

Coronavirus - What can you do?

On December 31, 2019, Wuhan Municipal Health Commission in Hubei province in central China identified a novel coronavirus is responsible for cases of pneumonia in Wuhan. Saskatchewan's public health officials are working with the Public Health Agency of Canada to actively monitor the situation with systems to prepare for, detect and respond to the spread of serious infectious diseases into and within Canada.

Based on what we know so far here are some things that you can do to keep yourself, your family, your patients and your co-workers safe from spreading germs of all kinds:

- Practice good hand hygiene—review the 4 moments of hand hygiene. Wash your hands properly and often.
- Patients who are symptomatic must wear a surgical/procedure mask, **as must all staff while in the presence of the patient**. These patients must be placed in a private room and seen immediately.
- When examining the patient or collecting specimens, staff must use Contact and Droplet Precautions including long-sleeved gown, gloves, mask, and protective eye wear. Airborne Precautions and Contact Precautions should be used if performing an aerosol-generating medical procedure (AGMP).
- Ensure you are aware of how to properly put on and take off PPE.
- Remember good respiratory manners:
 - cover your mouth and nose if sneezing or coughing (with a tissue or into the bend of your elbow),
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands,
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Based on current knowledge our regular disinfectant (Oxivir) when used properly is effective against Coronavirus. All cleaning practices remain the same.
- Ask questions—talk with your manager if you have concerns.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is working in collaboration with the Ministry of Health to develop and provide the most up-to-date information in a central location. It is important that everyone in the province is working from the same source of information. **Information about coronavirus, provider information, travel advisories and the risk to residents** is available at [Saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus)