

ADVISORY ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

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What is the Novel Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that can cause illnesses ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. The Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) is a new strain previously unidentified in humans. Coronaviruses are zoonotic, i.e. they can spread between animals and people.

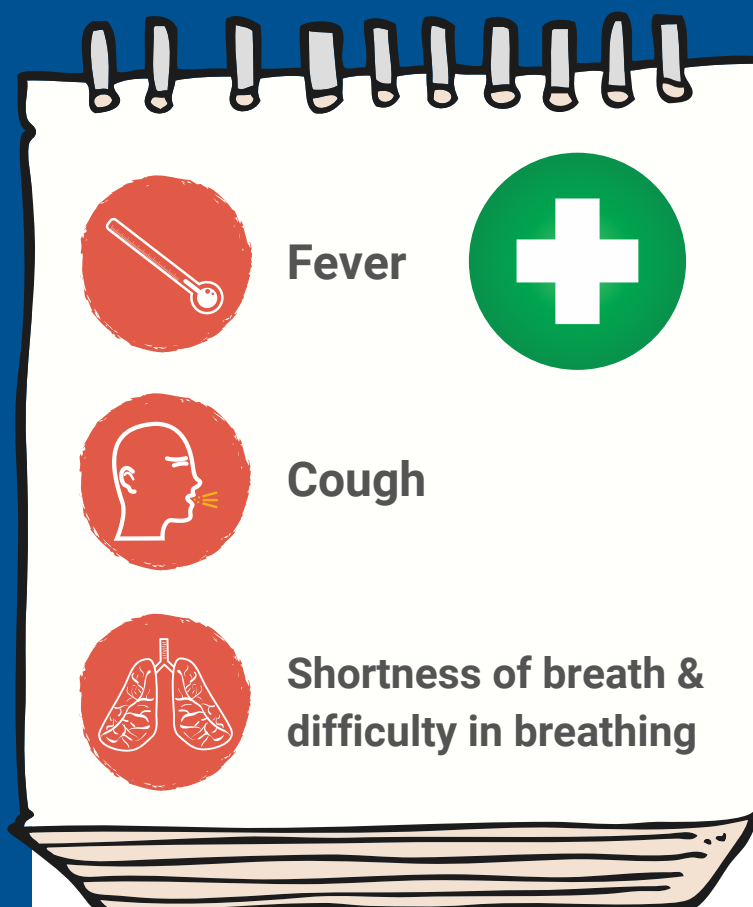
<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

Current situation globally and locally

As on 3rd February 2020

As per the World Health Organisation's (WHO) report, globally there are 14,557 confirmed cases of nCoV, majority of which are in China. Overall, 24 countries have confirmed cases of the infection. 305 cases of nCoV have been fatal. There are three cases of Coronavirus in India, all of which have been reported in Kerala, where nearly 2,000 people are under observation in hospitals and homes

http://www.ptinews.com/news/11195508_Third-coronavirus-case-reported-from-India.html



Signs and Symptoms of Coronavirus Infection

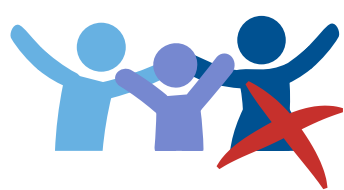
In more severe cases, the infection can cause pneumonia or affect the respiratory system or kidneys.

If you have the above symptoms, seek medical care early and share your travel history with your healthcare provider

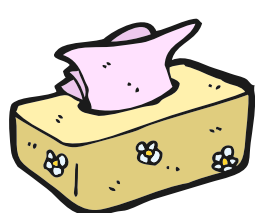
Protect yourself and others from Coronavirus with basic hand and respiratory hygiene, and safe food practices



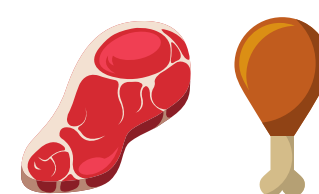
Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand sanitiser or soap and water



Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough



When coughing & sneezing cover mouth & nose with your flexed elbow or a tissue – throw the tissue away immediately and wash your hands



Avoid consuming raw or undercooked animal products. Handle raw meat, milk or animal organs with care, to avoid cross-contamination, as per good food safety practices



When visiting live markets (animal markets) in areas with reported cases of nCoV, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals & surfaces in contact with animals

Mythbusters

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

Can pets at home spread the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV)



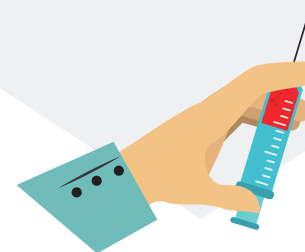
At present, there is no evidence that companion animals/pets such as dogs or cats can be infected with the new coronavirus. However, it is always a good idea to wash your hands with soap and water after contact with pets. This protects you against various common bacteria such as E.coli and Salmonella that can pass between pets and humans.

Does the new coronavirus affect older people, or are younger people also susceptible?



People of all ages can be infected by the new coronavirus. Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

Are antibiotics effective in preventing and treating the new coronavirus?



Antibiotics work against bacteria, not viruses. The nCoV is a virus and, therefore, antibiotics should not be used as a means of prevention or treatment. However, if you are hospitalized for the 2019-nCoV, you may receive antibiotics because bacterial co-infection is possible.

Are there any specific medicines to prevent or treat the new coronavirus?



To date, there is no specific medicine recommended to prevent or treat the 2019-nCoV. However, those infected with the virus should receive appropriate care to relieve and treat symptoms, and those with severe illness should receive optimized supportive care.

As per WHO, the 2019-nCoV outbreak and response have been accompanied by a massive 'infodemic' - an over-abundance of information – some accurate and some not – making it hard for people to find trustworthy sources and reliable guidance when needed. Hence, it is critical to avoid sharing information which does not originate from a trustworthy source and rely on information shared by WHO and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

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