What is 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)? Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause illness in people, others are found in animals. Animal coronaviruses can change and infect people and then spread between people. The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a newly identified virus that started as an outbreak in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China.

What caused 2019-nCoV? The cause is not yet confirmed, but it likely came from a bat in a market in Wuhan City.

Who has been infected? As of February 3, 2020, there were more than 17,000 cases worldwide almost all of which are in China. About 180 travel-associated cases have been reported in 26 countries including the United States. In the United States there are eleven cases including six in California. Both Illinois and California have reported a case of person-to-person transmission.

What are the signs of this disease? Fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties are the primary signs and symptoms.

What is the United States doing?
- The Department of State has asked that all non-essential travel to China be delayed.
- Entry to the United States from China will be limited to U.S. Citizens and permanent residents. These passengers arriving from China will go through airports with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Quarantine Stations. Passengers will either be placed in Quarantine or on Self-Monitoring.
- The CDC has activated their Emergency Operations Center, developed lab testing for 2019-nCoV, and will distribute the lab test to Public Health Labs. The CDC is also conducting entry screening, assisting state and local health departments, and working on an investigational new drug to treat the virus.

What is Mariposa County doing?
- Coordinating with first responders and John C. Fremont Healthcare District on procedures to investigate possible cases.
- Ensuring that healthcare workers have the resources needed to respond, including adequate stocks of PPE.
- Communicating with elected officials and the public about 2019-nCoV and steps to take.

What should I do?
- If you have been to China or had contact with someone who was there within the past 2 weeks, and you develop a fever, cough, or have difficulty breathing, get medical care right away.
  - Call before going to see your doctor or going to the emergency room.
  - Tell them you were in China or had contact with someone who was there.
  - Tell them your symptoms.
- Wear a medical mask if you have symptoms.
- Cover your nose and mouth with tissue or a flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands with warm soap and water or use hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Additional information on this situation can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html

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