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UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (referred to as COVID-19)

At this time, there are no confirmed cases of the virus, named SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), in Dallas, Denton, or Collin counties. The overall risk to Texans and the American public remains low.

There are residents in Collin County that healthcare staff are actively monitoring who have recently returned from, or have been in contact with someone who visited areas where the virus outbreaks have occurred. These persons, as directed by the U.S. State Department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are considered a moderate risk simply due to the fact that they are returning from that region. In order to be allowed back into the U.S., these persons voluntarily agreed to self-monitor their health conditions and restrict their movements for a period of 14 days. To date, none of the individuals are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of the virus, and remain in contact with their local health officials during their self-monitoring period. Denton County has confirmed they have no residents being monitored at this time.

There are no persons under this voluntary self-monitoring that have traveled back from mainland China in the Town of Prosper, or in the service area of Prosper Independent School District as confirmed by Collin County Health Care Services and Denton County Public Health.

Prosper Fire Rescue and Prosper Emergency Management personnel are in constant contact with Collin County Health Care Services, Denton County Public Health, the Texas Department of State Health Services, as well as the CDC in order to monitor the daily local and regional impact, and will immediately share any new information with the Town of Prosper, its residents, and the Prosper Independent School District.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is believed to be spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes, much in the way the flu and other respiratory viruses are spread. Symptoms can be fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. At this time, persons considered at risk are those with travel to China or those in close contact with persons infected with COVID-19.

The public is encouraged to practice preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **Stay home when you are sick.**
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.