

From:	AS2KTC </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (b)(6)>
To:	Bars, Michael </o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (b)(6)> (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus
Date:	2020/02/18 14:23:18
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Thx

From: Bars, Michael (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:16:47 PM
To: AS2KTC <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

No. Those would be interagency topline.

From: AS2KTC <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:12:48 PM
To: Bars, Michael (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Is DHS doing its own media on this?

From: Bars, Michael (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:52:03 PM
To: AS2KTC (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

As you know, the Japanese government intends to start the disembarkation process from the Diamond Princess on February 19. I understand there are two caveats: a) State will await notification from CDC/DHS on operational trigger of DNB implementation to begin letter transmittal, b) all of this is subject to change/acceleration.

Below is a timeline that was provided. Please let me know if there are any inputs to the below draft toplines.

DP CONUS Restriction - Public notification timeline (v2) as of 12:10 PM ET / 02:10 JST:

- • **14:00 ET / 04:00 JST:** State transmittal of final letters to Embassy Tokyo
- • **(tbc, 14:00 ET)** Embassy Tokyo begin transmit letters to (AmCits/foreign citizens?) on Diamond Princess

- • **15:20 ET:** Embassy Tokyo gives DC greenlight to proceed on public notification (e.g. all passengers notified)
- • **15:30 ET / 05:30 JST:** Embassy Tokyo posts letter to website
- • **15:30 ET / 05:30 JST:** CDC proactive statement on DNB issued
- • **15:30 ET / 05:30 JST:** Additional interdepartment (DOS)/interagency amplification to respective press corps
- • **18:00 ET / 08:00a JST:** Gov of Japan to begin disembarkation process

TOPLINES:

- • We understand that all passengers have been through a challenging time.
- • The Japanese government intends to start the disembarkation process from the Diamond Princess on February 19, 2020.
- • We understand that all passenger will not disembark at once and that this process could occur over the coming days
- • As per the previous notification on [REDACTED], CDC concluded that there is a high risk that the passengers on the Diamond Princess have been exposed to COVID-19.
- • To limit the risk of spreading the disease, the United States Government is implementing travel restriction on individuals potentially exposed to COVID-19.
- • These restrictions will prevent passengers, including U.S. citizens on board the Diamond Princess, from travelling to the United States for at least 14 days following disembarkation.
- • CDC will provide additional guidance and communications to all passengers
- • ~~We understand that all passengers have been through a challenging time.~~

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 9:27 AM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Joint statement issued very early this morning, around 2am.

Joint Statement by U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Repatriation of American Passengers from the Diamond Princess Cruise Ship

On February 16, the U.S. State Department facilitated the voluntary repatriation of over 300 U.S. citizens and their immediate family members who had been passengers on the Diamond Princess cruise ship. Passengers were evaluated by medical personnel from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and all were deemed asymptomatic and fit to fly before being processed for evacuation.

During the evacuation process, after passengers had disembarked the ship and initiated transport to the airport, U.S. officials received notice that 14 passengers, who had been tested 2-3 days earlier, had tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals were moved in the most expeditious and safe manner to a specialized containment area on the evacuation aircraft to isolate them in accordance with standard protocols. After consultation with HHS officials, including experts from the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, the State Department made the decision to allow the 14 individuals, who were in isolation, separated from other passengers, and continued to be asymptomatic, to remain on the aircraft to complete the evacuation process. During the flights, these individuals will continue to be isolated from the other passengers. These flights departed Japan at approximately 4:30 PM Eastern time on February 16 and will arrive in the United States later this morning. All passengers are being closely monitored by medical professionals throughout the flight, and any who become symptomatic will be moved to the specialized containment area, where they will be treated.

Upon landing in the United States, passengers will deplane at either Travis AFB or Joint Base San Antonio and will remain under quarantine for 14 days. Passengers that develop symptoms in flight and those with positive test results will remain isolated on the flights and will be transported to an appropriate location for continued isolation and care.

Every precaution to ensure proper isolation and community protection measures are being taken, driven by the most up-to-date risk assessments by U.S. health authorities. We continue all possible efforts to protect the welfare of U.S. citizens. We encourage U.S. citizens considering international travel to continue to review State Department Travel Advisories at [Travel.State.gov](https://travel.state.gov), and to closely monitor and follow the guidance of the CDC and local health authorities.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 2:04 PM

To: 'AS2KTC'

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Here is the latest statement regarding the cruise ship off Japan.

