

COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019)

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Summary

COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) is an illness caused by a virus. This virus is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world. It is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person to person. On this page, you'll find links to resources on important issues such as symptoms, risks, and how you can protect yourself and your family.

We also have pages on COVID-19 [testing](#) and [vaccines](#), including the vaccines that have been authorized in the United States and the others that are still in progress.

<https://medlineplus.gov/covid19coronavirusdisease2019.html>