

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

Globally: 113,851 cases; 4,015 deaths

United States: 647 cases; 25 deaths

Ohio: 3 cases; 15 PUI's*; 255 persons under supervision**

Holmes County: 0 cases; 0 PUI's*, 0 persons under supervision**

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*PUI (person under investigation)= persons who have been tested for COVID-19 and whose lab results are pending. PUI's exhibited symptoms AND traveled to China or had close contact with a person known to have COVID-19

**Persons under supervision = travelers being monitored for symptoms. These individuals do not have symptoms of COVID-19

How we're preparing

- Activated our Department Operations Center (DOC) and Incident Command Structure (ICS) to monitor the situation to coordinate public health response
- Opened a Joint Information Center (JIC) to coordinate messaging
- Ensure that our local partners receive guidance published by federal and state partners
- Publish health education messages to the community
- Participate in weekly calls with the CDC and ODH
- Provide bi-weekly situation reports to local stakeholders (every Tuesday and Thursday)
- Health Commissioner serves on the state Public Health Preparedness Team (BTeam) & attended Governor's Summit on COVID-19 Preparedness

OVERVIEW:

CDC is responding to an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus. The outbreak first started in Wuhan, China, but cases have been identified in a growing number of other international locations, including the United States. The World Health Organization is reporting that there are 110 countries with confirmed cases.

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CDC TRAVEL HEALTH NOTICES*

Warning Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel

- China
- South Korea
- Italy
- Iran

Alert Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions

- Japan

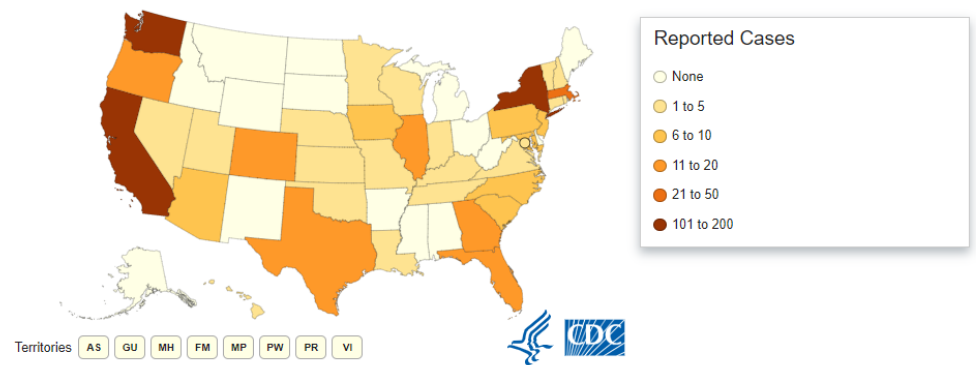
Watch Level 1, Practice Usual Precautions

- Hong Kong

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>

What states have been affected?***

States Reporting Cases of COVID-19 to CDC*



Total cases: 647 Total deaths: 25 States reporting cases: 36

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This map is updated regularly by the CDC. [Click here](#) to access the map.

COVID-19 FAQ's

Should I buy a face mask for protection?

According to the Ohio Department of Health, "The use of face masks by people who are not sick is not recommended to protect against respiratory diseases. Face masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent spread of the disease and by health care workers and others taking care of someone in a close setting." Instead, we recommend taking preventative measures such as washing your hands thoroughly, covering your cough with a tissue, avoiding others who are sick and staying home when you are ill. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/2lvfkRN>

Does soap work as well as hand sanitizer?



The answer is yes! Soap and water is actually the best way to get hands clean, according to the CDC. With hand sanitizers selling out in stores across the U.S., we want to remind you that soap and water works. Here are a few reasons why hand sanitizer can fall short:

- It does not get rid of all types of germs (like norovirus)
- It may not work as well when your hands are visibly dirty
- It might not remove harmful chemicals like pesticides

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/39DHR3A>



Can coronavirus live on packages?

According to the CDC, due to the poor survivability of coronaviruses on surfaces in the past, there is a low risk of the virus spreading from packages shipped over a period of days or weeks. Coronaviruses such as COVID-19 are generally thought to spread by respiratory droplets through close contact. The CDC states that there is currently no evidence to support the transmission of COVID-19 associated with imported goods and no cases in the U.S. are linked to imported goods. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/2TC8fpa>