Diamond Princess Repatriation – Media Statement 2/14

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is supporting the Department of State-led mission to repatriate U.S. citizens currently aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship who want to return to the United States from Japan.

There are approximately 400 U.S. citizens onboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship. Due the dynamic nature of the outbreak, the U.S. government recommends that U.S. citizens disembark and return to the United States. Returning Americans will be subject to a 14-day, federal quarantine and be housed at two existing federal quarantine sites for repatriated travelers:

- • Travis Air Force Base in California
- • Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas.

Those passengers returning from Japan will be housed separately from individuals already in quarantine from previous Wuhan repatriation flights. All travelers from Japan will be screened before boarding the State Department-chartered aircraft to prevent symptomatic travelers from departing Japan. These planes will be met by a team of U.S. Government personnel deployed there to assess the health of the passengers. The passengers will be screened before leaving the ship and monitored and evaluated by medical and public health personnel every step of the way, including before takeoff, during the flight, and after arrival. U.S. Government staff will conduct risk assessments to ensure the health of each traveler, including temperature checks and observation for respiratory symptoms.

Travelers will be monitored during the flight to Travis Air Force Base where all travelers will be screened again. Any passengers taken onward to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland will be monitored during that flight as well and screened upon arrival in Texas.

CDC is committed to protecting the health and safety of all Americans. We continue to believe the risk of exposure to novel coronavirus 2019 to the general public is currently low. The U.S. Government is taking these measures to fully assess and care for these repatriated Americans to protect them, their loved ones, and their communities.

Michael J. Bars
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 8:58 AM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)>

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 6:39 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

All,

OPA is submitting a revised set of questions:

1. • How many air travelers have been referred by DHS (CBP+CWMD contractors) to secondary screening since our efforts were employed?

2. • How many Customs personnel are assisting CDC at the 11 airports?

3. • How many CWMD contractors are involved?

Thank you.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 5:48 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)> Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

[Redacted content]

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

All,

As part of a forthcoming White House fact sheet, I'm seeking the number of air travelers that have been referred by DHS (CBP+CWMD contractors) to secondary screening since our efforts were employed.

Does this stat from today's OPS placemat reflect this?

• Air passengers referred to secondary screening:

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Michael J. Bars
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 11:02 AM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached is the latest State Dept. SitRep.

Also attached you will find DOT's Federal Transit Agency's draft *Novel Coronavirus: Awareness for Public Transportation Agencies Factsheet*. The fact sheet will soon be shared via FTA's public website and social media accounts.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2020 12:06 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Latest topline attached.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 10:15 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached are the DHS topline cleared for tomorrow as well as the USCIS guidance.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 9:28 AM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6)

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached are the latest TPs.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:30 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6); Magrino, Christopher

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached please find:

- • DHS TPs
- • CBP TPs
- • USCG TPs
- • CDC TPs
- • State SitRep

Also, Please reply no later than EOD with the following, if it pertains to your agency:

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From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 2:29 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)> Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

