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Subject: RE: for review: responses for Elemental news site (not urgent)

I made some modifications. You can send it. Thanks.

From: Routh, Jennifer (NIH/NIAID) [E] <(b) (6)>
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Dr. Fauci –

This request is not urgent for today. The reporter Rob Britt (writes for Elemental, a health and wellness news site) reached out to you directly on Sunday with some questions about 2019-nCoV. I have drafted proposed responses for you **in red** below. Please let me know if you have edits. I will send responses back to the reporter attributed to you.

Thanks,
Jen

From: Rob Britt (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)>
Subject: Coronavirus - reporter's questions

Hi Dr. Fauci: We are updating [our coronavirus story](#) periodically, keeping it factual and level-headed, and I have seen your comments on NPR Friday and in the NY Times over the weekend, so I hope you could comment very briefly for our story:

-- What's your expectation for whether this will become a pandemic?
The novel coronavirus outbreak will likely become a pandemic. We know the virus is very transmissible. The infection continues to accelerate and there is efficient transmission in china. If sustained transmission also occurs in other countries throughout the world, the outbreak would fulfill the definitive of a pandemic
-- Pandemic does not necessarily equate to a terrible situation, compared to, say bad flu seasons. What's your expectation on the potential severity of this coronavirus?
It is difficult to predict the severity at this time. Even if the mortality rate of a virus remains low, if it is easily transmissible, the global impact can be significant.
-- And your suggestion to people in the U.S. who might be very concerned?