

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)**

**Situation Update**

*Last updated February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 10am*

As of this morning, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020, there has been 40,651 laboratory-confirmed cases, with 910 deaths from the 2019-nCoV (novel) coronavirus. Of these confirmed cases, approximately 288 cases were reported outside of China. There continues to be no suspected or confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in the British Virgin Islands.

It is reported that at least 28 countries and territories around the world have confirmed cases but it is yet still unclear if it will become a pandemic. Regardless, due to the sustained, active transmission of this novel coronavirus, the Ministry of Health will continue to monitor its development and increase preventative and protective measures to decrease the likelihood of this threat affecting the territory.

Residents are reminded not to travel to mainland China and if travelling to affected countries with high case rates, use extreme caution by:

- avoiding sick people, in particular those with a cough and
- practicing safe hand and food hygiene.

Remember to monitor yourself and your family for the development of signs and symptoms, like coughing, fever, fatigue, muscular pain and shortness of breath.

If you or your loved ones develop any of these signs or symptoms during or after travelling, please contact a medical professional immediately and tell them about your symptoms and your travel history.

For future advisories and more information on the 2019-nCoV, please visit the Ministry of Health facebook pages, [@BVIHealthPromotionUnit](#) and [@BVIGovernment](#).