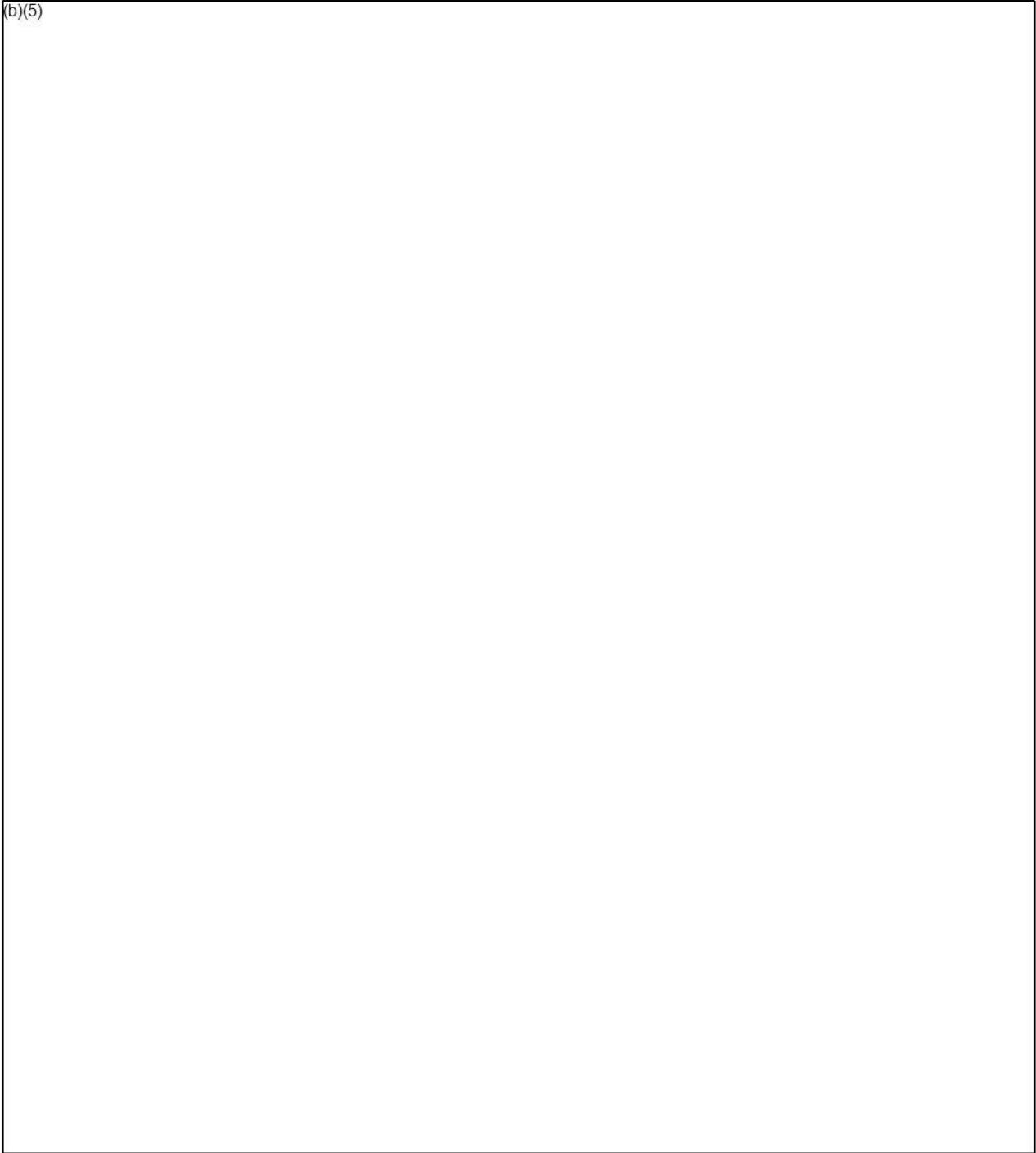
Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

DHS operators,

Please review the following questions that we've received via interagency and reply with your responses if they pertain to you and your agency.

Thank you.

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From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:12 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)> Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Latest NSC topline attached.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:17 AM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)> Magrino, Christopher

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

State Dept SitRep attached.

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PRESS RELEASE

DHS Issues Supplemental Instructions For Inbound Flights With Individuals Who Have Been In China:

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2020/02/02/dhs-issues-restrictions-inbound-flights-individuals-who-have-been-china>

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

Notice of Arrival Restrictions Applicable to Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled from or were otherwise present within the People's Republic of China:

<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/notice-arrival-restrictions-applicable-flights-carrying-persons-who-have-recently>

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 5:57 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)> Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached are the latest TPs.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 9:26 AM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)>; Magrino, Christopher

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached is the latest SitRep from STATE.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 8:43 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)> Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached are the transcripts from today's briefing by Members of the President's Coronavirus Task Force.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 12:00 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)> Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached are the latest NSC topline as well as the State Dept SitRep.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 11:12 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6); Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

All,

Following up with tomorrow's updated DHS and Dept. of State topline.

Also providing the previous day's CDC, CBP, and USCG topline for awareness, which are unchanged.

The latest NSC guidance will be forthcoming.

As you know, this evening State raised its travel advisory for China from Level 3 to Level 4, which means "do not travel to China."

For your internal POV only, we expect some additional policy changes to be announced within the next 24 hours. Stay tuned ...

