



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 26, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Situational Update on the Novel Coronavirus**

The attached memorandum is an update of the Health Department's response to the emerging novel Coronavirus infection threat. We have been tracking this issue very closely since the beginning of the year. As cases in the US have emerged, the Health Department increased our surveillance efforts locally and enhanced our communications with the healthcare sector and emergency preparedness partners.

On January 26, 2020, the Arizona Department of Health Services activated its Health Emergency Operations Command in response to the identification of the case in Maricopa County. Since that time, our Health Department has been in continuous contact with federal, state and tribal partners.

On February 1, 2020, the Health Department initiated a virtual Health Emergency Operations Command with Paula Mandel the Deputy Director for the Health Department as its Incident Commander. This was done precisely to facilitate and streamline communication with the various federal, state and local partners on this rapidly evolving threat.

To date only 79 individuals with travel history to China (and their contacts) have required further investigation. At this time, however, there are no COVID-19 cases in Pima County. Our Health Department and our Office of Emergency Management are actively engaged in updating relevant preparedness plans.

CHH/lab

Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services
Dr. Bob England, Interim Director, Health Department
Jeff Guthrie, Director, Office of Emergency Management

ATTACHMENT

General COVID-19 Preparedness

- KGUN 9 ABC – Luzdelia Caballero, "[Wuhan Coronavirus outbreak action plan](#)"
- Arizona Republic, Op-Ed by Dr. Bob England and Will Humble, "[New coronavirus is likely to go pandemic, but that's no reason to panic or overreact](#)"
- KJZZ News Radio – Greg Hahne, "[CDC Warns Of Coronavirus Spreading Within U.S.](#)"
- Social Media – Updates and Information multiple times per week
 - Twitter – [@pchd](#)
 - Facebook – [@pimacountyhealthdepartment](#)

Healthcare providers with questions should call the Pima County Health Department 24/7 at 520-724-7797
For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus OR www.pima.gov/cov