



UNION REPORT



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To the membership,

The following text bellow has been taken from the GO IAM website. Your company may have also issued an email or addressed you regarding the Corona Virus and any impact it may have in our locations. The first thing to do is remain calm and rational. Try to follow the directions in this bulletin and the communications from your company.

The Union and your Company will work together to do our best to keep the work environment healthy and safe from this virus.

This Outbreak is serious and is to not be taken lightly, in some locations joking about this matter has led to investigations of our members. Please consider your actions and how they may affect the employees you work around.

<https://www.goiam.org/news/iam-coronavirus-covid-19-resource-center/>

Note: Information on this website may change as the situation, recommendations and resources evolve. Please check back frequently.

About the Coronavirus Outbreak

“COVID-19,” a new coronavirus, has been identified as the cause of a cluster of severe pneumonia cases that emerged in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in December 2019.

Thousands of contacts are under observation and hundreds of cases have been confirmed in Wuhan. Additional cases have been identified in Japan, South Korea, Thailand and the United States.

About “COVID-19”

The virus is a coronavirus, which is a large family of viruses that can infect animals and/or humans. COVID-19 is similar to the viruses that cause SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome).

Symptoms include fever and/or symptoms of lower respiratory illness such as coughing or difficulty breathing.

With some viruses, the infectious period precedes symptoms and with other viruses it coincides with symptoms.

Human-to-human transmission is confirmed. However, whether the disease is transmitted via contact, droplet, or aerosol remains unknown. It is also unknown whether asymptomatic cases are infectious.

Employers Must Prepare to Keep Workers Safe

There is often debate about what actions to take and when they should be taken in situations where knowledge is lacking about a specific health threat. Your employer should be concerned about your health and welfare. Delay in action is unacceptable.

Stay Up-To-Date

Please see the links below for the most up-to-date information on this rapidly evolving situation.

- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>
- <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>
- <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/geographical-distribution-2019-ncov-cases>

Ways to protect yourself and others from coronavirus:

There is currently no vaccine to prevent Corona virus infection, the best way to protect yourself from infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

The following advice from the UN lists everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of the virus:

- Frequently wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a flexed elbow or tissue when sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever or cough.
- Stay at home if you are sick.
- Seek early medical help if you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, and share your travel history with healthcare providers.
- Avoid direct, unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals when visiting live markets in affected areas.
- Avoid eating raw or undercooked animal products and exercise care when handling raw meat, milk or eggs to avoid cross-contamination.

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