreak](#). Click [here to learn more](#).
- This week, over 600 evacuees completed their 14-day quarantine at 3 sites across the country following a [#COVID19 outbreak in #Wuhan](#). Before leaving Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, some of the evacuees left a thank you for the responders who cared for them during quarantine. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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