What is it?
- It is a new respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, China
- It has the potential to cause severe illness and pneumonia in some people.

How is it spread?
- Through the the air by coughing and sneezing
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes

Who is at risk?
- Travelers to and from certain areas of China are at increased risk, as are their close contacts.
- Current risk to the general public is low.
- See travel guidance from the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention at wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel.

What are the symptoms?
Illnesses can be mild, or in some cases be severe enough to require hospitalization.
Symptoms of this respiratory illness primarily include:
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

How is it prevented and treated?
- Similar to prevention of other respiratory illnesses, including the flu:
  - Wash hands often
  - Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
  - Avoid contact with sick people
  - Stay home while you are sick; avoid others
  - Cover mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- Most people with mild coronavirus illness will recover on their own by drinking plenty of fluids, resting, and taking pain and fever medications