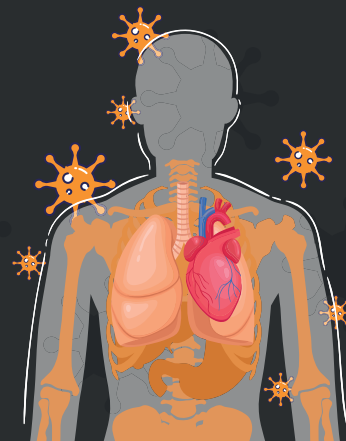




FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS COVID-19



1 What is coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common both for animals and for humans.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is the virus which is the cause of new coronavirus pneumonia outbreak, a disease first detected in Wuhan, China.

Many people who got the disease during the outbreak in Wuhan, China, had a connection with the large wholesale market for seafood and animals. It suggests initial infection from wild animals.

4 Who is the source of coronavirus infection?

Ill person or animals.

5 Where did the infection come from?

According to Chinese scientists, the natural reservoir of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) is wild animals (bats). The main place where the human infection came from was the South China Wholesale Seafood Market and where wild animals, including bats and reptiles, were sold.

2 Have there been similar cases of coronavirus disease in the world before?

Previously, coronaviruses already caused outbreaks of diseases, including:

- severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in 2002-2003, when more than 8 thousand people fell ill in 37 countries, of which more than 800 people died;
- Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome or MERS. Between 2012 and January 2020, more than 2 thousand people fell ill in 27 countries, of which 780 died.

6 What are a main symptoms of coronavirus infection?

Fever
Cough
Shortness of breath

7 Is the virus stable in the external environment?

Coronavirus is not stable in the environment, dies at a temperature of 57 C degrees and above, is not resistant to disinfectants and alcohol-containing agents.

3 What is the route of transmission of coronavirus?

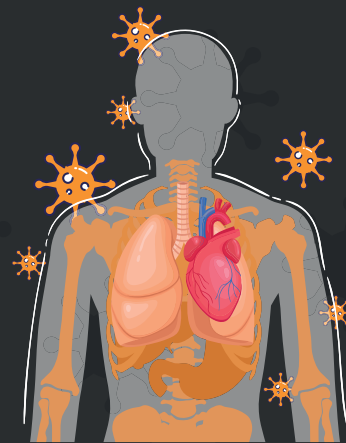
Coronavirus can be transmitted from person to person by airborne droplets (by coughing, sneezing, talking), and infection can also occur through contact (through household items) and alimentary (through contaminated food, water). Transmission factors are air, food, household items.

8 What is the incubation period of the infection?

The incubation period (from the moment of infection until the onset of signs of the disease) is from 2 to 14 days, usually 2-7 days.



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9 Is there a cure for this infection?

There is currently no specific treatment. Pathogenetic and symptomatic treatment is carried out.

10 Is there a vaccine against this infection?

A vaccine against this infection has not yet been developed.

11 How to protect yourself from coronavirus? Prevention measures:

Prevention measures:

- wear a medical mask in case of having the symptoms of respiratory diseases, change mask to a new one every 2-3 hours;
- if possible, do not visit public places;
- avoid contact with persons with symptoms of respiratory diseases;
- wash hands thoroughly with soap for at least 20 seconds or wipe with alcohol-containing wipes after visiting any public places and before eating;
- avoid touching the eyes, nose, face;
- during coughing or sneezing, use wipes to cover the mouth and nose.

12 Are there any new cases of coronavirus registered in Kazakhstan?

To date, no cases have been registered in Kazakhstan.

13 When was the first case of novel coronavirus pneumonia registered in the world?

The first case of a novel coronavirus infection was registered on December 8 in Wuhan city, Hubei Province in China and was associated with the wholesale seafood market.

14 Is there any chance of importing coronavirus infection into Kazakhstan?

The likelihood of an importation of infection exists. The sanitary-epidemiological service has strengthened control at airports and railway checkpoints for all citizens arriving to the country. (thermometry of passengers and crew members is carried out).

15 Where to go if there are symptoms similar to coronavirus infection?

If you have symptoms of an acute respiratory infection or if you suspect a new coronavirus pneumonia, you should contact a health facility, in case of severe form, immediately call an ambulance, before the ambulance team arrives, do preventive measures (limit contact with people, follow cough etiquette, wear a mask, do not self-medicate).

16 What is the mortality rate from novel coronavirus pneumonia?

Currently, mortality from novel coronavirus pneumonia is about 3%.