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Subject	NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)

During recent weeks a new flu-like virus, called a novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), has originated in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. This virus is a concern for public health globally because it is being transmitted from human to human and can cause serious illnesses including Pneumonia and kidney failure, and in some cases can be fatal. The virus has spread within China, but also to other countries including the US, South Korea, Japan & Thailand.

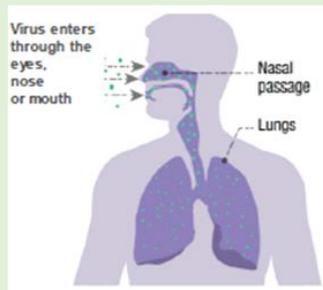
The situation is evolving rapidly: the symptoms are similar to cold and influenza viruses and the infection is spread in the same way - no vaccination is available at this time.

WHY?

The virus is believed to have originated from a food market in Huanan via human contact with animals carrying the virus.

Human Coronaviruses are spread from an infected person to others through:

- The air by coughing and sneezing
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands



WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

Reinforce Nurtures rules for personal hygiene and preventing and controlling infection with all teams:

If you have cold like symptoms, you must:

- Stay home while you are sick (contact Doctor if necessary) and avoid close contact with others
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash, if you can't, use your flexed elbow
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly using soap and warm water

Prevent infection by doing the following:

- Avoid contact with people who are sick; especially if they are coughing and sneezing
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly (at least 20 seconds) using soap and warm water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Thoroughly cook meat and eggs
- No unprotected contact with live wild or farm animals