# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

How to protect yourself and others

#### **The Most Essential Preventive Measures**



#### Wash your hands frequently,

With soap and water - or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, to remove germs.



#### Maintain social distancing

Avoid contracting germs from touch or respiratory droplets by keeping at least 1-meter distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.



## Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth,

To protect your **respiratory system** from contracting the virus in case your hands have touched a **polluted surface**.

#### **Travelers**

- Avoid unnecessary travel, especially to areas with the outbreak.
- Travelers returning from affected areas should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days and follow national protocols of receiving countries and/or their employer.
- Some countries and/or employers may require returning travelers to enter quarantine. If symptoms occur, such as fever, or cough or difficulty breathing, travelers are advised to contact local health care providers, preferably by phone, and inform them of their symptoms and their travel history.



### In case of sickness, follow these practices



If you have fever, cough, and difficulty breathing: seek medical care early



If you are coughing or sneezing: Practice respiratory hygiene - by covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately. You can also wear a mask to avoid spreading your respiratory droplets to other people.



If you need to take care of a sick person: use personal protective equipment (e.g.: mask, gloves, lab coat)

#### Sources:

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html

