

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

#### What is Novel Coronavirus?



Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. A novel coronavirus is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans. Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are transmitted between animals and people.

## Symptoms of Novel Coronavirus

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Breathing Difficulties
- In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.



#### How is Novel Coronavirus spread?

- The virus can spread when a sick person coughs or sneezes.
- The vast majority of reported cases have mild symptoms and are well enough to stay at home.
- As with influenza, elderly people and those with underlying health problems are more likely to develop serious illnesses that require hospitalization.





#### **To prevent infection**





- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer
- Cough and sneeze into the bend of your arm or sleeve, or use a tissue, and be sure to cover your mouth; dispose of the used tissue in the garbage and wash your hands
- Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.
- Thoroughly cooking meat and eggs.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces

### What do I do if I get sick?



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- Isolate yourself from others at home and use a separate bathroom if available.
- Put on a surgical mask and if you don't have one, practice good sneeze/cough hygiene.
- Practice good hand hygiene; wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or with alcohol sterilizers.
- Call a doctor or hospital and tell them your recent travel or close contact history.