Coronavirus / COVID-19 Quick Facts
Spreading Knowledge, Not Infection
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WHAT WE KNOW

● Coronavirus spreads via contact with surfaces & through airborne droplets transmitted through coughing by people who have contracted the virus

● There have been over 130,000 confirmed cases of Coronavirus and more than 4,900 deaths worldwide

● The U.S. has more than 1900 confirmed cases with 41 reported deaths

● There are confirmed cases in 48 states with Washington state being the epicenter of U.S. community transmission

● Older adults, individuals with underlying health conditions, and immunocompromised individuals are more at risk and have been affected with the most severe symptoms

● There have been confirmed cases in children and adolescents but their symptoms have been mild in comparison to adults
  ○ Children can spread COVID-19

WHAT YOU CAN DO

● Wash your hands often (for at least 20 seconds each time)
  ○ Use hand-sanitizer if necessary

● Avoid touching any part of your face with unwashed hands

● When you cough or sneeze, do so into your arm or into a tissue. Do not cover your cough with your hand as this is how germs spread
  ○ Wash your hands immediately after you cough/sneeze

● Regularly disinfectant surfaces at home & at work

● Avoid physical contact with those who are sick & if you’re feeling sick, stay at home

Sources: Johns Hopkins, World Health Organization, CDC, NPR, NBC News
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The first cases of Coronavirus were reported in China on December 31, 2019.

As of February 26, 2020, Coronavirus spread to every continent except Antarctica.

March 9, 2020: Louisiana reports its first presumptive positive case in Jefferson parish (wwltv)

As of March 13, 2020, there have been 36 cases in Louisiana; 26 in Orleans parish.

**TRANSMISSION AND DIAGNOSIS**

The virus that causes COVID-19:

- Usually spreads from close person-to-person contact through respiratory droplets from coughing and sneezing.
- May also spread through airborne transmission, when tiny droplets remain in the air even after the person with the virus leaves the area.
- Can only be diagnosed with a laboratory test.

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