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What You Need to Know About the Coronavirus

Communities across the nation are working to understand and contain the fast-spreading coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

In Georgia, the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is responsible for educating the public and providing important information on this new virus. Below are links to useful resources to prevent, identify and treat (if needed) cases of COVID-19. Please review and share with your family and friends.

- [COVID-19 Health Advisories](#)
- [CDC Information](#)
 - [COVID-19 \(Novel Coronavirus\) Fact Sheet](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)

Best Practices, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- The flu is still widespread and active throughout the state, so if you have not already gotten a flu shot, it is not too late. While the flu shot will not protect against COVID-19, it will prevent serious complications that require hospitalization and prevent overburdening the health care system in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.
- If you have recently traveled to areas where there are ongoing outbreaks of COVID-19 and develop fever with cough and shortness of breath within 14 days of your travel, or if you have had contact with someone who is suspected to have COVID-19, stay home and call your health care provider or local health department right away. Be sure to call before going to a doctor's office, emergency room, or urgent care center and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

For more information please contact DPH at 404-657-2700; CDC at 800-232-4636.