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Subject: From Chief Safety Officer Amber Kenney: Coronavirus and protecting yourself against influenza

Dear colleagues,

It was announced today that a Chicago resident is the second confirmed case of coronavirus in the United States after she returned from traveling in Wuhan, China. In early December 2019, the coronavirus started as an outbreak of respiratory illness in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) expects more cases to be confirmed. Person-to-person spread has occurred, but it is unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people at this time. This novel coronavirus has the potential to cause severe disease and death. Older adults and people with underlying health conditions or compromised immune systems may be at higher risk of severe illness from this virus.

While the risk of acquiring the coronavirus is rare, it is important to recognize the signs and symptoms of flu or flu-like illness. Symptoms may include fever, cough and difficulty breathing. If you are experiencing a fever or flu-like symptoms, it is advisable to not report to work to prevent the spread to your co-workers. If your symptoms do not resolve or worsen, you should seek medical attention.

Illness and possible transmission from the flu is preventable, so basic hygienic measures remain critical. At a minimum this includes frequent hand washing, keeping hands away from one's face and sneezing or coughing into your sleeve or tissue.

For more information and guidance about coronavirus, please see the links below:

[Illinois Department of Public Health](http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/faq)

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[Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html)

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Regards,

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