

UPDATE ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Please know that Saint Luke's Place Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) department remains in close contact with the Region of Waterloo Public Health and are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely.

Updated information sheets about Coronavirus for the general public are available in multiple languages at: ontario.ca/coronavirus

Note: The following passive screening signage has been placed at our main entrances:

Attention Visitors and Volunteers

IF YOU FEEL UNWELL

*Fever, and/or new onset of cough, or difficulty breathing **AND** any of the following:*

- *Travel to an area impacted by Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) before onset of illness (China, Hong Kong, Iran, Japan, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, **OR***
- *Close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, **OR***
- *Close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been to Hubei province (including Wuhan), China in the 14 days before their symptom onset*

PLEASE DO NOT VISIT

Anyone that is symptomatic with travel to the countries listed above should contact their medical practitioner for assessment and should phone ahead.

**AND, AS ALWAYS, PLEASE FOLLOW THE
USUAL SIGNAGE AT THE ENTRANCES:
PLEASE REMAIN AT HOME IF YOU ARE ILL and
USE THE HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE TO YOU
TO CLEAN YOUR HANDS.**

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Preventing illness

Members of the public are advised to take the usual measures to reduce the risk of respiratory illness, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and rub for 15 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Avoid misinformation

Region of Waterloo Public Health continues to provide up-to-date and evidence-based information on their website so that you have the information you need to make informed decisions about your health. As this is an evolving situation, we continue to remind people of the importance of using credible sources to stay informed, and encourage others to do the same.

Recommended resources

- Region of Waterloo Public Health
webpage: regionofwaterloo.ca/2019NovelCoronavirus
- Ontario Ministry of Health webpage: ontario.ca/coronavirus
- Public Health Agency of Canada webpage: canada.ca/coronavirus