



# City of Naperville

## COVID-19 Community Update

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## City Advises Prevention Measures for Coronavirus

The City of Naperville is working with its partners at the city, county, state and federal levels to monitor the worldwide outbreak of coronavirus. The City will continue to take steps to keep residents, staff and visitors to City buildings healthy, safe and informed. Please visit the City's coronavirus webpage at [www.naperville.il.us/coronavirus-resources](http://www.naperville.il.us/coronavirus-resources) to stay up-to-date with the latest information.

As you may know, coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause sicknesses ranging from the common cold to more severe illnesses such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). The novel or new coronavirus (COVID-19) was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has since spread extensively in China. It has now begun to emerge in a growing number of countries around the world, including the United States.

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In some cases, infection can cause more severe symptoms, including pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death. Since COVID-19 is a new disease, there is more to learn about its transmission and severity. New information will inform strategies for dealing with the virus.

Because there is currently no vaccine for the disease, health agencies are advising prevention measures. Therefore, we urge residents to take the following steps to protect you and your family from getting sick or spreading illness to others:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and contact your healthcare provider for a plan of care if you become ill.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Additional information and resources are available online at:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov)
- [DuPage County Health Department](https://www.duPagecounty.org/health)
- [Illinois Department of Public Health](https://www.idph.state.il.us)
- [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int)