Global Highlights:
- The World Health Organization (WHO) is reporting as of March 1\textsuperscript{st} 87,137 confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19):
  - China is reporting 79,968 cases and 2,873 deaths. The number of confirmed cases in Hubei province has increased for two successive days after a period of decline. WHO is monitoring the situation.
  - A total of 58 countries are reporting 7,169 cases and 104 deaths. Five new Member States (Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Ireland, Monaco and Qatar) reported cases in the past 24 hours.
- A total of $15 Million has been released from the Central Emergency Response Fund to WHO and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). It will fund essential activities including monitoring the spread of the virus, investigating cases, and the operation of national laboratories.
- WHO has published the Rational use of personal protective equipment for COVID-19. This document summarizes WHO recommendations for the appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) in health care and community settings, including the handling of cargo.
- WHO is working closely with UN agencies on the reported presence of COVID-19 in a pet dog in South Korea.

United States of America Highlights:
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are reporting 70 cases of COVID-19 as of February 29\textsuperscript{th} in Arizona, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington State and Wisconsin:
  - There are 23 cases (Confirmed & Presumptive Positive).
  - A total of 47 cases are from repatriated U.S. citizens.
  - One death has been reported in Washington State.
- There is community spread in California, Oregon and Washington State which raises concern for the reporting of additional cases in these states. However, most people in the U.S. have little immediate risk of exposure to the virus.
- The U.S. Surgeon General is urging Americans to stop buying medical masks. They are not effective in preventing the general public from catching COVID-19, but if healthcare providers can’t get them to care for sick patients, it puts them and our communities at risk.
- The Governor of Washington State has issued an emergency proclamation to ensure the State has adequate resources.
- The Washington State Emergency Operations Center remains activated to coordinate the response to COVID-19.
- A total of 25 firefighters were exposed to COVID-19 in Washington State and are now under quarantine.
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Resources

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