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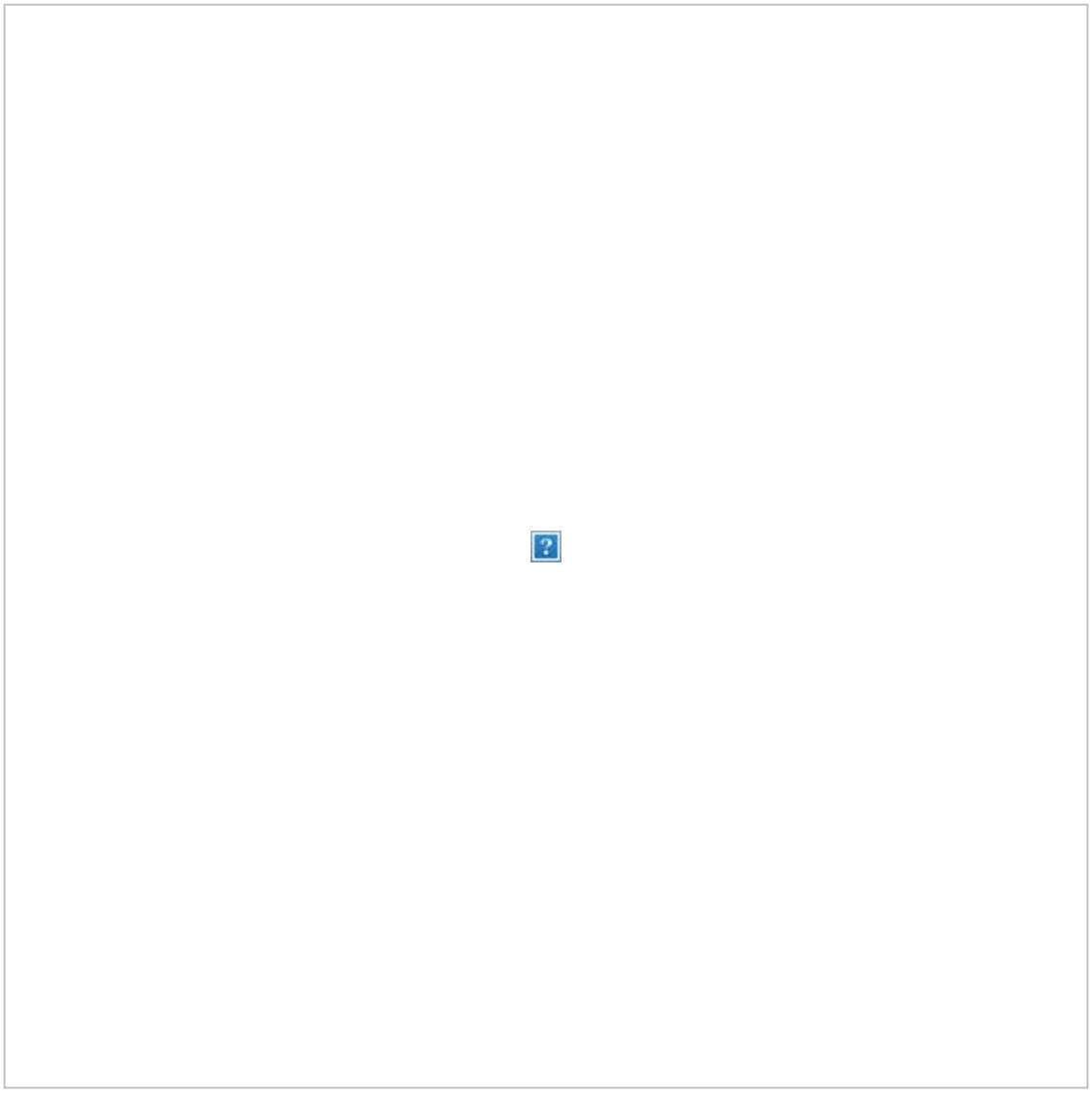

WHO declares the new coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern

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Following the advice of the Emergency Committee today, WHO Director-General has declared the outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. In China, more than 7700 cases have been confirmed, and 170 people have died. There are 82 additional cases confirmed in 18 countries.

