What is COVID-19?

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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. If you have questions about COVID-19, please call the hotline at 866-941-4785.

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WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Cough, fever, muscle and body aches and difficulty breathing.

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HOW IS IT SPREAD?

Close contact with an infected person (within six feet or 10 minutes or more)

Uncovered coughing or sneezing on the other people or surfaces

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WHAT IF I THINK I HAVE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)?

Before going to a doctor's office, emergency room, or testing site, **call a doctor first** to discuss your symptoms.

What if someone in my house becomes sick?
Have a plan. Select room for quarantine. Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces.

What can I do to protect myself and my loved ones?
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Avoid people with flu-like symptoms. Cover your cough with your sleeve or a tissue and dispose. Don't touch your face, nose, mouth or eyes. Stay away from others if you have flu-like symptoms.

Don't have a doctor?
Click here to find one.

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Physician testing, reporting and diagnosing guide

New CPT code for testing of COVID-19. While TMA's new app eases telehealth operations for physicians and patients.

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THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Do you need a platform to provide telehealth services? Tennessee Medical Association has developed an app to facilitate telehealth solutions that are easy on patients and physicians.

Click here to download the app.

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PAYER COVERAGE GUIDANCE

With new guidelines emerging quickly, you need a comprehensive billing guide for COVID-19 telehealth encounters.

Click here for CMS and commercial payers plans, policies and appropriate CPT code.

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CPT TESTING CODE 87635

A new CPT code has been created that streamlines novel coronavirus testing offered by hospitals, health systems and laboratories.

Click here to review and download the full CPT code descriptors.

Click here for a fact sheet on new CPT coding guidance.

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Center for Disease Control
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Tennessee Department of Health
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