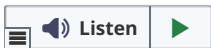


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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Governor Carney declared a State of Emergency starting on March 13, 2020 at 8 a.m. and updated it on March 16, 2020. **If you are hosting an event with over 50 people, please review the [news release](#) and [Governor's State of Emergency Declaration](#).**

Delawareans who are feeling well, should go about their daily lives but practice social distancing – staying six feet away from other people.

Those who are feeling sick should stay home, and contact your primary health care provider if you have concerns about your symptoms, particularly those with fever, coughing and shortness of breath

Individuals with general questions about coronavirus can call DPH at [1-866-408-1899](tel:1-866-408-1899) or email us at DPHCall@delaware.gov. Individuals with hearing impairment can call [7-1-1](tel:7-1-1).

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



DELAWARE HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of Public Health

Questions about coronavirus in DE?

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CALL CENTER**

 **1-866-408-1899**

 **DPHcall@delaware.gov**

Hours of Operation

M-F 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sat.-Sun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The call center is open to take questions from the public, schools, medical providers, and community organizations.

People with hearing impairments can dial 7-1-1

For the latest Delaware updates:
de.gov/coronavirus

Updated 3/13/20



VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

People 60 and older, those with serious chronic health conditions, people with disabilities, those who are homeless or are suffering from behavioral health issues, and undocumented immigrants all face greater risks for COVID-19 or for getting necessary testing or care.

[Learn more →](#)



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Take steps to avoid spreading germs from any respiratory diseases by:

- Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.
- Don't touch your face.
- Cover your cough with a tissue or your elbow.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Get your flu shot.

[Learn more →](#)



SCHOOLS

On March 13, 2020, Governor Carney **directed** all public schools to close March 16-27 to allow schools to prepare for potential spread of coronavirus. If you have questions, call the Division of Public Health Information Line at **1-866-408-1899**.

[Learn more →](#)



HEALTH CARE

If you are a health professional evaluating a patient for suspected coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) infection, please contact the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) Office of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at **1-888-295-5156**.

[Learn more →](#)



BUSINESSES

To prepare for possible community transmission of coronavirus disease, the most important thing for businesses to do now is plan and prepare. They also need to reinforce the message that employees stay home when they are sick. If you have questions, call the Division of Public Health Information Line at [1-866-408-1899](tel:1-866-408-1899).

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OTHER INFORMATION

Health Alert Notifications (HAN)

- [View Delaware Health Alert Notifications for 2020.](#)

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Find information in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Mandarin.

- [Coronavirus Returning Traveler Guidance](#)
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- [Information About Self- Monitoring](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a novel coronavirus?

What DPH is doing?

How does it spread?

Who is at risk?

What are the symptoms?

I haven't traveled, but I have shortness of breath, a fever, and a cough. What do I do?

How worried should I be?

How do I keep myself and my family safe?

Should I travel?

How contagious is the virus?

Is there a treatment?

How can people help stop stigma related to COVID-19?

Should I wear a mask to prevent catching coronavirus disease?

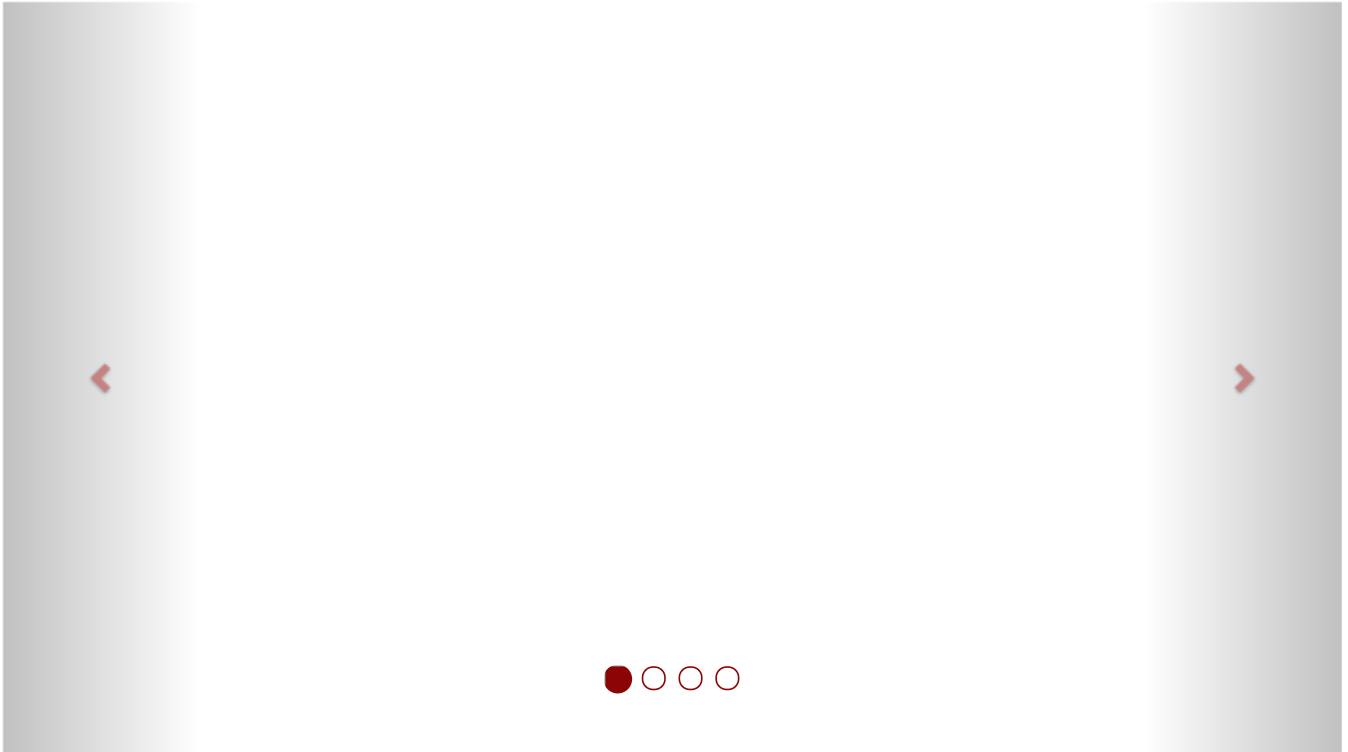
I just returned from a country that has a travel alert for COVID-19, but feel fine. Can I go to work?

Should my organization cancel an upcoming large event?

What should older people do to stay safe?

What does isolation mean, and how is it different from quarantine?

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DO NOT TOUCH YOUR FACE

Do not touch your face,
eyes, nose, or mouth with
unwashed hands.



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STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK

Be safe. If you feel sick, stay home.



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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



PREVENT THE FLU, GET VACCINATED

Be sure to receive your flu vaccine as soon as possible.



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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Be sure to wash your hands, including the backs and under your nails, for 20 seconds. Or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



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