# **Novel Coronavirus Basics**

You may be feeling concerned about the coronavirus, also referred to as COVID-19, which has been in the news. If so, you're not alone. Here is some helpful information about the virus, and what you can do to protect yourself. 3/10/2020

#### The most common symptoms

- 1 FEVER
- 2 COUGH
- 3 SHORTNESS OF BREATH

## What is coronavirus?

The new coronavirus, which causes a disease known as COVID-19, is a contagious virus with symptoms like the common cold, but it can lead to a more serious illness.

Vaccine?

There is no specific vaccine or treatment. Like the flu, most people will recover on their own.

### Protect yourself



AVOID CLOSE CONTACT with people who are sick

WASH YOUR HANDS with soap and water regularly for at least 20 seconds (alcohol hand sanitizers are also effective)



DON'T TOUCH YOUR EYES, NOSE, AND MOUTH with unwashed hands



COUGH OR SNEEZE INTO A TISSUE OR YOUR ELBOW if you use a tissue, wash your hands afterwards

STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK\* except to get medical care

CLEAN AND DISINFECT frequently touched objects

\*Keep sick children home from school



### How is coronavirus spread?

- COUGHING AND SNEEZING
- CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS WHO HAVE THE VIRUS





TOUCHING SURFACES WITH THE VIRUS, THEN TOUCHING YOUR EYES OR MOUTH WITHOUT WASHING YOUR HANDS

### To get care



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You must be 18 or older for an e-visit

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