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**Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

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**Prevention Tips**

- Wash hands often with soap and water. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean your door knobs/light switches and areas commonly touched with disinfectant wipes frequently.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**States with confirmed coronavirus cases**

- China
- Italy
- Japan
- Spain
- France
- Germany
- Singapore
- Russia
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Vietnam

**Confirmed coronavirus cases around the world**

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