

What is the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2)?
The first cluster of pneumonia cases was identified in Wuhan City, China, in December 2019. Among these patients, various common causes of pneumonia or respiratory infections were excluded and infection with the novel coronavirus was confirmed.

What are the symptoms of novel coronavirus infection?
The symptoms to look out for are fever, coughing and breathing difficulties, which are characteristic of pneumonia.



Recommendations to travellers who have returned from areas affected by coronavirus SARS-CoV-2

If you have recently been in a coronavirus outbreak area or if you have been in contact with a person who has travelled from such area and you have fallen ill (coughing, fever, difficulty breathing), you are advised to:

1. stay at home and avoid contact with other people;
2. Call your chosen doctor or an on-call doctor and explain your situation; and
3. cough into your sleeve or a tissue (not your hands) and follow the rules for proper hand washing.

If you do not notice any symptoms of the disease, precautions are not necessary.



Travelling to a coronavirus outbreak area

If you are travelling abroad and plan to stay in a coronavirus outbreak area, you are advised to:



avoid contact with sick persons and get vaccinated for seasonal influenza;



wash your hands frequently with soap and water



avoid animal markets and animal products



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