

Novel Coronavirus(2019-nCoV)

Situation Report - 15

Data as reported by 4 February 2020*

HIGHLIGHTS

- No new countries reported cases of 2019-nCoV in the 24 hours since the previous situation report.
- The business sector is one audience to whom EPI-WIN is reaching out with tailored information. EPI-WIN colleagues co-hosted a call with a global communications firm whose clients include large multinationals. Over 50 multinationals were represented on the call, where WHO provided an update of the 2019-nCoV situation and responded to questions about improving communications with employees; the role of businesses in public health crises; and managing uncertainty through accessing accurate information.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

total and new cases in last 24 hours

Globally

20630 confirmed (3241 new)

China

20471 confirmed (3235 new)

2788 severe (492 new)

425 deaths (64 new)

Outside of China

159 confirmed (6 new)

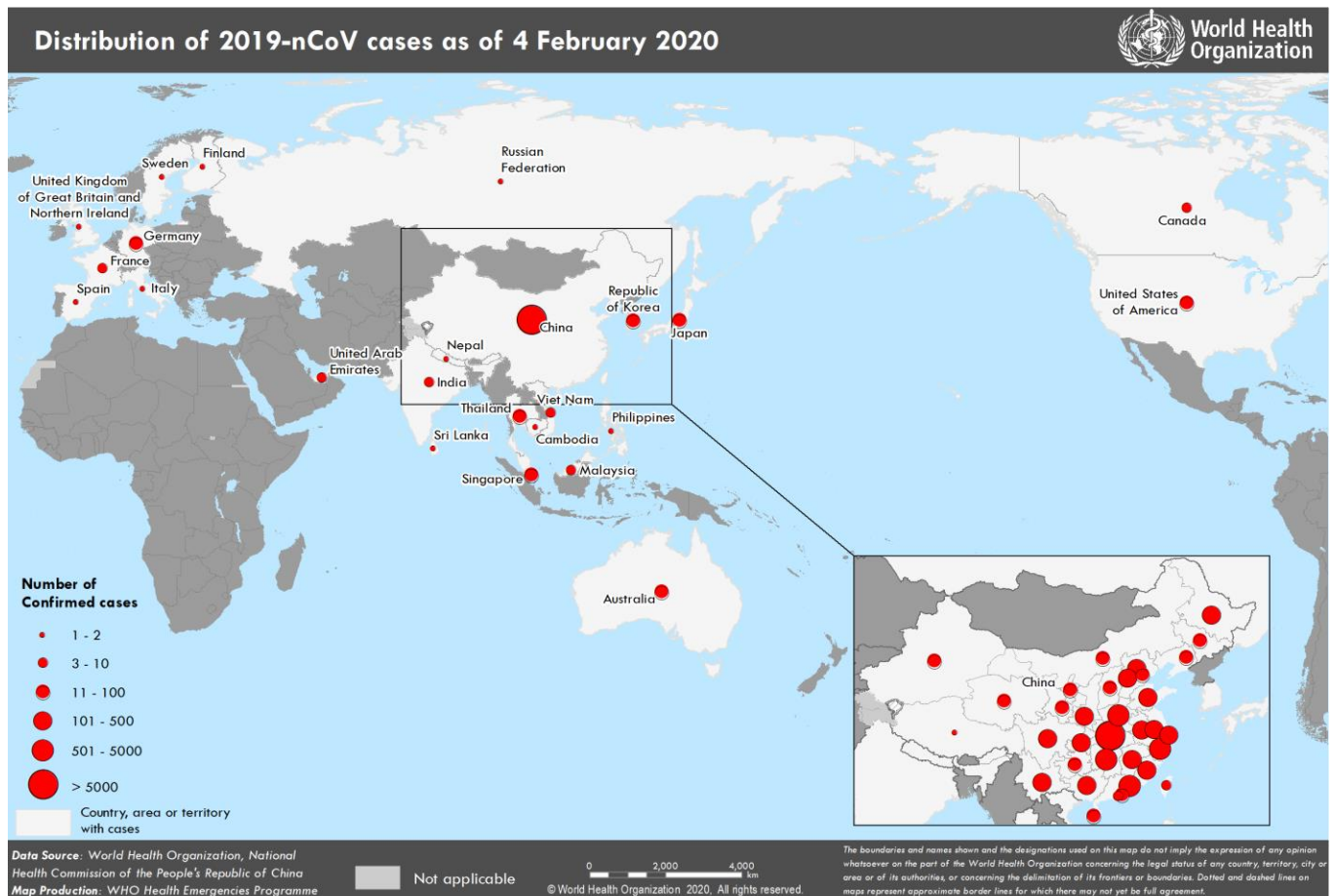
23 countries

1 death

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

China	Very High
Regional Level	High
Global Level	High

Figure 1. Countries, territories or areas with reported confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV, 4 February 2020



