

# Coronavirus 2019-nCoV

## Information

### TO HELP UNDERSTAND

#### 1 What is the coronavirus 2019-nCoV?

The coronaviruses represent a family of viruses, causing illnesses ranging from a simple cold to serious respiratory pathologies in humans.

A new coronavirus causing pulmonary infections was detected in China at the end of December 2019.

#### 2 What are the at-risk areas?



The first cases were detected in the Hubei province (China).

The situation is constantly changing. Before any travel, consult the section **Recommendations for travelers** on the website [diplomatie.gouv.fr](http://diplomatie.gouv.fr)

#### 3 What are the methods of transmission?

Pulmonary infections from coronavirus are transmitted through the air (sneezing, coughing, etc.) **during close contact** with a person infected with the virus.

No transmission through objects has been currently reported.

#### 4 What are the first symptoms?

Fever, cough, difficulty breathing arising within 14 days after returning from an area where there are reported cases of the coronavirus.



#### 5 How can someone protect themselves?



> **for those with the virus**, wearing a surgical mask is recommended in order to avoid circulating the disease through the air.

> **for people without the virus**, wearing this type of mask is not recommended and its efficacy has not been demonstrated.

> **healthcare professionals** in contact with those who are ill must use specific protection equipment.



**Hand washing** is recommended in all cases

#### 6 What should a person do after returning from an at-risk area?

Returning from an area where there are reported cases of the coronavirus

In case of a fever, cough or difficulty breathing **within 14 days** after returning



**Call the paramedics by dialing 15 and indicate where you have recently traveled**



**Do not** go directly to the doctor's or visit emergency care services at the hospital, avoid all contact with your family and friends

#### 7 What are the treatments?

Care is based on the treatment of symptoms implemented in identified healthcare establishments

### Any questions?



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