

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.



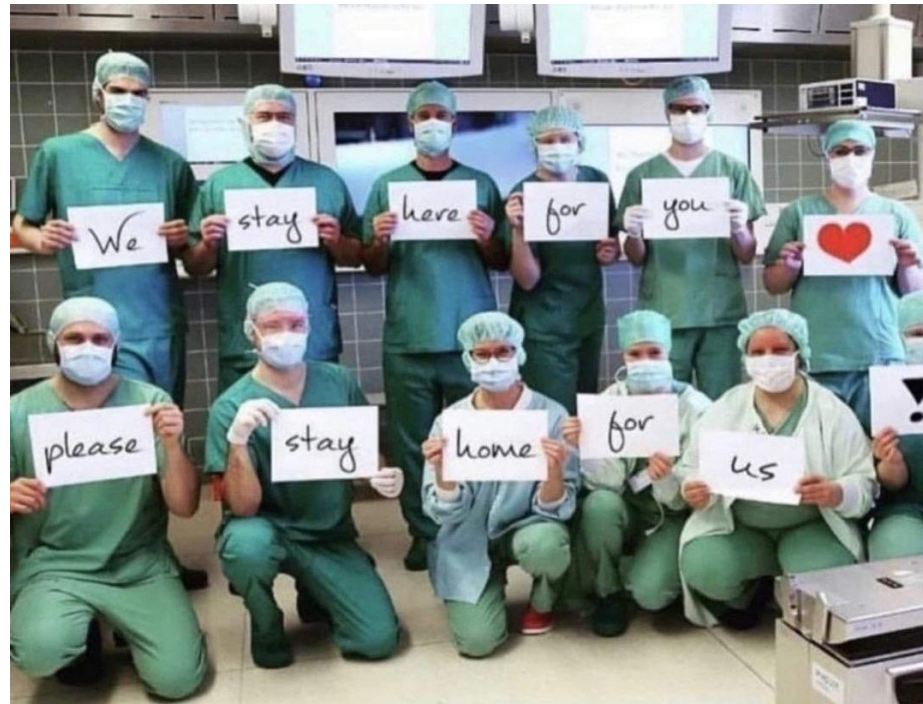
What can I do to help?

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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