

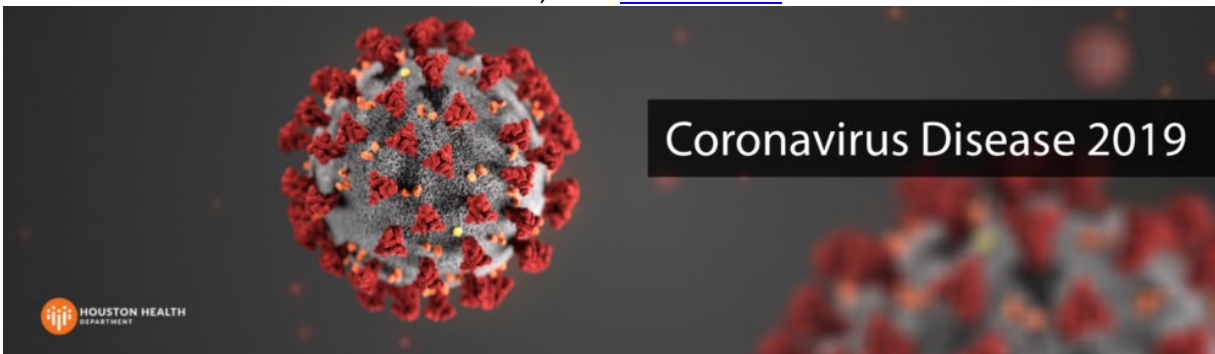


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The following update is from the Houston Health Department and is being shared with Westlake's Houston-based employees FYI.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Updates

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The Houston Health Department continues to closely monitor Coronavirus Disease 2019, COVID-19. Houston-specific updates are posted below. More information about COVID-19 transmission, prevention, symptoms, cases and more is available on the [Houston Health Department website](#).

Update - March 3, 2020

The Houston Health Department is in regular communication with local organizations and venues regarding precautions to help protect people from respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19. Health department guidance includes ensuring an adequate supply of hand soap and disinfectants, conducting environmental cleaning, providing hand sanitizing stations, placing signage to remind people to practice healthy hygiene habits, and reviewing infectious disease protocols.

The threat of COVID-19 to the general public in Houston remains low and there is currently no need to cancel local events or classes. Accordingly, there is no current need for residents and visitors of Houston to take out-of-the-ordinary precautionary actions against COVID-19.

People should practice routine healthy hygiene habits to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19, such as washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes, avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth, and staying home if sick.

The Houston Health Department routinely investigates and contains infectious diseases and is well-prepared to protect the public if a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in our community. Infectious disease investigations include tracing and notifying contacts and implementing control measures, as needed, to contain the spread of disease.

There are currently zero cases of COVID-19 in Houston or Harris County. However, people need to remain vigilant given the rapidly evolving nature of this public health threat and the expectation there will be additional cases in the United States. To stay-up-to-date with the latest recommendations visit HoustonEmergency.org.