

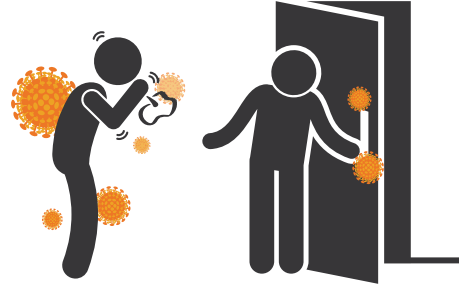
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This is a new coronavirus, first identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019.

TRANSMISSION Investigations are ongoing

- Mainly spread by **sick people** through **droplets** created when they talk, cough and sneeze.
- Touching **contaminated objects** puts the infected droplets onto your hands which can enter your nose / eyes / mouth.



Travellers have spread the virus into other countries. **Screening at entry points** helps detect sick travellers.

SYMPTOMS Symptoms may appear within 14 days of probable exposure. Monitor your health!

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle aches
- Diarrhoea



Most cases are **MILD**, but some are **SEVERE** and can be fatal.



Seek immediate medical attention if you think you have been exposed or develop symptoms. 

PREVENTION

Maintain good personal hygiene and ensure safe food practices:

- Wash your hands frequently. Use alcohol-based hand sanitiser when soap and water are not readily available.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Ensure food, including eggs, is thoroughly cooked.
- Do not share food, drinks and personal items.



Avoid potential exposure:

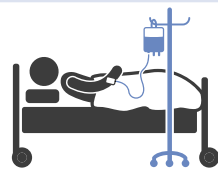
- Do not visit wet markets or farms.
- Avoid direct contact with animals (live or dead) and their environment.
- Do not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with droppings.
- Avoid contact with stray animals – cats, dogs, rodents, birds and bats.
- Keep some distance from people who are obviously sick. Don't let them cough or sneeze on you.
- Avoid activities where you are likely to be exposed to large groups of people.
- Do not travel if you are sick.

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



TREATMENT

There is no specific treatment. Supportive care helps relieve symptoms.



There is **no vaccine** against COVID-19.



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

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