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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I want to provide a brief update as we continue to monitor updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Currently, there are 11 confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus in the United States, according to the CDC, and the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public is believed to be low. Still, we must remain vigilant and ensure we are taking all the measures necessary to protect our patients and our employees.

Baptist Health is following the CDC's guidelines for infection control and the evaluation and reporting of any suspected cases. Throughout our system, we are screening patients with respiratory symptoms based on the CDC's latest guidance. We have signage at all of our entry points advising patients of our protocol, and are communicating with our clinical employees and medical staff regularly through our infection control department. These protocols are being managed on a system-wide level by a team led by Dr. Mark Hauser, Dr. John Braden, Faith Solkoff, Luis Collado and Anexis Lopez. Any questions should be directed through your entity's infection control department or by accessing the links at the bottom of this message.

Employees, volunteers, students, contractors or members of the medical staff who have recently traveled to China, or have been in contact with someone who is either suspected to have or confirmed to have 2019-nCoV, should call Baptist Health's Occupational Health Office immediately at (786) 596-2345. To ensure a safe working environment for everyone, those with recent travel to China will need to receive clearance before reporting to work. You may also email [EmployeeCVInfo@baptisthealth.net](mailto:EmployeeCVInfo@baptisthealth.net), a confidential inbox for employees' personal health concerns specific to coronavirus.

It's important to remember that while 2019-nCoV is receiving a lot of attention right now, we are still in the peak of flu season. The flu is far more widespread, affecting millions of people in the U.S. each year. The same way we practice good health habits such as handwashing and covering your cough to help prevent illnesses like the flu, we recommend taking the same measures to prevent or stop the spread of other viruses.

The CDC's most up to date information on 2019-nCoV can be found [here](#), and their guidance for healthcare professionals can be found [here](#). This information is updated several times a week. You can also keep up to date about coronavirus by clicking on the banner on the Baptist Health intranet page, and on Baptist Health's [Resource blog](#).

Please note that any communication to employees, medical staff or the public about this issue must go through our Corporate Marketing & Communications Department and the leadership team noted above.

We will continue to provide updated information as needed.

Thank you,

**Bo Boulenger**  
Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer