For Immediate Release

The Logan County Health District (LCHD), Ohio Department of Health (ODH), in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are closely monitoring the 2019 novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. As a part of the response to this situation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided quarantine guidance for people recently returning from China:

CDC is reporting 13 confirmed 2019-nCoV cases in 6 states: Arizona, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Washington. **There are no confirmed cases in Ohio.**

ODH is actively working with local health departments (LHDs) and healthcare providers to effectively identify suspected cases of 2019-nCoV and continue infectious disease surveillance, prevention, and control. We are prepared.

How can you prevent illness? Currently, there are no vaccines available to prevent 2019-nCoV infections. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends typical infectious disease precautions, just as those used to prevent cold or flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.
- Cover coughs/sneezes with your arm or a tissue.
- Avoid exposure to others who are sick.
- Stay home you are ill (except to visit a health care professional) and avoid close contact with others.
- Get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The CDC does not routinely recommend the use of face masks by the public to prevent respiratory illness and is not recommending their use at this time for the prevention of 2019-nCoV.

At this time, the virus is not spreading in U.S. communities, and the CDC considers risk to the general public low.

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