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<b>Situation Report Number:</b> 2020-OERS-0219	
<b>Incident Name:</b> COVID-19 - MultCo Coordination	
<b>OERS Number:</b> 2020-0279	
<b>EOC Activation Level:</b> Enhanced	<b>Incident Commander:</b> Lisa Ferguson
<b>Date (xx/xx/xx):</b> 02.19.2020	<b>Main communicable disease phone:</b> (503) 988-3406
<b>Time:</b> 1000	

**General**

Multnomah County Public Health will be analyzing and providing updates weekly.

**Background**

In December 2019, a [respiratory virus identified as a novel coronavirus has spread from Wuhan, Hubei Province, China](#) (population ~11 million) to other countries, including the US, through person-to-person transmission. Wuhan is a major air transportation hub in mainland China and infected travelers (mainly air) are known to be responsible for introductions of the virus in other cities. The first case reported in the United States was in Washington State on Jan. 21. Public health officials confirmed this person had recently returned to the US from China. There is no vaccination against COVID-19.

This incident was formally named COVID-19 by the [World Health Organization](#). There are many reasons why it is important to assist in amplifying this naming convention. The World Health Organization’s [guidelines](#) for naming infectious diseases outlines how appropriate naming can help avoid negative repercussions caused by stigmatizing geographic areas or population groups. This naming convention is also designed to avoid other negative, unintended consequences that have resulted from associating food or animal names with the disease. Therefore our incident name is changing to COVID-19 - MultCo Coordination.

Please review the [Multnomah County Coronavirus FAQs](#) and [submit your questions](#) if you can’t find the answer. Interim guidance for clinicians in the Portland metro region can be found [here](#).

**EOC Updates**

Multnomah County EOC is disseminating a Situation Report each Wednesday by 12:00 hrs (noon). [On February 14, 2020 the EOC requested that all partners departments, divisions, and any activated Branch/Group/Unit/Section submit updates/actions taken related to COVID-19.](#)

Updates must be received prior to 10:00am on Tuesdays to be included in the Wednesday Situation Report. Updates received after 10:00 hrs on Tuesdays will be included in the following week's Situation Report.

