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On December 31, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was informed of a cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan, China. Illnesses have since been linked to a new strain of coronavirus, designated Coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19. The disease has spread to many other countries, including the United States. The situation is rapidly changing, and both WHO and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) post frequent updates.¹ CRS products on the outbreak are available on the “COVID-19” Hot Topic at <https://www.crs.gov/>.

The following table lists names and contact information for CRS experts on policy concerns involving the COVID-19 outbreak. Policy areas identified include

- public health, virology, and epidemiology;
- international response activities;
- domestic response activities; and
- legal issues.

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¹ WHO, “Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) situation reports,” <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>; and CDC, “Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Summary,” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>.

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