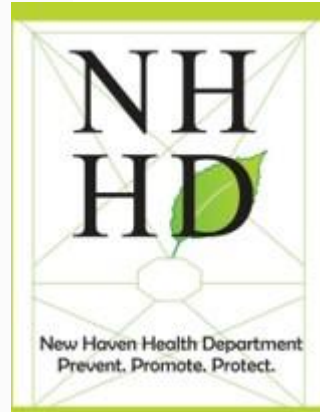
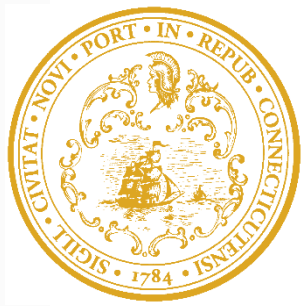


# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update



HOMELESS SERVICES PROVIDERS –  
SHELTERS, SOUP KITCHENS, PANTRIES

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- **The information in this presentation is current as of March 11, 2020, unless otherwise noted, and subject to change.**

# Overview

Discuss and Describe

Discuss and describe global, national, state, local status of COVID-19



Identify

Identify Symptoms associated with COVID-19



Describe

Describe steps you can assist with reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19



Review

Recommendations for homeless services providers

# About COVID-19

- Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a **respiratory illness** that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.
- The virus is thought to **spread mainly from person-to-person** between people who are in **close contact with one another** (within about 6 feet) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

# What are the Symptoms?

**COVID**  
CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE **19**

## SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Symptoms\* can include

**FEVER**



**COUGH**



\*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

**SHORTNESS OF BREATH**



Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms)

# Health Alert

**COVID**  
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## Health Alert: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

**You have traveled to a country with an outbreak of COVID-19 and are at higher risk.**

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person.

### Stay Home

Stay home for the next 14 days and monitor your health. Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and watch for symptoms.

### If you feel sick and have symptoms:

- Call ahead before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room.
- Tell the doctor about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Do not travel while sick.

### Symptoms

Illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death. Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure.

### Symptoms can include:



Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)



Cough



Shortness of breath

Visit the website for more information on monitoring your health and how to contact local public health officials. Visit: [www.cdc.gov/COVIDtravel](http://www.cdc.gov/COVIDtravel)



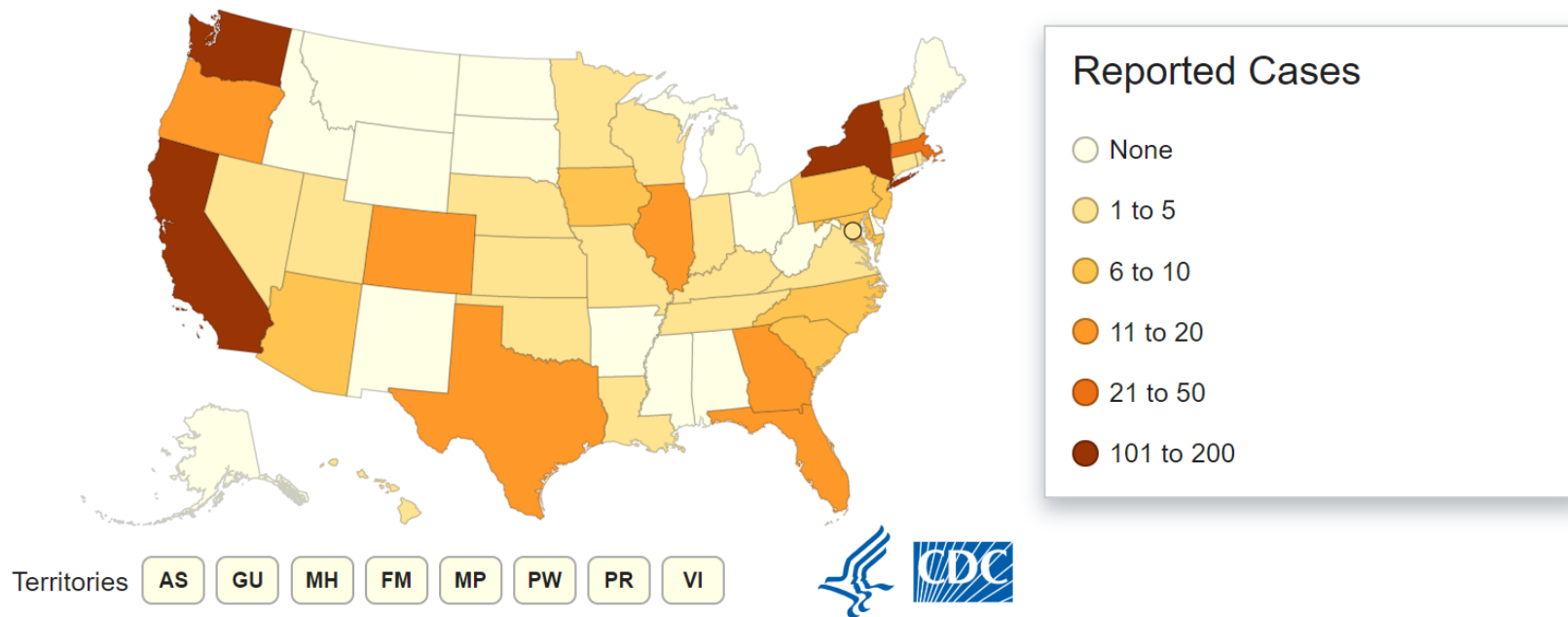
# COVID-19 Global & National Impact

John Hopkins Live  
Dashboard

- <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

# COVID-19 United States

## States Reporting Cases of COVID-19 to CDC\*





# COVID-19 Travel Information

## Personal Travel Consideration

### Widespread sustained (ongoing) transmission and restrictions on entry to the United States

CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the following destinations. Entry of foreign nationals from these destinations has been suspended.

