

2020-01-30 Important update on new coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

As you are aware, a cluster of respiratory infections appeared in Wuhan City, China during December 2019. The illnesses are attributed to a new coronavirus (named 2019-nCoV). The number of cases linked to this outbreak is changing quickly. Cases have also been reported in other cities in China and outside China in a number of countries including Japan, Taiwan, the United States, South Korea, and Thailand. There have been deaths reported from China.

On January 25, public health officials in Ontario announced Canada's first presumptive confirmed case of 2019-nCoV. Then, on January 28, Health Minister Adrian Dix and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the first presumptive positive case of 2019-nCoV in British Columbia.

What you need to know

The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has created a web page for use by health care professionals on 2019-nCoV [here](#). This page is updated regularly, and naturopathic doctors are encouraged to review the information. It includes information about

- confirmed 2019-nCoV cases,
- a case definition,
- testing and laboratory guidance, and
- infection control in health care facilities.

Updates from the BCCDC regarding general information on 2019-nCoV can be found [here](#).

Notify your local [Medical Health Officer](#) if your patient presents with probable 2019-nCoV as described by the BCCDC [here](#).

If you are seeking consultation or have further questions about novel coronavirus as a health care provider or for a health care facility, contact the BCCDC. Information is available at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/contact>.