

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update: March 6, 2020 | 3:55 p.m.

Indiana State Health officials [confirmed the first case](#) of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in Indiana on March 6. Gov. Eric Holcomb has declared a public health state of emergency.

The patient is a male from Indianapolis. He has been treated and is now in self-quarantine. His symptoms were mild and included a low-grade fever, cough, and sore throat.

The CDC does not recommend people who are well to wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. You should only wear a mask if a healthcare professional recommends it. A facemask should be used by people who have COVID-19 and are showing symptoms to protect others from the risk of infection.

Indiana health officials recently acquired test kits for COVID-19. Tests are done at the state level.