

# INCIDENT BRIEF - COVID-19

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See below for information supplied by NYC Health (DOHMH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) regarding the current COVID-19 outbreak.

### Incident Summary

Recently, a novel (new) coronavirus was detected in thousands of people worldwide, primarily in China. The infection, called COVID-19, can be spread from person to person. A "novel coronavirus" is a strain that has not been previously found in humans.

One person has been diagnosed with this novel coronavirus in New York City (see [up-to-date case count](#)). The risk to New Yorkers of contracting this novel coronavirus is still low. Currently, we have not detected community transmission of COVID-19 in New York City. Community transmission means the disease is spreading and the source of the infection is unknown.

NYCEM continues to coordinate with DOHMH and our other agency partners in COVID-19 preparedness and planning efforts. NYCEM will be hosting a number of Interagency Critical Action Planning Task Forces which will include, among other areas, a focus on Private Sector engagement.

### Overview

Situational Overview	
<b>NYCEM Operations Center Activation Level</b>	IV – Steady State
<b>NYCEM Planning and Coordination Cell</b>	Activated
<b>School Closures</b>	Not applicable at this time

### Preventative Actions to Take

You should go about your daily life, but take the same precautions that you would during cold and flu season:

- Get your [flu shot](#) — it's not too late. Although the flu shot will not protect you from COVID-19, it will help prevent the flu which has similar symptoms to this coronavirus.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing — do not use your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you are not feeling well.

**Resources**

- [NYCEM and NYC Health Private Sector Webinar Recording, February 27, 2020](#)
- [NYC Health COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Business and Employer Guidance for Novel Coronavirus from NYC Health](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers, February 2020](#)
- [NYC Mayor's Office Press Conference, March 2, 2020](#)

**Transportation Outlook**

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International Alerts	<a href="#">See the CDC's risk assessment levels by country, last reviewed on February 29, 2020</a>

