

Coronavirus PSA Video Transcript

JAN MALCOM: Hello. I'm Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcom.

[text on screen: Jan Malcom. Minnesota Commissioner of Health]

JAN: Lately we're all hearing a lot about a new outbreak associated with the respiratory illness called novel coronavirus. This outbreak started in China, and now has spread to several other countries including the United States. The novel coronavirus causes respiratory illness in people and it can spread from person to person.

[text on screen: Novel coronavirus symptoms include: Fever, cough, shortness of breath]

JAN: Symptoms of this infection include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. And while most people do recover, it has led to serious illnesses and even death in some cases. Minnesota's public health community is working hard to protect you, and we're asking for your help by following the same basic precautions we use to prevent colds and flu.

[text on screen: Protecting yourself from novel coronavirus is simple.]

JAN: It's pretty basic.

[text on screen: Wash your hands often.]

JAN: Wash your hands often and well with soap and water.

[text on screen: Cover your cough.]

JAN: Cover your cough every time.

[text on screen: Stay home when sick.]

JAN: And stay home when you are sick.

[text on screen: If you have recently traveled to a country like China and have symptoms, call your doctor or health care provider.]

JAN: Also, if you've recently traveled to a country like China where this novel coronavirus is spreading and you have symptoms, it's really important for you to call your doctor or healthcare provider to let them know not only about your symptoms but your travel history.

JAN: They'll work with you to assess your condition and make sure you get any treatment you need while also limiting the risk of passing along an infection to other people.

JAN: We in the public health field are learning more about this outbreak all the time, and we will share key information with you as it continues to evolve. You can stay up to date by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health website, which is health.state.mn.us.

[text on screen: www.health.state.mn.us]

JAN: Thank you and stay well.

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