

# Infectious Disease Epidemiology Unit

Conducts surveillance for infectious diseases and investigates clusters and outbreaks

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## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



At this time there are three reported Wyoming cases.

The Wyoming Department of Health is closely monitoring the current coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak situation and sharing recommendations.

We don't yet know exactly how easily COVID-19 spreads and how many people will experience severe illness. While we are facing a rapidly developing situation, the risk to most Wyoming residents remains low at this time.

The symptoms reported with this disease are familiar to all of us: fever, cough and shortness of breath.

## Travel Information

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends avoiding all nonessential travel to **China, Iran, most of Europe, the United Kingdom and Ireland and South Korea**. CDC also says older adults and those with chronic medical conditions should avoid nonessential travel. CDC also recommends avoiding all cruise ship travel.

[Read CDC's travel information recommendations.](#)

## Priority Actions

- Stay home when sick and avoid contact with other people unless you need medical attention.
- Follow advice from CDC on [what to do if you think you may be sick](#).
- Follow common-sense steps such as washing your hands often and well; covering your coughs and sneezes; and cleaning and disinfecting.
- Nursing homes and other healthcare facilities should closely follow guidelines for infection control and prevention.
- As much as possible, assisted living facilities should follow the same infection control and prevention practices as nursing homes.
- Everyone should follow [CDC recommendations on mass gatherings](#).
- Older people and those with health conditions that mean they have a higher chance of getting seriously ill should avoid crowds or close-contact situations.

## 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 13 notice sent by the Wyoming Department of Health to Wyoming healthcare providers](#)

(Includes updated testing information.)

[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](#).

*Providers no longer need to obtain WDH approval to submit specimen samples. Providers with non-urgent questions can email [wdh.covid19@wyo.gov](mailto:wdh.covid19@wyo.gov). Our Public Health Emergency Line at 1-888-996-9104 is available for providers with urgent patient care or public health concerns.*

## Questions?

If you are sick, please contact your healthcare provider. Wyoming residents with general questions about COVID-19 may send an email to [wdh.covid19@wyo.gov](mailto:wdh.covid19@wyo.gov).

Public health nurses can be a helpful source of information. Learn how to contact [Wyoming's public health nursing county offices](#).

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