



## Exhibit 5

## Talking Points on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

“2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a virus (more specifically, a [coronavirus](#)) identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China. Early on, many of the patients in the outbreak in Wuhan, China reportedly had some link to a large seafood and animal market, suggesting animal-to-person spread. However, a growing number of patients reportedly have not had exposure to animal markets, indicating person-to-person spread is occurring. At this time, it’s unclear how easily or sustainably this virus is spreading between people. The latest situation summary updates are available on CDC’s web page [2019 Novel Coronavirus, Wuhan, China.](#)”<sup>1</sup>

Several of our clients have inquired as to whether there is coverage for losses they have or expect to incur as a result of the virus, which has spread outside of China. As one might expect, we have a wide range of clients who may be affected in a variety of ways by this outbreak. This document will not deal with all the issues associated with this matter, but will be helpful in providing responses to basic questions as it relates to the coverage provided by our policies.

The standard FM Global Advantage and AFM proVition forms provide a specific coverage for Communicable Disease. The Advantage policy provides Communicable Disease Response under Property Damage and Interruption by Communicable Disease under Time Element. The proVition policy provides coverage for Communicable Disease – Property Damage and Communicable Disease – Business Interruption. This memo addresses the standard policy language (cited below).

**Lead in policy language policy language is noted below:**Property Damage

The 2019 Advantage Policy states in part:

If a **location** owned, leased or rented by the Insured has the actual not suspected presence of **communicable disease** and access to such location is limited, restricted or prohibited by:

- 1) an order of an authorized governmental agency regulating the actual not suspected presence of communicable disease; or
- 2) a decision of an Officer of the Insured as a result of the actual not suspected presence of **communicable disease**,

The proVition states:

If a **described location** owned, leased or rented by the Insured has the actual not suspected presence of **communicable disease** and access to such **described location** is limited, restricted or prohibited by:

- a) An order of an authorized governmental agency regulating or as result of such presence of **communicable disease**; or
- b) A decision of an Officer of the Insured as a result of such presence of **communicable disease**

This same initial lead in language also appears under the Advantage Time Element coverage and the proVition Business Interruption coverage.

Q. What is the trigger of coverage for Property Damage?

A. Under each policy there must be the actual presence of a **communicable disease** at a location owned, leased or rented by the Insured and the access must be limited by either 1) or 2) under the Advantage, or a) or b) under proVition

Q. When does this coverage apply?

- A. Advantage Policy – under both Property Damage and Time Element each state:
  - This Additional Coverage will apply when access to such location is limited, restricted or prohibited in excess of 48 hours
- A. AFM proVition Policy - under both Property Damage and Business Interruption each state:
  - This coverage is subject to the Qualifying Period in the Declarations section of this Policy

Q. Would an employee at a **location** who is affected with the **communicable disease** be considered the “actual presence” of a **communicable disease**?

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

A. Yes - if it can be confirmed the employee actually has the **communicable disease** and that the presence of the **communicable disease** is the basis for the decision limiting access as noted in sub-sections 1) and 2) under the Advantage Policy or a) and b) under proVision Policy.

Q. How can we determine whether an employee has the **communicable disease**

A. In some jurisdictions, access to medical records is not possible without employee consent. However, the Insured can ask the employee for the necessary medical diagnosis.

Q. If an Insured closes one or more locations because they suspect the presence of the **communicable disease** or does so in an abundance of caution, would that trigger coverage.

A. No. Coverage is only triggered if there is the actual presence of a **communicable disease**.

Q. What deductible would apply in the event of a covered loss?

A. If a coverage-specific deductible is not specified, the largest applicable deductible would apply. For example, if the location deductible is \$1,000,000 combined and the All Other Loss deductible is \$250,000, the \$1,000,000 would apply.

Q. Would an outbreak of a different virus be considered part of the same occurrence?

A. No

Q. Does coverage under Civil or Military Authority apply?

A. No

The Advantage form states:

“This Policy covers the Actual Loss Sustained and **EXTRA EXPENSE** incurred by the Insured during the **PERIOD OF LIABILITY** if an order of civil or military authority limits, restricts or prohibits partial or total access to the insured **location** provided such order is the direct result of physical damage of the type insured at the insured **location** or within five statute miles/eight kilometres of it...”

The proVision form states:

“This Policy covers the Business Interruption Coverage loss incurred by the Insured during the Period of Liability if an order of civil or military authority prohibits access to a **location** provided such order is the direct result of physical damage of the type insured at a **location** or within five (5) statute miles of it...”

A virus will typically not cause physical damage. Under either policy, the presence of a communicable disease does not constitute physical damage and is not of the type insured against as a virus falls within the definition of **contamination**, which is excluded.

Q. Does coverage under Contingent Time Element Extended (Advantage) or Supply Chain (ProVision) or Ingress/Egress apply?

A. No

These coverages require physical loss or damage to property of the type insured under either policy. The presence of a communicable disease does not constitute physical damage and is not of the type insured against as a virus falls within the definition of **contamination**, which is excluded.

Q. Is there any activity to consider prior to confirming coverage or issuing a payment?

A. Yes - keep in mind that most policies issued have a specific limit for this coverage and an annual aggregate applies. Check with the Claims Manager Written as well as the DSGA Written prior to confirming coverage and prior to issuing any payment to determine the status of the annual aggregate.

While the FM Global Advantage offers some of the broadest property coverage available, there are still events for which there may be no coverage. The Advantage and AFM policies insure against physical damage and require that there be insured physical loss or damage to property before its coverages become available. The Communicable Disease coverage provides for a specific trigger of coverage under these Additional Coverages. If there is a report of loss, FM Global stands ready to provide all the coverage available under the terms and conditions of its policies.