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Dear All,

Please review **information from CDC** regarding the outbreak of a **novel coronavirus causing respiratory disease in Wuhan, China**.

CDC has identified 5 cases in the United States since 1/21/2020, with travel history to Wuhan, China. **At this time, the risk to residents in Massachusetts is low.**

Please check with all your patients about recent travel (within the past 14 days), to Wuhan, China. Check if they have any current history of:

- **Fever**
- **lower respiratory tract symptoms (such as shortness of breath and cough)**
- **And/or contact with a known novel coronavirus patient.**

Any such patient should be asked to wear a surgical mask and referred to their PCP, ASAP.

ALL TUSDM MEMBER MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Please ensure that you have had your **flu shot**.
Your risk of a serious complication from influenza is multifold without immunization.
- Protect yourself & others while **coughing or sneezing**.
- **Frequent handwashing** with soap & water is a must.
- Use **Standard Universal Precautions** while treating patients (e.g., goggles or a face shield).
- **Hand wash between patients.**
- **Optimally clean all surfaces in your work area and prior to the start of patient-care.**
- **Please stay home if you are sick & contact your PCP ASAP.**

Thanks,

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