Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) issued the following statement regarding travel to China and the H1N1 outbreak:

"Recently, several travelers from Palm Beach County have been held in quarantine while traveling in China. I, along with my colleagues from Florida, have been in contact with the State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing to work to get these travelers back home as soon as possible.

"I urge anyone planning on traveling to China this summer to use caution and be aware of the strict quarantine procedures the Chinese government has instituted. Upon arrival in China travelers will be forced to go through thermal-scanning checkpoints. If a traveler on an arriving flight is suspected of having contracted H1N1, all passengers and crew on the flight are subject to possible quarantine in local hospitals or hotels. All travelers should heed State Department advisories and contact the American Embassy or Consulate if there are any problems."

Additional information about the H1N1 outbreak in China is available here .