*The situation report includes information provided by national authorities as of 10 AM Central European Time

SURVEILLANCE

Table 1. Confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease reported by provinces, regions and cities in China, 4 February 2020

Province/Region/City	Confirmed Cases
Hubei	13522
Zhejiang	829
Guangdong	797
Henan	675
Hunan	593
Anhui	480
Jiangxi	476
Chongqing	337
Jiangsu	308
Sichuan	282
Shandong	270
Beijing	228
Shanghai	208
Fujian	194
Heilongjiang	155
Shaanxi	142
Guangxi	139
Hebei	126
Yunnan	117
Hainan	79
Liaoning	74
Shanxi	74
Tianjin	63
Gansu	56
Guizhou	56
Jilin	42
Inner Mongolia	37
Ningxia	34
Xinjiang	29
Hong Kong SAR	15
Qinghai	15
Taipei	10
Macao SAR	8
Xizang	1
Total	20471

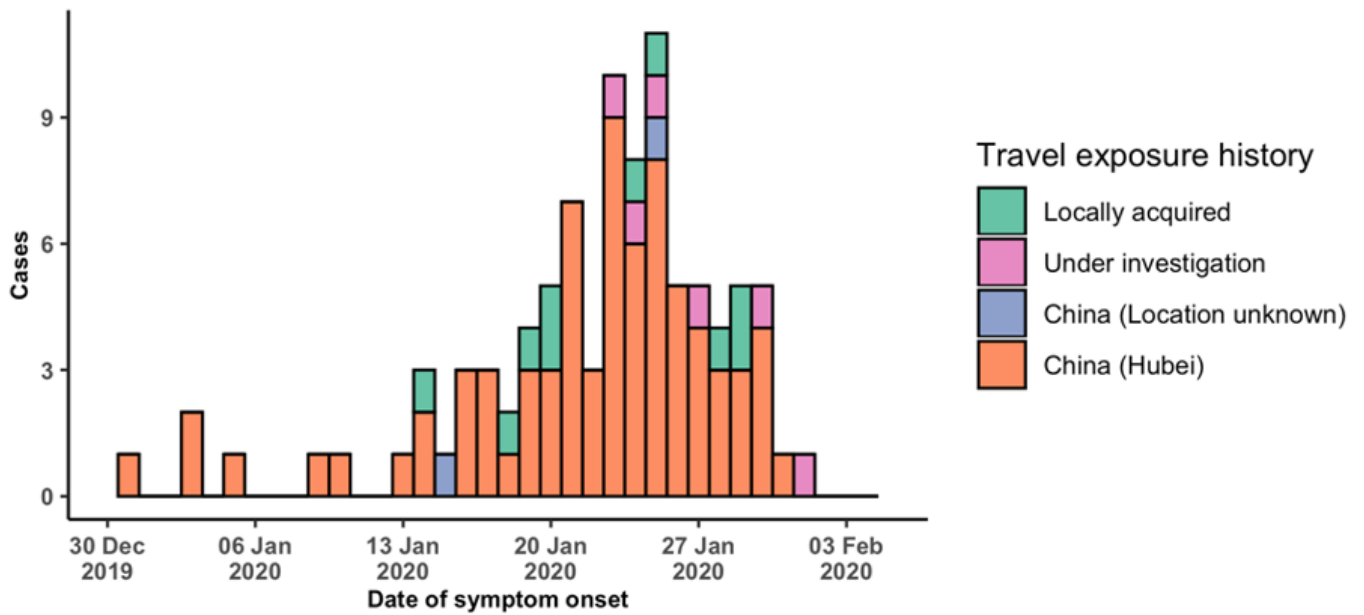
Table 2. Countries, territories or areas with reported confirmed 2019-nCoV cases and deaths. Data as of 4 February 2020

