

Subject: Coronavirus Update #3
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As we continue to monitor updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about the 2019 novel coronavirus, I want to share the latest information we know.

This week, the World Health Organization announced an official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak. The new name, COVID-19, stands for Corona Virus Disease 19.

Currently, there are 14 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, according to the CDC. While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public remains low, we must continue to be 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 Anaxis 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 COVID-19, 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, a confidential inbox for employees' personal health concerns specific to coronavirus.

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit the [CDC website](#). In addition, CDC guidance for healthcare professionals can be found [here](#). This information is updated several times a week. You can also keep up to date about this topic by clicking on the banner on the Baptist Health intranet page, and on Baptist Health's [Resource blog](#).

A new online CME/CE course called Coronaviruses, which addresses emerging pathogens including novel coronavirus, is available through the Baptist Health Continuing Medical Education Online Learning Program. [Click here](#) to access the course.

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.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bo Boulenger
Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer