

La Grange Park Fire Department

708-354-0225

This document is to provide information on symptoms of the Coronavirus COVID-19 and additional resources for the public. The symptoms seen in confirmed cases of the COVID-19 include:

- FEVER
- COUGH
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH

The CDC believes at this time that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure. This is based on what has been seen previously as the incubation period of MERS-CoV viruses.

If a patient reports these symptoms, the 9-1-1 dispatcher will ask a series of questions to try to ascertain the level of risk the patient presents to responding personnel. These are questions about travel, or exposure to someone who has traveled to China.

Once on the scene, emergency personnel will be dressed in protective clothing, including a face mask. A face mask will also be placed on the patient to minimize potential spread.

If you are at home and experience symptoms, isolate yourself from others in your household. Limit yourself to a single room, if possible. Restrict your contact with pets as well. Wear a facemask, as long as it does not restrict your breathing. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and wash your hands afterwards for at least 20 second or use an alcohol-based sanitizer with between 60 - 95 percent alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands. Do not share food, drink, or bedding. Clean high touch surfaces every day.

If your symptoms worsen dial 9-1-1.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), in coordination with the Illinois Poison Control Center, have launched the Illinois Novel Coronavirus hotline and email address to answer questions the public may have about the Coronavirus. The hotline and email address were created to provide consistent information, answer questions, share facts about symptoms and provide up-to-date information from the CDC. Illinoisans can dial 1-800-889-3931, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, or email DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV to get their questions answered.

For more information visit the CDC website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>