- China ([Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#))
- Iran ([Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#))

### Widespread sustained (ongoing) transmission

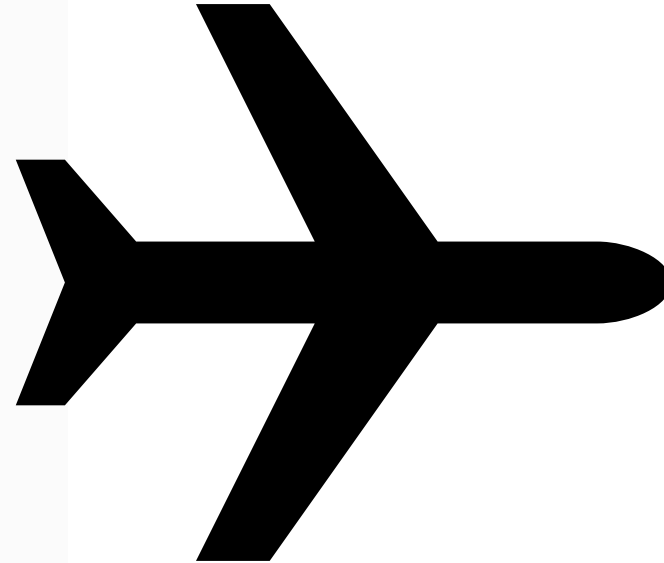
CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the following destinations:

- South Korea ([Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#))
- Italy ([Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#))

### Sustained (ongoing) community transmission

CDC recommends that older adults or those who have chronic medical conditions consider postponing travel to the following destinations:

- Japan ([Level 2 Travel Health Notice](#))



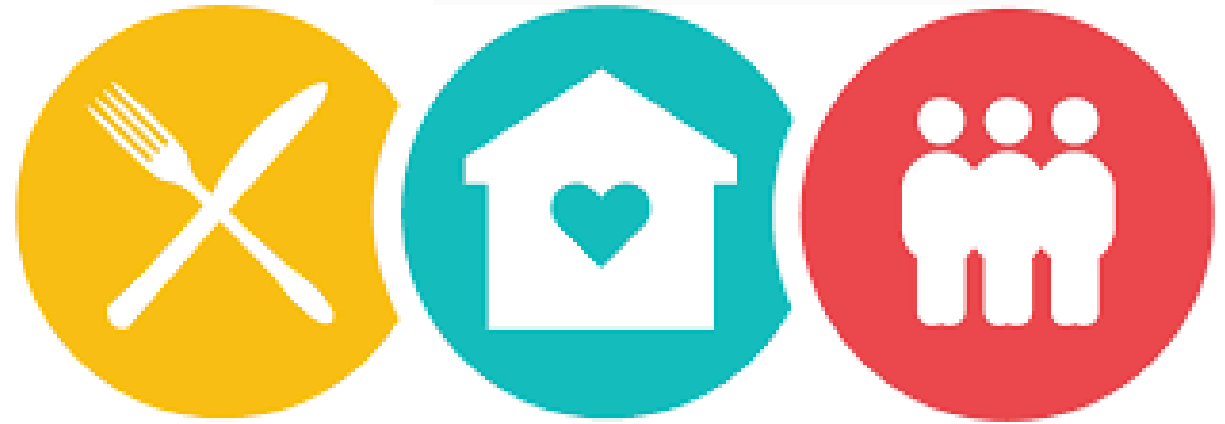
# Connecticut COVID-19 Cases

- There are three confirmed Connecticut resident cases
- There are two New York residents' cases that worked in CT
- No confirmed case in New Haven, but we are assuming Coronavirus is already spreading

