

# COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

COVID-19 is a flu-like illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus.

**What are the symptoms?** Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Patients may have mild to severe respiratory illness.

**How does it spread?** It is mainly spread from person to person through coughing, sneezing, and close contact. It might also spread through contaminated surfaces.

## How can I protect myself?

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick (within 6 feet).
- Wash your hands often. Wash for 20 seconds with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces like doorknobs, switches, cabinet handles, remotes, tables, counters, sinks, toilets, etc.

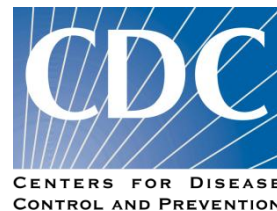
## What should I do if I am sick?

- Stay home. Avoid close contact with other people (within 6 feet), including family members.
- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or your sleeve, not your hands.
- Call your doctor if your symptoms get worse or if you have trouble breathing.

### If you have more questions:

Call 1-800-222-1222 or 1-800-962-1253

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