

Outbreak Update: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

February 26, 2020: Currently the risk locally remains low. There are no confirmed or suspected cases in Michigan or Washtenaw County.

This situation may change quickly. Refer to these sites for current information:

- ✓ Washtenaw updates: www.washtenaw.org/health
- ✓ Michigan updates: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
- ✓ National updates: www.cdc.gov/nCoV

Response Actions

Washtenaw County Health Department continues to work closely with state and federal health officials to appropriately monitor or test any individuals returning from higher risk areas. Countries in addition to China are now seeing sustained transmission of COVID-19; travel alerts have been added through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.

We are actively preparing for the possibility of local cases and the spread of illness in Washtenaw County. This includes sharing information about the situation locally and where to get reliable state, national, and international updates. It also includes working closely with health care providers, other first responders, and community members to prepare for any disease control measures, such as social distancing or limiting public gatherings, that may be needed if the situation changes. Currently *no additional actions* are recommended.

Good handwashing, staying away from others if sick and covering your cough are always recommended. Flu continues to circulate locally.

Prevention

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Testing

All testing is currently done at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Testing is only approved if certain travel conditions are met and symptoms are consistent with COVID-19.

Fact Sheet from Washtenaw County Health Department

Available at <https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/15099/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19PDF?bidId=>

Information in Multiple Languages

- What you need to know about 2019-nCoV: [Simplified Chinese](#)
- What you need to know about 2019-nCoV: [Spanish](#)
- What you need to know about 2019-nCoV: [English](#)
- What the public should do to prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV: [English](#)

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