Michael J. Bars
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Bars, Michael
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 9:56 AM
To: 'AS2KTC (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

The U.S. is planning additional flights as soon as next week from Wuhan, China. We will have additional messaging guidance today from State Dept.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:38 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Also attaching the USCG document in addition to the others.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:30 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' (b)(6); Magrino, Christopher

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

All,

Attached is the latest message guidance.

The "DHS" labeled docs are in the acting secretary's briefing book.

Michael J. Bars

Deputy Assistant Secretary

Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: AS2KTC

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 6:48 PM

To: Bars, Michael <(b)(6)>; Magrino, Christopher

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Unclass readout from this afternoon's meeting:

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Hill briefing:

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From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:49 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Couple quick items:

The flight from Anchorage landed at March Air Reserve Base, CA without incident. All individuals are in good health, and are receiving appropriate medical screening and observation. Further, there have been no new cases currently identified in the U.S. beyond the (5) total cases as of two days ago.

The World Health Organization's Emergency Committee will meet on Thursday to evaluate whether the virus now constitutes an international emergency.

New SitRep attached.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:43 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Latest statement from HHS-CDC:

HHS and CDC receive flight carrying repatriated US citizens

This morning, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with the Department of State received the flight carrying approximately 210 U.S. citizens from Wuhan at March Air Reserve Base in California.

The plane was met by a team of CDC medical officers deployed there to assess the health of the passengers. The passengers have been screened, monitored and evaluated by medical personnel every step of the way, including before takeoff, during the flight, during a refueling in Anchorage, Alaska, and now post-arrival. CDC staff have conducted risk assessments to ensure the health of each traveler, including temperature checks and observing for respiratory symptoms.

CDC will work with the California Department of Public Health and Riverside County Public Health to transport any passenger exhibiting symptoms to a hospital for further evaluation. Passengers not exhibiting symptoms of exposure, will be asked to stay on the base in housing to allow CDC medical officers to perform more thorough screening and to better understand each individual's exposure.

CDC is committed to protecting the health and safety of Americans. At this time, we continue to believe the risk of coronavirus exposure to the general public is low. CDC is taking these measures to assess and care for these returning Americans to protect them, their loved ones, and their communities.

Visit [2019 novel coronavirus](#) for the latest updates on CDC's response.

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Michael J. Bars
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:21 AM

To: Magrino, Christopher (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Carre Coronavirus

Attached is the latest SitRep from STATE.

Provided below are the DOD and CDC statements that went out late last night re charter flight.

Americans pass health test after being evacuated from China

Associated Press

Mark Thiessen

January 29, 2020

<https://apnews.com/e3f13d6f778eae1dd6a062499ed889e7>

DOD STATEMENT:

"March Air Reserve Base and the Department of Defense (DoD) stand ready to provide housing support to Health and Human Services (HHS) as they work to handle the arrival of more than 200 Department of State employees, dependents and US citizens evacuated from Wuhan, China. DoD has assessed this support will not negatively impact readiness or critical operations, and we stand ready for their arrival. HHS is responsible for all care of the evacuees, and DoD personnel will not be directly in contact with the evacuees and evacuees will not have access to any other base location other than their assigned housing.

Should routine monitoring of the evacuees identify ill individuals, HHS has procedures in place to transport them to a local civilian hospital.

DoD will work closely with our interagency partners and monitor the situation closely. The Department's primary responsibility at this time is the safety of our force, our families, and our base communities."

CDC STATEMENT:

"The U.S. Government is relocating approximately 210 U.S. citizens from Wuhan, China back to the United States. The Department of State has the lead for the safe and expedient ordered departure of US citizens. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are collaborating with the Department of State on the logistics of public health evaluations for every traveler on the flight. HHS and CDC are working with partners to ensure that any traveler who develops symptoms during their journey receives appropriate medical care.

"Our primary objective is to facilitate the safe return of these Americans while protecting the public's health. These individuals will be screened before they take off; monitored during the duration of the flight by medical personnel on board; screened again on landing to refuel in Anchorage, Alaska; monitored on the last leg of the flight by medical personnel on board; evaluated upon arrival at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside County, California; and then monitored for symptoms post-arrival."

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:04 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6)>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Latest talkers atached.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:27 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6)>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Latest SitRep from STATE attached.

The charter flight arrives in Alaska very early this morning. All times below are ET.

