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Possible Coronavirus Cases in Ohio

CINCINNATI – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus named 2019-nCoV. The outbreak first started in Wuhan, China, but cases have been identified in a growing number of other international locations, including the United States.

People Under Investigation (PUI) in 26 states across the U.S.:

Positive	5
Negative	32
Pending*	73
Total	110

* Includes specimens received and awaiting testing, as well as specimens in route to CDC.

Latest case totals [can be found here.](#)

The State of Ohio currently has 2 PUIs located in Butler County, Ohio. Both possible cases had recently traveled and returned from China. These individuals are currently isolated while awaiting test results. Their symptoms did not require hospitalization.

It is important to remember that in outbreak situations, information is constantly evolving. The CDC says the [disease is not spreading in the U.S.](#), so the overall risk to the American Public is considered low at this time.

Local emergency response officials, hospitals, and local health departments train and prepare for incidents like this. Multi-agency partnerships and exercises keep our region safe. Best practice during flu season is to stay home when you aren't feeling well, washing your hands regularly, and covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.

For additional information please visit:

[Ohio Department of Health](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[Butler County General Health District](#)
[US Department of State Travel Advisories](#)

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