

Coronavirus Facts

Stay informed about “novel coronavirus” and take steps to keep yourself and others safe.

There is no novel coronavirus circulating in San Francisco

There are zero confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in San Francisco residents. If a San Francisco case is confirmed, the Health Department will make an announcement, in cooperation with CDC and California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Who is at risk?

Residents of the Bay Area are at low risk of becoming infected with this novel (new) coronavirus, unless they have recently traveled to Hubei Province, China, or have come in close contact with someone who was ill who recently traveled in that area. **Your risk for this virus depends on travel history, not on race, ethnicity or culture.**

Tips to protect yourself and others

- 1) Wash hands with soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds
- 2) Cover your cough or sneeze
- 3) Stay home if you are sick
- 4) Get your flu shot to protect against flu or symptoms similar to novel coronavirus

Do I need to wear a mask or cancel my social activities?

There is no recommendation to wear masks or cancel your activities at this time. If you have a fever or cough, you can use a face mask to prevent spread of germs to others.

Face masks are NOT a substitute for handwashing.

Public health officials are taking action

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are closely monitoring the outbreak.

New Federal Orders for returning travelers as of February 3, 2020

- Foreign nationals returning from China will not be allowed entry into the U.S. unless they are immediate family of U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- All U.S. citizens returning from Hubei Province, China are subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine by the federal government.
- U.S. citizens returning from other parts of mainland China who DO NOT have fever, cough or shortness of breath are directed to self-quarantine at home with monitoring by their local health department.
- U.S. citizens returning from other parts of mainland China who DO HAVE symptoms are subject to a mandatory quarantine.

If you returned from China before Feb 3, 2020

The SF Department of Public Health recommends that travelers who returned from mainland China before **February 3, 2020** monitor themselves for 14 days after their last day in China. If symptoms (fever, cough or shortness of breath) occur during that time, please contact your health provider, inform them of your travel history and self-isolate at home pending their advice. **Do not go to work, school or social events if you have these symptoms.**

Stay informed

Stay up to date with the novel coronavirus by visiting <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

