CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

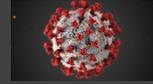## BACKGROUND

The CDC, state and local health departments are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and which has now been detected in 50 locations internationally, including cases in the United States. This new virus causes the disease COVID-19, commonly referred to as coronavirus.

The coronavirus outbreak is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation, with information and guidance from the state DOH and CDC being issued or updated daily. The complete clinical picture of coronavirus is still not fully understood.

VIRUS

- Large family of viruses common in animals, but able to infect humans rarely (MERS, SARS, COVID-19)
- Reported illnesses range from mild to severe, with symptoms like fever, cough, shortness of breath
- Cases in travelers have been identified in the US, with person-to-person spread reported among close contacts of those travelers. One case of unknown origin has been reported.
- There is 1 confirmed cases in New York State

WHAT **YOU** CAN DO

Prevent Illness

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Practice good personal hygiene – WASH YOUR HANDS!
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Prepare for Emergencies

Keep a supply of food, water, and medications on hand in case you become sick and cannot travel to obtain needed items. Go to www.ready.gov to learn more about building an emergency kit for yourself and/or your family.

Please contact us with questions!

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WHAT **WE** ARE DOING

Preparing to implement Emergency Preparedness Plans

Engaging partners & existing coalitions

Reviewing mechanisms to request mutual aid & additional assets

Communicating with partners, stakeholders & the public

Maintaining a 24/7 response capacity

RESOURCES & LINKS

NYSDOH
www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/

Novel Coronavirus Hotline
Call 1-888-364-3065 for Information about Coronavirus

CDC
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
www.cdc.gov/travel/notices