

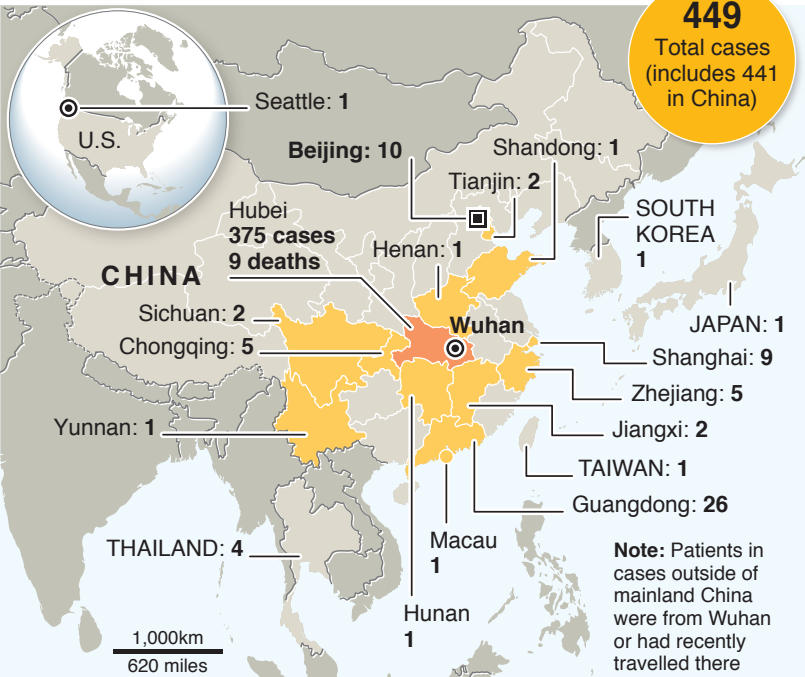
Spread of China coronavirus

Countries are intensifying efforts to stop the spread of a deadly new coronavirus that originated in the Chinese city of Wuhan, as the number of new cases rises sharply

CONFIRMED CASES OF NEW CORONAVIRUS (as of Jan 22)

449

Total cases
(includes 441
in China)



■ New coronavirus – known as **2019-nCov** – comes from family of viruses that can cause common cold as well as more serious illnesses such as **SARS*** outbreak that spread from China to other countries in 2002-2003 and killed about 800 people

■ Health experts believe virus is spreading via human-to-human transmission, specifically through respiratory tract, with possibility of viral mutation. Mutations can make disease spread faster or make people more ill