

ABOUT COVID-19

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause respiratory illness in people, ranging from mild common colds to severe illnesses.

Novel coronaviruses are new strains of the virus that have not been previously identified in humans.

At this time, many patients who have contracted COVID-19 have reported only mild symptoms. COVID-19 is believed to be spread mainly through coughing, sneezing, or direct contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19 or with surfaces they have recently touched.

COVID-19 is not specific to an ethnicity or race—disease does not discriminate.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of the virus a pandemic on March 11. On January 30 it was labelled a public health emergency.

For more information about COVID-19, please consult the following websites:

[Saskatchewan Ministry of Health](#)

[Global Affairs Canada](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[World Health Organization](#)