



## CDC screening for coronavirus at JFK, LAX and SFO — What you need to know

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*All flight attendants*

Today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the start of screening for the coronavirus for passengers arriving into the United States from Wuhan, China (WUH). The CDC advises screening will start at JFK, LAX and SFO and focus on passengers arriving on nonstop flights from WUH. In addition to having no nonstop service from Wuhan, China, we only have a very limited number of passengers who connect on us from there. Despite that, we want to be sure you have the information you need.

### **Here's what you should know:**

- U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) and the CDC have implemented enhanced health screening for travelers entering the United States on direct or connecting flights from WUH due to an outbreak of pneumonia caused by a novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).
- Based on current information, the CDC has determined that the novel coronavirus presents a low risk to the American public; however, they are taking proactive preparedness precautions. The CDC does not currently have a travel restriction to WUH.
- We are in close contact with the CBP, CDC and public health officials, and will coordinate with them on any required health- and safety- related measures.
- Travelers originating from WUH may undergo a health screening, including having their temperature taken and filling out a symptom questionnaire.
- The coronavirus is a family of viruses that typically affect the respiratory tract of humans. It is commonly associated with the common cold and more seriously, pneumonia.
- You should take normal precautions to protect yourself including, covering your mouth and nose with tissue or sleeve for coughs or sneezes, washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- If you feel sick with cold-like symptoms, seek medical care and avoid contact with others.

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