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

- The virus usually spreads from close person-to-person contact through respiratory droplets from coughing and sneezing.
- The virus may also spread through airborne transmission, when tiny droplets remain in the air even after the ill person leaves the area.
- Symptom may develop within 14 days of exposure to the illness.
- Only designated laboratory tests can diagnose the virus.
- The virus may also spread through airborne transmission, when tiny droplets remain in the air even after the ill person leaves the area.
- In rare cases, it can lead to severe respiratory problems, kidney failure or death.

If you 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. Contact the provider before you arrive at the provider’s office or emergency room and tell them about your symptoms.

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