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CDC confirms second US case of coronavirus Monitoring dozens of other potential cases

(CNBC) [U.S. health officials said Friday they diagnosed a second patient with the China coronavirus](#) — a Chicago woman who returned from Wuhan with the infection, and they are monitoring dozens of other potential cases here.

There are 63 cases being monitored in the U.S. that stretch across 22 states, including the first patient in Washington state and the new case in Illinois, said Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

Officials said the new patient, a woman in her 60s, is doing well and is in stable condition. She remains isolated in a hospital as a precaution, U.S. health officials said on a conference call with reporters. The Illinois patient traveled to China in late December and began experiencing symptoms when she returned to the U.S. last week, officials said. She did not have symptoms while flying, they said.

Read more: <https://www.cNBC.com/2020/01/24/cdc-confirms-second-us-case-of-coronavirus-chicago-resident-diagnosed.html>

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[Precautions are in place. Now U.S. hospitals and states ready for more cases of novel virus from China.](#) (STAT News) Even though this is a new virus, health officials said this was the type of situation they anticipated. They've prepared before for other emerging infectious diseases, including Zika and Ebola, as well as other coronaviruses like SARS and MERS. For this current outbreak, federal health officials have already issued recommendations for surveillance, testing, and care of patients, and hospitals have been following those guidelines.

[China sends in military doctors to help Wuhan hospitals fight coronavirus outbreak](#) (South China Morning Post) China is mobilising its military doctors to help to contain the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak, state media reported on Friday.

[Outbreaks of lethal diseases like Ebola and the Wuhan coronavirus happen regularly. The US government just cut funding for the hospitals that deal with them](#) (Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists) When a Liberian man named Thomas Duncan first showed up at a Dallas hospital in September 2014 with a fever and abdominal pain, he was sent home with some antibiotics. Days later, Duncan was dead from Ebola. Outbreaks of dangerous diseases like Ebola or the new respiratory coronavirus that's killing people in Wuhan, China—cases of the latter now have appeared in other countries, including the United States—are a feature of modern life, not a bug.

[The program being referenced here is the five-year HPP Ebola grant program, which is about to reach the end of its Budget Period-5 this spring. Federal funding for the program is set to expire in a few months, and except for a small number of assessment and specialized treatment facilities, and an Ebola education center, Congress did not include funding for the program in the 2020 budget. Over the past few years, this program was broadening to refocus on other "Highly Infectious Diseases."]

[A familial cluster of pneumonia associated with the 2019 novel coronavirus indicating person-to-person transmission: a study of a family cluster](#) (Lancet) An ongoing outbreak of pneumonia associated with a novel coronavirus was reported in Wuhan city, Hubei province, China. Affected patients were geographically linked with a local wet market as a potential source. No data on person-to-person or nosocomial transmission have been published to date.

[China Halts Transportation Out Of Wuhan To Contain Coronavirus. Could It Backfire?](#) (NPR) Just a few months ago, Tom Inglesby helped gather top officials from governments, businesses and health organizations around the world to play a kind of war game. "It was a scenario looking at global consequences of a major new epidemic," says Inglesby, who directs the Center for Health Security at Johns Hopkins University.

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