

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Public Health is urging everyone to take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19.

How is it spread?



Through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes or germs on surfaces



Close personal contact, such as caring for an infected person

The novel coronavirus is a new type of virus that recently started making people sick. It started in mainland China but is now infecting people around the world.

What are the symptoms?



Fever



Cough



Difficulty Breathing

What can I do to protect myself and others from respiratory infections like COVID-19?

- Everyone, particularly those who are 65 and over, those with underlying health conditions, and pregnant women should avoid any non-essential travel, public gathering, or places where large groups of people congregate.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use rubbing alcohol or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Use face masks only if you are sick or have been instructed to do so by your health care provider.
- Get a flu shot to prevent influenza if you have not done so this season.