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Onderwerp: Measures taken in regards to the spread of the "Corona Virus"

Dear all,

Hope you are having a good day.

This is an update on the measures taken by our country and different clinics regarding the Corona Virus.

From the health and Social Protection Minister is allowed to do the following precisions related with Coronavirus detected in Asia:

1. There hasn't been confirmed virus' presence in Colombia.
2. Past January 15th 2020, the Minister made a risk assessment and upgrade their routine surveillance and attention processes, currently applying protocols for detection and treatment for every patient with severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), and follow up is been made with every traveler from China with respiratory symptoms.
3. By applying this protocols, follow up is been made with two international travelers who pass by China:
 - a. First one, on January 19th 2020, male patient who went under a cruise for Asia and reported SARS symptoms. After the respective analyses, new China Coronavirus presence was discarded.
 - b. Second case, corresponds to a Chinese who arrive to Colombia on January 22th 2020 from China. Analysis and samples were taken, and by the moment results don't suggest virus presence.
4. Health Minister and National Health Institute are aware of the recommendations from the WHO Emergency Committee that's been sitting in Geneve, Switzerland, to update the corresponding risk assessment and action plans.
5. Recommendation given to every traveler that goes to Asia, is to look for a health institution if they're feeling sick during and after travel, also to inform places they have visit. Additionally:
 - a. Do a frequent hand wash.
 - b. Eat well cook meals.
 - c. Covered while coughing and or sneezing.
 - d. In case of flue symptoms, use facial protection.
 - e. Adequate airing in every house or office space.
 - f. Health workers who attend patients with respiratory symptoms must adopt biosecurity measurements.

Cordialmente,

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