The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a global outbreak that has affected people in many countries, including the United States. In February, Mayor London Breed declared a local emergency to boost preparedness in San Francisco. On March 5, 2020, San Francisco had its first confirmed cases. The Department of Public Health is leading the city’s efforts, and everyone can follow these tips to protect community health.

**Prepare**
- Think about how you and your family can get ready, in case of illness
- Make a backup childcare plan in case you or a caregiver become ill
- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family
- There is no current recommendation to wear masks to prevent disease

**Know the facts**
- Risk for COVID-19 is based on travel, contacts and exposure to the virus. No racial, ethnic or cultural group is more at risk
- The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you have traveled to a country/region with cases of the new virus, and you develop symptoms, call your doctor and tell them about your symptoms and your recent travel.
- If you have questions, find more information at sfdph.org or call 311.

[Icons]
- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough
- Stay home if sick
- Get a flu shot!