

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)

What you need to know.....

WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that cause a range of illnesses from the common cold to severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

In December 2019, a new kind of coronavirus, (2019-nCoV), was identified as the cause of various cases of pneumonia in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China. It has become a concern because the origin and the exact conditions of its spreading are still not known.

HOW DO I RECOGNIZE IT?

The main symptoms of coronavirus resemble those of a bad cold or the flu, which can make detection difficult. They include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

More severe cases can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death. The incubation period is believed to be around two weeks.

Although 2019-nCoV is in the same family as the viruses that cause MERS and SARS, it is in fact a different strain

For up to date figures on the Coronavirus, please see the following link hosted by Johns Hopkins University:

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY'S NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV) RESPONSE PLAN

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (“Authority”) adheres to the recommendations set forth in the U.S. EPA’s Emerging Pathogen Policy regarding cleaning disinfectants effective against the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

The Authority’s Public Safety team will remain in contact with and monitor local, state and federal health agencies for updates as information becomes available.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines suggest hand washing often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using alcohol-based hand sanitizers to prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV. The Authority has positioned hand sanitizer stations and disinfectant wipes in key high-traffic areas throughout the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center and Boston Common Garage. Additionally, the Authority’s maintenance teams are taking health and safety measures including but not limited to both cleaning and thoroughly disinfecting common areas and surfaces during the day

For more information on the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) please follow the links below:

- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)