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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Re: Change to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and the List of Reportable Laboratory Findings

Dear Colleagues:

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a Novel (new) Coronavirus (named by the World Health Organization as "2019-nCoV") that was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China and which continues to expand. To date, there have been no laboratory-confirmed cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus infection in Connecticut.

As Commissioner of DPH, I hereby amend the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and the List of Reportable Laboratory Findings by adding "2019 Novel Coronavirus" to such lists, effective February 5, 2020. This action is taken pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-2a and Section 19a-36-A7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. This is being done to assess and manage risk of potential exposures to 2019-nCoV and implement public health control actions based on a person's risk level and whether or not they have an illness consistent with the novel coronavirus.

Cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus infection shall be reported immediately to DPH and to the local department of health in the town of residence of the case-patient by telephone on the day of recognition or strong suspicion of the disease. A report form provided by DPH shall be used to collect information on suspect and confirmed cases. DPH will share the report with the local health department for the town where the case-patient lives.

I thank you in advance for your continued partnership in addressing the public health of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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