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### **Health Officials Monitor Novel Coronavirus Situation. Remind public that risk is low at this time**

The Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is actively monitoring the latest developments involving the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). At this time, the risk of catching the 2019-nCoV in the U.S. is low. There is no immediate threat to the public, no special precautions are required, and people should not be excluded from activities based on their race or country of origin. The highest risk is for people who have recently traveled from Mainland China, especially the Hubei Province, or for people who have had close contact with someone with a confirmed case of the virus. There are no people in Shasta County who have been identified as high risk of having the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

Led by County Health Officer Dr. Karen Ramstrom, the HHSA's communicable disease response team is receiving regular communication from state and federal health officials and will be notified if a higher risk individual travels to Shasta County. HHSA is prepared to follow state and national guidelines in such event.

Other California counties have had instances of false information being distributed. The public should rely on health information and reports from trusted sources. Shasta County HHSA – Public Health communicates updates at [www.shastahhsa.net](http://www.shastahhsa.net) and through social media channels and traditional news releases. For updated information, please visit the [HHSA page dedicated to Novel Coronavirus](#).