# **Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV)**

Can cause respiratory disease in people of all ages, especially among young children, older adults, and people with weak immune systems.

### **Symptoms**

Cough



**Fever** 







## **How It Spreads**

- Droplets from coughing and sneezing.
- Close contact, such as touching or shaking hands.
- Touching objects or surfaces that have viruses on them and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

#### **Prevention**

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.
- Avoid sharing cups, utensils and kissing others.
- Stay at home when you are sick.
- As an added measure, consider wearing a mask to help prevent the spread of germs when around others.

#### **Treatment**

 Although there is not a vaccine or medicine for HMPV, visit your health care provider for supportive care if symptoms are not getting better at home.

