

WEF staff are closely monitoring information on COVID19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and NYWEA will follow WEF policy on the situation. We will notify you if the situation in a location where a meeting is taking place experiences any issues. In the meantime, we are taking precautions to prevent the spread of germs to help put participants' minds at ease.

Please be mindful of others health and safety should you show signs of a cold. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, tiredness, and dry cough. Some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. Some people become infected but don't develop any symptoms and don't feel unwell. Most people (about 80%) recover from the disease without needing special treatment. Around 1 out of every 6 people who gets COVID-19 becomes seriously ill and develops difficulty breathing. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems or diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness. People with fever, cough and difficulty breathing should promptly seek medical attention by calling ahead to a doctor's office or emergency room to get guidance. People who are sick should use a facemask. See CDC guidance on [what to do when sick with COVID-19](#). Some information below is provided as a resource.

WEF Events and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update

<https://www.wef.org/events/about-events/events-coronavirus-update/>

Coronavirus Protection Measures

WEF has a ton of information related to the [Coronavirus on wef.org](#) that is being updated on a daily basis. The situation is unpredictable so check regularly for the latest news. The World Health Organization (WHO) has created some valuable [FAQ's](#) on the virus which WEF has linked to from [wef.org](#).

The New York WEA and the New Jersey WEA are actively working with the hotel to ensure best practices by hotel staff are in place in the practice of everyday preventive actions such as:

- Stay home when sick; get medical care
- Always cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; especially after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily
- If you are hosting an event at a hotel ask for servers in any buffet line