What is COVID-19?
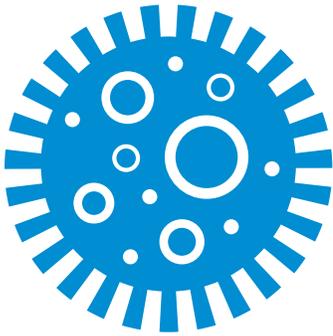## *A Guide for Facility Managers*

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> **Coronaviruses** first discovered in 1960s

> **COVID-19** is the respiratory disease caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus now known as SARS-CoV-2

> **Symptoms** of coronavirus infection can range from mild in most cases (fever, cough, shortness of breath) to serious (pneumonia, kidney failure, even death)

> **Spreads** via droplets produced by coughing or sneezing or through contact with contaminated surfaces

How to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19[1]

Wash hands with soap and water, or sanitize hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible

Cover coughs/sneezes with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash

Avoid contact with people showing signs of illness, and stay home if you feel ill

Clean and disinfect surfaces with products that have an EPA-approved emerging viral pathogen claims for use against SARS-CoV-2

Wear a facemask if you have symptoms of COVID-19 to prevent the spread of the disease to others

COVID-19 Prevention Tips for Facility Managers[2]

1.
Educate your cleaning staff about COVID-19 and encourage them to stay home when sick

2.
Ensure your cleaning staff has access to the right cleaning supplies

3.
Train staff how to properly clean and disinfect high-touch areas to minimize the risk of transmission

Go to the CDC website for the most up to date information on COVID-19.

1, 2. CDC. 2019 Novel Coronavirus, Wuhan, China, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/about/prevention.html. Accessed March 12, 2020