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U.S. to screen passengers for new China coronavirus at 3 airports



FILE PHOTO: International travelers arrive at John F. Kennedy international airport in New York City, U.S., February 4, 2017. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

(Reuters) - The United States will begin screening efforts at three U.S. airports to detect travelers from the central Chinese city of Wuhan who may have symptoms of a new respiratory virus that so far has killed two people and infected 45 more, public health officials said on Friday.

FILE PHOTO: International travelers arrive at John F. Kennedy international airport in New York City, U.S., February 4, 2017. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said the screening at the San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles airports will begin later on Friday and focus on travelers to the United States via direct or connecting flights from Wuhan.

So far, the new virus has spread outside of China to Japan and Taiwan, and CDC officials said in a conference call with reporters that they expect more cases will be reported outside of China. The risk to Americans is deemed to be low, the CDC said.

Dr. Martin Cetron, director of the CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, said in a conference call that the CDC will be sending about 100 additional staff to the three airports — Los Angeles International, San Francisco International and New

York's John F. Kennedy International — to supplement existing staff at quarantine stations located at those airports.

Under the screening procedures, travelers from Wuhan will be taken to a separate area in the airport, where they will complete a questionnaire and be checked for fever. Those with symptoms will be asked additional health- and exposure-related questions, and those needing more follow-up will be referred to a designated healthcare facility for more testing.

The Chinese virus is a coronavirus, a large family of viruses that can cause infections ranging from the common cold to severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, a highly infectious virus that originated in China in 2002 and eventually traveled to 37 countries, killing 774 people.

So far, health officials do not consider the new virus from China to be as lethal as SARS, but the investigation is evolving and much is still not known about whether the virus can spread easily from person to person.

"This is the stage of the investigation where we need to proceed cautiously and be prepared for any even-

tuality," Dr. Nancy Messonnier, a CDC expert in respiratory diseases, said on the conference call.

China health officials report that most of the patients infected with the virus have had exposure to a large market where live animals were present, suggesting the virus is new and has jumped from animals to humans.

It is still not clear how well the virus can be transmitted from person to person, but there are indications of some limited spread from person-to-person, CDC officials said.

The World Health Organization earlier this week provided guidance to hospitals worldwide about infection prevention and control in case the new virus spreads. There is no specific treatment for the new virus, but anti-virals are being considered.



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Trump adds legal heavyweights Starr, Dershowitz to impeachment team

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump turned to some legal heavyweights to help defend him in his Senate impeachment trial with the addition on Friday of former independent counsel Ken Starr, who paved the way for former President Bill Clinton's 1998 impeachment, and prominent lawyer Alan Dershowitz.

The team defending the Republican president will be led by White House counsel Pat Cipollone and Trump private attorney Jay Sekulow, Trump's legal team and a source said. Trump adviser and former Florida attorney general Pam Bondi and former independent counsel Robert Ray will also be on the team, according to the source familiar with the team's composition. The trial formally got underway on Thursday, though it will start in earnest on Tuesday with opening statements. The trial in the Republican-led Senate will determine whether Trump is removed from office.

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The Democratic-led House of Representatives voted to impeach Trump on two charges arising from his dealings with Ukraine - abuse of power and obstruction of Congress - on Dec. 18 after an investigation that centered on his request that Ukraine investigate political rival Joe Biden, the president's possible Democratic opponent in the Nov. 3 election.

The Senate is expected to acquit Trump, as none of its 53 Republicans has voiced support for removing him, a step that requires a two-thirds majority. Trump has denied wrongdoing and has called the impeachment process a sham.

Starr is a former federal judge who held a senior Justice Department post under Republican President George H.W. Bush. Starr's voluminous investigative report on Clinton's sexual affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky served as the basis for his impeachment in the House on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. The Senate in 1999 acquitted Clinton, a



FILE PHOTO: Attorney Kenneth Starr speaks during arguments before the California Supreme Court to overturn California's Proposition 8 in San Francisco, California March 5, 2009. REUTERS/Paul

Democrat. Starr had recommended impeachment on 11 grounds. In 2016, Starr was ousted as president of Baylor University, a private Baptist institution in Texas, after an investigation by an outside law firm determined that university leaders had mishandled accusations of sexual assault by football players. Critics of Starr at the time accused him of turning a blind eye to sexual violence on his campus after pursuing Clinton for a sexual relationship.

