

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome – Public Health Update #2

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization are currently investigating worldwide cases of atypical pneumonia they are calling Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The illness was first identified in China and the cause is unknown and being investigated. **To date suspected cases have been identified in the United States, none have been identified in Clark County.**

CDC is currently advising persons planning elective or nonessential travel to Hong Kong and Guangdong Province, China; and Hanoi, Vietnam, that they may wish to postpone their trips until further notice.

The Clark County Health District has sent advisory information to local physicians, hospitals, urgent care centers and emergency medical service providers. For additional information and up-to-date advisories link to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention site at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/>

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