What is a coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are viruses that cause sicknesses like the common cold. 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.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing.

How do I stay healthy?

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you use a hand sanitizer, make sure it is at least 60% alcohol-based.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands. If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, rather than into your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get a flu shot each year. It will not provide protection against COVID-19, but can prevent flu and its potentially serious complications.

What is Baptist Health doing to prepare for an outbreak?

Baptist Health is following guidance from Health Departments officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Our clinical staff is trained to recognize patients who may have COVID-19 infection, and to keep the virus from spreading.

Through Baptist Health Care On Demand, our telehealth platform, online caregivers are prepared to follow the appropriate CDC protocols for COVID-19. Our Care On Demand providers can answer any questions you have, evaluate your risk, and provide support to relieve symptoms. Please use code CARE19.

Where can I get more information?

More information can be found on the CDC website (cdc.gov). If you have questions, call the Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Call Center, at 1-866-779-6121. The Call Center is available 24/7.