Both Starr and Dershowitz also served as lawyers for financier and convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, who was found dead in his New York jail cell last year where he was being held on new sex trafficking charges.

In 1999, Trump made unflattering comments about Starr, saying in an interview on NBC's "Today" show after Clinton's acquittal: "I think Ken Starr's a lunatic." In a 1999 interview with New York Times columnist

Maureen Dowd, Trump said, "Starr's a freak. I bet he's got something in his closet."

FILE PHOTO: Attorney Kenneth Starr speaks during arguments before the California Supreme Court to overturn California's Proposition 8 in San Francisco, California March 5, 2009. REUTERS/Paul Sakuma/Pool 'DREAM TEAM' Dershowitz has been a well-known figure in U.S. legal circles for decades.

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Demonstrators hold Jordanian national flags and chant slogans during a protest against a government's agreement to import natural gas from Israel, in Amman



U.S. President Donald Trump and his son Barron board Air Force One as they depart Joint Base Andrews in Maryland, U.S., January 17, 2020. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Priest whispers to a dog after blessing it on the day of Spain's patron saint of animals, Saint Anthony, outside San Anton Church in Madrid



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Climate activists protest during a demonstration of the Fridays for Future movement in Lausanne, Switzerland January 17, 2020. REUTERS/Pierre Albouy TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



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Britain's Prince Harry attends a rugby event at Buckingham Palace gardens in London, Britain January 16, 2020. REUTERS/Toby Melville TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



FILE PHOTO: A guard walks in front of a Federal Reserve image before press conference in Washington

TEXAS CHURCH SHOOTING

White Settlement Man Honored With Governor's Medal Of Courage At The Governor's Mansion

'Good Guy With a Gun' Who Stopped Church Gunman Receives Texas' Highest Honor



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott award the Governor's Medal of Courage to Jack Wilson on Jan. 13, 2020. Wilson stopped an armed man who entered the West Freeway Church of of Christ in White Settlement on Dec. 29 and pulled out a gun and shot two people as services began.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott places the Governor's Medal of Courage around the neck of Jack Wilson on Jan. 13, 2020.

Abbott mourns loss of churchgoers Tony Wallace and Rich White, but says he 'thanks God' for deacon Jack Wilson, who fatally shot shooter. 'You are a hero to the people of Texas,' @GovAbbott says. 4/4 #txlege #2A



The Governor's Medal of Courage is bestowed upon a person who displays, 'great acts of heroism by risking their own safety to save another's life.'

Wilson is the head of the church's security team, who he trained, and once owned a gun range and firearms school. In an interview with NBC 5 in December, Wilson said he didn't feel like a hero, but rather that he just did what he needed to do to end a threat.

Abbott chats with Wilson, head of the church's volunteer security team, who fatally shot a shotgun-wielding man who barged into a Sunday service and killed 2 churchgoers. Even before incident, he decided to run as a Republican for a Hood County commissioner seat. 3/4 #txlege #2A



Abbott confers w/Britt Farmer, sr minister @ West Fwy Church of Christ. Governor's Medal of Courage is given to 'civilians who display great acts of heroism by risking their own safety to save another's life.' It's highest award given civilians by a TX governor.

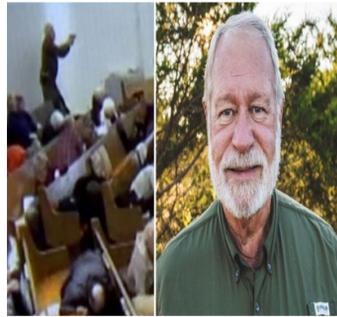


'I don't feel like I killed a human. I killed an evil. That's how I'm coping with the situation,' Wilson said.

The gunman, identified as 43-year-old Keith Kinnunen, was known to some at the church because he'd been given food on more than one occasion.

When Kinnunen walked into the auditorium wearing an obvious fake beard and wig, that drew the attention of Wilson and other members of the church's volunteer security team.

A member of that team, Richard White, sat behind Kinnunen to keep an eye on him. When Kinnunen stood up and pulled out a shotgun, White apparently drew his gun as well, according to Wilson, and was fatally shot.



