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With coronavirus (COVID-19), the safety of Methodist Healthcare patients and visitors remains our top priority. We regularly treat patients with infectious diseases and our clinical teams are highly trained in infection prevention protocols. Methodist Healthcare is closely monitoring COVID-19 developments in partnership with our local and state health departments and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. These symptoms can range from mild to severe and include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

What can I do to protect myself and others?

Public health officials recommend the following steps to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including influenza and COVID-19:

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- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue
- Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often, using either soap and water or alcohol-based hand gel for at least 20 seconds

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Stay up-to-date

For additional information and ongoing updates on COVID-19, please refer to local and state health departments and the [CDC's Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) hub](#).

Protecting our patients, staff & you

Methodist Healthcare remains focused on preparation efforts regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our efforts include reinforcing appropriate infection prevention protocols and guidance from the CDC, ensuring that we have the necessary supplies and emergency preparedness.

In an abundance of caution, as we often do during heavy flu outbreaks, we're implementing visitor restrictions. Starting this week, visitors and patients are being directed to use specific entrances to help us screen those who enter our hospital.

Thank you for your support in keeping our patients, physicians, colleagues and visitors safe.



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