*As of March 11, 2020*

Homeless Services  
Providers –  
Shelters, Soup  
Kitchens, Pantries

*Considerations*

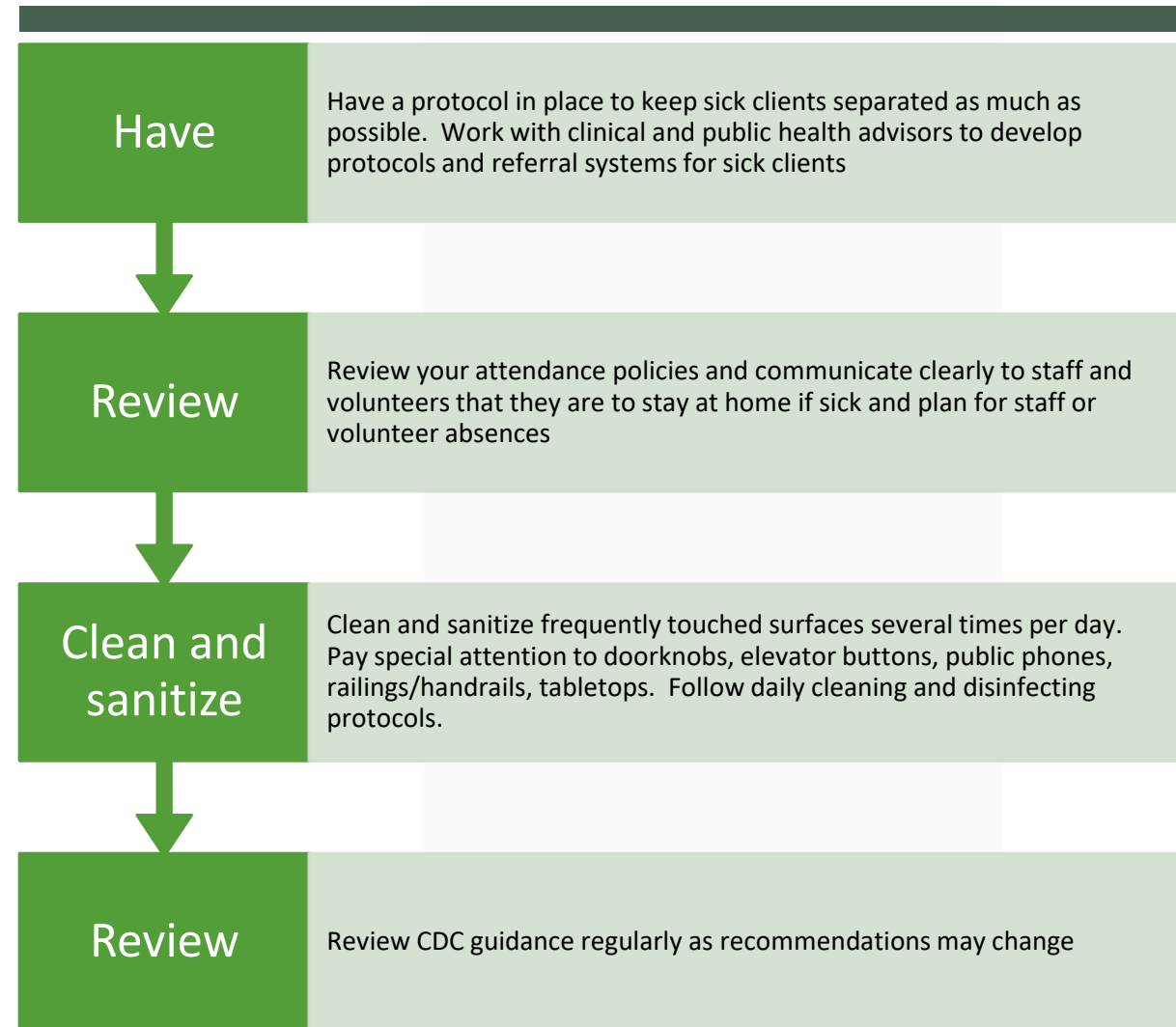


FOOD & SHELTER

## Encourage Clients, Volunteers, and Staff to Practice Basic Precautions

- Make it **easy and convenient** for clients and staff to **wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds**, ensure adequate supplies are available. Hand sanitizers should be 60% alcohol.
- Remind clients and staff to **avoid touching** their eyes, nose and mouth
- Remind clients and staff to **cover their mouths** and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Encourage staff and volunteers to **stay home if they are sick**
- **Anyone with a fever** should remain home. If they suspect Coronavirus, they should call their healthcare provider

# Policies, Protocols, and Communication



## Policies, Protocols, and Communication cont...

- Alert local health officials about any suspected cases
- Review and update emergency operations plans – seek counsel of healthcare or public health officials as needed.
- Develop or update as applicable your pandemic preparedness and infection control protocols and update accordingly
- Elevate sanitary precautions around food preparation and service, consider pre-packaging meals / meal delivery

# What to Do if a Client, Volunteer or Staff Member Has Symptoms

- Separate the staff or client from others, and provide them with a face mask
- If not a medical emergency, determine basic risk factors such as recent travel to areas of high transmission, contact with someone with known COVID19
- Contact a healthcare provider – PLEASE DO NOT HAVE THEM SHOW UP TO THEIR PROVIDER UNANNOUNCED
- Guidance about who is at risk is constantly changing – stay up to date with CDC guidance, including traveler guidance
- If you are worried about a potential case or exposure risk call your local health department for further guidance
  - In New Haven – (203) 946-4949

# Resources

## **CDC – Coronavirus Disease 2019**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

## **Connecticut Department of Public Health**

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>

## **Coronavirus Resources for Homeless Providers**

<https://t.e2ma.net/webview/e8jgcl/39270471477b06ca2ade3ef09d164068>

## **CDC – Guide for Homeless Shelters**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html>



# Display Posters

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## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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# Questions and Answers

