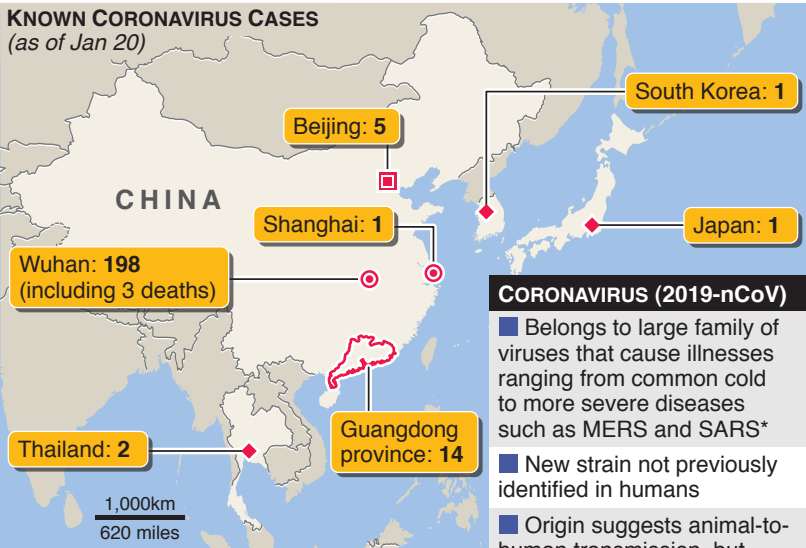


China counts sharp rise in coronavirus cases

China has reported a sharp rise in the number of people infected with a new coronavirus, including the first cases in the capital, as millions begin travelling ahead of the country's Lunar New Year holiday

KNOWN CORONAVIRUS CASES (as of Jan 20)



CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)

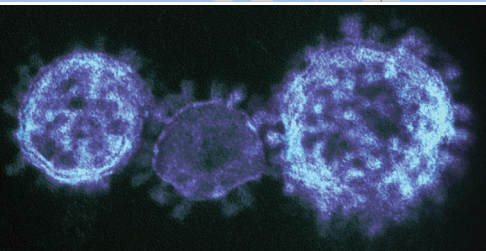
- Belongs to large family of viruses that cause illnesses ranging from common cold to more severe diseases such as MERS and SARS*

- New strain not previously identified in humans

- Origin suggests animal-to-human transmission, but some human-to-human transmission has occurred

- Signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties

- People advised to avoid "unprotected" contact with live animals, thoroughly cook meat and eggs, and avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms



Electron microscopic image of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) coronavirus

*Severe acute respiratory syndrome