



Renfrew County and District Health Unit  
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

## Memorandum

**Date:** January 24, 2020

**To:** Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Department, Hospital IPAC, EMS

**From:** Melissa Botz, Coordinator, Communications and Emergency Preparedness

**Subject:** **Wuhan Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Update # 2**

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Dear Health Care Partners,

Yesterday evening, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) received communication from Ontario Ministry of Health and Public Health Agency of Canada. These included:

- Ontario Ministry of Health: Case Definition for Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)
- Ontario Ministry of Health: Memorandum from the Office of Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Public Health Agency of Canada: Media Lines-Pneumonia of unknown causes- Wuhan, Central Hubei, China

RCDHU wants to share these memorandums that were sent to health system partners about 2019-nCoV for your awareness.

As you will see, there have been several new developments in this outbreak. These include increased case counts, cases in health care workers, evidence of human-to-human transmission, and the first confirmed case in North America (Seattle, Washington).

The overall risk of disease spread to Canada is considered low.

Please contact RCDHU at 613-735-8654, extension 555 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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