

# Coronavirus/COVID-19 FAQs - Facts Not Fears



- 1. How does Coronavirus/COVID-19 Spread?**
  - Person to person
  - Respiratory droplets (sneezing, coughing)
  - Touching things an infected person has touched
- 2. What are COVID-19 Symptoms?**
  - Fever, dry cough, chills, shortness of breath
- 3. What are the Steps to Prevent Illness?**
  - Avoid close contact with other people
  - Don't shake hands/hug/etc.
  - Avoid touching your mouth/nose/eyes with dirty hands
  - Frequently clean/disinfect those areas that are touched a lot (doorknobs, light switches, tabletops, phones, keyboards, toilets, etc.)
  - Clean your hands often
  - Stay at home if ill
  - Cover you coughs/sneezes with a tissue and throw it away
- 4. What do I do if I feel sick?**
  - Stay home
  - Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home
  - Call ahead before visiting your doctor
  - Wear a facemask if you are sick
  - Cover you coughs/sneezes with a tissue and throw it away
  - Clean your hands often
  - Monitor your symptoms so you can tell your doctor what is happening
  - If at any time you experience severe shortness of breath or other major problems, either call 911 or go to an emergency room. Tell the dispatcher your symptoms and/or if you have traveled outside the US or been near someone with flu like symptoms in the last 21 days; so the paramedics enter your house with the appropriate precautions. If someone is taking you to an emergency room, have them go in ahead of you to alert the front desk. The facility may have special entrances to bypass the waiting room
- 5. Where do Rockport citizens call for health advice/services?**
  - Public Health Region (956) 421-5505 OR 211 for Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
  - If you call 911, tell the dispatcher your symptoms and/or if you have traveled outside the US or been near someone with flu like symptoms in the last 21 days; so the paramedics enter your house with the appropriate precautions.
- 6. Will there be a State provided service in our immediate area?**
  - The closest State provided service will be in Corpus Christi (location to be determined soon). If that changes, we will update our website.
- 7. Should we all be tested?**
  - Only individuals presenting with symptoms can/will be tested.
- 8. Are local meetings/events being cancelled?**
  - Each entity will make that decision themselves based on what is occurring in their community.
- 9. Does this affect our utilities?**
  - Water/Sewer/Gas/Electricity services are not affected by COVID-19.
- 10. Other Federal and State weblinks can be located by clicking [here](#).**