

COVID- 19 Important Information

Columbus Public Health General Questions:

614-645-1519

7 days per week 7:30AM-5:00PM

Disease Reporting for the General Public:

If a caller indicates an immediate medical concern, please transfer the call to the Infectious Disease Investigation team at Columbus Public Health at 614-645-1474 (option 2)

General Questions:

Ohio Department of Health: 1-833-4ASKODH (1-833-427-5634)

About COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing and difficulty breathing.

Those most at-risk for COVID-19 are people who have recently traveled to countries with sustained spread, including China, Iran, Italy Japan and South Korea, or people who have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

The CDC does not recommend any additional precautions for the general public at this time beyond taking the usual steps that help to prevent the spread of illness and the flu, including:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with your arm or your inner elbow. (If you use a tissue, be sure to throw the tissue away and then wash your hands.)
- Practice social distancing: keep your distance from others (about 6 feet or 2 meters)
- Don't touch your face: eyes, mouth, and nose
- Staying home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect "High-Touch" surfaces often

Small Group Gatherings:

- Do not shake hands or hug.
- Have everyone wash their hands as soon as someone enters the building.
- If eating food, do not put in a large bowl for people to reach in and grab.
- Clean common use utensils after each use.
- If someone appears to have the symptoms, kindly ask them to leave.
- Wash all "high touch" surfaces as soon as guest leave.