



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Frequently Asked Questions

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1.	What is coronavirus?	A coronavirus is one of a number of viruses that cause diseases in mammals and birds. In humans, the viruses cause respiratory infections.
2.	What is the coronavirus in the news?	According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a coronavirus – initially referred to as 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) – is a virus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China.
3.	What is COVID-19?	COVID-19 is the name given by the WHO to the new coronavirus. It replaces “2019 Novel Coronavirus and 2019-nCoV.” The word coronavirus refers to the group of viruses it belongs to, rather than this latest strain.
4.	How does coronavirus spread?	When person-to-person spread has occurred with viruses similar to coronavirus, it is thought to have happened mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Please see How COVID-19 Spreads for additional information.
5.	What are the symptoms of coronavirus?	The Pennsylvania Department of Health has information about the coronavirus available here , including a listing of symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runny nose

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headache • Cough • Sore throat • Fever • A general feeling of not being well. • Human coronaviruses can sometimes cause lower-respiratory tract infections, such as pneumonia or bronchitis. <p>Please keep in mind that these symptoms are similar to the flu and the common cold. Please check with your doctor if you are experiencing any of these symptoms.</p>
6.	Are there any known cases of the coronavirus in Pennsylvania?	Please see the Pennsylvania Department of Health's website which lists the total of presumed coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the state.
7.	Is HACC prepared for the coronavirus?	Yes. HACC has a risk assessment team, a COVID-19 task force and a plan for the coronavirus. Please see the College's phased plan .
8.	How can the spread of coronavirus be prevented?	Please visit the CDC's website for information on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
9.	Should I be traveling?	Visit the CDC's Coronavirus Disease Information for Travel for the latest information on travelers and travel related industries. Please also see the World Health Organization (WHO) website for travel advice .
12.	What if I have the coronavirus or know of a HACC student or employee who has it?	Please review the information listed on hacc.edu/COVIDannouncements on how to report a positive COVID-19 test result.