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### Information on the Coronavirus

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed Massachusetts' first case of coronavirus (2019-nCoV) identified in Boston. **The Department is reiterating that the risk to Massachusetts residents at this time remains low.**

- **What is Coronavirus?**

The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person to person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China

- **Can people in the U.S. get coronavirus?**

The coronavirus is spreading from person-to-person in China and limited spread among close contacts has been detected in some countries outside China, including the United States. At this time, however, this virus is NOT currently spreading in communities in the United States. **Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in China or people who have traveled to China.** Risk of infection is dependent on exposure. Close contacts of people who are infected are at greater risk of exposure, for example health care workers. The U.S Centers for Disease Control continues to closely monitor the situation.

- **Have there been cases of coronavirus in the U.S.?**

The first infection with coronavirus in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. Mass DPH reported Massachusetts first case of coronavirus this week. The current count of cases of infection with coronavirus in the United States is available on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) webpage at: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov).

**For further information and updates on the coronavirus, please visit the following websites:**

- Mass Department of Public Health (DPH) Coronavirus Updated Information:  
[www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus](http://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus)
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Fact Sheet Coronavirus and You:  
[www.cdc.gov/nCoV](http://www.cdc.gov/nCoV)



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- U.S. Centers for Disease Control Frequently Asked Questions About Coronavirus:  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html)

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