



# Coronavirus Outbreak

## Awareness is Key

We're writing today to provide a brief update on the Coronavirus.

The situation is still evolving, but it's important to know that if any of your employees have a respiratory condition (common cold, bronchitis, pneumonia) and are in the affected areas, or were, within the past 14 days, they should be evaluated for the Coronavirus.

If any of your employees have a respiratory condition and were in contact with someone who recently traveled to the affected area/s, they should be evaluated for the Coronavirus. If they suspect they could have the virus, they should avoid all contact with others as much as possible.

The U.S. Department of State issued a [level 2 travel advisory](#) for China based upon the Coronavirus outbreak. In addition, please note the following:

- CDC has enhanced screening in place in several U.S. locations for inbound flights from Wu Han
- Currently, there is no vaccine
- Person-to-person transmission is possible
- Confirmation of diagnosis is only available via CDC at present (sputum, swab and serum)
- Currently, the only treatment is to manage the symptoms

For more details on the Coronavirus, please refer to the following sites, updated by the CDC.

- [Situation Summary: 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)
- [General Information: About Human Coronaviruses](#)

For questions related to your Blue Cross Blue Shield Expat or Traveler policy, please contact your dedicated account manager. We encourage clients to have a contingency plan in place for any employees who may be affected by this outbreak.

Thank you.

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