COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus

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Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that can cause illness in people. Coronaviruses circulate among animals, including camels, cattle, cats.

The Novel Coronavirus, newly named COVID-19 (or SARS-CoV-2) and the seventh known human coronavirus, is thought to have jumped species from animals to begin infecting humans.

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Several coronaviruses cause common colds, but are not significant threats for most healthy people. Other coronaviruses have caused past outbreaks, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) – each caused by a different coronavirus. COVID-19 is a distinct coronavirus.

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Current Outbreak
As of 3/10/2020

- Globally: 113,702 confirmed (4125 new) cases
- China: 80,924 confirmed (20 new) cases, 3,140 deaths (17 new)
- Outside of China:
  - 32,778 confirmed (4105 new) cases
  - 109 Countries/territories/areas (5 new)

WHO Risk Assessment
- China (Very High)
- Regional Level (Very High)
- Global Level (Very High)

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Current Cases Reported in Region 3
Pennsylvania

- Pennsylvania Department of Health reports: Twelve presumptive cases reported
  - Montgomery County: 8
  - Delaware County: 1
  - Wayne County: 1
  - Monroe County: 1
  - Philadelphia County: 1

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Virginia Department of Health reports:

- Number of negative COVID-19 tests: 53 (+15)
- Number of positive COVID-19 tests: 8 (+5)
  - Eastern (2)
  - Northern (5)
  - Northwest (1)

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Current Cases Reported in Region 3
West Virginia

- West Virginia Department of Health reports:
  - Number of patents tested for COVID-19: 5
  - Number COVID-19 test pending: 2
  - Number of negative COVID-19 tests: 3 (+1)
  - Number of positive COVID-19 tests: 0

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Kentucky Department of Health reports:
- Number of patents tested for COVID-19: 54 (+20)
- Number COVID-19 test pending: NTR
- Number of negative COVID-19 tests: 46 (+18)
- Number of positive COVID-19 tests: 8 (+2)

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Current Cases Reported in Region 3

Delaware

Delaware Department of Health reports:

- Number of people currently under Public Health Monitoring for COVID-19: 31 (+3)
- Number COVID-19 test pending: 3 (+2)
- Number of negative COVID-19 tests: 17 (+2)
- Number of positive COVID-19 tests: 0

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Maryland Department of Health reports:
- Number of negative COVID-19 tests: 94 (+6)
- Number of positive COVID-19 tests: 9 (+3)

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If you have been exposed/infected

- Alert your healthcare provider or occupational health clinic if you think you may have COVID-19
- Tell your healthcare provider if you have been exposed to someone with the virus and have signs/symptoms of infection, as well as about any recent travel to areas where COVID-19 is spreading
- Your healthcare provider can determine if you should be tested for COVID-19
- There is no vaccine or specific treatment for COVID-19
- Some patients, especially those who become very ill, may require supportive care in a hospital

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OSHA is closely coordinating with CDC, including NIOSH and other agencies to monitor the ongoing outbreak and status of community transmission.

Most DOL workers are still at low risk of exposure, similar to other members of the American public.

OSHA does not recommend any special precautions, beyond general hygiene practice, for most workers.

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Workers in some sectors may have increased risk of occupational exposure to COVID-19, including in:

- Healthcare, including in fixed facilities and EMS
- Mortuary services and other death care
- Laboratories
- Airline operations
- Border protection and passenger screening
- Solid waste and wastewater management
- International business travel

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Follow existing OSHA standards to help protect workers from exposure to and infection with COVID-19

General Duty Clause, Section 5(a)(1), of the Occupational Safety and Health Act ensures that workers are protected from recognized safety and health hazards that may cause serious harm

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OSHA Guidance

- OSHA has developed a website with information for workers and employers on how to stay healthy during the outbreak
- Website includes information on implementing the hierarchy of controls when workers have specific exposure risks

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For all workers, regardless of specific exposures risks:

- Practice good and frequent hand hygiene
- Follow good cough/sneeze etiquette
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

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Train all workers about their risk of occupational exposure to COVID-19, as well as on what to do if they have traveled to high-risk areas or been exposed to possible cases.

For workers at particular risk of exposure, discuss:

- Sources of exposure to the virus and hazards associated with that exposure
- Appropriate ways to prevent or reduce the likelihood of exposure, including use of engineering and administrative controls, safe work practices and PPE

Some OSHA standards (e.g., BBP, PPE) require worker training.

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Defending Against COVID-19 Cyber Scams

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) warns individuals to remain vigilant for scams related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited emails and be wary of email attachments. See Using Caution with Email Attachments and Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Scams for more information.
- Use trusted sources—such as legitimate, government websites—for up-to-date, fact-based information about COVID-19.
- Do not reveal personal or financial information in email, and do not respond to email solicitations for this information.
- Verify a charity’s authenticity before making donations. Review the Federal Trade Commission’s page on Charity Scams for more information.
- Review CISA Insights on Risk Management for COVID-19 for more information.
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Human Resources Flexibilities for Federal Employees

Telework and Federal Mission Resilience
- Departments and agencies should review and fully incorporate telework into their continuity of operations (COOP) plans so that as many employees as possible have been identified as telework employees in the plan. Implemented COOP plans shall supersede any telework policy “See 5 U.S.C. § 6504(d) (2).
- It is recommended that Employees with laptops take them home each night in preparation of an event where the office COOP plan is implemented or the employees must telework.

Visitor Access to Federal Offices and Buildings
- Agencies should implement day-to-day risk management of Federal facilities.
- State and Federal health officials are providing ongoing guidance to Federal agencies regarding exposure.

Human Resource Flexibility Questions/Comments from DOL Employees
- For questions, DOL employees and managers can email flexibilities@dol.gov.
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 FAQs: https://labornet.dol.gov/Highlights/Novel-Coronavirus-FAQs.htm

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Other Resources


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