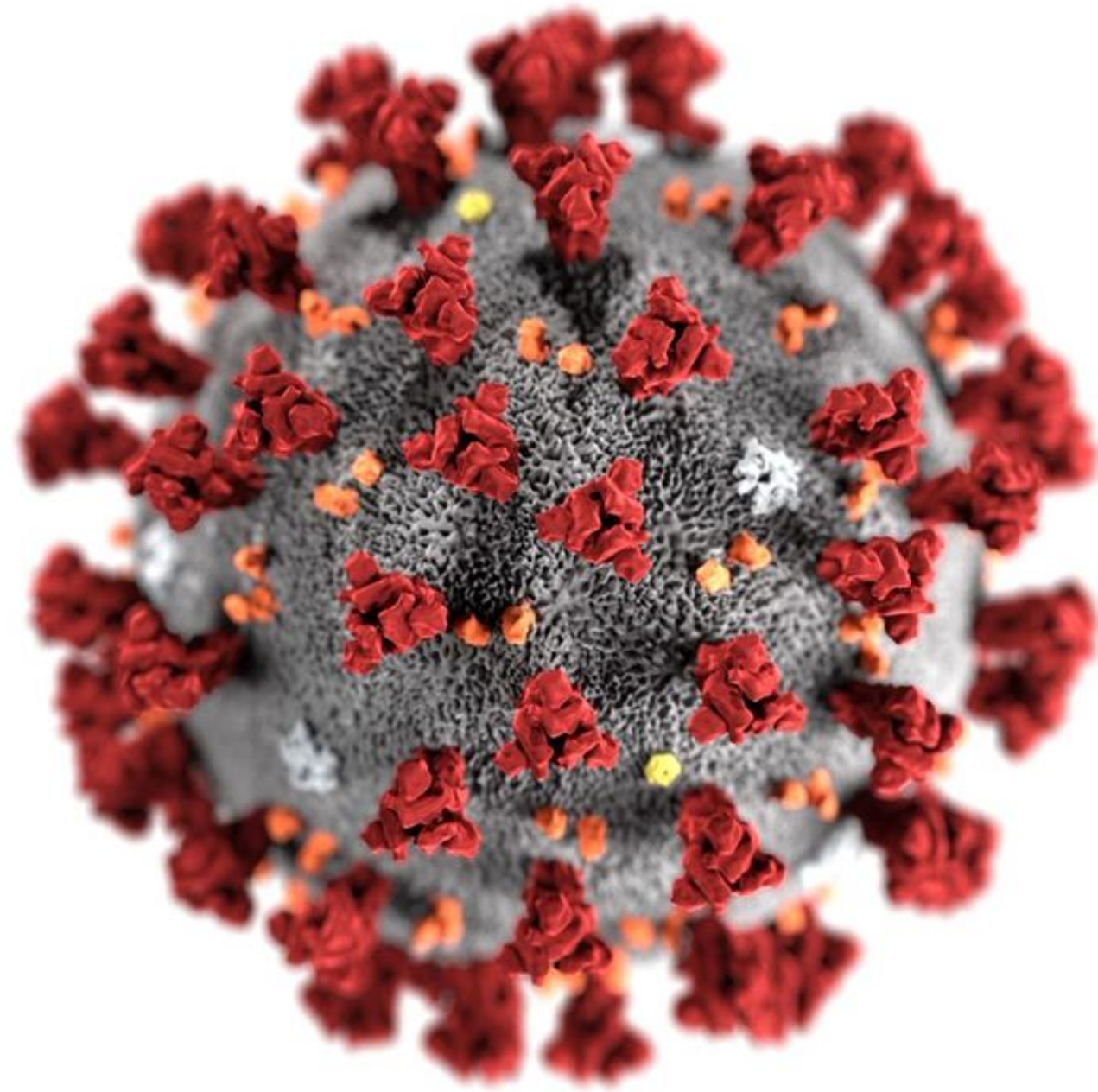


Novel Coronavirus

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What is novel coronavirus (2019-nCov)?



