

# 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Traveler Notification, Risk Assessment and Monitoring Guidance for Local Health Departments

## **Notification Process**

The Centers for Disease Prevention and Control's (CDC's) Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ) notifies the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) through an Epi-X notification for all [medium risk](#) travelers entering Indiana from mainland China. High risk travelers are quarantined outside of state.

The ISDH COVID-2019 Monitoring Group obtains the flight manifest and enters information into REDCap within 24 hours of notification. REDCap is a secure web platform for building and managing online databases and surveys.

Once entered into REDCap, ISDH notifies the local health department (LHD).

(a) First Traveler

ISDH will notify the LHD via email and phone call the first time a traveler has been identified in your county. Monitoring requirements and REDCap will be reviewed during this call.

(b) Additional Travelers

ISDH will contact the LHD via email only if you are already monitoring travelers and a new traveler is added to REDCap for monitoring.

The LHD will make initial contact with the traveler to verify travel, risk category, and to determine monitoring schedule and monitoring method of contact during the 14 days since the last exposure to mainland China. The last date of exposure is important and the REDCap survey of last date of exposure should be completed within 24 hours of notification.

## **Monitoring Process**

During the monitoring period, the LHD will contact (via text, email or phone) the traveler once a day to get temperature and symptom data since the previous call.

The traveler will be required to take his or her temperature twice a day and report any increase in temperature or onset of symptoms.

- (a) Fever
- (b) Cough
- (c) Shortness of breath
- (d) Lower respiratory illness

Additionally, medium risk travelers should, to the extent possible, remain at home or in a comparable setting, avoid congregate settings, limit public activities, and practice social distancing. If a traveler becomes symptomatic they should immediately isolate themselves and contact the LHD. The LHD

should then contact the ISDH COVID-2019 Call Center (317-233-7125 M-F 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., or 317-233-1325 after hours) for evaluation.

If medical evaluation is needed, it should occur with pre-notification to the receiving healthcare facility and EMS, if EMS transport is indicated, and with all recommended infection control precautions in place.

If it is a medical emergency, the traveler should notify the healthcare facility and EMS of his or her recent travel to China before arrival and then contact the LHD.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How were the risk levels determined?**

Risk levels and management guidance are being determined using the “Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Exposure in Travel-associated or Community Settings” from CDC with the exception of monitoring. ISDH asks that all medium risk travelers be actively monitored. CDC’s guidance document can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/COVID-2019/php/risk-assessment.html>.

### **How many LHD users can I add to REDCap?**

Only two users per LHD.

### **Who has access to this data?**

It works like NBS. ISDH can view the data for all LHDs and LHDs can only view the data for their travelers.

### **What if my traveler is moving to another county or state?**

Please contact the ISDH COVID-2019 Call Center to coordinate the transfer the traveler to the new jurisdiction.

### **Whom do I contact if I still have questions?**

If you have any questions or concerns during this process, please contact the ISDH COVID-2019 Call Center at 317-233-7125, 8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, or 317-233-1325 after hours.