

## **Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome – Public Health Update #6**

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an “Interim Guidance for Institutions or Organizations Hosting Persons Arriving in the United States from Areas with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).”

Currently, CDC does not recommend canceling or postponing classes, meetings or other gatherings such as academic courses, business meeting, or sporting events that may be attended by persons from areas with documented cases of SARS.

To date, most reported cases of SARS in the United States have been acquired during travel to an affected community. Only a small number of the probable and suspected cases have been detected among health care personnel and household contacts of SARS patients. Casual contact with SARS patients at schools, other institutions or public gatherings has not resulted in documented transmission in the United States.

To read the CDC guidelines and recommendations link to:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/hostingarrivals.htm>

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