

Date: February 5, 2020
To: All City of Fremont Employees
From: Steven Schwarz, Risk Manager
Subject: Coronavirus Informational Update

The City of Fremont's Fire Department staff is closely monitoring direction from the Alameda County Office of Education and Alameda County Public Health Department along with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as it relates to the coronavirus. The CDC is the lead agency within the United States Government which is tasked with responding to the outbreak of respiratory illness caused by the novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Infections with 2019-nCoV also are being reported in a growing number of countries internationally, including the United States. The investigation into 2019-nCoV is ongoing. As of 2/4/2020, the total number of confirmed cases in the United States is 11. To date, there are 4 confirmed cases in Northern California and no confirmed cases in Alameda County.

While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public is believed to be low at this time, everyone can do their part to help us respond to this emerging public health threat:

- Stay informed – Alameda County's Public Health Department offers facts about the novel Coronavirus at the following [link](#). The CDC is also updating its website daily with the latest information and advice for the public (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).
- Remember to take everyday preventive actions that are always recommended to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.
 - Avoid close contact with sick people.
 - While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible.
 - Stay home if you are sick.
 - Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.
 - The CDC is not recommending the use of facemasks for the general public at this time.
- If you feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, and have traveled to China or were in close contact with someone with 2019-nCoV in the 14 days before you began to feel sick, seek medical care. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

If there are substantial updates or additional action is required, you will be notified. Please do not hesitate to contact Risk Management if you have any questions or concerns.