

Northern Arizona University continues to work closely with Coconino County Health and Human Services (CCHHS), as well as other community partners, to monitor the novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that originated in Wuhan, China.

Here is the latest information from Coconino County Health and Human Services:

There have been no confirmed cases reported in Coconino County and the immediate risk to the NAU and Flagstaff communities remains low.

Several thousand confirmed 2019-nCoV cases have been identified in China, and additional cases have been identified in other international locations. Currently, 11 cases have been identified in the United States with one case recently reported in Maricopa County, Arizona. The confirmed Arizona individual is being monitored and is under isolation to prevent the possible spread of illness.

According to public health officials, the immediate risk of 2019-nCoV infection to individuals in the United States is believed to be low. The CDC recommends individuals who have traveled to China within the past 14 days or have come into close contact with a confirmed case and are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, to seek medical care right away. Before going to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead to tell them about recent travel and symptoms. Symptoms of 2019-nCoV may include fever, cough and shortness of breath consistent with pneumonia or other respiratory illness. The severity of the 2019-nCoV is still not fully clear. Reported illnesses have ranged from infected people with little to no symptoms to people being severely ill.

There is no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. As a reminder, CCHHS recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of all respiratory viruses. These actions include:

- Get a seasonal flu shot.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth with your upper sleeve or with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Guidance for travelers is available at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/novel-coronavirus-china>. More information about 2019-nCoV is available at www.cdc.gov/ncov.