COVID-19

A new coronavirus, first identified in China in December 2019, has caused an outbreak of respiratory illness that the World Health Organization named COVID-19 in February 2020.

THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water aren’t available.

Cough or sneeze into a tissue or flexed elbow, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick, sneezing or coughing.

Stay home when you are sick.

Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects people frequently touch.

Only wear a face mask if you have respiratory symptoms or are caring for someone with respiratory symptoms.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 INCLUDE:

- COUGH
- FEVER
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH

In rare cases, it can lead to severe respiratory problems, kidney failure or death.

If you have traveled outside the U.S. in the past 21 days, have a fever, cough or shortness of breath, or had recent contact with someone with fever, cough or shortness of breath, please tell a nurse, doctor or other health care professional as soon as possible. Call before you arrive at the doctor’s office or emergency room and tell them about your symptoms.

For more information, please visit hopkinsmedicine.org/coronavirus.