Wheels down Anchorage: 0045

Wheels up ERT Ontario: 0345

Wheels down Ontario: 0900

The flight arrives in California at March AFB.

CDC is releasing a charter flight statement shortly, followed by DOD. (will provide later)

CBP may be asked to support an 11am telebriefing hosted by HHS/CDC to address the more general state-of-play, should any questions be directed toward DHS.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 6:09 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6)>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

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From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 12:58:14 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached is the latest SitRep from STATE.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:19 AM

To: Magrino, Christopher (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Thank you. We'll move these forward.

Clean copy:

The DHS Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office (CWMD) is aiding the aggressive interagency response to detect and contain the virus and minimize risk to the Homeland.

- • As part of the Department of Homeland Security's mission of protecting the homeland against communicable diseases and other health security threats, CWMD implemented a capability to provide enhanced airport screening at multiple airports throughout the country in response to the Ebola virus threat emerging from the Democratic Republic of the Congo last summer.
- • Through these efforts in preparedness and readiness, the Department was able to retrofit this capability to quickly address the novel Coronavirus in support of CDC's current entry screening operations at key U.S. airports.
- • By making contingencies for Ebola that could also be adapted for responding to other infectious diseases, DHS was well-prepared to support CDC's novel coronavirus screenings through a whole-of-government approach.
- • This capability is currently available at five U.S. Airports (Atlanta, JFK, LAX, San Francisco and Dulles) through contract agreements with state or local EMS, public health, and/or first responders in an overtime capacity. A sixth airport capability will come on line this week at Chicago O'Hare.
- • This ensures that there is a trained, vetted, and badged workforce ready to rapidly deploy to support CDC with airport screening operations if necessary.
- • CWMD personnel are currently conducting screenings in support of CDC in Atlanta and LAX. In the coming days, CWMD will further leverage these contracts to conduct screening in JFK, San Francisco, Chicago, and Dulles to support CDC efforts.
- • CWMD's enhanced screening capability may be expanded to other locations based on need. DHS will continue to monitor this evolving situation and provide necessary support to CDC and our interagency partners to continue protecting the American people.

From: Magrino, Christopher

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:45 AM

To: Bars, Michael (b)(6)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

All,

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Chris

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:41 AM

To: (b)(6); Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

The below bullets have been cleared by CWMD. These are only geared toward the CWMD role at airports and don't include the other DHS components. There has been concern from the folks down the street about how this CWMD role could be perceived publicly. So, we have laid these bullets out in such a way as to help connect these dots in a positive light.

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From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 11:24 PM

To: (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Latest messages attached.

Chris Magrino is currently reviewing a CWMD airport screening-specific set of talking points as well. Once those are in a better spot, they will be cleared for DHS and WH use.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 5:06 PM

To: (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

+ TSA and FEMA

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 5:01 PM

To: (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

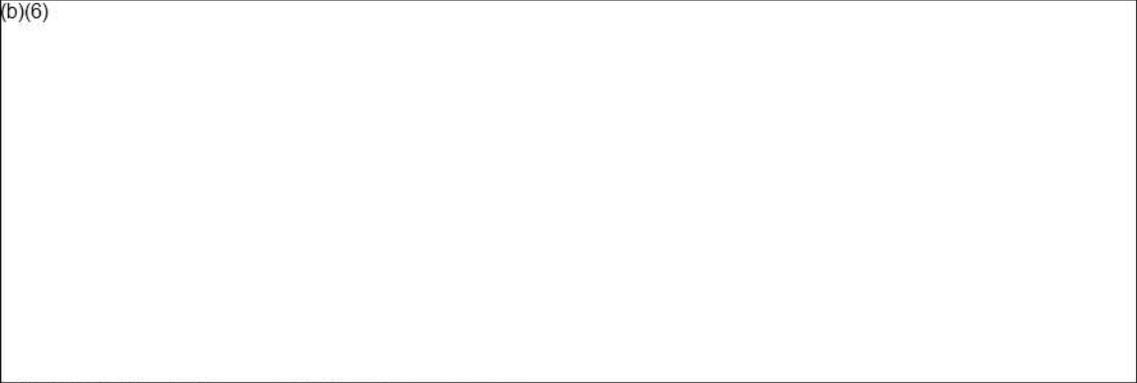
Latest SitRep from STATE attached.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 3:10 PM

To: (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Updates from the NICCL call which just took place.

