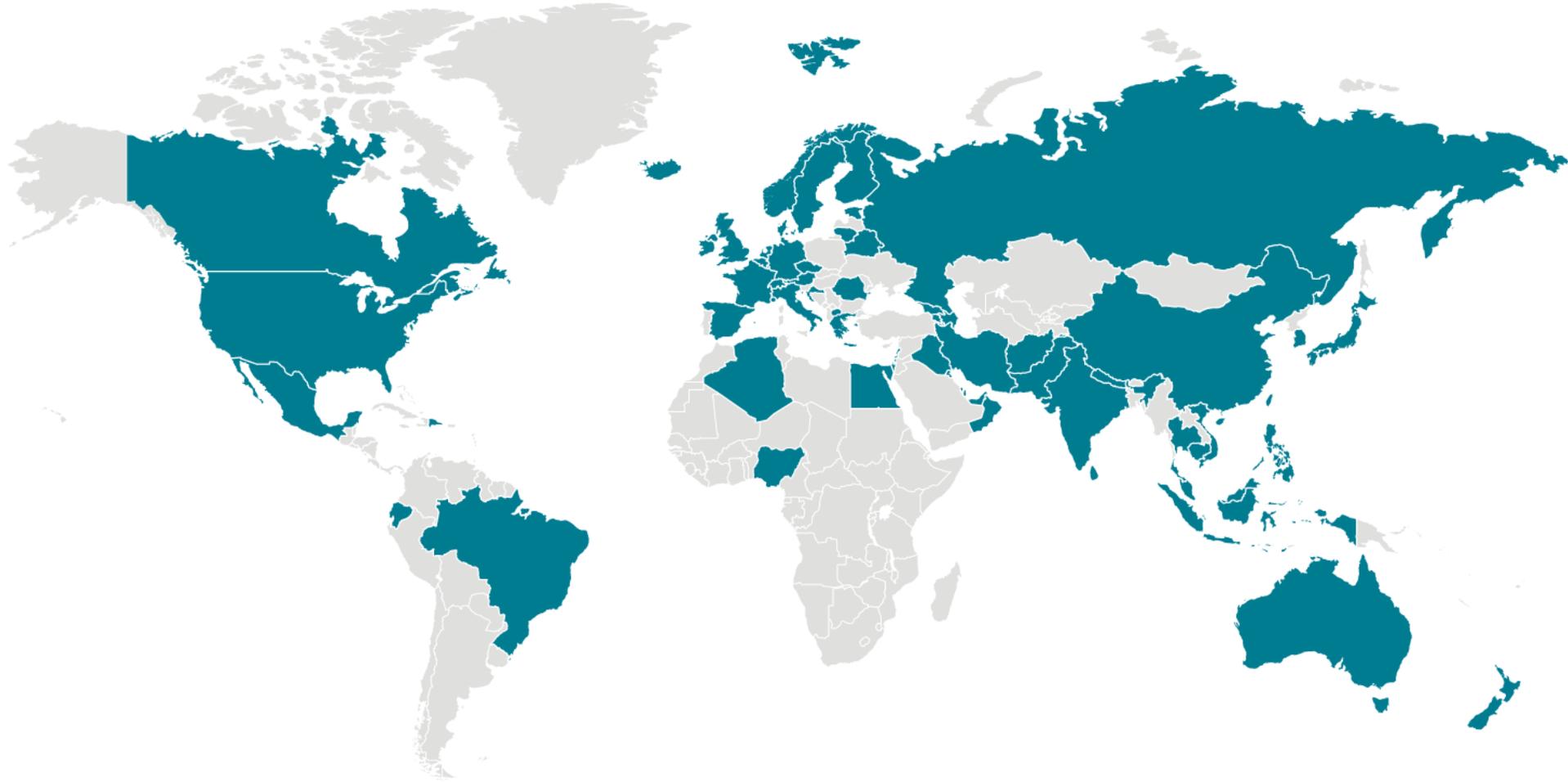


# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Guidance for Sheriff's Association Partners

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# Locations with Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Global Map



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/locations-confirmed-cases.html#map>

# Travel Health Advisories

- Widespread community transmission of COVID-19 has been reported in China, South Korea, Iran, and Italy; sustained community transmission in Japan
- CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to China, South Korea, Iran, and Italy; avoid travel to Japan for older adults and those with chronic medical conditions
- WHO situation reports document local transmission in countries
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>

# Quarantine, Isolation, and Social Distancing

- People with travel from a level 3 country are told to practice social distancing and stay home
- People with travel from a level 2 country are being asked to practice social distancing
- People with travel from a domestic area with community transmission are being asked to practice social distancing
- [http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2020/03/MM\\_Level\\_3\\_Travel\\_Advisories\\_3-9-2020\\_final.pdf](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2020/03/MM_Level_3_Travel_Advisories_3-9-2020_final.pdf)
- [http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2020/03/MM\\_Level\\_2\\_Travel\\_Advisories\\_3-10-2020\\_final.pdf](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2020/03/MM_Level_2_Travel_Advisories_3-10-2020_final.pdf)

# Preparation Efforts

- Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs)
  - Work with local health departments to adapt pandemic situation
- Ensure policies include washing hands with soap and water
- Plan for absenteeism
  - Ensure liberal absence and sick leave policies facilitate staff staying home when sick
  - Evaluate if institution's culture recognizes need to stay home if sick
  - Establish ways to measure
- Create information-sharing pathways
  - Local health departments can provide situation reports
- Plan for sick staff and inmates

# Preparation Efforts, Continued

- Conduct environmental cleaning
- Educate community
  - Post graphics and distribute fact sheets to educate staff about COVID-19
  - Regularly communicate updates about the COVID-19 status in Virginia as well as reminders of best practices
- Identify resources and provide access to mental health services
- Identify resources to isolate ill inmates un anticipation of exam
- Plan for getting staff and inmates to a hospital if necessary

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

# Preparation Efforts, Continued

- Assess your essential functions and the reliance that others and the community have on your services or products
- Ensure that all entities within organization are preparing
- Provide resources to make compliance with measures such as hand washing and respiratory etiquette easy
- Consider visitor implications depending on inmate population, type of visitation, health of visitors

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# What main messages should be disseminated to staff?

- Review guidance on the CDC COVID-19 for preparing at home
- At work:
  - Actively encourage sick employees to stay home
  - Separate sick employees
  - Emphasize hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
  - Employees should report other impacts such as the need to stay home due to self quarantine or sick family member care
  - Educate about proper mask use

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

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# What should we do with an inmate who is being tested for COVID-19 until the results are returned?

- If an inmate is identified for testing, until results are back, that inmate should be isolated.
- Contacts of the inmate being tested should self monitor until the results come back.
- Facilities should work closely with local health departments to identify possible contacts of a COVID-19 case and follow instructions associated with quarantine of inmates or staff considered exposed if results are positive.

# What should be done if an inmate appears ill with symptoms of COVID-19 before being transferred to another facility?

- Do not transfer and isolate that inmate until a medical examination can be performed.
- If an inmate is identified on a bus or van as being ill, that inmate should be given a mask and sat away from other people if possible and then that inmate should be identified for a medical exam.
- Facilities should work closely with local health departments to identify possible contacts of a COVID-19 case and follow instructions associated with quarantine of inmates or staff considered exposed.

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# QUESTIONS