



Statement Regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The District of Columbia Hospital Association (DCHA) and its member hospitals are prepared for disasters, emergencies, pandemics and other threats. Emergency preparedness is a year-round activity for hospitals and the District of Columbia, along with many other government agencies and entities.

The safety of patients, hospital professionals and the community are top priorities of the hospitals in the District of Columbia. DCHA, our members and many agencies throughout the city have established an infrastructure for government emergency response preparedness that is a continually assessed.

We are actively coordinating with DC Health, local, regional and national public health agencies to enhance our

emergency response capabilities, increase information exchange and identify clinical best practices to ensure hospitals are equipped to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and other infectious diseases.

How to Prevent Catching & Spreading Coronavirus
Follow these tips to prevent yourself from catching coronavirus, or from potentially spreading the virus to others.

| How to Prevent Catching The Virus | How to Prevent Spreading the Virus |
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| Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds. | Disinfect surfaces that you touch. Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds. |
| Avoid touching your eyes and mouth with unwashed hands. | Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw out the tissue. Wear a facemask if available. |
| Avoid close contact with people who are sick. | Avoid close contact with other people. Stay at home while you are sick. |
| Monitor your symptoms and seek medical attention if your symptoms worsen. | |

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dcha.org/quality-safety/coronavirus

Sources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>

DCHA actively monitors and reports updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and DC Health to ensure our hospitals are receiving all the available information on emerging issues. We work with our member hospitals to ensure they have the appropriate resources to safely and effectively respond to the Coronavirus.

If you're a health care provider, visit DC Health's Health Notices page at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/coronavirus>.

If you suspect you have the Coronavirus, stay home and contact your health care provider immediately.

The District of Columbia Hospital Association is a unifying force working to advance hospitals and health systems in the District of Columbia by promoting policies and initiatives that strengthen our system of care, preserve access and promote better health outcomes for the patients and communities they serve.