

Situational Background

On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially renamed the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, previously known as 2019-nCoV, to **COVID-19**. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to rapidly increase worldwide and the majority of cases still remain in China. The risk from these outbreaks to the USA is unknown and depends on characteristics of the virus, including how well it spreads between people, the severity of resulting illness, and the medical or other measures available to control the impact of the virus. It's still unclear of how this situation will unfold but for the general American public, who are unlikely to be exposed to this virus, the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered **low** at this time.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and we will provide updates as new information becomes available.

Epidemiology/Surveillance

As of February 14, 2020:

- Worldwide approximately at 49,053 cases (99% in Mainland China), estimated 1383 deaths in China, 2 deaths outside of China.
- Approximately 25 countries report cases, most in Asia
- In USA: 15 confirmed cases, **none severe**. Number of states with patients under investigation (PUI): 81
- In Arizona, 1 case, 6 possible exposed individual (PEIs). No cases have been reported in Pima County.

Surveillance Resources:

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>
2. <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>

Communication

TONHC/TODHHS continues participating on weekly conference calls with State, tribal, all county health departments. The Arizona Poison Control line will be available to the public to answer any questions or concerns. Health Care Providers will be directed to local jurisdiction health departments for guidance. TONHC will continue to send out weekly leadership updates, as well as weekly updates to healthcare staff and public as needed.

AZ Poison Control answers questions about COVID-19 from the public: 1-800-222-1222

Community Outreach

TONHC/TODHHS continues to participate on a weekly state/county/tribal conference call. Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) is providing statewide guidance. TONHC continues to prepare staff with education about protection, isolation, and patient care, including proper application and removal of personal protective equipment. Keeping healthy measures and influenza vaccination education is being promoted to the public.

- PSA 02_Public Health alert on Novel Coronavirus was sent out as a PSA and played on KOHN in English & O'odham.
- TONHC/TODHHS staff presented to Legislative Council during general session to provide an update on COVID-19 on 2/7/2020.
- TONHC provide an educational in-service to the TODHHS Community Health Services staff and Health Transportation management staff.
- TONHC presented COVID-19 at the Baboquivari Unified School District board meeting on 2/11/2020.
- TONHC presented COVID-19 at the TONHC quarterly collaborative meeting on 2/12/20.
- Community Health Representatives (CHRs) will begin dissemination of keeping healthy tips flyers to all district and common public areas.

Health Care Preparedness

- Infection control education provided to staff Sells Emergency Department, San Simon, Santa Rosa, & Sells Inpatient.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies have been inventoried and ordered.
- EMS has been provided CDC and AZ PHS training handouts for first. EMS has also participated in recent webinar trainings on managing potential patients.
- COVID-19 in-service and demonstration of application and removal (donning and doffing) of PPE.

Standing Meetings

TONHC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update - standing weekly conference call meeting

Date: Every Wednesday at 12:00 pm

Call in: 425-436-6304; **Access code:** 438830 #

Resources

1. CDC website – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
2. AZ Department of Health Services (ADHS) website – <https://www.azdhs.gov/index.php>
3. Pima County Health Department website – <https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=527452>