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**Please distribute to all schools and school districts in Ventura County.**

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS *UPDATED* ADVISORY

Since the publication of the **Novel Coronavirus Advisory** on February 3 by Ventura County Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published the “Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Exposure in Travel-associated or Community Settings.”

This interim guidance is effective as of February 3, 2020 and **does not apply retrospectively to people who have been in China during the previous 14 days and are already in the United States**, or those being managed as part of a contact investigation.

However, for those arrivals from China from February 3, 2020 on, this CDC Guidance will apply. Such individuals who have come back to the United States after spending time in any part of China but have not been in Hubei Province are classified as being at medium risk.

Medium Risk: Travel from mainland China outside Hubei Province AND not having any exposures that meet a high-risk definition:

Medium risk	To the extent possible, remain at home or in a comparable setting for 14 days from the date of leaving China. Avoid congregate settings, limit public activities, and practice social distancing.	<b>Travelers from mainland China outside Hubei Province with no known high-risk exposure:</b> Self-monitoring with public health supervision
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The following guidelines address additional situations that apply to this issue<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Press Briefing by Members of the President’s Coronavirus Task Force, Issued on: January 31, 2020.

- Any student who has been in China's Hubei province (home of Wuhan, the epicenter of the virus) within the last 14 days will be subject to up to 14 days of mandatory quarantine. It is likely that these children are already being quarantined on a military base near their point of entry into the United States.
- Any student returning from anywhere in China in the preceding 14 days who develops a fever and/or respiratory symptoms should be quarantined in their home until he or she has seen a physician and has been cleared by the Ventura County Health Department after receiving confirmation from the CDC that it is not the coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

These recommendations are subject to additional modifications as more information is learned about 2019-nCoV.

Students of Chinese descent who have not travelled to China are at no greater risk of 2019-nCoV infection than any other student.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Communicable Diseases at 805 981-5201.