- • We are likely to see person-to-person spread of the virus on the U.S. in the near future; CDC will begin to gently articulate this message into their public posture.
- • HHS, in conjunction with CDC and NIH, will conduct an in-person press briefing tomorrow at HHS HQ at 11:15am.
- • The level 3 travel advisories have been issued.
- • The charter flight will arrive in Ontario, CA at 5:30am Pacific on Jan. 29.

More to come.

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 3:02 PM

To: Bars, Michael <(b)(6)> Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

All,

DHS/CWMD's summary of today's NSC-led Coronavirus Synch Meeting is attached. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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Division Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy
Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 11:11 AM

To: Magrino, Christopher

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Johns Hopkins Virus Dashboard

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

From: Magrino, Christopher

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 9:39 AM

To: Bars, Michael (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Michael,

CWMD will be prepared to answer the first question. We are putting together an answer now.

Chris

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 9:21 AM

To: Magrino, Christopher (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Attached is the latest SitRep from State. You'll see that the flight to the U.S. has been delayed.

Bumping up 2 questions from yesterday:

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[Redacted content]

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 9:24 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

[Redacted content]

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Update: The Dept of State notice to Americans flying out of China on the charter is going out this evening. This means it will be public knowledge at the time of tomorrow's 11:30am press call. CBP could potentially receive a question regarding their role at the airport in Anchorage.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 5:54 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>

[Redacted content]

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Thank you. CWMD and CBP are linked up with HHS/CDC for tomorrow morning's call. The DHS reps are as follows:

CBP – Executive Director for OFO Operations Vernon Foret

CWMD – Deputy Assistant Secretary Chris Magrino

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From: Magrino, Christopher

Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 1:13 PM

To: Bars, Michael (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Michael,

I will represent CWMD.

Chris

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From: Bars, Michael (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 12:34:23 PM

T (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

All,

CDC/HHS will host an on the record telebriefing tomorrow morning. The briefing is scheduled for 11:30 am Monday 1/27/20. (b)(6) will give about < 5 minutes of remarks on behalf of CDC (b)(6) from the CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine) will be on the line and available for questions as well. DHS representatives from CBP and CWMD would also be on the line participate in the Q&A as needed if questions regarding our equities arise.

We should have the name of the CBP SME shortly. CWMD, who would you like to represent your operations on this call?

Quick Update:

There will be a short CDC press call later this afternoon. This call will not include any officials from Los Angeles or AZ. Orange County is not interested in publicly discussing their case beyond the statement they issued earlier, and they are not interested in joining a CDC press call. They have no interest in talking with media beyond their statement or sharing any details about the patient. CDC has been verbally confirming the case with callers so far this morning.

LA also is not interested in being on a CDC press call to announce. They will be holding their own press conference at 11 am (2 pm Eastern). CDC would confirm that case once

LA has announced it. AZ is not sure they are ready to announce today. CDC is having discussions with AZ and will hopefully know more about them later.

Bottom line is CDC will hold a telebriefing later today after LA press conference. We will confirm both cases and reiterate what CDC is doing overall for the response. We will not be able to answer any questions about either CA patient, as that is for local officials to share if desired.

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 8:42 PM

To: Bars, Michael (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); AS2KTC (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Thanks, Michael. Please find recommended edits in the attached.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: Bars, Michael (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 8:09 PM

To: (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher; AS2KTC; (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 8:03 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6)>; Bars, Michael

(b)(6) AS2KTC (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

CBP will review as well. Thank you.

(b)(6)

(A) Chief of Staff, CBP

(b)(6)

From: Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6)>

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 8:00:14 PM

To: Bars, Michael <(b)(6)> AS2KTC (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Michael,

Here is our draft for your review.

Chris

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 7:23 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher (b)(6) S2KTC

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Thank you.

Attached are the latest topline.

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From: Magrino, Christopher

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 3:22 PM

To: Bars, Michael <(b)(6)>; AS2KTC <(b)(6)>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Okay. We are on it and will have something to you this evening.

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From: Bars, Michael <(b)(6)>

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 3:10:38 PM

To: AS2KTC <(b)(6)>; Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6)>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Will have the latest interagency topline later this afternoon.

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As an aside, we're still targeting Monday for a SME call on background with reporters.

