

Since our founding in 1981, the health and safety of our travelers has been the number one priority at Bob Rogers Travel. Since then, we have kept our travelers' safe during numerous worldwide events such as the SARS outbreak in 2003 and H1N1 outbreak in 2009. We have been closely monitoring the situation surrounding the COVID-19 virus, and have been following the guidance posted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO). We are also in close communication with our partners on the ground across the country and around the world.

Though there are a limited number of COVID-19 cases in the United States, currently the CDC has not found that the virus is spreading widely within the United States. Additionally, as of February 2nd, the following restrictions have been placed on international travelers bound for the US:

- *Any U.S. citizen or lawful U.S. permanent resident returning to the United States who has traveled to mainland China within the previous 14 days must enter the United States through an approved airport where CDC screening of arriving passengers is in place. These citizens and residents will be subject to health monitoring or quarantine for up to 14 days.*
- *Foreign nationals who have traveled to mainland China within the last 14 days will be denied permission to travel to the United States.*

With all this in mind, the CDC feels the current health risk to the general public is very low. As it is also Flu and respiratory disease season, the CDC recommends keeping the following in mind:

- *Avoid contact with sick people.*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.*
- *Clean your hands often by washing them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at 60%–95% alcohol. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty.*
 - *It is especially important to clean hands after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.*

The health and safety of our travelers remains top of mind every day at BRT. We will continue to monitor the guidance from the CDC, and will send an update should there be a change. We will not send any travelers to areas that have been deemed unsafe by the CDC, Department of State, or WHO. Additionally, BRT has a full Crisis Management Plan ready to be put into action should there be a need.

To learn more about COVID-19 visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>