

**Table 1.** Comparing the novel Coronavirus, SARS and Ebola.

<i>Factor</i>	<i>2019 Novel Coronavirus</i>	<i>SARS</i>	<i>Ebola virus</i>
<i>Etiology</i>	RNA virus from Coronaviridae family	RNA virus from Coronaviridae family	RNA virus from Filoviridae family
<i>Source</i>	Zoonotic	Zoonotic	Zoonotic
<i>Transmission</i>	Direct contact with infected person respiratory droplets	Direct contact with infected person respiratory droplets	Direct contact with infected person blood or bodily fluids
<i>Incubation period</i>	2-14 days	<a href="#">2-14 days</a>	2-21 days
<i>Symptoms</i>	Fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea	Fever, cough, headache, malaise, shortness of breath, diarrhea	Fever, headache, vomiting, stomach and muscle pain, bleeding, diarrhea
<i>Asymptomatic individuals infective</i>	Yes	No	No
<i>Secondary transmission (fomites)</i>	Unknown	Yes	Yes
<i>Airborne</i>	Unknown	<a href="#">Yes</a>	Yes
<i>Detected in feces</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Persistence in wastewater</i>	Likely	Yes	Yes
<i>Effective skin disinfectants</i>	<a href="#">Handwashing</a> with soap and water (min. 20 sec); <a href="#">alcohol-based sanitizer</a> (min. 60%)	<a href="#">Handwashing</a> with soap and water; <a href="#">alcohol based-sanitizer</a> as per manufacturer's instructions	<a href="#">Handwashing</a> with soap and water (min. 40 sec); <a href="#">0.05% hypochlorite solution</a> ; <a href="#">alcohol-based sanitizer</a> (min. 60%, min. 20 sec)
<i>Effective surface or object disinfectants</i>	<a href="#">Common detergents effective against coronaviruses</a>	<a href="#">Common detergents</a> are effective (e.g., 0.21% hypochlorite, 0.05% triclosan)	<a href="#">0.5% hypochlorite solution</a> and <a href="#">5% peracetic acid</a>