COVID-19/Coronavirus Fact Sheet

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an emerging health situation and it is important to know how to keep yourself and your family healthy. Stay informed with guidance, precautions and news at... DutchessNY.gov/coronavirus

What is COVID-19?
COVID-19 is a droplet-spread disease, like the flu or common cold. Person-to-person spread occurs mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. This strain of coronavirus is resilient and can survive long periods of time (possibly up to 9 days) on surfaces.

Who is at risk?
The majority of people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like an underlying lung disease, heart problems or diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness. Approximately 1 out of 6 people who get COVID-19 becomes seriously ill and develops difficulty breathing.

What are we doing about it?
Dutchess County Government prepares and trains for a variety of emergencies. Our dedicated team of emergency preparedness experts, healthcare professionals, and volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps have been monitoring and prepping for COVID-19. We are coordinating with schools, colleges, medical providers, and local hospitals to make sure that we are ready for cases in our community.

For more information
Website: DutchessNY.gov/Coronavirus
Coronavirus Information Line: (845) 486-3555

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