

What is the age group in which this disease spreads? Does it occur in children as well?

- This disease is known to occur in all age groups.
- It can spread to children as well through the other person suffering from the disease in the household. The infection is generally mild in children.
- Older persons and persons with pre-existing medical conditions (such as high blood pressure, heart disease, lung disease, cancer or diabetes) are at a high risk to develop serious illness.



How long does the Corona Virus survive over the surfaces or objects?

- It is not certain how long the virus that causes COVID-19 survives on surfaces, but it seems to behave like other Corona Viruses.
- Studies suggest that Corona Viruses (including preliminary information on the COVID-19 virus) may persist on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days.
- This may vary under different conditions (e.g. type of surface, temperature or humidity of the environment).
- If you think a surface may be infected, clean it with simple disinfectant to kill the virus and protect yourself and others.
- Clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose.




The aim is to **prevent** the transmission from contaminated surfaces to your hands and face/mouth/eyes.





What are the common symptoms?

The symptoms include:

- Fever, Sore throat, Cough and Shortness of breath. 
- These are similar to the symptoms of any viral infection like common cold, influenza etc.



Whom should I consult?

You should consult your family physician if you are having clinical symptoms of a respiratory infection plus any of the following:

- Travel history to a Corona Virus-affected area.
- Close contact with a person infected with Corona Virus.

