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Coronavirus

Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause either mild illness, such as a cold, or can make people sick with pneumonia.

If you are a medical provider, see our [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) — Information for Providers](#) page.

2019 Novel Coronavirus

Recently, a novel (new) coronavirus was detected in thousands of people worldwide, primarily in China. There is evidence the infection can be spread person-to-person. A "novel coronavirus" is a strain that has not been previously found in humans.

No people have been diagnosed with this novel coronavirus in New York City (see [up-to-date case count](#)). The risk to New Yorkers of contracting this novel coronavirus is low. If you are experiencing symptoms and want to get tested, talk to your health care provider.

There are no specific vaccines or treatments available for this novel coronavirus, or any other coronavirus.

If you are planning any travel outside the US, visit [CDC's Travelers' Health](#) webpage for the latest travel health notices.

Symptoms

Symptoms for this novel coronavirus, also referred to as COVID-19, can include fever, cough or shortness of breath. An infection can result in death, but that is a rare outcome.

Prevention

You should go about your daily life, but take the same precautions that you would during cold and flu season:

- Get your flu shot — it's not too late.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing — do not use your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Stay home if you are not feeling well.

Update for New Yorkers from Commissioner Barbot

Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot updates New Yorkers on COVID-19 and how to stay healthy.

Update from NYC Health Commissioner Bar...



Returning Travelers

If you recently returned to New York from mainland China, review the following documents for information about self-monitoring and how and when you can go back to work or school.

- FAQs: Home Self-Monitoring for Novel Coronavirus in New York City (PDF)
Other Languages: 繁體中文 | 简体中文 | 한국어 | 日本語 | Español | Русский | Kreyòl ayisyen | বাংলা | Italiano | Polski | العربية | יידיש | Français | فارسی | اردو
- Home Self-Monitoring Flyer (PDF)
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- Doctor's Note to Excuse Absence from Work or School (PDF)
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Case Count in NYC

Testing to determine whether the pending cases are confirmed as positive or negative will take at least 36 to 48 hours.

People Under Investigation in NYC

As of March 1, 2020:

| | NYC Residents | Non-NYC Residents* |
|----------|---------------|--------------------|
| Positive | 1 | 0 |
| Negative | 8 | 1 |
| Pending | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 10 | 1 |

* "Non-NYC resident" means someone who does not live in NYC but was tested for the infection or cared for in a hospital in NYC. These people may not be included as NYC cases in national case counts of the novel coronavirus.

Additional Resources for 2019 Outbreak

- CDC: Coronavirus Disease 2019
- Novel Coronavirus Outbreak Factsheet (PDF)
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- College and University Interim Guidance for Novel Coronavirus (PDF, February 9)
- Schools and Families Guidance for Novel Coronavirus (PDF)
- Business and Employer Guidance for Novel Coronavirus (PDF)
- Letter to Community Partners from Commissioner of Health (PDF)
- Travel Poster (PDF)
Other Languages: Español | 繁體中文 | 简体中文
- Cover Your Cough (PDF)
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Other Coronaviruses

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General Symptoms and Prevention

MERS and SARS