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We hope you, your family and friends, company, are safe as the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) works its way around the world.

The FCIA Board of Directors and Staff teleconferenced on Monday to discuss the COVID-19 issue and FCIA's [ECA '20 Conference](#) in May. We're watching developments closely, as are you.

[FCIA Webinars](#) are still taking place, with a 4-hour program that was delivered Wednesday. Don't miss next week's webinar, '[Fire Codes, Building Codes, and Building Barrier Management – Firestops and More](#)', and look for future extended programs on firestopping open to the membership.

For announcements about the [FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference](#), watch the NEW [FCIA.org](#) for updates.

To date, there has been a lot of information circulated about the novel coronavirus COVID-19. The situation is evolving rapidly, with more information coming out hourly about cases, outcomes, government responses, and more.

Below is some consolidated information, a resource for you on COVID-19. It's your Association gathering information received and distributing it to the Members in the hopes of informing those who may not have access to the same information we receive. This is by no means meant to be comprehensive or authoritative.

- [Hendrick Phillips](#)
  - [CONTRACT PROVISIONS](#)
    - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/HPSS-CORVID-19-Project-Concerns-and-Contract-Provisions.html?soid=1101910017982&aid=jOmzGeAjGDO>
  - [CORONAVIRUS FAQ](#)
    - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/HPSS-CORVID-19-Coronavirus-FAQ.html?soid=1101910017982&aid=xZlxBOVojqU>
- [Safety Check](#) - Toolbox Talk for FCIA (attached)
- [World Health Organization - Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)
  - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- [USA Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) - Learn More About COVID-19](#)
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- [Johns Hopkins University - COVID-19 Map](#)
  - <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>
- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
  - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health.html>
- [Emirates Ministry of Public Health](#)

- <https://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/AwarenessCenter/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>
- [Qatar Ministry of Public Health](#)
  - <https://www.moph.gov.qa/english/Pages/Coronavirus2019.aspx>
- State/Province/Emirate Departments-Ministries of Public Health – Visit each Department, Ministry, that is in your area.
- [ASHE \(American Society for Health Care Engineering\) - COVID-19 resource page](#)
  - <https://www.ashe.org/COVID19resources>
- [US Department of Labor - COVID-19 or Other Public Health Emergencies and the Family and Medical Leave Act Questions and Answers](#)
  - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla/pandemic>
- [Small Business Administration - Coronavirus: Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources](#)
  - <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>
- [Internal Revenue Service - Coronavirus Tax Relief](#)
  - <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>

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CDC is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”).

This disease has caused severe illness, including illness resulting in death is concerning, especially since it has also shown sustained person-to-person spread in several places. These factors meet two of the criteria of a pandemic. Below are important notes on how we can protect ourselves.

### **Transmission:**

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

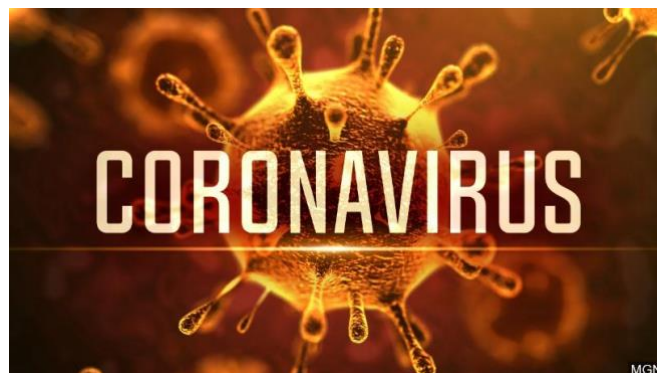
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs

### **Symptoms:**

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases. The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath



### **How to Protect Yourself:**

Clean your hands often:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

