including the U.S., is also real. The World Health Organization has declared the virus a global health emergency, precisely because of that risk, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said during a news conference. There likely will be more cases confirmed in the U.S., and it is likely that people in close contact with those patients could contract the disease, said Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC.

Still, the risk to the American public remains low, officials stressed. That's partly because public health departments around the country are preparing for additional cases.

"We have a really good public health system that's really good at detecting disease," said Anne Rimoin, an epidemiologist and director of UCLA's Center for Global and Immigrant Health. "We've been preparing for this kind of a thing."

The CDC is reminding the public to take the usual precautions during flu season: Wash hands regularly; cover your mouth when you cough; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; and avoid contact with people who are sick.

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Local health departments also are monitoring close contacts of people who have tested positive for the virus, and sometimes running diagnostic tests even when they have no symptoms.

Despite these assurances, rumors are circulating broadly via text and social media, particularly in Chinese immigrant communities, about people who recently traveled to China and might be infected.

Los Angeles resident Rachel Lee Morales, who was born in China, is anxious because her voung daughter is in China with her grandparents to celebrate the new year. Morales is closely following news on the epidemic and has seen messages on social media making unverified claims about people who have recently traveled to Wuhan, including sharing their address and where their children attend school.

"Information gets spread so widely these days, and it could seriously hurt people's lives," Morales said. "I don't want anyone to get into trouble because of this." \square

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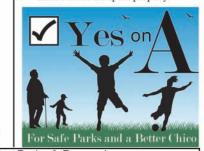
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Measure A Will:

- ► Improve public safety by enhancing security to reduce crime and homelessness in parks, including patrols and improvements such as lighting, parking lots, and other measures
- Repair and modernize aging recreation centers, playgrounds, sports fields, and swimming pools to promote active and healthy living for people of all ages and abilities
- ► Maintain restrooms facilities. walking paths, trails, recreation areas, and finish partially completed parks.

Taxpayer Safeguards

- ► ALL Measure A funds stav local to support Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD).
- ► By law, these funds CAN'T be taken by the State or used for any other purposes
- Oversight and mandatory audits will ensure funds are spent properly.



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Tamp the panic

According to the Mayo Clinic, focused breathing can help release tension and manage stress when the mind is overloaded and anxiety sets in. The key is focusing on diaphragmatic breathing (using the diaphragm muscle) over chest breathing (using upper-chest muscles), and there are several techniques that will sharpen vour abilities and allow vou to calm

down. One of the most popular is the box breathing used by Navy Seals: inhale through the nose (four count); hold (four count); exhale through the nose (four count); hold (four count); and repeat for five minutes (or less for beginners). There's also the 4-7-8 technique championed by alternative-medicine guru Dr. Andrew Weil: inhale through nose (four count); hold (seven count); exhale through mouth (eight count). Start with four reps per session and increase to eight as you acclimate; repeat as needed. The Mayo clinic suggests placing one hand on your abdomen (below navel), then inhaling and exhaling through your nose in long, slow, deep breaths, feeling your abdomen (not chest) rise and fall as it fills and empties. Continue until vou've chilled.



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