



CORONAVIRUS

WHAT IS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS?

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a respiratory virus that was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. This virus probably originally emerged from an animal source but is now spreading from person-to-person.

HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?



Close personal contact, such as touching and shaking hands



Droplets while coughing and sneezing



Touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

HOW IS IT DIAGNOSED?

Health care providers will assess patients and consult with the Health Department on whether testing is indicated.

WHAT IS THE TREATMENT?

Most people will recover on their own. There are no specific treatments for novel coronavirus infection.

WILL WEARING A MASK PREVENT CORONAVIRUS?

No, surgical masks do not protect people from the coronavirus, as it's the type of virus that can enter through the mask or along the edges where there are gaps. Surgical masks are most effective at controlling the spread of the virus from a source or infected person. Surgical masks should not be used by healthy people for "protection" from coronavirus—it will not provide protection and will deplete the limited stock needed for use by sick individuals.

HOW DO I PREVENT THE SPREAD OF 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS?



Wash your hands with soap and water often for at least 20 seconds.



Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Stay home if you are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Current symptoms reported have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.



AM I AT RISK?



I have traveled to China within the last two weeks.

OR



I have had close contact with someone who has 2019-nCoV.

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I have become ill with fever and cough or shortness of breath.

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Contact your healthcare provider to determine if testing is needed.