

CONCERNED ABOUT CORONAVIRUS?

CORONAVIRUSES ARE A LARGE FAMILY OF VIRUSES THAT HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH RESPIRATORY ILLNESS SUCH AS FEVER, COUGH, AND SHORTNESS OF BREATH. THESE VIRUSES SPREAD THROUGH COUGHING OR SNEEZING, MUCH LIKE THE FLU.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUSES (n-CoV)

Sometimes coronaviruses that infect animals can evolve and make people sick and become a new human coronavirus.

Three recent examples of this are 2019-nCoV, SARS-CoV, and MERS-CoV.

2019-nCoV is a respiratory illness and causes pneumonia.

2019-nCoV is not tested for at hospital labs.

OTHER COMMON HUMAN CORONAVIRUSES

Some coronaviruses are common and regularly cause illness in the U.S. in the fall and winter.

Common human coronaviruses circulate and cause mild illness, like the common cold and include:
229E · NL63 · OC43 · HKU1

Patients diagnosed with these common types of coronavirus will be evaluated and cared for differently than patients with a novel strain.