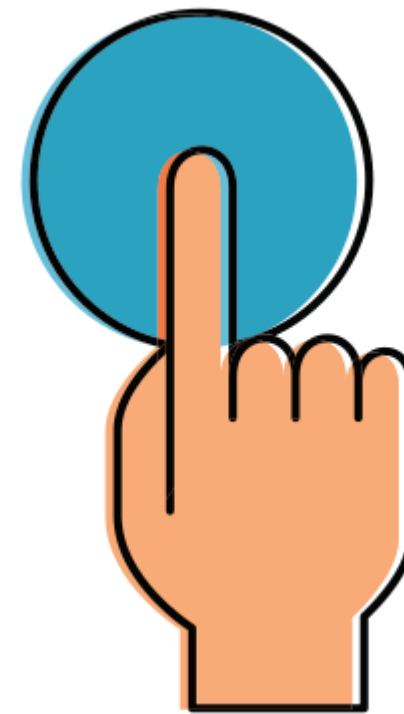
How does novel coronavirus spread?



Coughing or
sneezing



Close personal
contact



Touching an object
or surface



Fecal
contamination

What are the symptoms?



Fever



Coughing



Difficulty breathing

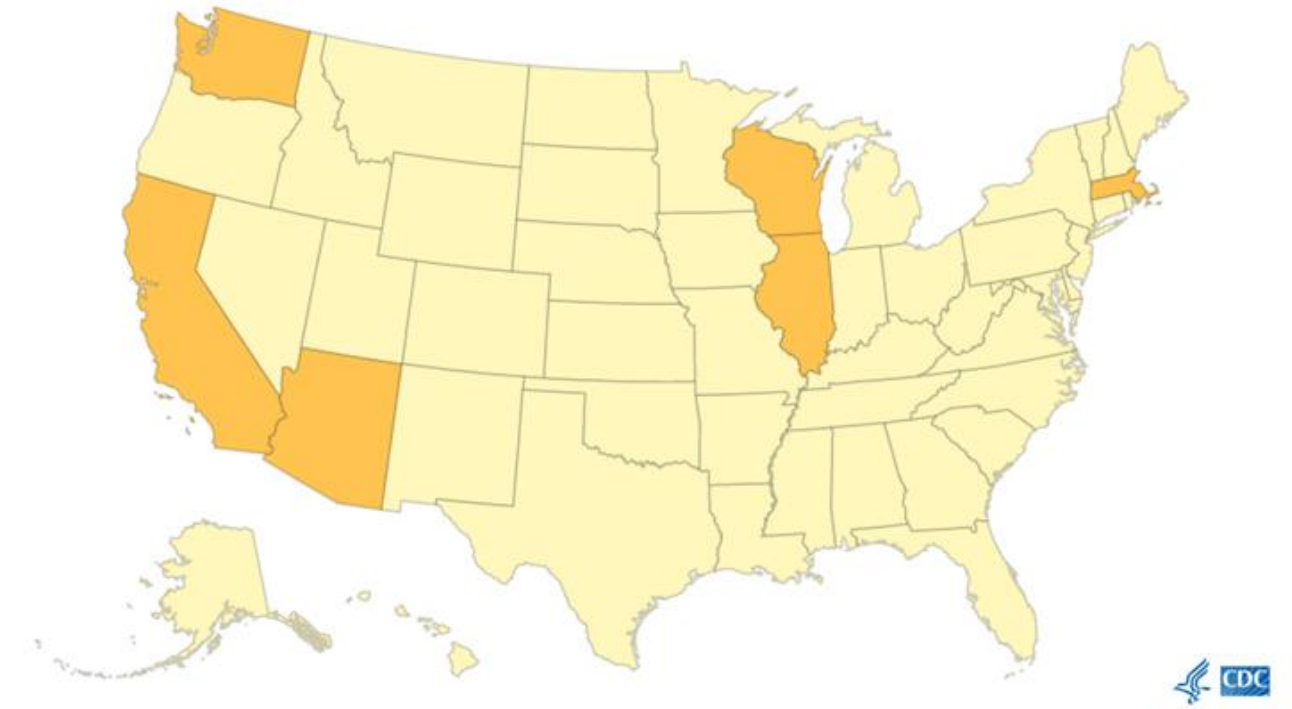
People who have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus have reported symptoms that may appear in **as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus.**

