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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and which has now been detected in 37 locations internationally, including cases in the United States. The virus is named "SARS-CoV-2" and the diseases it causes is named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"). COVID-19 illnesses are reported in a growing number of [international locations](#), including the [United States](#). Person-to-person spread of this virus is reported outside China. The United States reported the [first confirmed instance of person-to-person spread](#) with this virus on Jan. 30, 2020.

Maine has no confirmed cases for 2019-nCoV and no patients under investigation at this time. The Maine Center for Disease Control (Maine CDC) is working with U.S. CDC to monitor the situation, give health care providers with the latest information, and stay up-to-date on any potential cases they may see. There are ongoing investigations to learn more. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available. More information is on the [U.S. CDC's COVID-19 situation summary webpage](#).

Maine CDC recommends the following preventative measures during cold and flu season, as well as the COVID-19 virus:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, and use alcohol-based hand sanitizer between hand washings
- Cover your cough: Use tissues or cough into your sleeve.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Get Vaccinated: Maine CDC recommends vaccination for everyone aged 6 months and older, especially for those people who are at high risk of serious complications from the flu. Influenza vaccine is provided at no cost by the state of Maine for children under the age of 19 years. The vaccine, which offers protection in 14 days, is still available through school-sponsored clinics, health care providers, and many local pharmacies. The U.S. CDC offers information about [flu prevention at colleges and universities](#).

Members of the University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias communities are reminded that influenza vaccination is strongly encouraged throughout the flu season and is still widely available.

The latest information pertaining to coronavirus in the U.S. and Maine is at the [Division of Disease Surveillance](#).

More information concerning the worldwide status of the COVID-19 virus is [online](#).

Members of the UMaine and UMM communities with questions or concerns can call the Division of Student Life, 207.581.1406.

