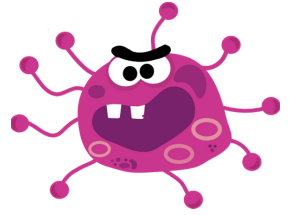


2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

For Businesses

What is the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)?

- A new coronavirus that causes respiratory illness in people. It was first identified in Wuhan, China.
- Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that cause illness in people ranging from the common cold to more serious illness.
- We continue to learn about this coronavirus and its characteristics as the outbreak continues.



How is 2019-nCoV spread?

- 2019-nCoV virus is thought to be spread from person-to-person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person sneezes or coughs.

What are the symptoms of this disease?

Symptoms that are currently being seen with the 2019-nCoV include:

- Fever, cough, and shortness of breath.
- If you are not having symptoms, at this time it is thought that you are not at risk of being infected with novel coronavirus.

How is the spread of 2019-nCoV prevented?



There are everyday actions to take to help prevent spread of illnesses:

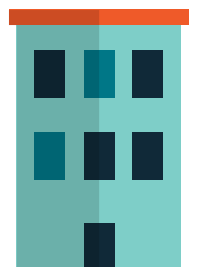
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when feeling sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What is the risk of transmission within a public gathering?

- Right now, this virus has not been found to be spreading in the United States. The risk to the general public is low at this time.

How will 2019-nCoV affect my business?

- Currently, there are no confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in the District. Therefore businesses do not need to take any additional precautions.



For more information regarding 2019-nCoV, please visit DC Health's website:

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/coronavirus>

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