

# Coronavirus

**What is it?**

for kids!

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## *What is the coronavirus?*

*The coronavirus is a virus. It is caught by sneezing or coughing in people's faces. Therefore, we must stay 2 metres apart from other people.*



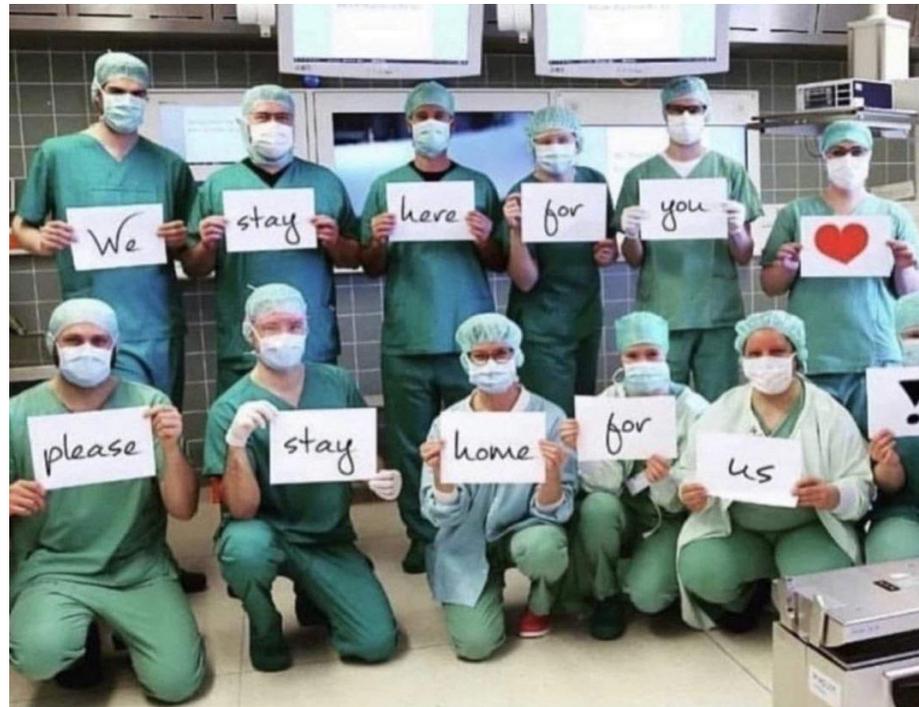
## *What can I do to help?*

*You are already helping by staying at home, other ways you can help are clapping for the NHS every Thursday night at 8pm.*



*What is the NHS doing to help?*

*The NHS are putting their lives at risk for our safety. They are at the hospitals looking after people with coronavirus.*



## *Is there a vaccine?*

*Not yet. Scientists are working on a vaccine now. It may be quite a few months until it is widely available.*



## *Why is the coronavirus so harmful?*

*The virus is harmful because it is easy to jump from human to human. Another reason is that until a few months ago scientists had never seen or dealt with it before.*



## *What are the symptoms?*

- A fever of 37.8 degrees or more*
- A persistent dry cough*

*These are the 2 main symptoms. If you have them you should self-isolate for 14 days.*

*What should I do if I am worried?*

*If you are worried, try talking to a grown up at home. You could possibly ask if you can video call your friends or relatives. You should just tell somebody.*



## *What started the coronavirus?*

*Believe it or not the coronavirus was started by bats. They were infected by the virus and transmitted (transmitted means passed on) it to humans.*



## *How long does it stay on surfaces?*

*It depends on the surface, but it can last for several days on a surface. That is why you must wash your hands.*



*Will things get better?*

*Of course, they will. Although it seems bad now, if you have patience things will get better later.*



## *What are the top tips?*

- + Be happy*
- + Talk to people*
- + Stick to the rules*
- + Don't annoy siblings or parents*
- + Be kind*
- + Help each other.*

*Want to know the facts about the  
coronavirus?*

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