

# NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

## What You Need to Know

The immediate risk to the general public in Los Angeles County is low. Public Health is carefully assessing this situation as it evolves.

### How is it spread?



Through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes



Close personal contact, such as caring for an infected person

The novel coronavirus is a new type of virus that recently started making people sick. It started in mainland China but is now also infecting people in other countries.

### What are the symptoms?



Fever



Cough



Difficulty Breathing

## What can I do to protect myself and others from respiratory infections like novel coronavirus?

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Use facemasks only if you are sick or have been instructed to do so by your health care provider.
- Get a flu shot to prevent influenza if you have not done so this season.