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See me about getting someone to prepare a response.

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Subject: Dr. Levitt summarizes CDC 2019-nCoV Committee Report released today 5 Feb 2020

Dear Secretary Azar and Dr. Fauci,

I have read carefully the CDC's report issued this morning on the Wuhan virus (2019-nCoV) epidemic originating in Wuhan, Hubei Province, PRC. The Report was prepared by CDC's best Ph.D.s, M.D.s, and D.V.M.s. See the pdf attached above for the complete report.

Below I have recorded what I think the most important facts in the report for Secretary Azar and other federal officials who must stop the spread of 2019-nCoV in the U.S. by identifying all infected persons and their contacts. I have also added my personal thoughts on how to stop the spread of this novel coronavirus and a personal fear I have communicated to Secretary Azar in the past:

-- President Trump signed an order preventing entry into the U.S. of any person who has traveled to mainland China (PRC). Exceptions include U.S. citizens and permanent residents and their families. Thank you Mr. Trump.

-- CDC maintains an office in the PRC. So information from Wuhan, Hubei, PRC, should be 'real time'.

-- Enhanced screening of persons entering the U.S. is taking place at 18 ports and 5 airports. The number of ports and especially airports needs to be increased. The Report states that 14,000 Chinese enter the U.S. daily. **If the 5 airports receive 85% of these Chinese, then 2,100 Chinese enter the U.S. daily at other airports without enhanced screening.**

-- CDC has developed its own RT-PCR test to detect 2019-nCoV in respiratory specimens. I have read case reports where state laboratories have required too much proof of suspected Wuhan virus from clinicians before performing RT-PCR testing of specimens. **CDC should provide their improved RT-PCR test to all states and HHS should insure that all states have sufficient equipment and trained personnel for rapid turn-around time.**