



## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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### \*\*\*MEDIA AVAILABILITY\*\*\*

## Health officials urge public to stay informed about novel coronavirus to protect their health

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### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

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### **MEDIA ALERT**

There has been an outbreak of a new illness called “novel coronavirus” in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China that began in December 2019. With Lunar New Year just around the corner, the San Francisco Department of Public Health urges all community members to stay informed with accurate information about the novel coronavirus so they can stay safe. There are zero cases of novel coronavirus in San Francisco at this time.

**WHAT:** The San Francisco Department of Public will review the facts of the novel coronavirus and provide an update on the City’s preparedness.

**WHO:** *Dr. Susan Philip*, Director of Disease Prevention and Control, SFDPH

**WHEN:** Friday, January 24, 2020, 2:00pm

**WHERE:** San Francisco Department of Public Health  
101 Grove Street, Room 220 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

**Visual:** Coronavirus Facts sheet available in English and Chinese

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### **About San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH)**

The mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans. SFDPH strives to achieve its mission through the work of two



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main divisions – the San Francisco Health Network and the Population Health Division. The San Francisco Health Network is a community of top-rated clinics, hospitals and programs that serves more than 100,000 people annually at sites such as Castro Mission, Chinatown, and Southeast health centers, Zuckerberg San Francisco General and Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. With a broad community focus, the goal of the Population Health Division is to ensure that San Franciscans have optimal health and wellness at every stage of life. To achieve this, the Division is comprised of branches dedicated to core public health services, such as health protection and promotion, disease and injury prevention, disaster preparedness and response, and environmental health services.

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