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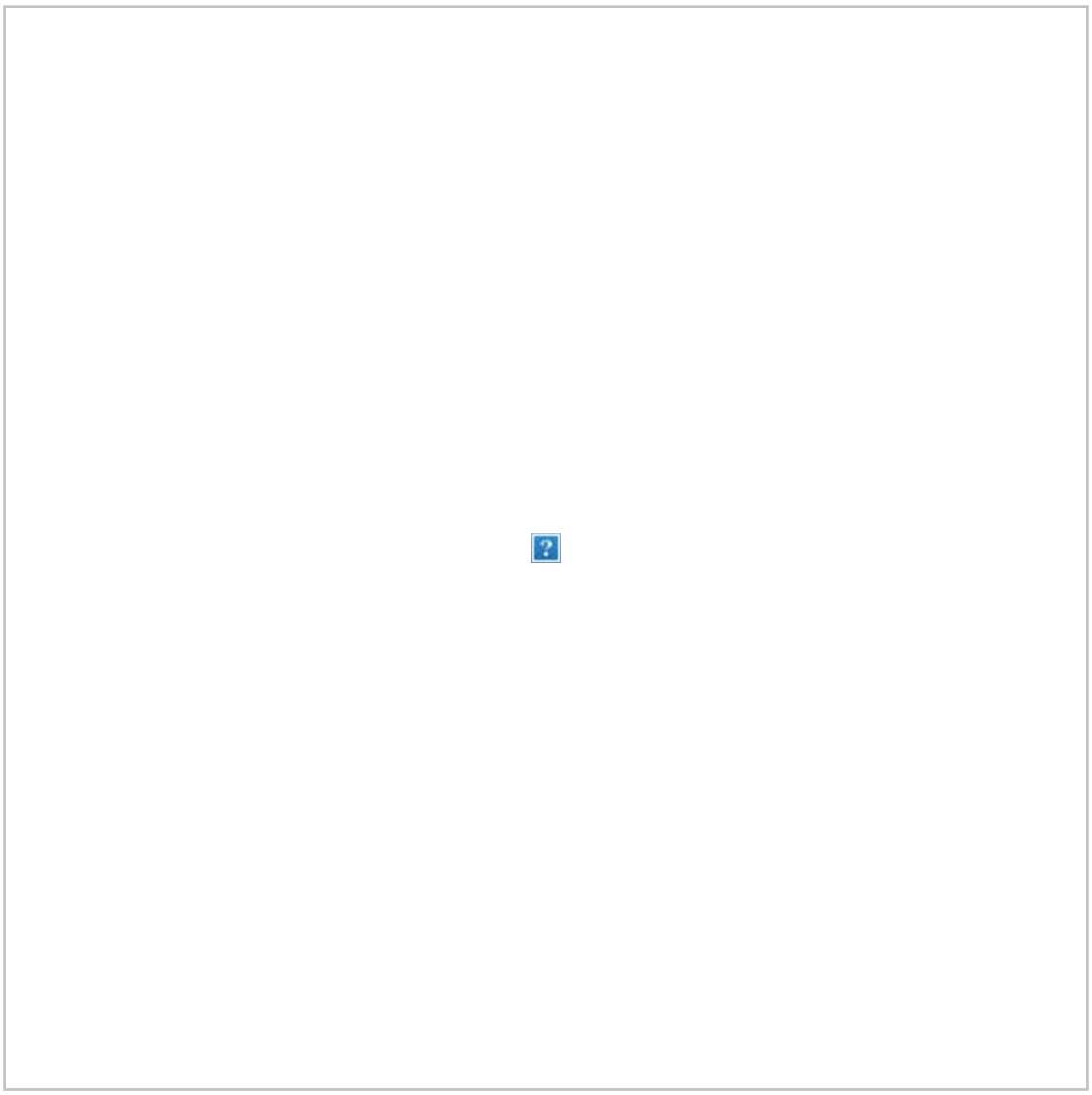
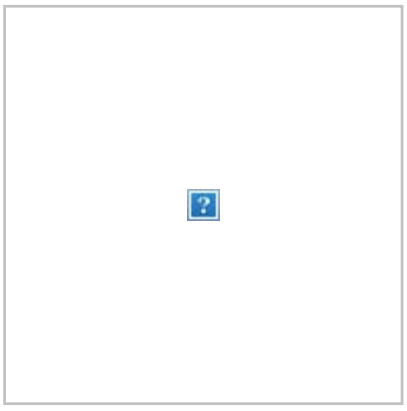
What you need to know about the new coronavirus

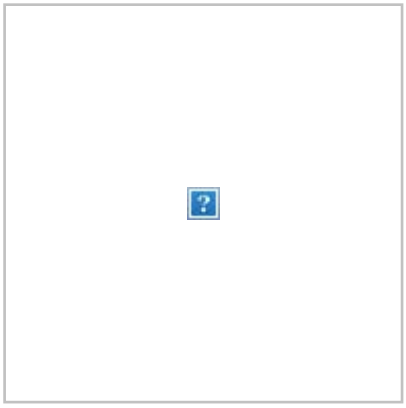




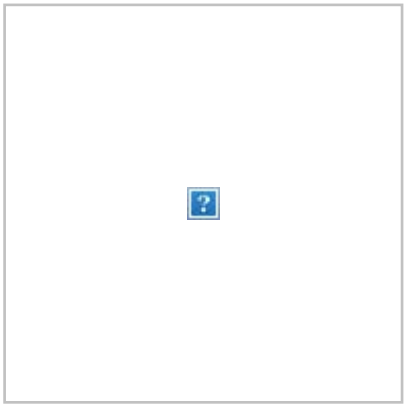
What is a novel coronavirus?

A novel coronavirus is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans. Common signs of infection include fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.

How can I protect myself?



WHO recommends frequent hand washing, covering mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing, and avoiding close contact with anyone who shows symptoms.



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