Jack Wilson told NBC News that he feels like he killed an evil, not a human, when

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The armed churchgoer who stopped a gunman who opened fire inside a White Settlement church last month and killed two people was awarded the state's highest honor at the Texas Governor's Mansion Monday morning.

Jack Wilson was awarded the Governor's Medal of Courage, the state's highest civilian honor, for stopping an armed man who brought a gun into the West Freeway Church of Christ in White Settlement and opened fire, killing a deacon and a member of the church's volunteer armed security team as services began on Sunday, Dec. 29.

'When events arise, you're going to do one of two things. You're either going to step up and do what's right or walk away. And I'm not one to walk away,' Wilson

said, accepting the medal at the Texas Governor's Mansion Monday.

Bob Garrett @RobertTGarrett

Jack Wilson receives medal from @GovAbbott as @charliegeren looks on.

'I feel more as a protector than I do as a hero,' Wilson says, which is exactly the label Abbott laid on him. On Dec. 29, Wilson fatally shot a shotgun-wielding intruder who'd killed 2 at church



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Supreme Court Agrees To Consider Internet Sales Taxes

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to decide if states should be able to collect taxes on internet sales...

Just over a quarter-century ago, the court ruled that a state could not force mail order catalog companies to collect sales taxes unless they had a physical presence in the state.

Part of the court's logic was that it would be too difficult for mail order companies to compute the widely varying tax rates among, and even within, the 50 states.

But lawyers for South Dakota said that's no longer an issue in the digital age. "Advances in computing have made it easy for retailers to collect different states' sales taxes," they wrote in a court brief.

Internet companies "can instantly tailor their marketing and overnight delivery of hundreds of thousands of products to individual customers based on their IP addresses. These companies can surely calculate sales tax from a zip code," the state said.



U.S. Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C

The states also said the current ban on internet sales taxes puts brick-and-mortar retailers, who have to collect sales taxes, at a disadvantage.

Congress has considered a plan to allow states to collect taxes on purchases made by their residents through out-of-state companies, but no legislation has passed.

Lawyers for the states said they're losing nearly \$34 billion a year because of the physical presence rule, though estimates from the federal Government Accountability Office said the figure is much smaller.

The case came to the Supreme Court after South Dakota passed an Internet tax law in 2016. Hoping to launch a legal battle that would lead the Supreme Court to reconsider its 1992 decision, the state sued out-of-state Internet retailers.

Bound by the earlier ruling, the South Dakota supreme court ruled against the state

In response, the internet companies said col-



Online sales reach their peak during Christmas holidays. The Supreme Court could rule that these internet sales could be subject to sales tax.

States Where Amazon Collects Sales Taxes (as of February 2019)



In the green states, Amazon has a warehouse or other facility and that is subject to collecting sales tax by virtue of its physical presence. Amazon also has a warehouse in South Carolina, but an agreement with the state allows it to continue shipping to state residents without collecting sales taxes from them until 2018.

Amazon collects sales tax in the blue states, because they have adopted Affirmative Nexus Laws, which count the retailer's in-state sales efforts as a physical presence. In that of these states -- California, Connecticut, Kansas, and Pennsylvania -- Amazon also has warehouses and that would be subject to collecting sales tax anyway. Several other states -- Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, and Tennessee -- have adopted "click-through" sales tax laws, but Amazon does not collect sales tax in those states, because either it has failed to file state sales affidavits in order to accept the law's requirements, or the law is not yet in effect.

They noted that Amazon, the nation's largest online retailer, now collects sales taxes for purchases made in every state, even though it has a physical presence in only a few. That's proof that "the 'problem' of uncollected taxes," the retailers involved in the case said in their court brief, "has proven to be largely self-correcting."

They urged the Supreme Court to stay out of the fight while Congress is considering what to do. The court will hear the case this spring. While Amazon is not affected by the suit, other online retailers including Overstock.com, home goods company Wayfair and electronics retailer Newegg, are part of the case.

Overstock.com said in a statement Friday that it "looks forward to the opportunity to con-

vince the Supreme Court to confirm its prior rulings protecting the free flow of interstate commerce from overreaching state tax laws." The National Retail Federation, which represents both internet and brick-and-mortar sellers, said Friday it welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to take the case.

