

## FACT SHEET ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### NATIONAL AND LOCAL SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

- The total confirmed coronavirus cases in the U.S., including Puerto Rico, were **7111** cases (March 18) and **117** deaths (March 18). Among confirmed cases, 80% have recovered.
- New York City (March 17) has nearly **923** confirmed Corona virus cases, and **3** deaths.
- New York City is considering shelter-in place (curfew) to 8 million NYC residents as other cities and Puerto Rico, have done.
- In Illinois (March 17) had **160** confirmed COVID-19 cases and **4** deaths. A considerably jumped of cases from March 9 when there were only 11 confirmed cases.
- In Illinois, there are cases in the following counties: Champaign, Clinton, Sangamon, Whiteside, Winnebago, Cook (including the city of Chicago), Cumberland, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, St. Clair, & Woodford.
- In Illinois, in the past 24 hours or so, there were 22 confirmed cases in a nursing home in DuPage County that included 18 patients and 4 staff.
- In Illinois on March 18 there were several workers at the Midway Airport Control Tower. This led to several hundred of flights cancellations.
- In March 18, Chicago had its first death of a 60-year-old woman. She came in contact with someone with the virus. The woman had a history of respiratory/pulmonary health problems.
- March 14. The U.S. House of Representative, under the leadership of Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House passed *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*. The package will provide tests for everyone who needs it without cost or any insurance co-payment. It will also provide funds to states to provide school lunch, paid sick leave for workers and for unemployment compensation, etc.
- On March 17, President Donald Trump announced a comprehensive \$1 trillion economic coronavirus response package which is currently being considered in the U.S. Senate. This relief package will provide financial support to individuals such as possible checks or cash for about \$1000 to individuals within several weeks, as well as, to aid the business sectors.

### SYMPTOMS:

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the main symptoms, which may appears **2-14 days after exposure (the incubation period) may include:** fever, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or inability to respond, and/or bluish lips or face. This list is not at all inclusive.

**Call your doctor, clinic or near Hospital Emergency Room:** If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and if you develop some of these symptoms. Please do not visit those facilities to avoid affecting health care workers and other patients there.

### IMPACT ON PEOPLE WITH DIABETES

- Coronavirus can be detrimental for people living with diabetes. Data from the World Health Organization (summarized by Dr. Alberto Romero (@vivirmejor.inf) the worldwide mortality rate is 3.4% and among people with diabetes, it is about 9%.

## PREVENTION

Please seek information at:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Illinois Department of Public Health: <http://dph.illinois.gov/content/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak-information>
- Chicago Department of Public Health: <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home.html>.
- The city of Chicago and the Illinois state have established call center. The call center information for Chicago is: [coronavirus@chicago.gov](mailto:coronavirus@chicago.gov), 312 746-4835



### Reduce your risk of coronavirus infection:

Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water





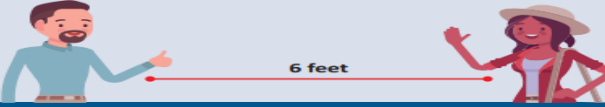
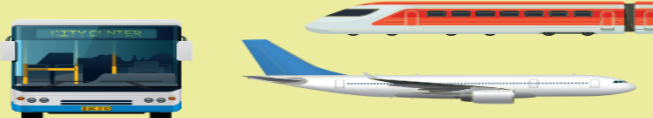
When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash hands

Avoid close contact with anyone that has fever and cough

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<b>Protect yourself and your community</b> Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If you don't have soap or water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when you're sick. 	<b>Change your daily habits</b> Avoid shopping at peak hours and take advantage of delivery or pick-up services with retailers.  <b>Work with your employer</b> Cooperate with leadership to change company practices, set up flexible shift plans, have employees telecommute, and cancel large meetings or conferences. 
<b>Universities and colleges</b> Consider suspending on campus classes, implementing web-based learning and canceling large campus meetings and gatherings. 	<b>Keep at least six feet between you and others.</b> Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting. 
<b>Public transit</b> Avoid public transit if possible and don't travel to areas with active outbreaks. 	<b>Crowded places</b> Avoid crowded places. Events with 1,000 or more people have been canceled. Community events with 250 or more recommended be canceled or postponed. Major sports events are canceled. 