



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

RMI Ministry of Health & Human Services

Situation Report - 07



Data as reported by 28 February 2020*

GLOBAL SITUATION OVERVIEW

The RMI Ministry of Health & Human Services (MOHHS) is closely monitoring an outbreak of COVID-19 that has been ongoing in Mainland China with the epicentre being Hubei Province, China.

Further, the MOHHS remains the single point of truth pertaining to COVID-19.

At the International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meeting on 31 January 2020, the World Health Organization declared a **Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)**.

As of February 28th, 2020

- **There's currently NO suspect COVID-19 case in Hawaii.**
- Person-to-person transmission reported in several countries outside of China including the US, Japan, Thailand, Singapore, Germany, Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Spain, Italy, Iran, France and South Korea

SITUATION IN NUMBERS total and new cases in last 24 hours

Globally

82, 571 confirmed
26 deaths in Iran
2 deaths in Hong Kong
1 death in Philippines
1 death in Taiwan
2 deaths in France
3 deaths in Japan
4 deaths Diamond Princess Cruise Ship (other)

China

78,497 confirmed
2,641 deaths

South Korea

1,766 confirmed
13 deaths

Italy

528 cases
14 deaths

RMI'S READINESS & RESPONSE

As of February 28th, 2020:

- **There are NO SUSPECTED CASES of COVID-19 in RMI.**
- RMI Health Emergency Operations Center (HEOC) has been activated since 16 July 2019 to monitor Dengue Outbreak, observe Measles outbreak, and include monitoring of COVID-19 to implement preparedness and response measures to minimize the risk of importation and potential local transmission of COVID-19.
- COVID-19 and Measles Health screening is ongoing since 24 January 2020 at RMI International Airport and Seaport for all visitors to RMI.
- A fifth travel advisory was issued on February 28th, 2020 to update the list of countries with suspended air and sea travel into RMI (added Japan, South Korea, Italy, & Iran).
- Public Health and Hospital Preparedness is still ongoing to prepare facilities for PUI and contacts. Arrack Campus of College of the Marshall Islands with dormitory facility is planned for potential response to multiple cases. WHO and CDC provided their technical expertise feedback.
- Construction of a new hospital isolation unit - 8 bed unit; to be built and ready in the next 30 days. On 2/19/20, WHO and CDC provided their technical expertise on the new isolation unit via zoom conference call.
- Health care workers have received patient care management for potential cases as well as retraining in infection control and use of personal protection equipment for ensure their safety from infection.
- Secretary of Health & Human Services met with RMI Chamber of Commerce to address private sector concerns on COVID-19.
- MOHHS met with Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA) and RMI Ports Authority to streamline vetting of sea vessels.
- **Community education has been sent via posters, fliers, radio programs and newspaper articles. MOHHS urges the public to stay alert for signs and symptoms and continue practicing good cough and hand hygiene to help protect themselves from a getting a range of illnesses, including COVID-19.**

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