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# Coronavirus

- The **Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)** is a new coronavirus strain identified in China, which has caused cases of severe pneumonia in China.
- Coronavirus is a family of viruses known to cause illnesses ranging from common cold to pneumonia
- Cases of 2019nCoV have been exported to other cities and countries

**Typical Symptoms include cough, runny nose, fever and shortness of breath**

## MONITOR YOUR HEALTH CLOSELY

1

All travelers to monitor your health closely for 2 weeks upon returning to South Africa

2

If you have fever, cough or runny nose, wear a mask and seek medical attention promptly

3

Call the clinic ahead of your visit and inform the doctor of your symptoms and travel history

## PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE



**Avoid contact  
with live  
animals, poultry  
and birds**



**Avoid  
consumption  
of raw and  
undercooked  
meat**



**Avoid crowded  
places and  
around people  
who are unwell**



**Observe good  
personal  
hygiene at all  
times**



**Wash hands  
frequently  
with soap**



**Cover your mouth  
with a tissue paper  
when coughing or  
sneezing**



**See a doctor  
if you are  
unwell**

**REMAIN VIGILANT AND ADOPT GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE PRACTICES**

The situation is evolving, check updates on [www.health.gov.za](http://www.health.gov.za) and [www.nicd.ac.za](http://www.nicd.ac.za)

# VOX POPS- DSD VOICES ON COVID-19

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### Ms Lebogang Ntlailane, NPO Directorate

My understanding is that COVID-19 is not from South Africa and it is causes are not yet known. However, it affects us because it has been declared a pandemic by the WHO and the President has since declared a state of national disaster in South Africa. As a result, traveling arrangements and the likes had to be stopped to prevent the spread of the pandemic. What is creating panic is how fast the virus is spreading, because the reported new infection cases keep on rising.

The NPO Directorate deals with walk-in clients and precautionary measures such as the provision of hand sanitizers at the entrance for everyone that walks including officials should be put in place.

At the moment, I am using homemade sanitizer made out of spirit to sanitize my work-space to help kill the germs that might spread the virus. Even though we are provided with gloves, I think more need to be done to stop the panic.



### Patrick Matlala, Security Personnel

I think people need to be more informed about this virus. They must also adhere to measures in place such as avoiding crowds, wearing the mask, gloves and apply sanitizers and wash hands regularly. At home, I also practice good hygiene because I travel on public transport to and from work and I must take necessary measures to protect my family from this virus. I advise my family to wash their hands.



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### Rhulani Ngobeni, The Ministry of Social Development

It's a deadly disease that one gets through contaminated individuals which is spread through coughing and handshakes.

Preventative measures that can be taken is that as advised by researchers we need to communicate and invest more resources to contain this pandemic. People must take this virus seriously and take precautionary measures as advised by the Department of Health. Personally, I wash my hands regularly and use hand sanitiser to protect myself against the virus and I also advice others to do the same.