Summary

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From: AS2KTC

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 1:24 PM

To: Bars, Michael (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

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Ken

From: Bars, Michael (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 12:24:57 PM

To: AS2KTC (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

See attached. From DOT yesterday:

Attached is the draft that we hope to send out this afternoon to the EMS community based on federal guidance and in response to questions and information that has already been discussed within the EMS community. It is consistent with previous information that has been shared with

this group and is responsive to questions and discussions which are on-going in the EMS community.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 12:18 PM

To: 'AS2KT' (b)(6) Magrino, Christopher

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Additionally, from NSC:

Flagging for awareness WSJ article re: reports of US plans to evacuate citizens from Wuhan. FYI

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As press guidance on this becomes available, please share with the group so we can keep our principles armed with coordinated lines.

U.S. Plans to Evacuate Citizens From Epidemic-Stricken Chinese City

Wall Street Journal

James T. Areddy & Liza Lin

January 25, 2020

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-plans-to-evacuate-citizens-from-epidemic-stricken-chinese-city-11579951256?mod=e2tw>

The U.S. government is said to be arranging a charter flight to evacuate Americans from Wuhan.

SHANGHAI—The U.S. government is arranging a charter flight Sunday to evacuate its citizens and diplomats from the epidemic-stricken Chinese city of Wuhan to the U.S., a person familiar with the operation said.

The operation comes as the death toll from a newly identified coronavirus that originated in Wuhan climbs above 40 and the number of confirmed infections tops 1,200, with many of the cases in and around the central Chinese city of 11 million people.

The fast spread of the disease in recent days across China and around the world, including two cases in the U.S., has raised fears of a deadly contagion.

Roughly 1,000 American citizens are thought to be in Wuhan, and the U.S. consulate there is reaching out to the ones it knows about to offer them a seat on the plane, the person familiar with the matter said.

The plane seats around 230 people, and will include diplomats from the U.S. consulate as well as Americans and their families. Those evacuated will be responsible for the cost, the person added.

The U.S. government won approval for the operation from China's Foreign Ministry and other government agencies following negotiations in recent days, this person said.

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing and China's Foreign Ministry couldn't immediately be reached for comment Saturday, the first day of China's Lunar New Year holiday.

The Boeing 767 jet will have U.S. medical personnel aboard to ensure that anyone affected by the newly identified and little-understood coronavirus is cared for and doesn't spread it, this person said.

In addition to U.S. diplomatic officers based in Wuhan, any available seats may be offered to non-U.S. citizens, including diplomats of other nations, this person said, adding that the U.S. plans to temporarily shut its Wuhan consulate.

It couldn't be learned where in the U.S. the plane would fly to.

Other governments are negotiating with Chinese authorities to arrange flights modeled on China's agreement with the U.S., the person said.

U.S. evacuation operations of this nature have become relatively routine in some parts of the world after natural disasters and political disturbances, but the one planned Sunday appears to be unprecedented for China. The person said U.S. officials considered busing Americans from Wuhan to another city, such as Shanghai, if a flight couldn't be arranged.

Chinese authorities in recent days have halted almost all transit, including commercial flights, in and out of Wuhan as they attempt to cut off the city and much of Hubei province from the rest of the country, in an extraordinary attempt to prevent the virus from spreading further.

That has left many foreign residents in Wuhan with few options for leaving the city, an important transit hub and manufacturing powerhouse sometimes compared to Chicago or Pittsburgh.

Wuhan is home to the business operations of a number of major U.S. corporations, including auto maker General Motors Co. It is also home to Chinese state-owned Dongfeng Motor Corp., which is joint venture partners with

Japan's Nissan Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co., as well as France's Renault SA and PSA Group's Peugeot. Many foreign employees from these companies as well as their suppliers are based in Wuhan.

The multinational Anheuser-Busch InBev SA brews beer in the city, and We Co.'s WeWork operates co-working spaces there.

Permission for the American evacuation operation might have hinged on the U.S. government's pledge to its Chinese counterpart that responsibility for the risks of flying out potentially infected people would be borne by the U.S., the person familiar with the matter said.

One reason U.S. diplomats were keen to organize such an operation was a concern that anyone suspected of coming down with the illness could find themselves in a quarantine of indefinite length, likely with no access to consular assistance, this person said.

