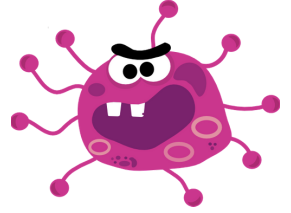


# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) For Businesses



## 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 COVID-19 spread?

- COVID-19 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 COVID-19 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 COVID-19 prevented?

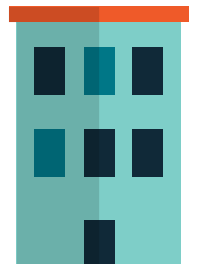


There are everyday actions to take to help prevent spread of illnesses:

- 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, the risk to the general public is low.



## How will COVID-19 affect my business?

- Currently, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the District. Therefore businesses do not need to take any additional precautions.

For more information regarding COVID-19, please visit DC Health's website:

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

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