## Update for Travelers on the Novel Coronavirus

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The U.S. State Department has issued a <u>Do Not Travel</u> level 4 travel advisory for China, because of the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, and because travelers may encounter forcible quarantines and/or cancellations of flights and other transportation.

Any U.S. citizen or permanent resident returning to the United States who had been in Hubei Province in the previous 14 days now faces up to 14 days of mandatory quarantine. U.S. citizens and permanent residents returning to the country who had been in the rest of mainland China within the previous 14 days are being asked to self-quarantine themselves at home, under monitoring from their local health department.

Foreign nationals, other than immediate family of U.S. citizens and permanent residents, who have traveled to China within the last 14 days will be denied entry into the United States until further notice. These orders do not apply to Hong Kong or Macau.

If you have returned from <u>anywhere in China</u> within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, please call ahead and then go to your personal physician or a <u>Mount Sinai urgent care</u> center.

Further details about Mount Sinai Health System's policy regarding travel to areas where 2019-nCoV transmission is occurring can be found here.

In addition, we want to remind you that anytime you travel anywhere abroad in connection with work or study at Mount Sinai Health System or the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, please register with International SOS, Mount Sinai's emergency assistance provider.

To keep abreast of the latest developments, you can check the <u>CDC website</u> for updates. Additionally, you can contact a member of the Infection Prevention staff at any Mount Sinai Health System hospital.

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