



## Coronavirus Update

### Be Informed and Prepared

Local and federal authorities are monitoring the outbreak of the respiratory illness 2019 Novel Coronavirus also referred to as 2019-nCoV, in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Chinese officials have confirmed more than a thousand cases in China, including cases outside Wuhan City. Confirmed cases are now being reported in several international locations, including here in the United States. The latest updates are available at the CDC's webpage [2019 Novel Coronavirus, Wuhan, China](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

### Background

Coronaviruses ([coronavirus](#)) are a large family of viruses that are common in many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, cats, and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can infect humans and then spread between people via respiratory droplets from coughs or sneezes.

### Symptoms

The complete clinical picture with regard to 2019-nCoV is still not fully clear. For confirmed 2019-nCoV infections, reported illnesses have ranged from infected people with little to no symptoms to severe illness and death. Symptoms can include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

### Prevention

- Frequent hand washing with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Frequently clean and disinfect commonly touched objects and surfaces.

For more information and updates, visit the [CDC's 2019-nCoV Homepage](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) and related pages  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

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