

2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS FAQs

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There has been an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that started in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The types of illnesses caused by this virus are still being learned. The issue is quickly evolving. Keep informed so you can stay safe.

What is 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)?

Coronaviruses are a large group of respiratory viruses that are common among animals and humans. In rare cases, animal coronaviruses can be transmitted to humans. This novel (new) coronavirus, called 2019-nCoV, has not been previously detected in animals or humans.

What are the symptoms of novel coronavirus?

Typically, human coronaviruses cause mild-to-moderate respiratory illness. Symptoms are very similar to the flu, including:

- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Cough
- Fever
- Shortness of breath

How will Solano residents be protected from individuals in quarantine at Travis Air Force Base?

Travis Air Force Base (TAFB) was selected as one of four military facilities to house individuals who will be quarantined for 14 days upon arriving in the U.S. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) are the primary lead agencies who will provide medical care for these quarantined individuals. No TAFB personnel will come in contact with the individuals. Solano Public Health will provide support to CDC and DHHS, if needed. **CDC and DHHS will take all necessary measures to ensure that individuals in quarantine will not pose any risk to TAFB staff, their families, or to Solano residents.**

Are there any confirmed cases in the Solano County?

There are no confirmed cases in Solano County. For the number of confirmed cases in the United States, visit [CDC's People Under Investigation](#) webpage.

Am I at risk of becoming infected with this virus?

Solano residents and the general American public are at low risk of becoming infected at this time, unless they have traveled from China or have come in close contact with someone who was ill due to the novel coronavirus.

What do I do if I just traveled from China and am feeling symptoms?

If you have recently been to China within the last 14 days, or came in close contact with someone who had the novel coronavirus, **and** you develop a fever or lower respiratory symptoms (coughing or shortness of breath), **first call your health care provider**. Let the provider know about your travel history or that you were in close contact with someone who had the novel coronavirus **before** visiting the doctor's office or emergency room.

What are tips to protect myself and others?

No additional precautions are recommended beyond **good hygiene practices**:

- Washing hands with soap and water, and rubbing for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering your mouth and nose with tissue or sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing;
- Staying home when sick; and
- Getting a flu shot to protect against flu, which has similar symptoms to the novel coronavirus.

This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation, and the information may change quickly. For the latest updates, go to [cdc.gov/ncov](https://www.cdc.gov/ncov)

