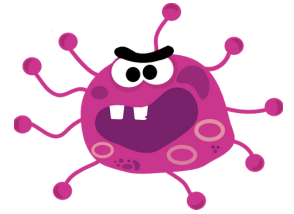


# 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

## 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 the 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 caused by 2019-nCoV?

- Symptoms include:
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath



## Am I at risk for contracting 2019-nCoV?

- Right now, this virus has not been found to be spreading in the United States.
- Risk to the general U.S. public is low at this time.
- You may be at risk if you have traveled to certain places in China.
- If you have traveled to China and are experiencing the symptoms listed above, please contact your healthcare provider.

## How is 2019-nCoV prevented and treated?

- There are everyday actions to take to help prevent spread of illnesses:
  - Getting the flu vaccine.
  - 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.
- There is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for 2019-nCoV infection.

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

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

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