

10 THINGS THE PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COVID-19

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Novel Coronavirus is caused by a new virus

COVID-19 is not the same as other types of coronavirus that commonly circulate among humans

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The actual source of COVID-19 is currently unknown

It is believed that COVID-19 was spread to humans from an animal coronavirus

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Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath

Symptoms typically appear 2-14 days after exposure

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COVID-19 is spread mainly from person-to-person

A person who is sick can spread the virus between people who are in close contact, respiratory droplets from sneezing, or contact with contaminated surfaces

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The CDC does not recommend the general community use a facemask to protect against COVID-19

Facemasks are only recommended for those with COVID-19 and are showing symptoms, and healthcare professionals

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There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19

It is estimated that a vaccine will be available to the public in 18 months

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The best way to prevent illness from viruses is to avoid being exposed

Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick, wash hands with soap and water, avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth, and stay home when you are sick

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Self-isolation is effective for limiting spread of COVID-19

Stay home except to receive medical care, isolate yourself from family members in the home, wear a facemask, wash your hands, cover your cough, and clean surfaces

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There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19

Supportive care for symptoms is currently the only treatment, which could include hospital stays

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The health department is monitoring residents with recent travel to high-risk countries

Following international travel, contact the health department to discuss options for symptom monitoring

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