

# Regional Medical Operations Center San Antonio (RMOC-SA) Situation Report

Event Name	<b>2020 01 2019-nCov Regional Monitoring</b>
Date	February 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Time	1700
Operational Period	January 27 <sup>th</sup> – February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
RMOC Activation Level	Level III (Increased Readiness)
Report Number	001

## CURRENT SITUATION:

Below is an overview of the current situation, current as of 2/4/20:

WORLD	U.S.	TEXAS
An outbreak of a 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was first reported in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Multiple countries including the US have reported confirmed cases. WHO has declared 2019-nCoV as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Operations are underway for multiple countries to coordinate travel plans to extract their citizens from China. Several major airlines have suspended reduced flights to and from China. <b>A total of 2 deaths have been reported outside mainland China</b>	U.S Dept of State moves up Travel advisory to Level 4: Avoid ALL travel to China. All flights from Wuhan, China are currently being funneled into eleven airports (JFK, ORD, SFO, SEA, HNL, LAX, ATL, IAD, EWR, DFW, DTW) where CDC is conducting entry screening. <b>All U.S. airline carriers are suspending flights out of China.</b> CDC has updated guidance on PUI cases to include travel from all Hubei Province.	<b>Traveler screening will begin at Dallas (DFW) is anticipated to begin at some point in the coming week. Lackland AFB (San Antonio) has been identified by the federal government, as one of four reception sites for repatriation missions around the country.</b>

Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths
27,636	564	11	0	0	0

\*Data derived from the "Coronavirus 2019-nCoV Global Cases by Johns Hopkins CSSE"  
<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

DSHS Statewide 2019-nCoV Coordination call – Available to all acute healthcare leadership  
 When: Daily (M-F) 16:00hrs  
 Conference call number: 888-207-0293  
 Passcode: 488390

On 01/24/20, the Regional Medical Operations Center - San Antonio (RMOC- SA), was activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) status to manage the increasing coordination needs of the incident. Weekly coordination calls with EMS and Hospital partners have been scheduled.

**CURRENT WEATHER SITUATION REGIONAL:**

Currently, no significant or severe weather impacts are anticipated, related to this event.

**CURRENT RMOC-SA OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

- 1) Maintain the integrity of the regional healthcare system and its ability to provide care to the sick and injured of Southwest Texas.
- 2) Support coordinated response through communication and collaborative planning amongst emergency management, public health, and the acute healthcare sector (hospitals/ems)
- 3) Collect and disseminate timely, accurate incident information, resources, and materials to improve the safety of responders, healthcare workers, and others responding to the incident.

**RMOC-SA SITREP CALL HIGHLIGHTS (2/4/20):**

Updates to Screening Protocols and Reporting to Public Health:

Clinical Features	&	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever <sup>1</sup> or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)	<b>AND</b>	Any person, including health care workers, who has had close contact <sup>2</sup> with a laboratory-confirmed <sup>3,4</sup> 2019-nCoV patient within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever <sup>1</sup> and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)	<b>AND</b>	A history of travel from <b>Hubei Province</b> , China <sup>5</sup> within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever <sup>1</sup> and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization <sup>4</sup>	<b>AND</b>	A history of travel from mainland <b>China</b> <sup>5</sup> within 14 days of symptom onset

The criteria are intended to serve as guidance for evaluation. Patients should be evaluated and discussed with public health departments on a case-by-case basis if their clinical presentation or exposure history is equivocal (e.g., uncertain travel or exposure).

The above evaluation criteria has been incorporated into the updated regional **Coronavirus Testing Algorithm v2.0 (Document RHMOC 2019-nCoV.0008)**, approved by both the Department of State Health Services – HSR8 and San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. That document is available at [www.strac.org/coronavirus](http://www.strac.org/coronavirus)

Current Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations-nCoV:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html>

Within the STRAC / RMOC-SA region, hospitals should contact the following 24/7 information lines to report patients who meet the screening/evaluation criteria for 2019-nCoV:

Bexar County Hospitals	Hospitals Outside Bexar County	All EMS Agencies
Metro Health: 210-207-8876	DSHS Region 8: 210-949-2121	MEDCOM: 210-233-5815

ASPR TRACIE EMS Infectious Disease Playbook:

The ASPR TRACIE *EMS Infectious Disease Playbook* is a one-stop information source to guide the transport of patients known or suspected of having an infectious disease. Organized by type of precaution, the *Playbook* lists example diseases; the goal of precautions; dispatch actions; considerations for arriving EMS, patient care, and transport; type and proper use of PPE; ambulance decontamination instructions; and links to resources for more information. The *Playbook* also includes general considerations for EMS dispatch and responders as well as special considerations for issues including pediatric patients, aeromedical transport, and occupational health. With interactive features and an easy to use format, users can quickly find the information they seek.

- EMS directors should review the *Playbook* to identify practices worthy of inclusion in their agency standard operating procedures.
- RMOCC currently seeking to develop a framework template for EMS dispatch pre-arrival screening, based on document guidance

<https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/resource/4442/ems-infectious-disease-playbook>

Lackland AFB Federal Repatriation Mission:

The Texas Emergency Medical Task Force’s Infectious Disease Response Unit (IDRU), has been assigned a State Mission Assignment (SMA) to support the federal evacuation mission at Lackland AFB. San Antonio Fire / EMS’s Medical Special Operations Unit (MSOU) has been activated as the TX EMTF IDRU to provide on-site transport capability. Should an individual within the Lackland cohort need to be transported, the RMOCC has coordinated with leadership of pre-identified hospitals within the city so they are prepared to receive these patients.

**REGIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTED TO INCIDENT**

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	Status	Resource Location
San Antonio Fire / EMS	(TXEMTF) IDRU Ambulance	1	STANDBY	Home Station
San Antonio Fire / EMS	(TXEMTF) Medical Incident Support Team	1	STANDBY	Home Station

Denotes change from previous SITREP

**RMOC-SA INFORMATION:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions/Full Activation)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions / Partial Activation)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)**
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

**Location:** Virtual / WebEOC (2020 01 2019-nCoV Regional Monitoring)

[www.strac.org/coronavirus](http://www.strac.org/coronavirus)

**Contact Info:**

210-233-5831 - RMOCC

[rmoc@strac.org](mailto:rmoc@strac.org)

**Staffing:**

Command	Remotely Activated
EMS Desk	Remotely Activated
Hospital Desk	STANDBY at home station (All core hospitals)
Public Health Desk	Remotely Activated

**ADDITIONAL PARTNER RESOURCES:**

DSHS nCoronavirus Homepage - <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

SAMHD nCoronavirus Homepage - <https://www.sanantonio.gov/Health/News/Alerts/CoronaVirus>

CDC Coronavirus Information for Healthcare Professionals - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>

**FINAL COMMENTS:** Regional Medical Operations Center – San Antonio continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

Anticipate next RMOC SITREP call on 2/11/20. Please monitor email for bridge information w/ written SITREP to follow