

Information about coronavirus

There have been many reports about the new coronavirus in the media in recent weeks. In most cases, coronavirus is less dangerous than influenza. Nevertheless, it is important that its spread is prevented as far as possible.

Suspected cases (see box below) will be checked with a laboratory test and the affected patients will be isolated in the National Hospital [Landesspital]. If an infection with the coronavirus is detected, then persons who have been in contact with the sick person in recent days must stay at home. They should avoid all contact with other persons. If symptoms occur in these contact persons, then these individuals will also be tested. It makes no sense to test people who do not have any symptoms.

Persons who suspect that they may be infected should contact the National Hospital **by telephone**. They should not go to a doctor's practice. The National Hospital will clarify the situation, take samples, arrange the laboratory tests and isolate individuals.

A person is a "suspect case" under the following conditions:

The person visited an affected area within the previous 14 days or has had close contact with a person in whom infection has been detected by a laboratory test within the past 14 days

and

the person has symptoms of an illness of the respiratory tract (e.g. coughing, difficulty in breathing).

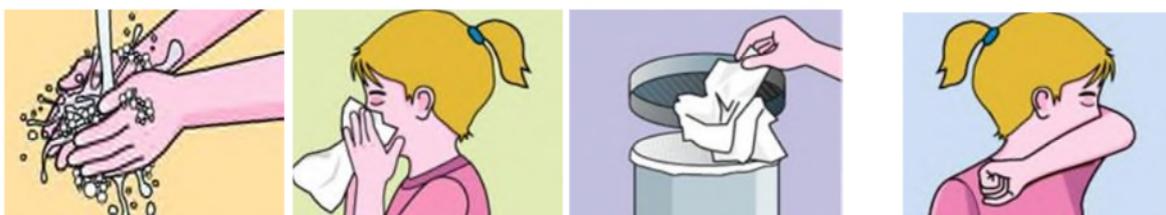
What should be done in the event of a suspected infection?

Stay at home. Do not go out in public any more. Contact the National Hospital by telephone without delay. Tell the Hospital that you have recently been in an area affected by the new coronavirus and that you have symptoms.

National Hospital telephone number: +423 235 45 32

To prevent the spread of the virus, the same hygiene measures apply as in the event of an influenza epidemic:

- Wash your hands thoroughly several times a day with soap and water or use a hand disinfectant.
- If you have to cough or sneeze, hold a tissue in front of your mouth and nose. Then dispose of the tissue in a bin, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or use a hand disinfectant.
- If you do not have a tissue, cough and sneeze into the crook of your arm.



You will find further information on the following two websites:

<http://bit.ly/corona-fl>

<http://bit.ly/corona-ch>

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