

# CHRISTUS Health Statement Regarding COVID-19

CHRISTUS values the importance of collaboration and coordinated action for the identification and care of those patients exhibiting signs of the COVID-19. Which is why we continue to follow CDC interim guidelines and work non-stop, in partnership with local, state and federal government authorities. We are fortunate to be part of a local health care community committed to responding to the needs of these patients in the safest manner necessary.

In the event that possible coronavirus patients need hospitalization after screening, we have identified a portion of our facility as the best place to allow us to isolate and safely care for any potential patients without risk of transmission to other parts of the facility.

At CHRISTUS, we have always screened patient to our clinical points of access for international travel, to assess for various evolving infectious disease risks, including this one. If a patient meets the current CDC criteria, and is [exhibiting symptoms \(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html) consistent with the virus, we will isolate the patient in a private room and take proper respiratory precautions to safely assess and treat them

If you are ill with fever and cough or shortness of breath and have had travel to any region that has known community spread of [coronavirus \(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html), please contact your primary care provider before coming to the clinic so we can be sure to provide you with the best care possible while doing everything we can to keep our community healthy.

It's still flu season. We continue to encourage all our patients and the community to practice good respiratory hygiene habits, like washing hands frequently and covering mouths while coughing especially during times like this where catching the flu is a far greater risk.

In summary, the best things you can do to prevent the spread of illness are:

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>).

1. [Wash your hands \(https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html) well before eating, drinking, or touching your face\_

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2. Get your annual flu shot and
3. Get a pneumonia shot if you have not already and are above the age of 65 or have diabetes or other illnesses that affect your heart or lungs.

CHRISTUS Health currently convenes daily, sometimes more, to check in on our emergency preparedness plans. We have had many hands on deck during this process. Nearly everyone — from physicians and nurses, quality and safety experts to those responsible for ordering supplies and keeping the hospital clean — is involved in making sure we can do best for our patients our Associates and this community we serve.

For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).