This guidance is being provided to you due to the increasing number of questions that we are getting in regard to employees who have traveled abroad to the countries listed above, affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. These **updated guidelines (3/6/2020)** are consistent with recommendations put forth by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

For travelling employees **returning from China, Italy, Iran and South Korea**, home quarantine is recommended for 14 days, and must register with Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department for guidance. In addition, these employees should register online at the following link: (https://cip-dhhs.ne.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=JKHEPR4DPR). If the travelling employee does not develop symptoms during the 14-day quarantine, he or she should be safe to return to work.

For travelling employees **returning from Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan or Thailand** they should register online at the following link: (https://cip-dhhs.ne.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=JKHEPR4DPR).

1. If those returning are showing no symptoms, they may return to work immediately and resume normal work activities, unless if the travelling employee had direct contact with someone with COVID-19, or worked abroad in a healthcare facility. See number three below.

2. If those employees develop symptoms after returning to work (e.g. fever or respiratory symptoms), he or she should follow your protocol to promptly remove themselves from the workplace, stay home and:
   a. Inform the employer or supervisor immediately; and
   b. Inform Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department by calling 402.529.2233

3. For those returning who had higher risk while abroad – including contact with a known case of COVID-19 or worked abroad in a healthcare facility, those employees should institute the 14-day home quarantine and contact Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department.

4. Please note that for **healthcare workers**, it is up to employing facility regarding how to handle asymptomatic employees returning from travel from countries other than those identified above. This determination should be made on a case-by-case basis with regards to the employee’s contact within the facility to vulnerable patients, etc.

At this time, any employees that have visited other countries other than those listed above, it is NOT the recommendation to exclude those employees from returning to work upon their return.

Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department, and other public health partners in Nebraska, are working closely with state and federal agencies to protect our community. Thank you for your understanding and for helping to protect the health of our community. Please note that this guidance may change without notice as the outbreak unfolds. If you should have any questions, please contact our office at 402.529.2233 (or 402.841.8110 after business hours).