

Coronavirus

The world is currently looking to China in fear of a disease that has emerged there and is spreading like wildfire. The “2019 novel coronavirus” first appeared in the city of Wuhan and has already made tens of thousands of people sick and has reportedly killed hundreds. Wuhan and 60 million people in the surrounding area have been quarantined, the hospitals have been overrun, tanks have been seen patrolling the streets, roads are blocked, flights from Wuhan have stopped, but still the disease has spread to all of China as well as Europe, Australia, America, and elsewhere in Asia.

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The source of the virus appears to be the habit of some Chinese people of eating wild animals. The coronavirus is thought to have been transmitted from civets or bats. Bats, in particular, are notorious for carrying hundreds of viruses.

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The virus causes symptoms that look like influenza – fever, sneezing, and difficulty breathing – but spreads much more easily and may be more deadly. There are reports of people collapsing in the street, and at least one doctor has died.

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What are the symptoms of coronavirus?

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Where did 2019 coronavirus start?

This video was made on 25 January 2020; what has changed since then?