Department of Health


COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) is an emerging respiratory illness. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared it a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on 30 January 2020. The illness is caused by a new virus called SARS-CoV-2. As of April 2021, COVID-19 has caused more than 14 million deaths worldwide, and the number of cases continues to rise.

Minnesota Department of Health

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is coordinating and providing information about COVID-19. MDH has also developed a COVID-19 website to provide up-to-date information about the disease. The website includes links to the latest news, updates, and resources.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the leading national public health agency of the United States. The CDC provides information about COVID-19, including data on cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, as well as guidelines for preventing the spread of the virus.

COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. The virus can also be spread through close contact with someone who is infected.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, chills, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Symptoms can range from mild to severe and may develop within a few days or weeks after exposure.

Prevention and Protection

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, it is important to practice good hygiene, such as washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze, and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

If you think you may have COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider or local public health department for guidance on what to do. In some cases, treatment may be available to help prevent the spread of the virus.

For more information, please visit the following websites: