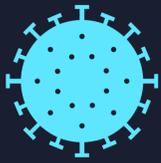


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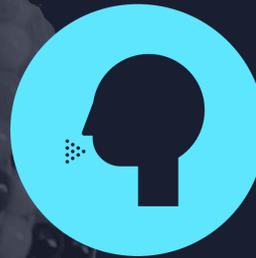
## WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that causes respiratory illness.

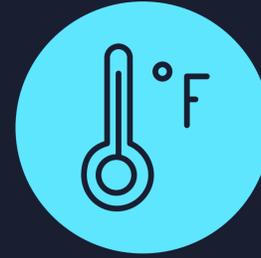
### What are the symptoms?

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath



Cough



Fever

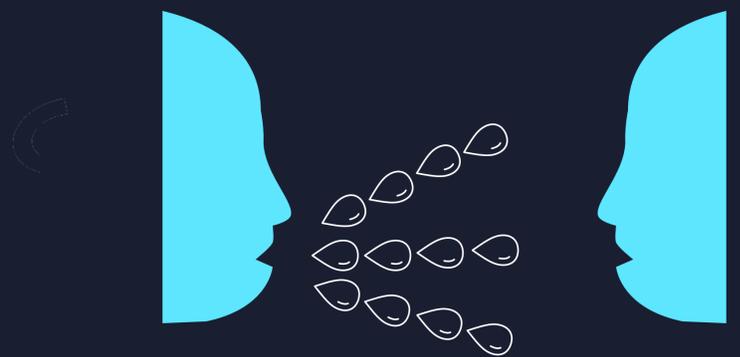


Shortness of breath

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### How is it spread?

COVID-19 is thought to spread via person-to-person: within 6 feet and through droplets when a person who is infected coughs or sneezes.



## CANCER PATIENTS

Cancer patients, and others with chronic illnesses, are at higher risk of getting sick from COVID-19.

People living with cancer often have weakened immune systems and so they, and their care providers or people living with them, should take extra precautions during this outbreak.

There is currently no vaccine or cure for COVID-19, but there are things you can do to protect yourself and others.

- Avoid crowded locations
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily
- Keep your hands clean
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Avoid nonessential travel

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## PROTECT OTHERS FROM GETTING SICK

Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others. Take care of your health and protect others.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider

- When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue.
- Avoid close contact when you are experiencing cough and fever.
- Throw tissue into closed bin immediately after use
- Avoid spitting in public



## WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

- After coughing or sneezing
- When caring for the sick
- Before, during and after you prepare food
- After handling animals or animal waste
- Before eating
- After using toilet

For more information on Preventing Infections in Cancer Patients, visit:  
[www.cdc.gov/cancer/preventinfections/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/preventinfections/index.htm)