

BE PREPARED FOR A NOVEL PANDEMIC

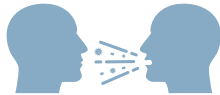
A novel (new) virus, like Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), can emerge from anywhere and quickly spread around the world. It is hard to predict when or where the next novel pandemic will emerge.



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A pandemic is a disease outbreak that spans several countries and affects a large number of people. Pandemics are most often caused by viruses, like COVID-19, which can easily spread from person to person.



May be spread directly from person to person.



May be spread indirectly. Germs can pass from a non-living object to a person.



May be spread by people who are infected but don't have any symptoms.



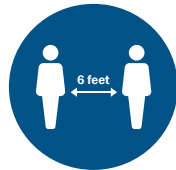
A vaccine, testing, or treatment for the disease may not exist right away. It may take months or years for the majority of the world to become immune to the disease.

IF A NOVEL PANDEMIC IS DECLARED

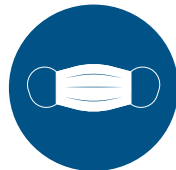
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Keep a distance of at least six feet between yourself and people who are not part of your household.



Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when in public.



Clean and disinfect high-touch objects and surfaces.



Stay at home as much as possible to prevent the spread of disease.



Follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local authorities.