WHO Region	Country/Territory/Area	Confirmed (new) cases	Total (new) cases with travel history to China	Total (new) cases with possible or confirmed transmission outside of China	Total (new) cases with site of transmission under investigation	Total (new) deaths
Western Pacific Region	China*	20471 (3235)				425 (64)
	Japan	20	17	3	0	0
	Republic of Korea	16 (1)	8	5 (1)	3	0
	Viet Nam	9 (1)	6 (1)	2	0	0
	Singapore	18	18	0	0	0
	Australia	12	12	0	0	0
	Malaysia	10 (2)	7	2 (1)	1 (1)	0
	Cambodia	1	1	0	0	0
	Philippines	2	1	0	1	1
South-East Asia Region	Thailand	19	18	1	0	0
	Nepal	1	1	0	0	0
	Sri Lanka	1	1	0	0	0
	India	3	3	0	0	0
Region of the Americas	United States of America	11	8	2	1	0
	Canada	4	3	0	1	0
European Region	France	6	5	1	0	0
	Finland	1	1	0	0	0
	Germany	12 (2)	2	10 (2)	0	0
	Italy	2	2	0	0	0
	Russian Federation	2	2	0	0	0
	Spain	1	0	1	0	0
	Sweden	1	1	0	0	0
Eastern Mediterranean Region	United Arab Emirates	5	5	0	0	0

*Confirmed cases in China include cases confirmed in Hong Kong SAR (15 confirmed cases), Macao SAR (8 confirmed cases) and Taipei (10 confirmed cases).

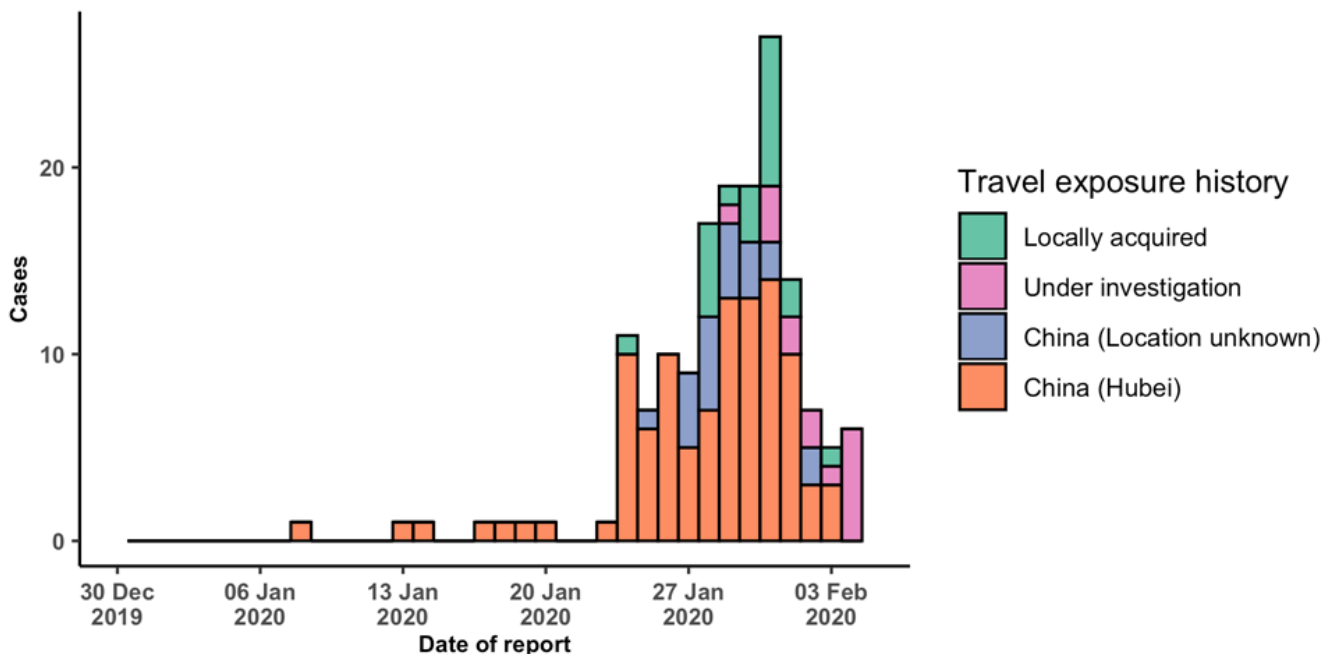
Note: Case classifications are based on [WHO case definitions](#) for 2019-nCoV.

