

Subject: FW: Coronavirus - Memo from Infection Prevention and Control



Internal Memo

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To: Staff and physicians

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Subject: **Pneumonia related to Novel Coronavirus originating in Wuhan, China**

The Public Health Agency of Canada is monitoring the situation regarding a cluster of cases of pneumonia in Wuhan, China related to a novel coronavirus associated with a live seafood market.

The risk of potential case to develop in Canada is considered very low given lack of evidence of human-to-human transmission and no confirmed cases outside of Wuhan, China. However, it is important that we remain vigilant and any suspected case with a travel history to Wuhan, China be managed in airborne/droplet/contact precautions in a negative pressure airborne infection isolation room.

Our Infection Prevention and Control team is monitoring the situation in collaboration with Public Health Ontario. We have surveillance in place for acute

respiratory illness (ARI) that is assessed daily. A Health Canada Travel Advisory is posted on the [Infection Prevention and Control Website](#) along with updated information as it is received from our partners at Public Health.

Please share with your teams and if there are further questions, contact your infection control practitioner via paging.