**New Coronavirus patient in China and sequence data**

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A new case of the new Coronavirus infection has been detected in Thailand. The patient is a traveller from Wuhan, China. WHO has issued guidance on how to detect and treat persons ill with the new virus in a dedicated web page ([https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus](https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus)). For laboratorians a specific document have been released including biosafety indication. The available commercial methods established for the other Coronavirus seems not able to detect this new viruses.

The sequence of the new virus have been released and could be used for Public Health purposes to check and eventually adapt primers and probe for molecular detection. Sequences can be downloaded at [www.gisaid.org](http://www.gisaid.org) and at [http://virological.org/t/initial-genome-release-of-novel-coronavirus/319](http://virological.org/t/initial-genome-release-of-novel-coronavirus/319). Eu networks have been activated.


Singapore is screening arriving passengers from China who has visited Wuhan within 14 days, the estimated incubation time. The UK has introduced notification of pneumonia cases with a relevant exposure in China within 2 weeks. In Italy, planes arriving from China will be visited upon landing and if there is a febrile patient reported by the crew, the person will be visited by a physician and eventually sent to hospital for further screening.

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