



This is a rapidly changing situation and this document will be updated as new information is available. Last updated: 3-25-21

## What is the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is a new respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

## How does the virus spread?

This virus probably originally emerged from an animal source but is now spreading from person-to-person. It's important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. Some viruses are highly contagious (like measles), while other viruses are less so.

The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading sustainably in some affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

## How can I protect myself?

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 respiratory infection. However, the following actions will help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Get a seasonal flu shot.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth with your upper sleeve or with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Social distancing for everyone. Social distancing is refraining from congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance of six feet or more whenever possible to limit the ability of the virus to spread.

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 information website to learn about how to protect yourself from respiratory illnesses, like COVID-19.

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

## Where can I travel?

This information is evolving. We recommend staying up to date with the [CDC's travel health notices related to this outbreak](#).

## What is the city of Sedona doing to be proactive against this virus?

The city is following the advice of the health experts at the CDC, state and county health departments for specific information on things like prevention, travel restrictions, large events, etc. Please look to these resources:

- [Arizona Department of Health and Human Services information.](#)
- [Coconino County Health and Human Services information.](#)
- [Yavapai County Health Services website.](#)
- [CDC's travel notices.](#)

## Additionally, the following steps were taken:

Beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the city of Sedona closed to in-person access to city facilities and moved to virtual and phone services. The city will return to in-person services in a phased approach beginning on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Read [this news release](#) for details.



All businesses abided by the Governor's stay-at-home order, which expired on May 18<sup>th</sup> and all residents, visitors and businesses abided by the Governor's Executive Orders and guidelines for reopening, which were rescinded March 25, 2021, and the city's face coverings mandate, which was no longer enforceable on March 25, 2021.

Last, in addition to the governor's guidelines for businesses reopening, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, safety guidelines were created for reopening businesses. These businesses may voluntarily choose to adopt [these guidelines](#) and include encouraging social distancing, setting up hand sanitation areas, the use of masks and barriers like plexiglass. Look for a Safe.Clean.Ready sticker in business windows to know who is participating.

We ask that our visitors and residents hold up their end of the deal as well by observing these eight safety guidelines:

- Stay home if you are sick or have been in contact with a sick person.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Maintain a 6-foot distance from others.
- Wear a protective face covering.
- Limit contact with others.
- Avoid congregating in public areas.
- Stay on trails except to let people pass (maintain 6 ft distance).

Still have questions on businesses reopening? Read this [more detailed FAQ for businesses](#) and email [questions@sedonaaz.gov](mailto:questions@sedonaaz.gov).

Know that the city, in coordination with Coconino and Yavapai counties and their epidemiologists, emergency response teams and policy leaders, healthcare professionals and other stakeholders are monitoring the situation daily and following the guidelines set-forth by the CDC and other federal, state and county government agencies.

## How will businesses be able to recover?

The city is monitoring this situation closely with the Chamber of Commerce to evaluate the needs of the Sedona economy knowing the health and safety of all residents is the utmost priority for the city.

For businesses looking for resources and assistance including loans and employee needs, view [this list](#).

## Are events canceled?

Many events over 50 people were cancelled until on March 25, 2021, the Governor said there were no more restrictions on large gatherings.

## Where else can I find information?

For more on the City's response to COVID-19, go to [www.sedonaaz.gov/covid19](http://www.sedonaaz.gov/covid19).

Look to the following CDC, state and county resources for more information on the coronavirus:

- Coconino County Health and Human Services COVID-19 hotline: 928-679-7300 and [website](#).
- Yavapai County Health Services hotline: 928-442-5103 and [website](#).
- Statewide hotline on all COVID-19-related issues: dial 211.
- [CDC website on coronavirus](#).
- [Tips on coronavirus prevention](#) and [10 ways to manage respiratory symptoms at home](#).
- [Arizona Department of Health and Human Services information](#).
- [CDC's travel notices](#).
- [The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#).

