There has been an outbreak of a new illness called “novel coronavirus” in Wuhan City, China that began in December 2019. The issue is quickly evolving. Keep yourself informed so you can stay safe.

Information is changing quickly
Cases have been confirmed in China, Japan, Thailand, South Korea, Taiwan and the United States in patients who had been to Wuhan. It’s too soon to know where exactly the new virus came from or how easily it spreads. Since this virus is very new, health authorities continue to carefully watch how this virus spreads.

Public health officials are taking action
Public health officials are taking action to protect the public. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are closely monitoring the outbreak. This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation, and CDC will provide updated information as it becomes available.

The CDC is screening passengers arriving from Wuhan, China, to five airports in the United States, including San Francisco International Airport (SFO), for fever and symptoms of the illness.

There is no novel coronavirus circulating in San Francisco
San Francisco has zero confirmed cases of novel coronavirus. If a San Francisco case is confirmed, the Health Department will make an announcement, in cooperation with CDC and California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Bay Area residents are at low risk of becoming infected
Residents of the Bay Area are at low risk of becoming infected with this novel (new) coronavirus, unless they have recently traveled to Wuhan or have come in close contact with someone who was ill who recently traveled in that area.

Do I need to wear a mask or cancel my social activities?
There is no recommendation to wear masks or cancel your activities at this time. The best way to protect your health is by practicing preventive measures such as consistent handwashing and getting a flu shot to help prevent illness and symptoms similar to the novel coronavirus.

If you traveled to Wuhan and are feeling symptoms...
Anyone who has recently been to Wuhan and develops a fever and lower respiratory symptoms, such as a cough or shortness of breath, should first call their doctor or health care provider and share their travel history before visiting.

Tips to protect yourself and others
1) Get your flu shot to protect against flu or symptoms similar to novel coronavirus
2) Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds
3) Cover your cough or sneeze
4) Stay home if you are sick
5) For people who may be traveling to Wuhan:

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