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Dear Neighbor,

This weekend, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania [announced two new presumptive cases](#) of coronavirus, raising the number of confirmed cases to six across three counties in eastern Pennsylvania: Delaware, Montgomery, and Wayne. No cases have been confirmed in western Pennsylvania as of this writing.

[The U.S. Surgeon General said this weekend that the threat to the American public overall remains low.](#) He also noted that most people who contract the virus are experiencing minor symptoms akin to the seasonal flu and have not required hospitalization. **The bottom line: We should prepare, not panic.**

Please continue to take normal precautions. Wash your hands, avoid contact with large groups or individuals you know to be sick, particularly if you are in a high risk group. High risk individuals are typically elderly and/or have prior medical health conditions. More information is available in the "Key Resources" section below.



**You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.



[www.cdc.gov/nCoV](http://www.cdc.gov/nCoV)

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**NEW: The CDC now recommends that Americans refrain from travel by cruise ship for the time being.** More information on that is also below.

## Key Resources

- [CDC: Recommends Travelers Avoid Cruise Ship Travel Worldwide](#)
- [CDC: Coronavirus Disease Information for Travel](#)
- [CDC: What You Should Know](#)
- [CDC: High Risk and Special Populations](#)
- [CDC: Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [CDC: Strategies to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities \(Nursing Homes\)](#)

## A Note on U.S. Preparedness to Manage the Coronavirus and other Infectious Diseases

**In 2019, the Global Health Security Index ranked the United States as the most prepared nation in the world to handle an outbreak like this coronavirus.** That's because since 2015, the federal government has significantly increased funding to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Investments in advanced biomedical research and specifically for infectious disease response are already proving valuable. In addition to these actions, **Congress made available approximately \$8 billion last week to rapidly increase the supply of coronavirus testing kits and assist state and local governments with managing new cases.**

The Trump Administration and your representatives in Congress are taking this virus seriously as we determine its severity and longevity. If you have questions or concerns about this or any other matter, do not hesitate to contact one of my offices at the numbers below.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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