



WHAT IS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS?

The novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, is a new type of coronavirus that has been identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe



HOW DOES COVID-19 SPREAD AND WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT IT FROM SPREADING?

The virus is spread from person-to-person. When people are too close, respiratory droplets from infected people are inhaled by others or land in their nose or mouth.



SHOULD I WEAR A MASK?

Yes. The CDC recommends wearing a cloth face covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain such as grocery stores and pharmacies.



HOW IS COVID-19 DIAGNOSED?

There is a specific laboratory test for COVID-19. Call your healthcare professional or the Public Health Department at 980-314-9400 if you feel sick with a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, or if you live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.



WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, difficulty breathing and loss of taste and smell. Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure.



WHAT SHOULD I DO TO PROTECT MY FAMILY?

Self-isolate -- stay home and away from others. Wear a cloth face cover if you must be around people. Wash your hands. Clean and disinfect surfaces daily.



WHAT CLEANING SUPPLIES SHOULD I USE TO PREVENT SPREAD?

You should clean dirty surfaces with detergent or soap and water. Disinfect surfaces with diluted household bleach solution (1/3 cup bleach per gallon of water), alcohol solutions of 70%+ alcohol. Use gloves or wash hands thoroughly after cleaning.