"Unfortunately, antiquated sales tax collection rules have resulted in an uneven playing field that's making it harder for Main Street retailers to compete in today's digital economy. This is a basic question about fairness, which all of our members deserve whether they're selling in stores or online," federation president Matthew Shay said in a statement. (Courtesy https://www.nbcnews.com/politics)

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U.S. Supreme Court to Review Bid to Collect Internet Sales Tax

The U.S. Supreme Court will consider freeing state and local governments to collect billions of dollars in sales taxes from online retailers, agreeing to revisit a 26-year-old ruling that has made much of the internet a tax-free zone.

Heeding calls from traditional retailers and dozens of states, the justices said they'll hear South Dakota's contention that the 1992 ruling is obsolete in the e-commerce era and should be overturned.

State and local governments could have col-

lected up to \$13 billion more in 2017 if they'd been allowed to require sales tax payments from online merchants and other remote sellers, according to a report from the Government Accountability Office, Congress's nonpartisan audit and research agency. Other estimates are even higher. All but five states impose sales taxes.

Online retailers Wayfair Inc., Overstock.com Inc. and Newegg Inc. are opposing South Dakota in the court fight. Each collects sales taxes from customers in only some states.

The case will also affect Amazon.com Inc., though the biggest online retailer isn't directly involved. When selling its own inventory, Amazon charges sales tax in every state that imposes one, but about half of its sales involve goods owned by third-party merchants. For those items, the company says it's up to the sellers to collect any taxes, and many don't.

The court probably will hear arguments in April with a ruling by the end of its nine-month term in late June.



'Physical Presence'

The high court's 1992 Quill v. North Dakota ruling, which involved a mail-order company, said retailers can be forced to collect taxes only in states where the company has a "physical presence." The court invoked the so-called dormant commerce clause, a judge-created legal doctrine that bars states from interfering with interstate commerce unless authorized by Congress.

South Dakota passed its law in 2016 with an eye toward overturning the Quill decision. It requires retailers with more than \$100,000 in annual sales in the state to pay a 4.5 percent tax on purchases. Soon after enacting the law, the state filed suit and asked the courts to declare the measure constitutional.

"States' inability to effectively collect sales tax from internet sellers imposes crushing harm on state treasuries and brick-and-mortar retailers alike," South Dakota said in its Supreme Court appeal.

Wayfair, Overstock and Newegg said the court should reject the appeal and leave it to Congress to set the rules for online taxes.

Expressing Doubts

"If Quill is overruled, the burdens will fall primarily on small and medium-size companies whose access to a national market will be stifled," the companies argued. "Congress can address this issue in a balanced and comprehensive manner through legislation."

Those supporting South Dakota at the high court include 35 other states, as well as lawmakers who say they've been trying for years to get Congress to address the issue.

Overturing Quill would mean "leveling the playing field for businesses who are employing people on Main Street," Senator Heidi Heitkamp, a North Dakota Democrat, said in an interview. Heitkamp was North Dakota's tax commissioner during its unsuccessful fight for taxing power in the Quill case.



The National Retail Federation, which represents both brick-and-mortar and Internet-only sellers, said it was encouraged by the court's decision to get involved. "We are hopeful it will lead to a positive outcome that reflects the realities of 21st century commerce," the trade group's president, Matthew Shay, said in a statement.

Three current justices -- Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch and Anthony Kennedy -- have expressed doubts about Quill. Kennedy said in 2015 that Quill had produced a "startling revenue shortfall" in many states, as well as "unfairness" to local retailers and their customers. "A case questionable even when decided, Quill now harms states to a degree far greater than could have been anticipated earlier," Kennedy wrote. "It should be left in place only if a powerful showing can be made that its rationale is still correct."

Gorsuch, the newest Supreme Court justice, suggested skepticism about Quill as an appeals court judge. And Thomas has said he would jettison the entire dormant commerce clause, saying "it has no basis in the Constitution and has proved unworkable in practice."

Amazon backs a nationwide approach that would relieve retailers from dealing with a patchwork of state laws. Amazon once relied on the Quill ruling and didn't collect sales tax at all; the company gradually changed its position as it built warehouses all over the country, giving it a greater physical presence in multiple states. The case is South Dakota v. Wayfair, 17-494. The case is South Dakota v. Wayfair. (Courtesy https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles)

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