

What is 2019-nCoV Coronavirus?

Coronavirus is a respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China, and believed to have initially spread from animals to humans but now is spreading from person-to-person contact. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it's unclear how easily or sustainably this virus is spreading between people. Typically, respiratory viruses are most contagious when an individual is most symptomatic, but there have been reports of the virus spreading when the affected individual does not show any symptoms.

HOW IT SPREADS & SYMPTOMS

2019-nCoV Coronavirus Spreads:

- Primary ways it spreads via person-to-person are respiratory droplets via sneeze or cough

Symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days to as long as 14 days after exposure:

- Fever, cough and/or shortness of breath

PREVENTION

Currently there is no vaccine for 2019-nCoV. The best measure is to avoid coming in contact with the virus:

- Wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer when water and soap is not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home if sick
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, then immediately dispose of the tissue
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that have been touched

MONITORING

Keeping Employees Safe: What to do if an employee shows flu-like symptoms

- It is highly recommended that any employees that are showing flu-like symptoms should be excluded from the operation until they are symptom free.

Keeping Customer Safe: What to do if a customer shows flu like symptoms in the restaurant

According to the CDC, the spread of 2019-nCoV occurs from person-to-person that is in close contact, approximately 6 feet. Some basic steps that could be taken are:

- Provide the customer with additional napkins or tissues to use when they cough or sneeze
- Make sure alcohol-based hand sanitizer are available for customers to use
- Be sure to clean and sanitize any objects or surfaces that may have been touched

Bodily Fluid Event: What to do if there is a bodily fluid event

If a customer or employee vomits or has diarrhea it is recommended (AT THIS TIME) that the protocols that have been in place for Norovirus be used

- Ensure the employee that is cleaning up the area is using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Segregate the area that has been contaminated
- Dispose of any food that has been exposed
- Ensure any utensils that might have been exposed are cleaned and sanitized
- Clean and sanitize the area to include the floor, walls and any other object that came in contact with the incident
- Dispose any of the equipment that was used to clean up properly