



Global situation of 2019-nCoV, with data as reported by 6 February 2020

Globally

28,276 confirmed cases

China

28,060 confirmed cases of which **3,859** severe **564** deaths

Outside of China

216 confirmed cases in **24** countries **1** death

WHO risk assessment

China very high **Regional level** high **Global level** high

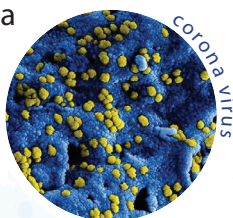
30 Jan 2020, International Health Regulations' expert emergency committee reviews the evidence to date. Considering the committee's advice, WHO Director General declares the outbreak of novel coronavirus as a **public health emergency of international concern**.

WHO and partners' strategic objectives for this response are:

- limit human-to-human transmission, including among close contacts and health care workers, and preventing further international spread from China;
- identify, isolate and care for patients early, including providing optimized care for infected patients;
- identify and reduce transmission from the animal source;
- address crucial unknowns - regarding severity of disease, extent of transmission, treatment options;
- accelerate the development of diagnostics and candidate vaccines;
- communicate critical risk and event information to all communities, counter misinformation;
- minimize social and economic impact through multisectoral partnerships.

What is the novel corona virus (nCoV)?

- ★ nCoV is a new strain of corona virus (**2019-nCoV**) that has not been previously identified in humans.
- ★ corona viruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness in animals and people.
- ★ in people, corona viruses can cause illness ranging from common cold to severe diseases, such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (**MERS-CoV**) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (**SARS-CoV**).
- ★ corona viruses are **zoonotic**, i.e. transmitted from animals to humans.



What are the symptoms of 2019-nCoV?

- ★ fever, cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulties.
- ★ severe cases result in pneumonia or acute respiratory syndrome or respiratory distress.



Can the virus be transmitted from person to person?

- ★ The virus can be transmitted from person to person, following close contact with an infected individual, for example, in a household or workplace.



How do people become infected with this novel coronavirus?

- ★ Intense investigations are underway, to determine the source of the outbreak (most probably an animal reservoir), the types of exposure and exact mode of transmission.
- ★ Contact with respiratory droplets from infected persons can transmit this virus.

Is there a vaccine for 2019-nCoV?

- ★ **novel coronavirus** is a new or newly identified disease. Hence there is **no** vaccine available.
- ★ normally it takes several years to develop a new vaccine.



Does a treatment for 2019-nCoV exist?

- ★ There is **no specific treatment** for disease caused by novel corona virus. Treatment should be based on patient's symptoms. Supportive care can be highly effective.

How to protect yourself and others

● **wash hands frequently with soap & water**



● **avoid *unprotected* contact with wild animals. wash your hands thoroughly after contact with an animal**



● **cover coughs, sneezes with tissues or clothing, maintain distance, wash hands with soap & water**



● **if you have fever, cough, shortness of breath, seek advice & share travel history with health professionals**



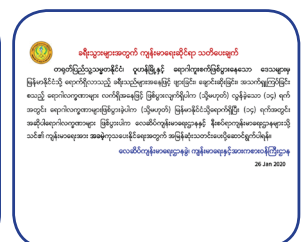
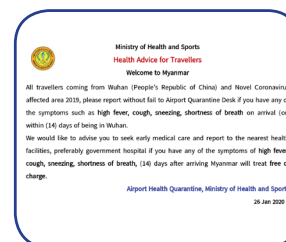
● **avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections**



● **smoking harms lung health -- if you smoke, quit**



Health Advisory for travellers at Myanmar international airports



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<https://bit.ly/39hs4Hp>

- since 1 Feb 2020, visa on arrival for travellers from China is **suspended**.
- in case of symptoms of fever, cough, sneezing, shortness of breath **on arrival**, travellers are asked to report to the Airport Quarantine Desk.
- in case of symptoms of fever, cough, sneezing, shortness of breath **14 days after arriving at Myanmar**, travellers are to seek early medical care and report at nearest health facilities, preferably government hospital, sharing their travel history.

- **more information on novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)** <https://bit.ly/3aDAOJ1>
- **more information on situation reports** <https://bit.ly/2GiQxiZ>
- **WHO Myanmar newsletter special on Novel corona virus (nCoV), 24 Jan 2020** <https://bit.ly/2SopZ5z>