**What is the novel corona virus (nCoV)?**

- nCoV is a new strain of corona virus (2019-nCoV) that has not been previously identified in humans.
- Corona viruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness in animals and people.
- In people, corona viruses can cause illness ranging from common cold to severe diseases, such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).
- Corona viruses are zoonotic, i.e. transmitted from animals and humans.

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**What are the symptoms of 2019-nCoV?**

- fever, cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulties.
- severe cases result in pneumonia or acute respiratory syndrome or respiratory distress.

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**How do people become infected with this novel coronavirus?**

- Intense investigations are underway, to determine the source of the outbreak (most likely an animal reservoir), the types of exposure and the mode of transmission.

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**Can the virus be transmitted from person to person?**

- There is at least some human to human transmission, although its extent is not yet clear. Infections among health care workers strengthen evidence of this. This is in line with experience with other respiratory illnesses and with previous coronavirus outbreaks.
- Additional investigations are needed to determine exactly how people become infected.

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**Is there a vaccine for 2019-nCoV?**

- Novel coronavirus is a new or newly identified disease. Hence there is no vaccine available.
- Normally it takes several years to develop a new vaccine, if warranted.

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**Does a treatment for 2019-nCoV exist?**

- There is no specific treatment for disease caused by novel corona virus. Treatment should be based on patient’s symptoms. Supportive care can be highly effective.
Health Advisory for travellers at Myanmar international airports

- since 7 Jan 2020, all travellers from Wuhan city, China, are screened on arrival at Yangon, Mandalay or Naypyitaw international airports.
- in case of symptoms of fever, cough, sneezing, shortness of breath on arrival, travellers are asked to report to the Airport Quarantine Desk.
- in case of symptoms of fever, cough, sneezing, shortness of breath 14 days after arriving at Myanmar, travellers are advised to seek early medical care and report at nearest health facilities, preferably government hospital.

How to protect yourself and others

- avoid unprotected contact with farm or wild animals
- avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections
- wash hands frequently with soap & water - especially after direct contact with sick people or their environment
- cover coughs & sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, maintain distance, wash hands with soap & water
- seek advice from health professionals if you have symptoms of fever, cough, sneezing, shortness of breath

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