

‘Be Vigilant, but Don’t Panic’: 13 U.S. States See Infection as Global Coronavirus Death Toll Passes 3,000

The deadly COVID-19 virus that has killed more than 3,000 people has claimed the lives of two Americans in Washington state.

Officials there say the coronavirus may have been spreading undetected for weeks, possibly infecting hundreds of people. The two men in Washington state—one in his 50s, the other in his 70s—both had underlying health conditions.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are now dispatching teams to an elderly care center where the initial outbreak was reported.

The number of cases in the U.S. rose from 65 to 88 over the weekend. So far, 13 states across the country, including New York, Florida, California and Arizona, are reporting cases of the coronavirus.

“The message is to be careful and be vigilant, but don’t panic,” said Rhode Island’s Gov. Gina Raimondo.

Vice President Mike Pence is sending a similar message, warning Americans to prepare for more cases, but insists the risks remain low.

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