### Kagiso Moloto, Salary Preparations

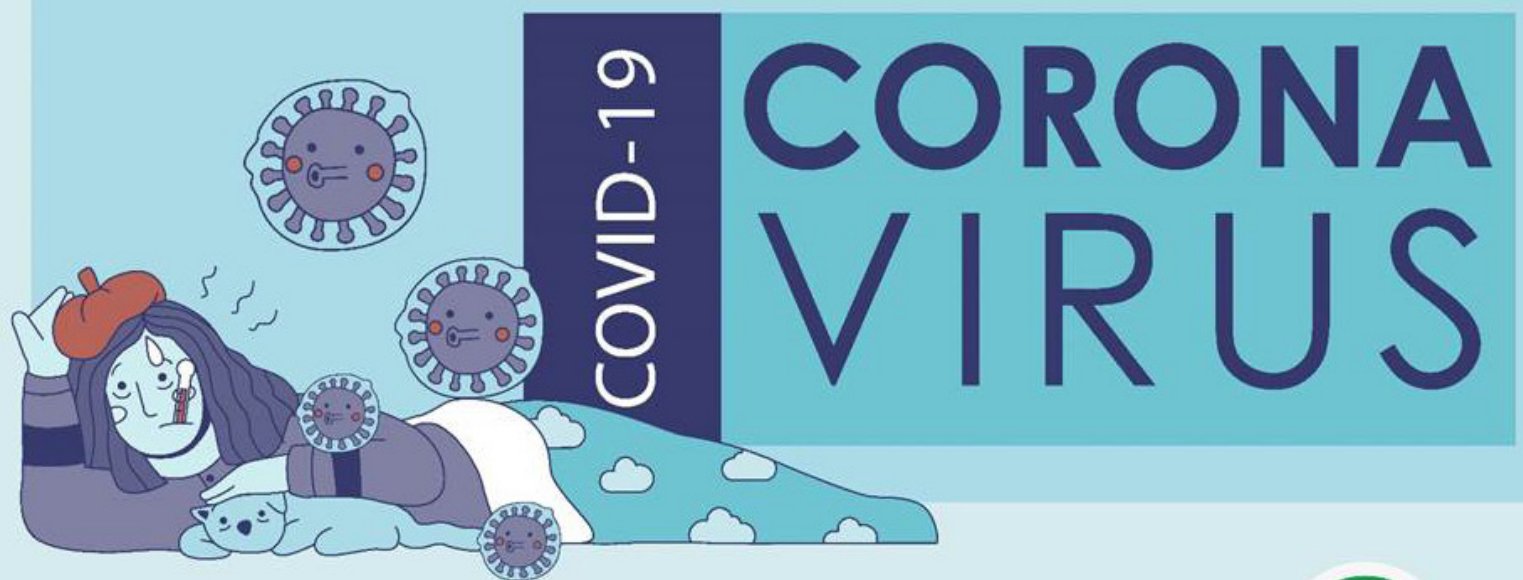
This Corona virus hides itself in several symptoms such as flu which causes panic amongst South Africans especially now that we are approaching winter season. With lack of information, most people may be affected by this virus during winter.

As a unit that works with travellers directly, we had to act swiftly by taking precautionary measures. In the interim, the unit bought hand sanitizers for officials. To minimize contact with staff, the unit has decided not to receive any hard copy documents. For now we are operating paperless. Let's all keep clean and practice good hygiene.



### Lana Peterson, Directorate, Outcome 13 Inter-sectoral Coordination

My husband works abroad so this pandemic affects me severely because my travel arrangements to reunite as a family had to change. I am very concerned on the rapid spread of the virus as I constantly check on updates. To prevent new infections and the spread of COVID-19, I sanitize my work desk and practice polite social distancing without offending others.

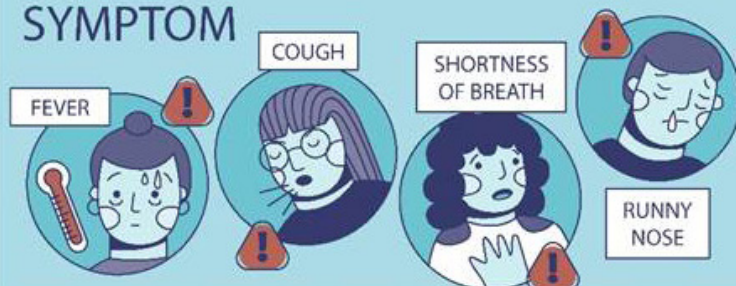


# DID YOU KNOW?

The Department of Health developed a simpler way for you to bust COVID-19 myths, avoid fake news and advocate safety precautions and any information you desire to know about COVID-19?

## GET ALL THE FACTS

### SYMPTOM



## HOW?



1. Add **0600 123 456** on your phone as a new contact and save it as "CORONA".
2. Go to your WhatsApp, search "CORONA" and click on it.
3. Type "Hi" - a welcome message will appear with a list of services you require to know about COVID-19.
4. Type the word you require information on e.g "NEWS". Relevant information will appear relating to the particular search word.