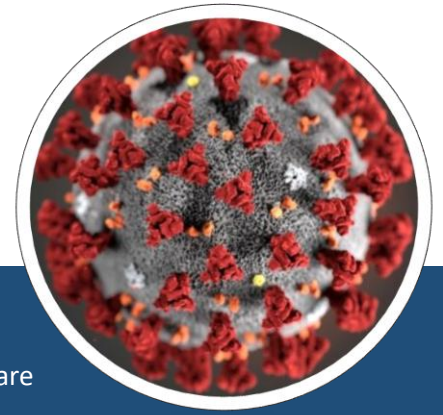


COVID-19



What is it?

Novel coronavirus COVID-19 is a virus strain that originated in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China that has spread among humans since December 2019. Currently, most of the cases are outside of the United States, however, it is beginning to infect American citizens.

The Bethlehem Health Bureau is working with local partners and monitoring the situation closely. We currently have no confirmed cases in Bethlehem and remain at a low risk.

How does it spread?

- Through the air by coughing and sneezing.
- Close personal contact such as caring for, or living in close contact with a person who is ill.

How it is NOT spread

- Through items shipped from China

How can I prevent getting COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses?

- Wash hands often with soap and water, if water is not available use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick

Symptoms



Fever



Cough



Difficulty breathing

CDC believes at this time that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

Keep in mind

CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. You should only wear a mask if a healthcare professional recommends it. A facemask should be used by people who have COVID-19 and are showing symptoms. This is to protect others from the risk of getting infected.