

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources

Background

In December 2019, Chinese health authorities identified an outbreak of pneumonia associated with a novel, or new, coronavirus which has resulted in thousands of confirmed cases in China. Additional cases have been identified in a growing number of other international locations, including the United States. The virus has been named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”). **At this time, there are no confirmed cases in Tennessee.**

While the immediate risk of this new virus to Tennesseans is believed to be low at this time, everyone can do their part to help respond to this emerging public health threat. Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) has provided the following guidance:

- It is flu and respiratory disease season. TDH recommends getting a flu vaccine, covering your cough and washing your hands frequently.
- If you are a health care provider, remember to take a patient travel history for all patients, especially those with fever and respiratory symptoms.
- If you travelled to Hubei province, China recently and are experiencing fever and respiratory symptoms, contact your local health department and your health care provider.
- Contact TDH 24/7 with any questions at 615-741-7247. Ask to speak with someone about coronavirus.
- Stay up to date on the situation on CDC's [website](#).

Resources

The [Tennessee Department of Health has created a website](#) to provide current information regarding coronavirus disease. Resources on this website include:

- CDC Guidance for Travelers
- Information for Health Care Providers
- Laboratory Information
- Public Health Resources
- Tennessee Department of Health Talking Points

Social Media

The best source of information is the Tennessee Department of Health [website](#) and the CDC [website](#). These agencies also share current information on their social media pages. These include:

- Tennessee Department of Health (TDH): [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

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