

- **COVID-19, also referred to as ‘coronavirus,’** is a respiratory illness that was first detected in the Hubei province city of Wuhan, China, in late December 2019
- **Symptoms include:** fever, cough and difficulty breathing. The virus can be spread via person-to-person contact.
- **People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus.** The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs or exhales. These droplets land on objects and surfaces around the person. Other people then catch COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets.
- **It is important to stay more than 1 meter (3 feet) away from a person who is sick.** WHO is assessing ongoing research on the ways COVID-19 is spread and will continue to share updated findings.



Travelers should strongly adhere to healthy travel practices, similar to recommendations associated with the flu season: wash hands often, cough into your elbow and sneeze into a tissue, avoid contact with people who may already be sick, etc.

- **In coordination with cruise lines, medical experts and regulators around the world,** Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) and its member lines are closely monitoring for new developments related to the coronavirus and will modify policies as necessary with the utmost consideration for the health and safety of passengers and crew.



The cruise industry is one of the most well-equipped and experienced when it comes to managing and monitoring health conditions of those onboard, with outbreak prevention and response measures in place year-round.

- **With strict measures in place,** as guided by national and international health authorities, CLIA and its member lines do not believe restrictions on the movement of ships are justified.
- **Ships must be fitted with onboard medical facilities, with shipboard medical professionals available around the clock, 24/7,** to provide initial medical care in the event of illness and help prevent disease transmission.

Please visit the following websites for more information:

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- WHO Travel Advice
- United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. CDC)
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

