



Advisory **2020-A-006**

Subject: Precautionary Measures at Toronto Pearson - Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

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In recent weeks, the authorities in China have been taking measures to contain an outbreak of a new Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province. Despite these efforts, isolated cases have been confirmed in neighbouring countries. In addition, the US reported its first case, earlier this week. It is understood that these cases all involved people who recently returned from Wuhan.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has increased its alert level to Level 2, *Increased vigilance and readiness*, to support effective planning and coordination of PHAC's preparedness to respond to the emergence of 2019-nCoV. Although **overall risk of disease spread to Canada is considered low**, PHAC continues to actively monitor the situation and provide updates to the GTAA.

PHAC is also implementing the following additional precautionary measures:

- The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) screens in the Primary Inspection Line (PIL) areas in both Terminal 1 and 3 are displaying advisory messages to arriving passengers;
- An additional question pertaining to travel to Wuhan, China is being added to the Primary Inspection Kiosk (PIK) machines; and
- PHAC have staff in the PIL areas in both Terminals, on a daily basis, with modified hours to account for flights arriving from China and Hong Kong.

In accordance with the measures under the Quarantine Act, PHAC Screening Officers will also support CBSA (and the remote Quarantine Officer) in the assessment of passengers with symptoms. The PHAC Screening Officers will be located in the following locations:

- T1 CBSA PIL, behind counters 1 and 2
- T3 CBSA PIL, in the T3 PHAC office

The GTAA will continue to monitor the situation and consult with PHAC and CBSA. An additional advisory will be issued in due course, if circumstances require.

Other information sources:

If staff have concerns, they should seek advise from their health care provider or contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for information.

Canadians travelling abroad are encouraged to consult the Travel Health Notice (<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories/pneumonia-china>) for China on travel.gc.ca.