Coronavirus PSA Video Transcript

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

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.

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.

It’s pretty basic.

Wash your hands often and well with soap and water.

Cover your cough every time.

And stay home when you are sick.

If you have recently traveled to a country like China and have symptoms, call your doctor or healthcare provider to let them know not only about your symptoms but your travel history.

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.

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.

Thank you and stay well.

[Minnesota Department of Health logo]