What is coronavirus?
The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness, like the common cold. COVID-19 causes illnesses that can range from the mild to more severe.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?
Symptoms can include:
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
Symptoms may appear 2 - 14 days after exposure.

How does COVID-19 spread?
The viruses spread from an infected person to others through:
- the air by coughing and sneezing
- close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
- touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes

How severe is COVID-19?
Reported cases have ranged from mild illness (similar to a common cold) to severe pneumonia that requires hospitalization. So far, deaths have been reported mainly in older adults with prior health conditions.

What can I do to keep myself and others healthy?
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face as much as possible.
- If you’re feeling sick, stay home and avoid close contact with family members.
- Sneeze into your elbow instead of your hand.