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**Tarrant County Public Health [Advisory]**

TCPH now uses a tiered communication system:

- Alert:** Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention
- Advisory:** Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.
- Update:** Provides update information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.
- Information:** Provides general information that is not necessarily considered to be of an emergent nature.

As of today Feb 3, 2020, the CDC has added DFW airport to the traveler screening program for incoming travelers from China. DFW is among 11 such airport locations across the US.

Due to a Federal order on Friday, all travel to and from China is suspended with airlines canceling flights.

We expect only US Citizens and Legal US residents being evacuated from China to return. Volume at DFW is expected to be low.

The Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) epidemic in china has advanced, with a significant increase in people infected:

- Globally, 19,881 cases have now been confirmed, most in China. The virus has spread to 26 locations outside Mainland China, including 24 other countries.
- A total of 426 deaths have been reported with only 1 occurring outside of China.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared this 2019-nCoV outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. U.S. Health and Human Services has declared a public health emergency.

In the U.S., there are 260 PUIs in 36 states; of that number, 167 tested negative and 82 are still pending.

Texas has had 15 PUI, 10 have tested negative and five are pending results from CDC. There are no confirmed cases in Texas.

Travel recommendation is now at Level 4: Do not travel to China. CDC will provide guidance for quarantine and monitoring of person on their website today.

Tarrant County Public Health's Department Operations Center remains activated. The Public Health team maintains regular contact with DSHS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), school districts, hospitals and emergency management staff from across the county.

Information is continually updated on the public health website: [TCPH Coronavirus](#). The **Corona Virus Hotline (817) 248-6299** has been activated to handle calls from the public.