



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 2019-nCoV 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?	<p>Yes. HACC has a risk assessment team, a COVID-19 task force and a plan for the coronavirus. The plan has three levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level I: Coronavirus outbreaks have occurred abroad. Some individuals within the U.S. may have the Coronavirus. No known cases have been reported in Pennsylvania. • Level II: Coronavirus outbreaks continue to increase abroad and within the U.S. One or more known cases have been reported in Pennsylvania. • Level III: Coronavirus outbreaks continue to increase abroad and within the U.S. One or more known cases have been reported in the communities served by HACC. One or more HACC students or employees have been infected.
8.	How can the spread of coronavirus be prevented?	<p>If you are feeling ill, the CDC recommends that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home except to get medical care • Separate yourself from other people in your home • Call ahead before visiting your doctor

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a facemask • Cover your coughs and sneezes • Wash your hands • Avoid sharing household items • Monitor your symptoms <p>Please go to Interim Guidance for Preventing 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) from Spreading to Others in Homes and Communities.</p> <p>Additionally, the World Health Organization’s (WHO) standard recommendations for the general public to reduce exposure to and transmission of a range of illnesses are as follows, which include hand and respiratory hygiene, and safe food practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water; • When coughing and sneezing, cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash hands; • Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough; • If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider; • When visiting live markets in areas currently experiencing cases of novel coronavirus, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals; • The consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided. Raw meat, milk or animal organs should be handled with care, to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, as per good food safety practices.
9.	Should I be traveling?	<p>Visit the CDC’s Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information for Travel for the latest information on travelers and travel related industries.</p> <p>Avoid non-essential travel to China, Iran, Italy and South Korea because of widespread sustained (ongoing) transmission.</p>

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		Self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days if you return from an affected area, per recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO) .
10.	What if I have the coronavirus or know of a HACC student or employee who has it?	HACC takes this matter very seriously. Please email corona@hacc.edu to share the information. We will confidentially research your submission.