Get the facts about Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), stop the spread of rumors and keep yourself healthy

Flu Season, Cold Season, Coronavirus Season?

There are 4 strains of seasonal coronavirus that doctors see often during this time of year. Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to flu and include **fever**, **cough**, and **difficulty breathing**.

- Handwashing vs Hand Sanitizer
 Hand sanitizer should only be used when you can't fully wash your hands (at least 60% alcohol).
 Use warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds or sing "Happy Birthday".
- Masks or no Masks?

 Most face masks will not protect against the virus. Studies suggest it is more effective to equip those with symptoms with masks to isolate illness. If you don't need a mask, don't buy it.
- Don't Touch
 Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it in the trash. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Stay home if you are sick.
- If You Use It, Clean It
 Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces like cell phones. If you touch items that come in contact with the other people (i.e. gym equipment, public transportation) wash your hands as soon as you are able.
- Have a Safe Flight
 The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)'s website has the most up to date travel notices for international and domestic travel. Follow everyday prevention practices on the plane and in the airport to get to your final destination safely.
- When to Call the Doctor
 Call your healthcare professional if you feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, or if you live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.
- Be Prepared
 Get all of your public health information from a trusted resource like your local or State Health Department. With knowledge you keep calm, stay informed and help protect yourself and your family.