

Executive Summary:

The CDC considers this COVID-19 outbreak to be, “an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. The CDC/NIOSH have published a webpage with links to resources for the protection of workers to be used by a variety of industries.

The CDC is monitoring all aspects of the COVID-19 outbreak which first started in Wuhan, Hubei, China and now has cases throughout China, the Asian Region and other countries scattered on all the continents except South American and Antarctica. Many of those “other” countries are in the double digits and a few are even higher than that.

At the current time, the U.S. and Canada are considered at low risk for sustained community spread for the general population. However, sustained community spread is ongoing in China and several other countries and U.S. public authorities think more cases in more U. S. communities are likely. U.S. and Canadian healthcare workers who may come into contact with those that have COVID-19, whether known or unknown, do have a greater risk of being exposed to COVID-19, as do those that may be part of the travel or shipping industries.

The CDC considers this COVID-19 outbreak to be, “an emerging, rapidly evolving situation and CDC will provide updated information for as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance, on the CDC website”. The CDC/NIOSH have published a webpage with links to resources for the protection of workers to be used by a variety of industries.

Those industries include:

- Businesses

- Healthcare Settings Including 911 PSAPs and EMS Systems

- Transportation including Airlines and Ships

Also included is a section on Personal Protective Equipment Resources including posters, videos, and other tools for choosing/implementing personal protective devices.

Another link is provided that links to a CDC/NIOSH website for Emergency Preparedness & Response for Public Safety

CDC/NIOSH COVID-19 Website with Links to Resources for Businesses & Workers including Health Care:

https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/2019_ncov.html?deliveryName=USCDC_10_4-DM20623

CDC/NIOSH Emergency Preparedness and Response for Public Safety (not COVID-specific):

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/default.html>

Other Resources:

CDC COVID-19 Situation Summary (Daily Reports):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) on the Public Health Response to COVID-19 (2/24): PDF [link](#)

Or:

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6908e1.htm?s_cid=mm6908e1_e&deliveryName=USCDC_921-DM20815

CDC COVID-19 Information on Travel Including Updates on Travel Watches, Alerts & Warnings:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

WHO COVID-19 Situation Reports (click on the latest date or search through previous dates):

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>