One downside for some U.S. citizens in Wuhan is that the plane will fly directly to the U.S., rather than another city in Asia that some U.S. residents of Wuhan might prefer as an interim transit point.

Passengers will be asked to sign a promissory note for the cost of the flight, which is expected to cost many times the price of a commercial flight from China to the U.S., the person familiar with the matter said.

American citizens can choose to stay, but the charter flight ensures that "Americans who want out can leave," this person said.

The State Department ordered the departure of all non-emergency U.S. personnel and their family members from the Wuhan area and posted an alert on

its website advising against travel to Hubei province on Thursday, the same day that Wuhan municipal authorities announced the citywide lockdown.

“The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in Hubei province,” read the advisory.

From: Bars, Michael

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 12:16 PM

To: 'AS2KTC' <(b)(6)> Magrino, Christopher

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Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

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Michael J. Bars
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: AS2KTC

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 8:42 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6)>

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(b)(6) Bars, Michael (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Sure

From: Magrino, Christopher (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 7:17:32 PM

To: AS2KTC (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) >; Bars, Michael <(b)(6)>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Absolutely.

Also, may I add Assistant Secretary Rasicot to this address group?

From: AS2KTC

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 7:12 PM

To: Magrino, Christopher (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Bars, Michael (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Superb. Please let us know how the call in the morning goes. Just in case CDC does not provide CBP with the information, Chris can you be sure to forward whatever call in info you've got over to the CBP folks so they can participate tomorrow morning? Thank you, Ken

From: Magrino, Christopher <(b)(6)>

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 7:00:19 PM

To: AS2KTC <(b)(6)>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) Bars, Michael <(b)(6)>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

All,

A little bit more on airport screening.

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On communications, CDC has just now reached out to me after our call. They want to get on the phone tomorrow morning at 0915 with a small group from CBP (OFO and Operations Support) and CWMD to discuss their five airport/no funneling plan.

Vr/ Chris

Christopher Magrino
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Executive Assistant: (b)(6)

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From: AS2KTC

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 6:21 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6) Magrino, Christopher (b)(6)

(b)(6) Bars, Michael (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

And just so you all have it in writing:

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Sincerely,

Ken Cuccinelli

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 6:18 PM

To: AS2KTC <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>

(b)(6)

Magrino,

Christopher (b)(6)

Bars, Michael (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Follow up: Call re Coronavirus

Hi all,

Thanks again for jumping on the call. Apologies if I missed any one on this email. Bars, please share any additional TP's that come your way.

Many thanks,

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Sender: AS2KTC </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

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From:	Rasicot, Gary </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (b)(6)>
To:	AS2KTC </o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (b)(6)>
Subject:	Fwd: Fwd: Medical justification document for DNB order
Date:	2020/02/18 18:17:34
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I Can take care of this
 Gary Rasicot
 Acting Assistant Secretary
 Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction

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From: (b)(6) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 6:06:28 PM
To: AS2KTC <(b)(6)>
 (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Rasicot, Gary <(b)(6)>

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Subject: FW: Fwd: Medical justification document for DNB order

Mr Deputy Secretary.....CG is on this and will report back soonest. Please add me to your distro list for operational issues for the CG.

V/Resp,

(b)(6)

Deputy Commandant for Operations

(b)(6)

"Together Empowering Semper Paratus"

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 4:51 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: FW: Fwd: Medical justification document for DNB order

Fyi

Sent via mobile device

From: AS2KTC (b)(6)

Date: Tuesday, Feb 18, 2020, 4:35 PM

To: (b)(6) Rasicot, Gary <(b)(6)>

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Subject: Fwd: Medical justification document for DNB order

Please implement ASAP.

Thank you all. Please advise when this has been put in place in an operational manner.

Ken Cuccinelli

From: Charles, Julia (CDC/OD/OCS) (b)(6) on behalf of Cetron, Marty

(b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:59:42 PM

To: AS2KTC <(b)(6)>

Cc: Cetron, Marty (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMQ) (b)(6); Cohen, Nicole (Nicky)

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(b)(6) Roohi, Shahrokh (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMQ) (b)(6) Foster, Joseph

(CDC/OCOO/OGC) (b)(6)

Subject: Medical justification document for DNB order

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Hello,

On behalf of Dr. Cetron, please find attached the medical justification for Diamond Princess Travel Restriction.

Thank you.

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