
What is SARS?

- A respiratory illness caused by SARS-associated coronavirus (SARS-Co-V).

What are symptoms that could occur?

- Fever greater than 100.4 ° F
- Chills and other symptoms, including headache, general feeling of discomfort and body aches
- Some people may have mild respiratory symptoms
- After 2 to 7 days, people may get a dry cough and have trouble breathing
- Most people develop pneumonia

How is it spread?

- Close person-to-person contact with an infected individual
- Spread through tiny drops of fluid from the nose and throat of infected people
- It is not contagious before the onset of symptoms

How is it diagnosed?

- Primary care physician evaluation and laboratory tests

How can SARS be prevented?

- Frequent hand washing with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or cough or sneeze into a sleeve or other absorbent material
- Avoid close contact with large numbers of people

Is there any travel restriction related to SARS?

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) issue travel advisories or travel alerts as needed. Check their websites for current advisories or alerts.

Who should be notified of a case of SARS?

- Genesee County Health Department at **257-1017** should be notified IMMEDIATELY of any confirmed or suspected cases

When can the individual return to the general population?

- Following recommendation of the individual's physician

If I have any other questions, whom can I contact?

- Call the Genesee County Health Department, 257-1017