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To: IHA Emergency Preparedness Contacts

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RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situational Update & Resources

IHA has prepared a summary of information and a resource guide regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). Updates will be sent as relevant information is made available.

The resource guide includes:

- Key Guidance and Information
- Planning Checklists and Resources
- PPE, Supplies & Resource Assessment
- Clinical Guidance for Healthcare Providers
- Public Health Management

[Click here to access the IHA Coronavirus Resource Guide](#)

Situational Summary

3/5 - **Confirmed cases in NYS = 22.** Of the 22 individuals who tested positive for the virus, one resides in Nassau County, 3 reside in New York City and 18 reside in Westchester County. Governor activated the statewide Emergency Operation Center in Albany, as well as two Emergency Operations Center outposts in Westchester County: one in Hawthorne and one in New Rochelle.

3/4 - Gov. Cuomo announced 10 new positive cases in NYS - all stemming from 50 y.o. Westchester [man](#) whose wife, son, daughter and neighbor also tested positive, as did [another man](#) who spent time in close proximity with him, as well as that man's wife and three of their children.

- Others having had close contact are being tested.
- Eight healthcare workers at NY-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville are being tested.
- Approximately 1,000 people are asked to self-quarantine through 3/6.
- Other patient tests from Oneida, Buffalo and Suffolk are negative.

3/2 - NYSDOH reissued a February 6th [letter](#) to CEOs outlining the process by which hospitals can request critical PPE or other essential supplies when they are unable to order through their normal vendor, mutual aid, or jurisdictional partners. NYSDOH stresses **the importance of making any requests for supplies no later than 10 days prior to the date you expect those supplies to be exhausted** to assist the Department in meeting supply requests in a timely way.

3/2 - Gov. Cuomo issues [directive](#) requiring NY insurers to waive cost-sharing for testing

3/1 - Gov. Cuomo [announced](#) first positive case in NYS - a 39 yo NYC woman who contracted the virus in Iran. Her symptoms have been mild and she has remained at home. Her husband tested negative.

2/29 - Testing at Wadsworth Lab approved by CDC. NYSDOH is discussing how to expand testing to hospitals with high level laboratory capabilities.

1/31 - HHS Secretary [declared a public health emergency](#);

1/30 - CDC [confirmed](#) first person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in U.S.

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