

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



WHERE IS IT?

COVID-19 is an expanding global outbreak. The virus has been detected in almost 70 international locations, including the U.S.



HOW IS IT SPREAD?

The virus is spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes and tiny droplets land on people nearby - just like colds and the flu.



WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath



HOW DO I PREVENT IT?

There is no vaccine for novel coronavirus. Prevention is the same as for colds and flu: Clean your hands frequently; Cover coughs and sneezes; Contain germs - stay home when ill.



AM I AT RISK?

Risk is associated with travel to affected areas. For most Iowans, who are unlikely to be exposed to this virus at this time, the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low.

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