What is the risk?

Currently, risk in the U.S. is low.

- 14 diagnosed cases in the U.S. as of 2/23
- Very little person-to-person spread
- No reported cases in King County

States with confirmed 2019-nCoV cases



Most people have mild illness.

- Estimated 2% of people who get sick die (in comparison with 9.6% with SARS)

Steps to reduce risk of spread



Wash hands



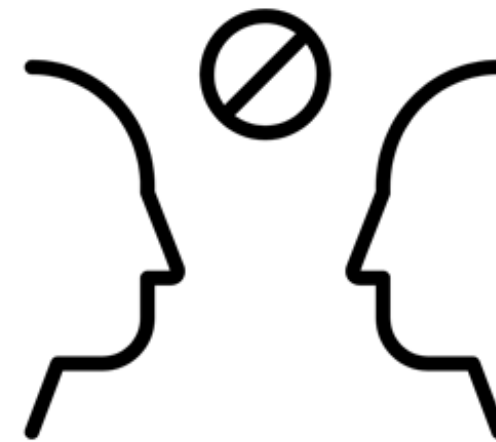
Avoid touching
mouth, eyes,
nose



Cover your mouth/nose



Stay home when
you are sick



Avoid contact with people
who are sick

Who should seek medical evaluation?

Those who are ill with a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing AND:

- Have traveled from China in the last 14 days

OR

- Have been identified by Public Health as a recent close contact of a confirmed 2019-nCoV case or had recent close contact with someone who is being evaluated for 2019-nCoV infection.

Federal government quarantine measures

- On January 31, 2020, the U.S. federal government announced that they have declared the situation with novel coronavirus to be a Public Health Emergency, including instating new travel and quarantine measures.

2019 nCoV CORONAVIRUS

HEALTH ALERT: *Travelers from China*
There is an outbreak of respiratory illness in China.

Travelers are required to be monitored for up to 14 days after leaving China.

Travelers should stay home and monitor their health within this 14-day period.
A health official will contact you to give additional instructions.

Take your temperature with a thermometer 2 times a day and watch your health.

If you develop a fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher), cough, or have difficulty breathing:

- Call your health department for advice before seeking care.
- If you can't reach your health department, call ahead before going to a doctor's office or emergency room.
- Tell them your symptoms and that you were in China.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/nCoV

Who is impacted by quarantine?



Those who have been in mainland China in the past 14 days:

Health screening at designated airports & self-quarantine

Those who have been in Hubei Province in the past 14 days:

Mandatory quarantine

What can you do if you see stigma or bias?

**VIRUSES
DON'T
DISCRIMINATE**



AND NEITHER SHOULD WE

Stigma will NOT fight coronavirus.
Sharing accurate information will.

Learn more: kingcounty.gov/ncov

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What is the role of employers?

- Review CDC's guidance for business and employers, which includes:
 - Actively encouraging sick employees to stay home
 - Separating sick employees
 - Emphasizing staying home when sick, respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene by all employees
 - Perform environmental cleaning
 - Advising employees before traveling to take certain steps
- Start planning for pandemic flu

What is Public Health doing?



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- Conducting disease surveillance & investigation
- Coordinating services for cases under isolation and quarantine
- Disseminating messages and materials
- Engaging with communities who might be most impacted

QUESTIONS?

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APPENDIX