

Coronavirus fact sheet

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Coronaviruses spread like the flu or common cold

To protect yourself:

- Try to stay at least 6 feet away from people who are sick.
- Don't shake hands. Use knuckles, fist, or elbows to push buttons. Try to open doors without using your hands.
- Wash your hands vigorously with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. <u>Tip</u>: sing "Happy Birthday" to yourself twice as you wash.
- Use hand sanitizer if you can't wash your hands.
- Disinfect surfaces regularly.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Due to potential asymptomatic spread of the disease, the CDC now recommends wearing a mask or face covering, even a scarf or bandana, in situations where social distancing isn't possible, like at the grocery store.

"The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), which used to be called the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), is a new type of coronavirus. It causes respiratory illness in people. It was first identified in Wuhan, China.

COVID-19 can spread from person to person. This usually happens through respiratory droplets – when someone with the virus coughs or sneezes, and you breathe it in. Most often, you need to be close to the person (within 6 feet) for it to spread this way. It might be possible to get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching your own mouth, nose, or possibly your eyes. But this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads."

-MedlinePlus

CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS, OR SOMETHING ELSE?

Treatment

- There is no specific treatment recommended for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 should receive care to help relieve symptoms.
- Those with respiratory sickness should stay home and rest, and not go to work or to other public gatherings.
- Sneeze/cough into a tissue and throw it away. Use an elbow if there are no tissues available.
- People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider.

COLD OR ALLERGIES

Source: CDC & Mayo Clinic

☑ ITCHY EYES

☑ STUFFY NOSE

✓ SNEEZING

FLU OR CORONAVIRUS

FEVER

FATIGUE

BODY ACHES

COUGH

WORSENING SYMPTOMS

CORONAVIRUS

SHORTNESS OF BREATH

✓ LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

THIS IS AN ONGOING SITUATION. FOR THE LATEST, VISIT:

- The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency: www.bhsj.org
- Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

