

# Infectious Disease Epidemiology Unit

Conducts surveillance for infectious diseases and investigates clusters and outbreaks

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**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

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## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



At this time there are no reported cases in Wyoming.

The Wyoming Department of Health is closely monitoring the current coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak situation and sharing recommendations. At this time, the risk to our residents remains low. However, it is likely COVID-19 will spread to this state at some point.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some of which cause the common cold in people and others that circulate among animals. COVID-19 was first identified in Wuhan, China in

late 2019.

This is a new virus and new viruses need special attention. We don't yet know how easily COVID-19 spreads and how many people will experience severe illness. However, the symptoms reported with this disease are familiar to all of us: fever, cough and shortness of breath. Some of the steps that can help prevent the spread of such illnesses include: avoiding contact with sick people, staying home when sick, covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing and washing hands often and carefully.

## Travel Information

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends avoiding all nonessential travel to **China, Iran, Italy and South Korea**. CDC also says older adults and those with chronic medical conditions should consider postponing nonessential travel to **Japan**.

CDC also recommends travelers, particularly those with underlying health issues, avoid all cruise ship travel worldwide at this time.

[Read about CDC's travel information recommendations related to coronavirus disease 2019.](#)

## Testing Update

The Wyoming Public Health Laboratory began COVID-19 testing on March 5. This lab is part of the Wyoming Department of Health. Any testing performed at the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory must be arranged through a healthcare provider and submissions will be screened and approved by our department. Previously, the department was able to request testing at the CDC in Atlanta.

## Helpful Links and Notices

### General Information

[Learn more about coronavirus disease 2019 from the CDC](#)

(CDC information includes [prevention strategies](#), case counts, [frequently asked questions and answers](#), travel guidance,.)

[Read the most recent news release from the Wyoming Department of Health about coronavirus disease 2019](#)

### CDC Guidance Information

[Read guidance information for long-term care facilities](#)

[Read guidance information for schools and childcare facilities](#)

[Read guidance information for higher education](#)

[Read guidance information for businesses and employers](#)

### Information for Wyoming Healthcare Providers

[Read the March 10 notice sent by the Wyoming Department of Health to Wyoming healthcare providers](#)

[Read the COVID-19 monitoring policy for Wyoming](#)

[Read information from CDC about evaluating and reporting persons under investigation](#)

[Read CDC's infection prevention and control recommendations for COVID-19](#)

For specific guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for various types of certified Wyoming healthcare facilities, please visit online information from the [WDH Healthcare Licensing and Surveys Office](#).

*Healthcare providers with coronavirus-related questions about specific patients should call 1-888-996-9104 for guidance.*

## Questions?

Wyoming residents with questions about COVID-19 may send an email to [wdh.covid19@wyo.gov](mailto:wdh.covid19@wyo.gov).

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