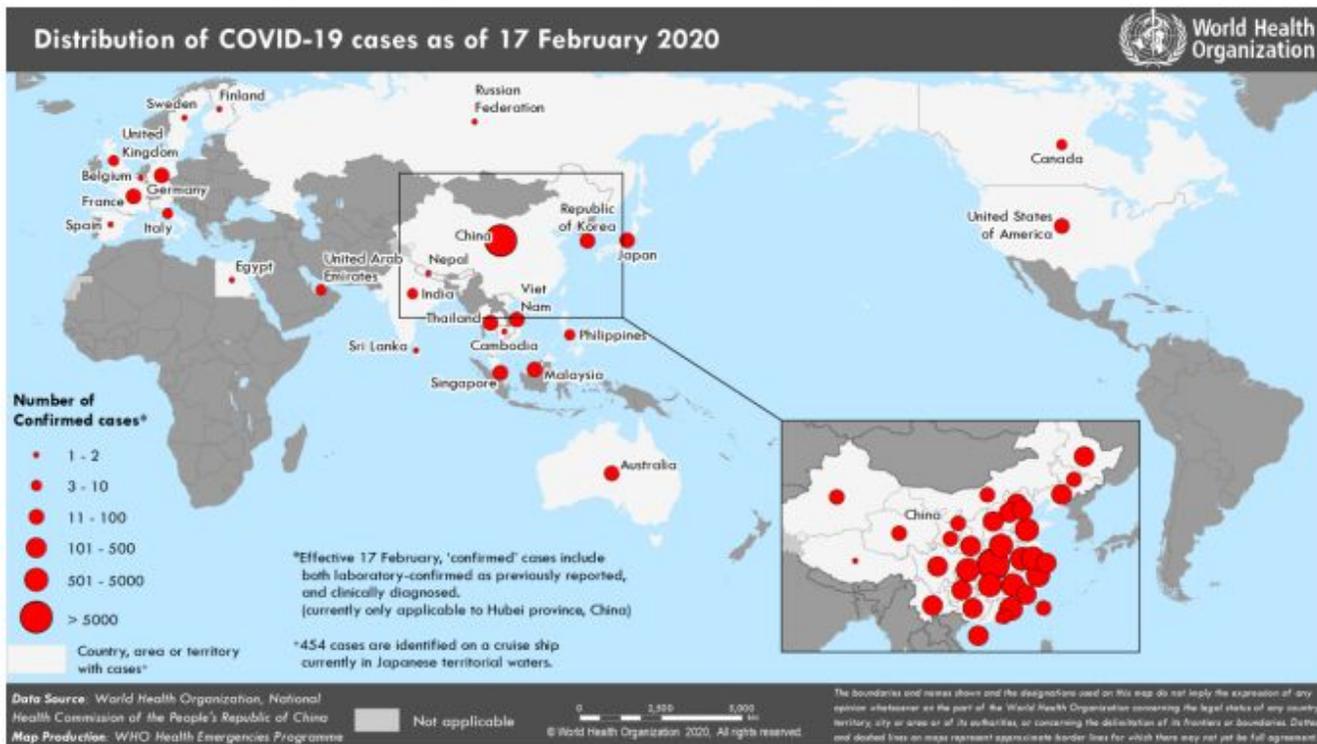
## Operations

**This is a dynamic situation. Information and case counts are changing rapidly and the incident is on-going.**

## Epidemiology Updates

[WHO's latest situation report \(2-17-20\)](#) reports 111 new COVID-19 cases in countries outside of China, 99 of which were tied to passengers and crew on the Diamond Princess cruise ship.

Starting February 17th, published numbers from WHO will include both laboratory-confirmed (as previously reported) and those reported as clinically diagnosed (currently only applicable to Hubei province, China). From 13 February through 16 February, WHO reported only laboratory confirmed cases for Hubei province. The change in reporting is now shown in the figures. **This accounts for the apparent large increase in cases compared to prior situation reports.**



Cases as of 2/19/2020 at 8:00am PST:

- Oregon
  - Zero Cases
- United States (Reference)
  - People Under Investigation (PUI)\*\* since 1/21/2020:
    - 15 confirmed cases
    - 392 negative tests

- 60 lab tests pending
- Worldwide (Reference)
  - 75,282 total confirmed cases
    - 74,188 of these cases are from mainland China
  - 2,012 deaths

\*please note these numbers are changing rapidly and now include clinical cases

\*\* Does not include PUIs in the US that were evacuated from the Diamond Princess cruise ship

### County Enterprise Outreach Efforts

- Multnomah County Health Department's Community Partnerships & Communicable Disease units are developing educational events and material to share with Multnomah County staff.

### Culturally Specific Outreach Efforts

- Multnomah County Health Department's Community Partnerships & Communicable Disease units are hosting four [train-the-trainer workshops for community healthcare workers, home visitors, and other community leaders](#). Training dates and sign-up information can be found in the link above.
- Educational and outreach material is being translated into multiple languages.
- Ongoing outreach and education is being provided to community based organizations.

## Public Information

**For media inquiries related to COVID-19 please contact:** Kate Willson, Public Information Unit Leader: 503-410-4524.

### Health Department's Key Talking Points

#### The risk to Oregonians is low.

- There are no cases in Oregon.
- Local, state, and federal public health officials are working to detect any cases of this virus.
- If Oregon does get a case, public health officials have a plan in place to help the sick person and protect the public.

#### Don't discriminate

- We have heard stories of fear and discrimination. We want to remind everyone that a person's association with a country doesn't mean they carry this virus.
- We live in a global world and are better for it. Globalization also presents challenges; disease transmission is one of them.
- Allowing misinformation to spread and ostracizing community members puts public health and safety at risk.

#### Keep healthy

- In the Portland Metro area, people are at higher risk for flu and other respiratory diseases at this time.
- Wash your hands, cover your mouth and stay home if you're sick. These measures also protect people from COVID-19.

- We do not recommend people wear masks.

**Resources:**

- [Multnomah County COVID-19 Response](#): Information about the county’s response activities.
- [Multnomah County Coronavirus FAQs](#): Read FAQs related to COVID-19 topics, such as general health, traveler health, provider health, and animal health.
- [Novel Coronavirus Questions Submittal Form](#): Still have a question about this virus? Ask our health experts through this online form.
- [Public Health Alerts](#): Read current and past public health alerts.
- [Oregon Health Authority Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication](#): COVID-19 fact sheets, flyers, and templates.
- [CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information](#): Information for specific audiences, situation reports, and information about COVID-19.
- [WHO Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information](#): Information about protecting yourself, Q&A’s, travel advice, situation reports, technical guidance, and global research.
- [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Global Map](#): John Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering map of the global outbreak (updated daily).

**Partner Updates**

Partners departments, divisions, and any activated Branch/Group/Unit/Section please submit updates/actions taken related to COVID-19 by 10:00 am Tuesdays. Information submitted will be included in the Multnomah County COVID-19 Situation Reports. These situation reports are disseminated Wednesdays by Noon and **are for public consumption**.

To submit updates/actions, email the Multnomah County Emergency Management Duty Officer ([em.dutyofficer@multco.us](mailto:em.dutyofficer@multco.us)) with the subject line: *Partner Update for COVID-19 Situation Report*.

**Activated EOCs/ICPs**

<i>Operations Center</i>	<i>Status of Activation</i>
Oregon Health Authority	Enhanced
Multnomah County	Enhanced

**Activated Call Centers**

<i>Call Center</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Hours</i>
CD line	503-988-3406	24/7
Mental Health Call Center	503-988-4888	24/7
211	211	24/7

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