	OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS **St. Clair County Health Department** 2020 SCCHD- 02	**ISSUE DATE: 01/31/2020** TO: St. Clair County Healthcare Providers, Hospital ICPs, Emergency Departments, ED Physicians, Clinicians, Pulmonologists FROM: Chris Czubachowski RN, BS SCCHD C.D. Coordinator P: 810- 987-5300 F: 810-985-4340
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SITUATION SUMMARY 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) continue to closely monitor a novel coronavirus outbreak first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. SCCHD urges healthcare providers to heighten awareness of 2019-nCoV due to the ease of persons traveling as well as the international border. This is a rapidly changing situation. For the most up to date information and healthcare provider guidance go to https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/index.html. Be aware that guidance is changing quickly as new information is learned regarding location spread and transmission.

Guidance:

- HCP should **immediately** notify both infection control personnel and SCCHD in the event a patient under investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV is identified.

- The CDC recommends collecting lower respiratory, upper respiratory, and serum specimens from suspect case-patients. Other specimen types (e.g., stool, urine) may be collected and stored. **Contact SCCHD for specimen submission approval.**

- Patients should wear a surgical mask as soon as they are identified and be evaluated in a private room with the door closed, ideally in an airborne infection isolation room. HCP entering the room should use standard precautions, contact precautions, airborne precautions, and use eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield).

Call SCCHD with questions or to report suspect cases (810) 987-5300 during regular business hours. Refer to the "After Hours Emergency Contact List" or www.scchealth.co for after-hours contact.