

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Common Questions

## What is coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus or COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel, or new, coronavirus that was first identified during an outbreak investigation in Wuhan, China.

### **COVID-19 and our community**

Milwaukee's south side has experienced a high number of positive COVID-19 cases. It's important that we are doing everything possible to stay safe and stop the spread of the disease. Visit <a href="mailto:sschc.org">sschc.org</a> to learn more about how you can protect yourself and prevent the spread of the virus.

# How does COVID-19 spread?

- From person to person when you are in close contact (within 6 feet)
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes

# Is there a vaccine?

Yes, there are vaccines available to protect against COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free. No proof of insurance or immigration status is needed. Go to <a href="mailto:sschc.org">sschc.org</a> to find a **FREE** COVID-19 vaccine near you.

#### Is there a treatment for COVID-19?

There is currently no specific treatment available. If you think you may be sick with COVID-19, call your medical provider immediately and follow their instructions.

# What can I do to stay safe?

- Get vaccinated.
- Stay home as much as possible.
  - Only leave home when necessary, for items like food and medicine or to see your doctor.
  - Stay 6 feet away from others when out in public or if someone in your home is sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue away. Try not to touch your face.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you have a fever, cough, and trouble breathing, call before visiting your doctor.
   You may not need to be seen in-person and can have your visit done by phone.
- If you do have to go in, do not bring extra people to your appointments.

If you have questions or think you may be sick with COVID-19, call us at 414-672-1353.

