

# GET THE FACTS: A Guide to Information Sources on COVID-19

COVID-19 can spread from person to person. This usually happens through respiratory droplets – when someone with the virus coughs or sneezes, and you breathe it in. Most often, you need to be close to the person (within 6 feet) for it to spread this way. It might be possible to get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching your own mouth, nose, or possibly your eyes. But this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.” [MedlinePlus](#)

## Online Resources



[Coronavirus Infections Also called: COVID-19](#) from MedlinePlus

[Coronavirus Testing](#) from MedlinePlus



[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) summary](#) from The National Library of Medicine. NLM is operated by the United States federal government, is the world’s largest medical library.

[Coronaviruses including COVID-19](#) from the National Institute on Allergies and Infectious Diseases. NIAID conducts and supports basic and applied research to better understand, treat, and ultimately prevent infectious, immunologic, and allergic diseases. NIAID is one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

[NIH – Coronavirus](#) The National Institutes of Health’s Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation Summary page. An agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NIH is the largest biomedical research agency in the world.

[Coronavirus and “Alternative” Treatments](#) The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) funds and conducts research to help answer important scientific and public health questions about complementary health approaches. NCCIH works to determine what is promising, what helps and why, what doesn’t work, and what is safe. (Added 3/2/2020)



[CDC – Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) Information and updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), national public health institute of the United States.

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Situation Summary](#) The situation summary page regarding COVID-19, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

[CDC – Guidance for Employers](#) Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

[Printable handwashing posters in multiple languages](#) (Added 3/2/2020)

[Information on COVID-19 and Pregnant Women and Children](#)(Added 3/9/2020)

[Stop the Spread of Germs poster](#) printable PDF (Added 3/9/2020)



[NAACHO – Directory of Local Health Departments](#) National Association of County Health Officials

## **Additional Resources**

[A Guide: How To Prepare Your Home For Coronavirus](#) NPR LifeKit

[Just For Kids: A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus](#) – Kids, this comic is for you. It's based on a radio story that NPR education reporter Cory Turner did. He asked some experts what kids might want to know about the new coronavirus discovered in China. (Added 2/28/2020)

## News Resources

- [The New York Times – Coronavirus News Updates](#) Live news updates from The New York Times. University of Iowa affiliates can get free online access without monthly page view limits: Register at [accessnytimes.com](https://accessnytimes.com)
- [CNN – Coronavirus News Updates](#) Live updates from CNN
- [Al Jazeera – Coronavirus](#) Coronavirus outbreak news from Al Jazeera English.
- [BBC News – Health News](#) British Broadcasting Company's (BBC) Health news page.
- [The Washington Post](#) Coronavirus outbreak news

## Maps & Visualizations

- [Interactive Map – Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by Johns Hopkins CSSE](#) An interactive web-based dashboard to track COVID-19 in real time. From Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering.
- [CDC – Countries With Confirmed Cases Map](#) Shows a static map of countries with confirmed COVID-19 Cases as well as a list of those countries.
- [The New York Times – Coronavirus Map](#) Updated maps from The New York Times

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