

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19): QUICK FACTS

Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As many as 1 in 4 cases are asymptomatic. Symptoms may include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. Other, less common symptoms have also been reported, including nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
Incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The incubation period for COVID-19 ranges from 2-14 days. Most patients begin to experience symptoms within five days of exposure.
Case Classification	<p><i>Confirmed Case:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of person with COVID-19 and meeting confirmatory laboratory evidence.
	<p><i>Probable Case:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of a person meeting clinical AND epidemiologic evidence with no confirmatory lab evidence.
Treatment	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a drug, remdesivir, to treat suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19, although trials are underway.
Duration	Incubation is 2-14 days. People are likely contagious about 2 days before symptoms start until symptoms improve. Duration (length) of infection is not known. Asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic cases may be contagious.
Exposure	Person-to-person transmission occurs mainly through respiratory droplets from coughing, sneezing, or talking, but may also occur through close personal contact (e.g., shaking hands, touching an object or surface with the virus on it and then touching mouth, nose, or eyes before washing hands). There is concern for airborne transmission from aerosol generating procedures. Rarely, fecal contamination may cause exposure.
Laboratory Testing	Refer to your local and state health department laboratory testing procedures and testing locations. CDC guidance on collecting, handling, and testing of clinical specimens can be found here .

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