

February 2020 – Please Read!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus.

2019-nCoV (known as coronavirus) is the cause of a viral outbreak in Wuhan, China. It is unclear how easily this virus is spreading but there are confirmed cases in the U.S. For the general American public, who are unlikely to be exposed to this virus, the immediate health risk from 2019-nCoV is considered low at this time. The virus is believed to be spread through an infected person's cough and or sneeze.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection, therefore we recommend taking regular precautions from respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw tissue in trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe

If you were in China in the last 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or have difficulty breathing, you should seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor's office, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and symptoms.

For more information about 2019-nCoV, visit: [Centers For Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov).



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