

San Diego Convention Center

2020 Coronavirus FAQ



The San Diego Convention Center is closely monitoring the international outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China. Coronaviruses typically cause mild-to-moderate respiratory illness, with symptoms similar to the flu.

Have there been any cases of this new coronavirus at the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC)?

No, the SDCC has not had any cases of coronavirus.

Have there been any cases of this new coronavirus in the San Diego region?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials confirmed one case of coronavirus in February 2020 after testing patients who had been quarantined at MCAS Miramar, located approximately 15 miles north of the SDCC. This patient was quarantined after arriving from China.

How is the SDCC monitoring the situation? Where can I learn more about coronavirus?

SDCC leaders are closely monitoring the situation through updates from the CDC, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and San Diego officials. The SDCC is dedicated to ensuring that appropriate protective measures are in place and providing up-to-date information for SDCC staff and partners.

- See the [CDC website](#) for information about symptoms, transmission, and recent cases.
- For California-specific updates, see the [CDPH website](#).

What protective or preventative measures are in place?

Signs of the virus among people entering into the U.S. are being closely monitored at points of entry (e.g., airports). The San Diego and Los Angeles International Airports are working closely with the CDC and U.S. Customs & Border Protection on appropriate protocols.

At the SDCC, staff receives ongoing training and updates about public health concerns. The SDCC has also increased its precautionary measures, including increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched objects such as door handles. The SDCC has also posted "Stay Healthy" signage in the building to remind attendees of everyday precautions (outlined below).

How can you protect yourself?

Practice everyday precautions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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What should someone do if they have flu-like symptoms and have recently traveled to China, or have had contact with anyone who has traveled to China?

They should seek medical care at a hospital. Before going to the hospital, they (or a designated contact/staff member) should call ahead to tell the hospital about recent travel history and symptoms. Event EMTs or SDCC staff can provide masks for individuals to wear on the way to the hospital. The severity of the symptoms would determine the appropriate mode of transportation.

Recommended Hospital: UCSD Medical Center-Hillcrest (200 West Arbor Drive, San Diego, CA; 619.543.6222), is 20 minutes away by rideshare or taxi. It is open 24 hours a day.

If the hospital determines that the individual has the virus, the San Diego County Department of Public Health Services will become involved and begin an investigative process in collaboration with the SDCC. They will inform SDCC staff and help determine appropriate next steps.

If coronavirus becomes a problem at the SDCC or in San Diego County, how will staff, event organizers and attendees be alerted?

Any updates will be posted immediately to our website and social media pages:

- Visitsandiego.com
- Facebook.com/SDConventionCenter
- Twitter.com/SDConventionCtr

SDCC staff will also maintain regular communication with event organizers, business partners and other key contacts to relay updates.

Sources: California Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, County of San Diego Public Health Services, First Aid Services of San Diego, and San Diego International Airport