What is COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)?

Coronavirus is a type of virus transmitted from animals to humans. Once a new strain infects humans, it is called a “novel coronavirus” and can cause sicknesses ranging from a common cold to severe respiratory illness. The novel coronavirus spreading in the United States causes coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

- Cough, fever, sore throat, muscle/body aches and difficulty breathing
- Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

How is it spread?

- Close contact with an infected person (within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more)
- Uncovered coughing or sneezing on other people or surfaces

What can I do to protect myself and my loved ones from the flu or COVID-19?

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid people with flu-like symptoms.
- Don’t touch your face, nose, mouth or eyes.
- Don’t travel unless it’s necessary.
- Stay away from others if you have flu-like symptoms.
- COVER YOUR COUGH.

Cough into the crook of your arm. Or cover your cough with a tissue. Then throw tissue in the trash. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

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What should I do if I start having symptoms?

BEFORE you go to your doctor isolate yourself:

• **CALL YOUR DOCTOR FIRST** to discuss your symptoms. If you need to go in, they will be prepared for you.
• If you don’t have a doctor, please call 844-837-2433 to schedule an appointment.
• If you reside in the Jackson, Mississippi area call 855-733-8863 or in the Jonesboro, Arkansas area call 870-936-8000.
• If you prefer, a minor med or urgent care center would possibly have more timely openings. Please call ahead so they will be prepared for you.
• If your symptoms are considered mild, staying at home is the safest option.
• If your symptoms are severe, call 911 or call your nearest emergency room first, then go there.

What can I do if someone in my household becomes sick?

• Have a plan to treat and care for the sick person.
• Select a room for quarantine.
• Keep prescriptions filled
• Have over-the-counter medications on hand.
• Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces.
• Stock up on some non-perishable food and/or frozen food to last two weeks in case you or someone in your household becomes quarantined.
• Stay at least 6 feet away from others.

How to create a MyChart account

If your condition changes, please call your doctor to discuss the next steps. Make sure that you have an active MyChart account to stay up-to-date on your health needs. If you do not have an active account, please follow the instructions below to activate a MyChart account.

**Steps to activate your MyChart account with an activation code:**

1) Go to mychart.baptistonecare.org and choose “Sign Up Now.”
2) Enter your 15-digit code, last 4 digits of your social security number and your date of birth.
3) Create a 6-20 character username, password and security question.
4) Enter your email address (optional).
5) Accept user agreement.

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3) Click “Sign Up Online.”
4) Enter the requested information and click “Submit.”