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To: Rosa Ramos, ACRECC; Stewart McGehee, Oakland Fire Department

Re: Dispatch Questioning for Recent Travel in China

From: Karl Sporer, MD

As soon as it is practical, the EMS Agency is directing our dispatching agencies to query those patients that fall into the following categories (Sick Patient, Respiratory Distress) about recent travel history. Those without a recent travel history will be EMD'd as usual. Those who have had recent travel within 14 days will be queried about specific location and asked a series of questions about symptoms. These symptoms will include the presence of **fever, chills, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, persistent cough or nasal congestion (blocked nose).**

The responding crews will be notified of any positive travel screening patient via detailed information about travel history and symptoms on their mobile data terminal. In addition, the dispatch center will verbally convey the travel history.

cc: EMS Section, Jesse Allured, Alameda County Fire Chiefs