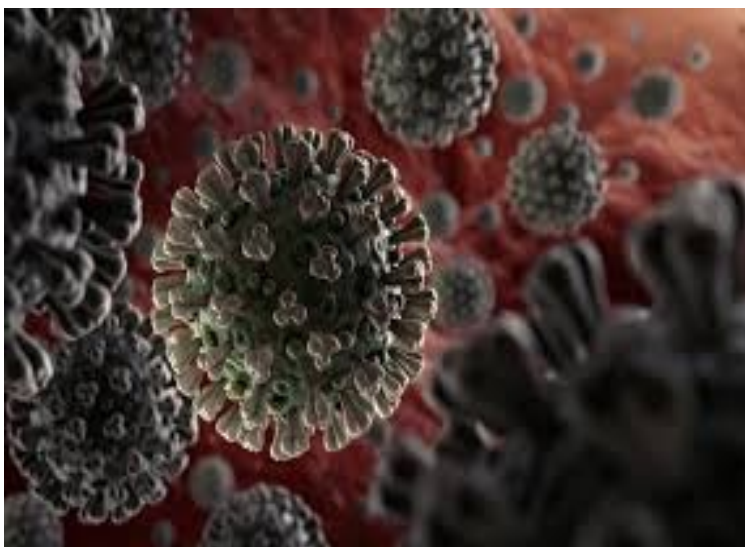


# COVID-19



**COVID-19 is thought to be able to spread like the cold or flu through:**

- ✚ Coughing and sneezing, which creates respiratory droplets.
- ✚ Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands.
- ✚ Touching an object or surface with the virus on it.

The vast majority of people recover from this infection. Most people will have mild or moderate symptoms. Older people and those with pre-existing medical conditions have a greater risk for more serious illness.

## **Symptoms of COVID-19 include:**

- ✚ Fever, Chills, Bodyache
- ✚ Coughing
- ✚ Shortness of Breath
- ✚ Loss of smell or taste

## **BACKGROUND**

*COVID-19 is a disease caused by a respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province of China in December 2019. COVID-19 is the first new virus that has not caused illness in humans prior to now. Worldwide, Covid-19 has caused thousands of infections, resulting in illness and in some cases death. Cases have spread to countries throughout the world, with more reported daily.*