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The Sharon Health Department continues to collaborate with key community individuals about the coronavirus (2019-nCoV), originating in Wuhan City, Hubei Providence, China. We continue to encourage residents to visit the CDC website (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) for current and accurate information.

As of January 26, 2020, there are currently five US confirmed case of the coronavirus. According to the CDC: "Chinese authorities identified the new coronavirus, which has resulted in more than a thousand confirmed cases in China, including cases outside Wuhan City. Additional cases have been identified in a growing number of other <u>international locations</u>, including <u>the United States</u>, where 5 cases in travelers from Wuhan have been confirmed in four states (AZ, CA, IL, WA) as of January 26, 2020. There are ongoing investigations to learn more.

For confirmed 2019-nCoV infections, reported illnesses have ranged from infected people with little to no symptoms to people being severely ill and dying. Symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- · Shortness of breath

CDC believes at this time that symptoms of 2019-nCoV may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 after exposure."

The flu season is just beginning to peak in MA and it is not too late to get a flu shot. It is important to practice good handwashing with warm water and soap and to stay at home if you are sick. Flu vaccine is still available at the Sharon Health Department: Flu clinic schedule

Contact the Sharon Health Department at (781) 784-1500 ext. 1206 if you have any questions or concerns.

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