The safety of our patients and employees is always our number one priority. FCS physicians and staff are specially trained in infection control prevention and treatment, and continuously follow all necessary protocols and procedures. We continue to monitor updates provided by the CDC and others. The following information may help to answer your questions. If you have additional questions or concerns, please talk with your oncologist.

What is coronavirus?
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some of these cause illnesses in people while others generally infect animals. Sometimes animal coronaviruses that infect animals have emerged to infect people and can spread between people. This is what is suspected to have happened and caused this novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

How is coronavirus spread?
The virus is generally spread from person to person through respiratory secretions.

What is the incubation period for coronaviruses?
Generally, a 14-day time frame is recommended. This is the longest incubation period seen for similar viruses. If someone remains symptom free for 14 days after exposure or potential exposure, the risk of having the virus is greatly decreased.

What are the symptoms of coronavirus?
Mild to moderate respiratory tract illnesses, like the common cold or flu with fever over 100.3.

How can I protect myself, my family and others?
- Avoid close contact with others who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose
- Stay home if you are sick
- Cover your cough, sneeze into a tissue, throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or anti-viral, antibacterial wipes
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Do I need to wear a facemask?
Masks are not currently recommended for people who are not sick. However, the use of the mask by healthcare providers is crucial to prevent possible infection and spread of the virus.

What is the treatment for the virus?
There is no specific treatment for the COVID-19 virus. Supportive care to reduce symptoms and prevent further complication is recommended.

REMEMBER: If you have traveled or been in contact with anyone who has traveled outside of the U.S. and think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please notify your healthcare provider.

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