Figure 2: Epidemic curve of 2019-nCoV cases (n=93) identified outside of China, by date of onset of symptoms and travel history, 4 February 2020



Note for figure 2: Of the 159 cases reported outside China, 12 were detected while asymptomatic. For the remaining 147 cases, information on date of onset is available only for the 93 cases presented in the epidemiologic curve.

Figure 3: Epidemic curve of 2019-nCoV cases (n=159) identified outside of China, by date of reporting and travel history, 4 February 2020



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

WHO's strategic objectives for this response are to:

- Limit human-to-human transmission including reducing secondary infections among close contacts and health care workers, preventing transmission amplification events, and preventing further international spread from China*;
- Identify, isolate and care for patients early, including providing optimized care for infected patients;
- Identify and reduce transmission from the animal source;
- Address crucial unknowns regarding clinical severity, extent of transmission and infection, treatment options, and accelerate the development of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines;
- Communicate critical risk and event information to all communities and counter misinformation;
- Minimize social and economic impact through multisectoral partnerships.

*This can be achieved through a combination of public health measures, such as rapid identification, diagnosis and management of the cases, identification and follow up of the contacts, infection prevention and control in healthcare settings, implementation of health measures for travellers, awareness- raising in the population and risk communication.

PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- WHO has developed a protocol for the investigation of early cases (the "[First Few X \(FFX\) Cases and contact investigation protocol for 2019-novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) infection](#)"). The protocol is designed to gain an early understanding of the key clinical, epidemiological and virological characteristics of the first cases of 2019-nCoV infection detected in any individual country, to inform the development and updating of public health guidance to manage cases and reduce potential spread and impact of infection.
- WHO has been in regular and direct contact with Member States where cases have been reported. WHO is also informing other countries about the situation and providing support as requested.
- WHO has developed interim guidance for [laboratory diagnosis](#), [advice on the use of masks during home care and in health care settings in the context of the novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) outbreak](#), [clinical management](#), [infection prevention and control in health care settings](#), [home care for patients with suspected novel coronavirus](#), [risk communication and community engagement](#) and [Global Surveillance for human infection with novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#).
- WHO has prepared [disease commodity package](#) that includes an essential list of biomedical equipment, medicines and supplies necessary to care for patients with 2019-nCoV.
- WHO has provided recommendations to reduce risk of [transmission from animals to humans](#).
- WHO has published an [updated advice for international traffic in relation to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus 2019-nCoV](#).
- WHO has activated of R&D blueprint to accelerate diagnostics, vaccines, and therapeutics.
- WHO has developed an [online course](#) to provide general introduction to emerging respiratory viruses, including novel coronaviruses.
- WHO is providing guidance on early investigations, which are critical to carry out early in an outbreak of a new virus. The data collected from the protocols can be used to refine recommendations for surveillance and case definitions, to characterize the key epidemiological transmission features of 2019-nCoV, help understand spread, severity, spectrum of disease, impact on the community and to inform operational models for implementation of countermeasures such as case isolation, contact tracing and isolation. Several protocols are available here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/early-investigations>

- WHO is working with its networks of researchers and other experts to coordinate global work on surveillance, epidemiology, modelling, diagnostics, clinical care and treatment, and other ways to identify, manage the disease and limit onward transmission. WHO has issued interim guidance for countries, which are updated regularly.
- WHO is working with global expert networks and partnerships for laboratory, infection prevention and control, clinical management and mathematical modelling.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

During previous outbreaks due to other coronavirus (Middle-East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)), human-to-human transmission occurred through droplets, contact and fomites, suggesting that the transmission mode of the 2019-nCoV can be similar. The basic principles to reduce the general risk of transmission of acute respiratory infections include the following:

- Avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- Frequent hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment.
- Avoiding unprotected contact with farm or wild animals.
- People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).
- Within healthcare facilities, enhance standard infection prevention and control practices in hospitals, especially in emergency departments.

WHO does not recommend any specific health measures for travellers. In case of symptoms suggestive of respiratory illness either during or after travel, travellers are encouraged to seek medical attention and share their travel history with their healthcare provider.