

# Coronavirus Facts

*We know there is a lot of anxiety and misinformation about the 2019 novel coronavirus, which was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Here are the facts.*

## What is happening?

There has been an outbreak of a new illness called “novel coronavirus” in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China that began in December 2019. The issue is evolving quickly, and information and guidance continues to be updated from international and federal health agencies. At this time, there are no confirmed cases in Alameda County.

## Information is changing quickly

Cases have been confirmed in several countries including the United States, among people who either traveled to Wuhan or were a close household contact of someone who did. We now know that the virus can spread from person to person. The risk to the general public is low.

## Public health officials are taking action

Alameda County is taking this situation very seriously and monitoring it closely. We are working with the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and implementing public health interventions per emerging guidance from state and federal agencies to keep our community safe.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and the CDC is providing updated information to public health departments as it becomes available.

## Travelers arriving from mainland China are being screened for fever and symptoms of the illness

Eleven designated airports, including SFO and LAX, are [actively screening travelers](#) from China. All travelers from China are [now receiving a card at entry explaining symptom monitoring](#) and how to contact their medical provider and local public health department. The US State Department has issued a Level IV Do Not Travel Alert for China.

## If you traveled to mainland China...

By federal order, as of Feb. 3, 2020, individuals returning from mainland China who DO NOT have fever, cough, or shortness of breath will undergo self-quarantine at home with monitoring by Alameda County Public Health. ACPHD recommends that travelers who returned from China before Feb. 3 monitor themselves for 14 days after their last day in China and may consider staying home. If symptoms occur during this time, **please call your doctor or health care provider first** and share your travel history **before** visiting and avoid work, school and social events.

## Tips to protect yourself and others

- 1) Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds
- 2) Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- 3) Stay home if you are sick
- 4) Cover your cough or sneeze
- 5) Flu and other respiratory viruses are very common right now, and large group gatherings are places where viruses can spread. If you are not feeling well or are experiencing cold, flu, or other symptoms, stay home to avoid spreading germs.

## Stay informed

Stay up to date with the novel coronavirus by visiting <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



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