



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV) *Update #2*

The Ministry of Health is aware of two (2) alleged health reports circulating on social media entitled, “Most Urgent, Very Serious, Important Information” and “DOH Health Bulletin to the Public.” Please be advised that these reports were not issued from the Bahamas Ministry of Health and the source of the information cannot be verified. There is no scientific evidence to support the accuracy of the prevention information given, as it pertains to the Novel Coronavirus (2019 n-CoV).

Standard recommendations to prevent the spread of the Novel Coronavirus include:

- frequent, proper hand washing and use of hand sanitizer;
- covering the mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, preferably with the elbow and sleeve;
- thoroughly cooking meat and eggs;
- cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects; and
- avoiding close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.

The Ministry of Health also wishes to remind the public that it is flu season and persons should receive the seasonal influenza vaccine (flu shot), which is free of charge at all community clinics.

The Ministry of Health will issue communications on health matters only through approved channels, including traditional media houses, and the Bahamas Ministry of Health’s official website and Facebook page.

The Ministry of Health along with our World Health Organization (WHO), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) partners are closely monitoring the nCoV and will keep the public accurately informed.

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