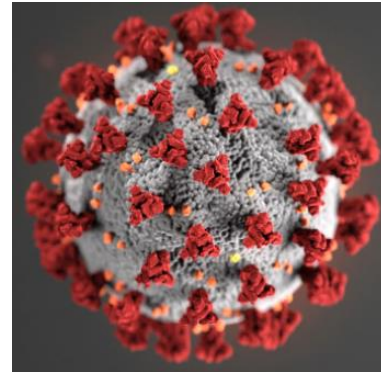


## Attention: International Traveler Referrals

Hello Everyone,

**Who:** The CDC is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and which has now been detected in 37 locations internationally, including cases in the United States. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, cats, and bats.



### What you should know?

**Why/What/When:** For the safety of our international travelers, our current FKC domestic patients and our staff members, [the Fresenius Medical Office at this time is not accepting any new international travel requests effectively immediately.](#) As the situation unfolds, we will notify you of any updates, but once again, at this time, we will not be placing any international patients at our U.S. dialysis clinics.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Manager or Supervisor.

### Additional Facts:

#### How the virus spread?

- Person-to-person spread
  - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet)
  - Via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
  - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Spread from contact with infected surfaces or objects

#### What are the symptoms?

For confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases, reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death. Symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

CDC believes at this time that symptoms of the Coronavirus may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

### Resource:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>