

# CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

It is caused by a new virus; the situation is evolving.

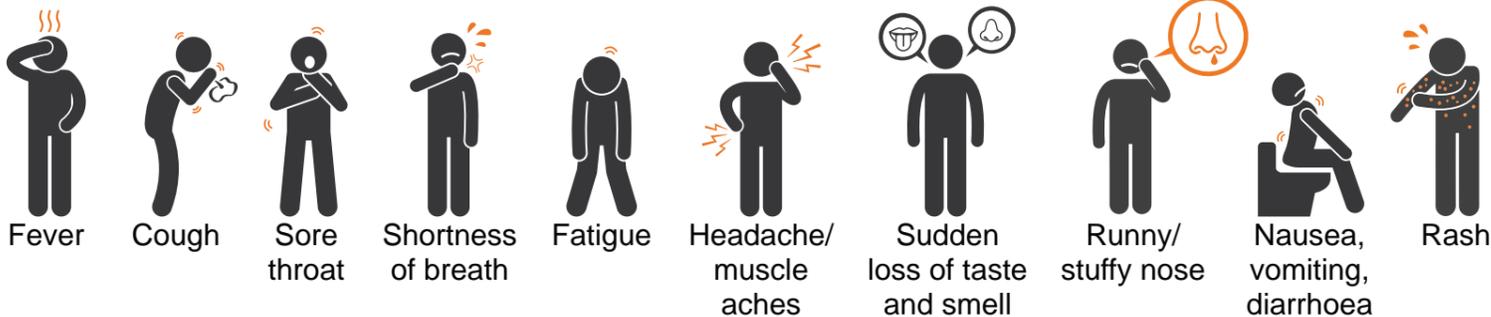
### TRANSMISSION

- Spreads **between people** in **close contact**.
- Infected people **expel droplets** when they talk, cough, sing, sneeze, or breathe heavily. These may enter your eyes / nose / mouth.
- Touching **contaminated objects** puts infected droplets onto your hands which can enter your nose / eyes / mouth.
- People may **inhale** infected droplets.
- Infected people with **minimal or no symptoms** may spread COVID-19.



### SYMPTOMS

Some people may not have any symptoms yet can spread the infection.

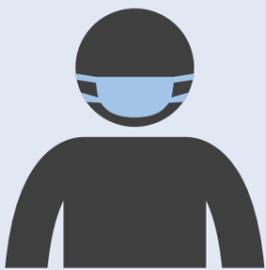


Most cases are **MILD**. Some are **SEVERE** and can be fatal.

If you have been exposed or develop symptoms, **follow local procedures** for quarantine / self-isolation / seeking medical care.



### PREVENTION



**Wear a face mask (or cloth covering nose and mouth) especially:**

- When in face-to-face contact with others.
- When social distancing cannot be achieved.
- If you are in the high-risk groups.
- When indoors, even if social distancing is adhered to.

**Wear a medical mask:**

- If you are sick, even if symptoms are mild.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are waiting for test results.
- When caring for a sick person.
- If you are at a higher risk for severe COVID-19.

**Get the flu shot** – this will reduce the risk of seasonal flu and possible confusion with COVID-19 symptoms.



Reduce the spread of infection:

- If you have any symptoms even if mild, stay home and seek medical advice. Follow local guidelines.
- Wash your hands frequently. Use alcohol-based hand sanitiser when soap and water are not available.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your face (eyes, nose and mouth) – especially if you have touched shared objects (such as handrails, door handles).
- Do not share food, drinks and personal items including mobile phones.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces regularly.
- Do not travel if you are sick.

Avoid potential exposure:

- Stay home as much as practical.
- In public, try to maintain a distance of 1-2 metres (3-6 feet) from others. Avoid crowded places.
- Do not hug, kiss or shake hands to greet people.
- Keep face-to-face interactions brief.
- Minimise gatherings with friends and family.
- Maintain distance from sick people. Don't let them cough or sneeze on you.
- Avoid health facilities unless you need medical care.
- As far as possible, use private transport.

**TREATMENT:** There is no specific treatment yet. Supportive care helps relieve symptoms.

**Some countries have started vaccination among priority groups.**



Keep up to date with news and information from the International SOS dedicated website: <https://pandemic.internationalsos.com/2019-ncov>

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