

# U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Press for information on COVID-like illness at 2019 World Military Games in Wuhan

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – As first reported in the [Washington Post](#), Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) this week wrote to the Departments of Defense (DoD) and Health and Human Services (HHS) to ask for information regarding a cluster of illnesses associated with the World Military Games held in Wuhan, China from October 18-28, 2019.

Following the games, athletes from several nations reported becoming sick with symptoms they later recognized were consistent with COVID-19. In letters to Secretary Lloyd Austin, General Mark Milley, and Secretary Xavier Becerra, the lawmakers pushed for information on possible COVID-19 infections of U.S. Army troops who participated.

“These reports are extremely troubling and cast further doubt on the CCP’s official timeline regarding the spread of this virus,” said Rep. Gallagher. “Information involving the health of those who participated in the 2019 games could provide critical insight into understanding where and when COVID-19 first emerged, and it’s essential for the Biden Administration to immediately release this information to the public.”

“The World Military Games’ proximity to the WIV and the new details of the athletes potentially being exposed to COVID-19 while participating in the event present an alarming coincidence our government must investigate to establish an accurate timeline of the outbreak. This merits a thorough examination as a possible ‘super spreader’ event based on the time, location, and reported symptoms of the participating athletes. If these individuals were exposed in October, this evidence will further help us understand the origin of COVID-19 and prepare for future outbreaks,” said Senator Marshall.

Click [HERE](#) to read Representative Gallagher’s letter to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark A. Milley.

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