

## Information about the Coronavirus

### What is the coronavirus and what kind of illness can it cause?

As you have probably heard on the news, a new disease associated with pneumonia has occurred in China, caused by a newly detected coronavirus. The centre of the outbreak is Wuhan, Hubei province in China, but the virus has also emerged in several other countries, including Europe.

The coronavirus has been proven to spread from person to person, and it can be transmitted even during its two-week incubation period. It is spread by drip infection or by contact with infected body fluids.

The disease caused by the coronavirus is associated with fever, cough, breathing difficulty and pneumonia. Symptoms may be mild, moderate or severe.

### What can we do to avoid infection?

Compliance with the sanitary measures to preventing infection is of central importance. Wash your hands frequently and avoid contact with diseased people, stay at home if you are feeling sick. After travelling by public transport, wash your hands and face with plenty of warm, soapy water upon entering the classroom building.

Alcoholic hand disinfectant has been installed in the toilets and at the entrances of the IBS. We recommend that you use it frequently. Do not touch your mouth with dirty hands. For sneezing and coughing use disposable tissues and use them only once.

Please follow the recommendations of the WHO and the National Public Health Centre (<https://www.nnk.gov.hu/index.php/koronavirus-tajekoztatok>) and to the public information released by the Foreign Office and the consular departments.

### What should I do if I have symptoms resembling those of the disease?

Call your GP and inform him/her of your suspicion!

It is important to know that, for now, you should only suspect being infected with the new coronavirus if you have travelled to or stayed in China within 14 days prior to the onset of the disease, or have been in close contact with a patient with confirmed or suspected coronavirus disease; or attended a health facility reporting coronavirus infections.

### How does IBS keep the community safe?

In line with recommendations by the authorities, anyone who studies or works in IBS is required to complete a questionnaire and a statement available in Moodle. Those who declare having been to China in the past 14 days will be provided with a mandatory extraordinary approved absence of 14 days.

### Who should I turn to if I have questions, or suspicion of the disease?

In such cases, please contact

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