# 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.

## 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](http://www.ready.gov) to learn more about building an emergency kit for yourself and/or your family.

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# Resources & Links

**NYSDOH**

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

**CDC**
[www.cdc.gov/travel/notices](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/notices)