COVID-19/Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions

1 **What is COVID-19/Coronavirus?** A new type of respiratory based virus similar to the flu

2 **What are the symptoms?** Symptoms include fever, shortness of breath and coughing. They may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

3 **How easy is it to spread?** It has been confirmed that COVID-19 can be spread through person to person contact. Although it is not airborne it can spread through coughing or sneezing. It is important to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.

4 **Is it deadly?** COVID-19 is relatively low risk for individuals below the age of 60 with no preexisting health conditions. Among older and immuno-compromised populations there is greater risk and we urge you to take precautions.

5 **What do I do if I am showing symptoms?** Immediately call your local health provider before presenting to the facility.

6 **Does insurance cover any of the cost?** Due to recent actions by New York State, it has been ordered that costs will be assumed by health insurers.

7 **How do i prevent spread of the virus?** Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds, if using hand sanitizer make sure it is at least 60% alcohol, avoid contact with people who are sick, stay home if you are sick, and disinfect frequently used hard surfaces.

8 **Should I be wearing a mask?** Unless you are showing symptoms yourself, wearing a mask is not recommended.

9 **What is Orange County doing to prepare?** Our staff is working day and night to prepare and distribute guidance protocols. We have been in constant contact with health providers, schools, and businesses and community shareholders.

10 **Are there cases in Orange County?** There are cases in Orange County. Please check in for updates. The risk to the public remains low.

Would You Like to Know More?

Visit OrangeCountyGov.com/Health or call (845) 291-2330 to reach the Orange County Health Department.

The New York State Department of Health has a 24 hour hotline to answer questions at (888) 364-3065.

For the Center for Disease Control (CDC) please visit CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/