Health Emergency Preparedness Task Force: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Overview of Cases

- As of March 5, 2020,* the World Health Organization (WHO) has reported 95,333 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, with 2,241 new cases since the previous report on March 4.

- As of March 6, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed COVID-19 cases in 19 states (with 6 new states reporting infections since the last update on March 5): Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.

- Data includes both confirmed and presumptive positive cases reported to CDC or tested at CDC since Jan. 21, 2020. Totals do not include individuals who returned to the United States via State Department-charted flights. Numbers in parenthesis represent the increase in cases since the last update on March 5.
  - Total cases: 164 (+65)
Total deaths: **11 (+1)**

*Note: The WHO releases a daily situation report reflecting totals as of 10 a.m. CET on the previous day.*

**Travel Alerts**

The CDC issues travel notices based on an assessment of the potential risks associated with traveling to a particular region. The three levels of notices are as follows:

- **Level 3 Travel Health Notice: Widespread sustained (ongoing) transmission and restrictions on entry to the United States**
  - CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the following destinations. Entry of foreign nationals from these destinations has been suspended:
    - China
    - Iran

- **Level 3 Travel Health Notice: Sustained (ongoing) community transmission**
  - CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the following destinations:
    - Italy
    - South Korea

- **Level 2 Travel Health Notice: Sustained (ongoing) community transmission**
  - CDC recommends that older adults or those who have chronic medical conditions consider postponing travel to the following destinations:
    - Japan

- **Level 1 Travel Health Notice: Limited community transmission**
  - Travelers should practice usual precautions at the following destination:
    - Hong Kong

In addition to the travel notices above, the CDC has identified **Singapore, Taiwan**, and **Thailand** as destinations with risk of community spread of COVID-19.

**Funding Approval**

On Friday, President Trump signed an $8 billion emergency funding package to provide emergency funding to combat the COVID-19 outbreak. The Senate passed the bill 96-1 on Thursday, after the House approved with a 415-2 vote on Wednesday.
afternoon. The bill includes:

- $3 billion for developing treatments, including $300 million for the government to purchase drugs from manufacturers at “fair and reasonable” prices
- $2.2 billion for public health measures to prevent spread
- More than $1 billion for support overseas

**Additional Resources**

The American Chemistry Council’s (ACC) Center for Biocide Chemistries (CBC) has compiled a list of products that have been pre-approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use against emerging enveloped viral pathogens and can be used during the COVID-19 outbreak. This product list is not exhaustive but can be used by business owners, health professionals, and the public to identify products suitable for use against COVID-19. See the [list of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)—Fighting Products](https://www.natlawreview.com/article/health-emergency-preparedness-task-force-covid-19-coronavirus-update).

For more information on ongoing transmission, travel alerts, and preparedness, please visit the [CDC Situation Summary](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/novel-coronavirus-situation-summary.html).

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