

FMI Coronavirus Preparedness Resources

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Several members are asking about the coronavirus and what they should be telling members. Gathering information as it becomes available. I believe you all received this information from FMI, but just in case you missed it. Bev

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Dear FMI Member:

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided materials to help preparedness planning for COVID-19, commonly known as coronavirus. We write to make you aware of FMI resources as you consider crisis planning, and the steps we are taking to ensure we are actively engaged with key government agencies on your behalf.

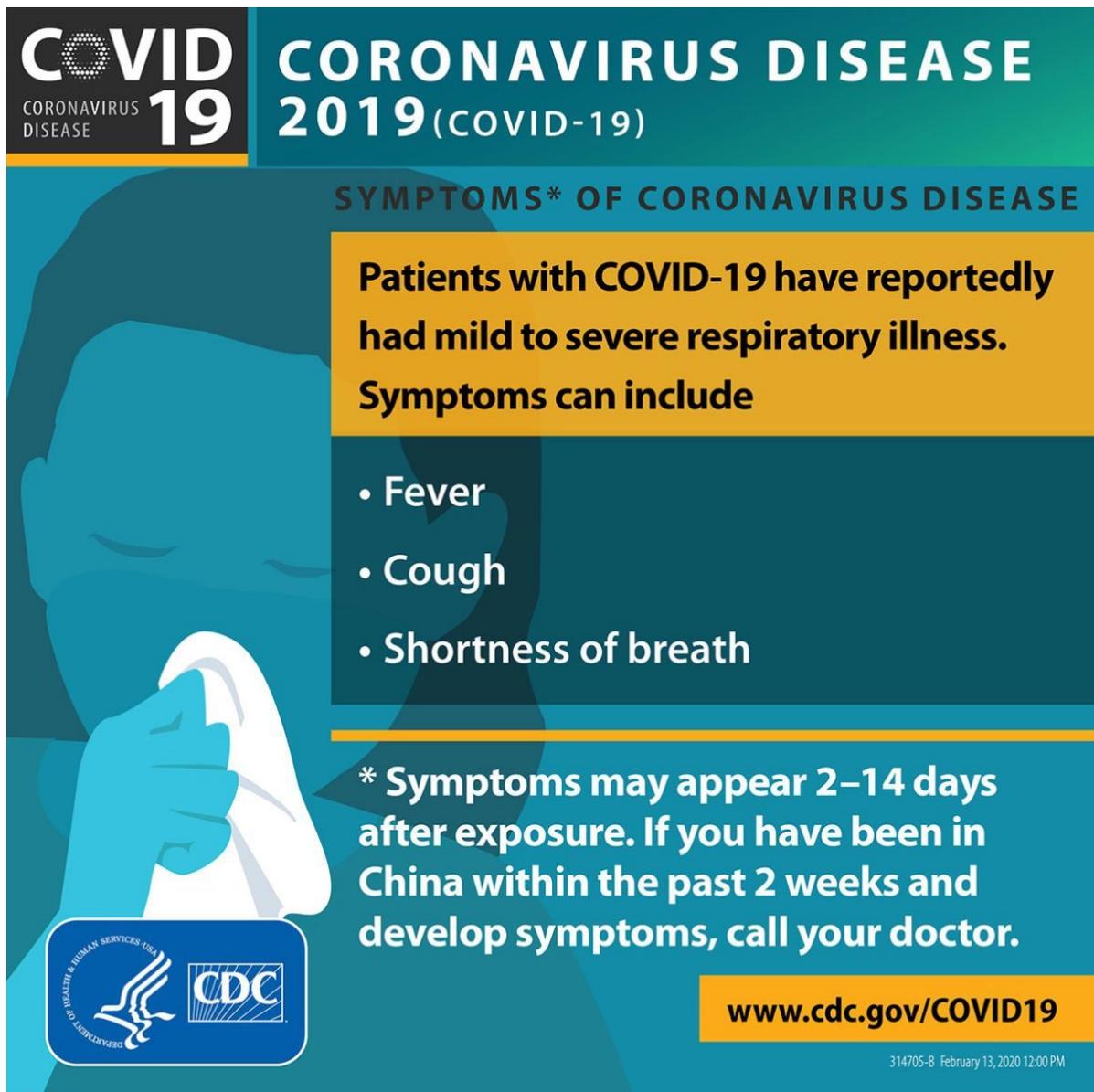
FMI has compiled background information, a preparedness checklist, resources and more to support the food industry: www.fmi.org/Coronavirus.

Please consider sending this information to relevant members of your corporate staff and associates.

What Actions You Can Take Today:

1. **Establish Communication Channel with Primary Contact** – During times of crisis, inspectors from your local health department or local agriculture department should be the primary contact for food establishments.

- Your primary contact will vary depending on local jurisdiction.
 - Identify Supplemental Contacts – If your team is unable to immediately reach the primary contact, develop a plan to contact a supplemental official from your local jurisdiction.
 - This information is found here: www.FMI.org/Coronavirus.
2. **Leverage the Coronavirus Preparedness Checklist and Coronavirus and Pandemic Preparedness for the Food Industry** on www.FMI.org/Coronavirus developed by the FMI food safety team and share it with your store directors and/or managers.
 3. **Send questions** to your FMI point of contact or consider emailing us at: CrisisManagement@fmi.org.



The infographic features a background illustration of a person coughing into their elbow. The text is presented in white and yellow boxes against a dark teal background. At the bottom left, there are logos for the Department of Health & Human Services USA and the CDC. At the bottom right, there is a yellow box with the website URL and a small timestamp.

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS* OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

*** Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure. If you have been in China within the past 2 weeks and develop symptoms, call your doctor.**

www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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FMI Preparedness Actions:

- Members of the FMI team are in contact with the CDC and have included a link to the CDC's resources on the FMI.org page. Should the outbreak expand and/or include specific guidance for U.S.-based operations, we will alert you immediately.

We are in regular contact with the agencies responsible for keeping our food safe and managing emergency situations: U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). We will provide any guidance as it becomes available from these agencies.

Supply Chain Considerations:

We are monitoring the supply chain through contacts with members and partners to understand short- and long-term issues due to labor and transportation stoppages. Again, if the threat is increased for domestic businesses or individuals, we will engage and provide alerts as they are available. We understand that a pandemic, if it develops, will necessitate engagement in a host of areas including health care, store operations, supply chain, food safety, workforce and emergency management.

FMI Events:

FMI will continue to work with our host hotels and other event venues on the well-being and safety of FMI attendees traveling to and attending FMI conferences. FMI will monitor infectious disease outbreaks in the U.S. and will institute standard protocol for cancellations if any become necessary.

Next Steps:

Please share with us any questions you or your team may have, and we can raise them with the appropriate agency. Should developments warrant, we will initiate daily update calls for the appropriate leads on your teams, similar to the calls we often lead for weather-related emergencies. Contact us at CrisisManagement@fmi.org

Please don't hesitate to let our team know if there are other ways FMI can be of assistance to you.



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