

# 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 is one reported case 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.

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, most of Europe** and **South Korea**. CDC also says older adults and those with chronic medical conditions should consider postponing nonessential global travel.

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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