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### Update on (COVID-19) Coronavirus

Members of the Waterford public safety departments, in coordination with government agency representatives at the State and County levels along with local health officials, have been monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) that originated in late 2019. To date, there are no documented cases in Michigan. We are providing the information below as a precautionary measure to raise awareness and inform the community.

**How is coronavirus impacting international travel?** The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends suspending travel to any country listed as a “Level 3” or higher. We will continue to monitor the [latest travel advisories](#) available from the CDC.

#### **Travel**

Personal travel during this time is an individual choice. It is recommended that everyone evaluate nonessential international travel plans. Travelers should recognize that situations could change, and a country that is not identified for travel restrictions today may be added to the list of “Level 3” countries tomorrow (or while you are in-country). It is possible that you may be subject to non-optional quarantines upon your return from these countries.

Based on current information, we are not aware of any recommendations regarding restrictions of domestic US travel.

*“to protect and to serve”*

## **Emergency Response**

**County health officials are monitoring** current information available from federal and state agencies, and from healthcare networks in our local communities.

While there is understandable concern about COVID-19, it is important to maintain perspective on its current status in the United States and use the counsel from federal and state agencies.

Per agency recommendations, we are encouraging everyone to exercise good personal health practices and to take [everyday preventive actions](#) to stop the spread of germs.

As a matter of general health and safety precautions, we encourage everyone, especially those who travel regularly to practice healthy behaviors that include:

- Washing hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- When coughing or sneezing, do so into your elbow, not into your hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wipe down your work station and other surfaces regularly.
- Seek medical attention if you are sick and limit contact with others.

If you have recently traveled and are experiencing symptoms, please call your health care provider or urgent care prior to your visit to inform the health providers of your situation. This allows them to be prepared for your visit.

## **More Information**

We will continue to monitor this situation, and our emergency response staff will continue to stay up to date with guidelines and recommendations to help promote the health and safety of all citizens.

For more detailed information about COVID-19, we encourage you to reference the materials being shared by the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).