

# Exploring the New

# CORONAVIRUS

A Comic Just for Kids

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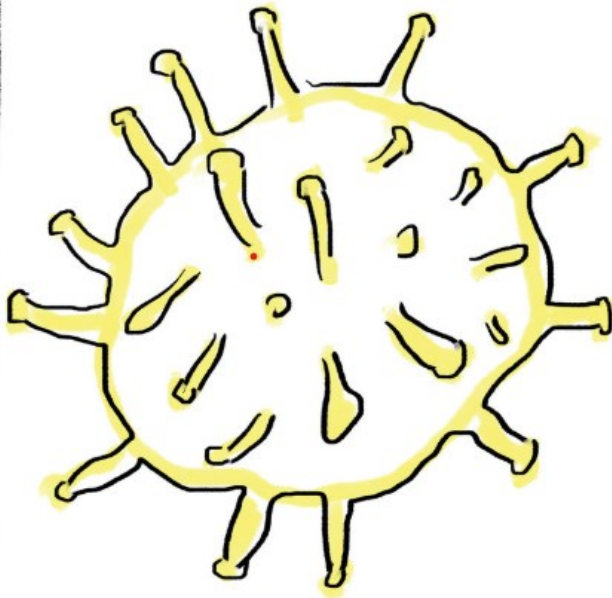
It's a word you might have heard  
at school or online or on T.V.



This coronavirus is a newly  
discovered virus. It causes a disease  
called COVID-19.

In some parts of the world it has made lots of people sick.

## Coronavirus Facts



- "Corona" is Latin for crown.
- Under a microscope these viruses look like a crown with spikes ending in little blobs.



A lot of the symptoms are similar to the flu (which you might have had before!)



Dry, itchy cough



Fever



Kinda hard to breathe

Most people who have gotten sick with this coronavirus have had a mild case.

And there aren't a lot of cases in kids. If kids do get the virus, it tends to be very mild.



People who are much older or who already have health problems are more likely to get sicker with coronavirus.



WHAT ABOUT  
DAD AND MOM  
AND GRANDPA  
AND GRANDMA  
AND UNCLE AND  
AUNTIE!!!

If anyone gets sick and feels like they might have coronavirus, they can immediately call their doctors and get help.





If there's anything you might be  
confused or worried about, don't be  
afraid to ask  
someone you  
TRUST.



UNCLE! I SEE A LOT  
OF PEOPLE WEARING FACE  
MASKS. DOES THAT MEAN  
THEY HAVE CORONAVIRUS?



NO.  
MAYBE THEY'RE TRYING NOT  
TO GET SICK. OR THEY MAY BE  
SICK WITH SOME OTHER ILLNESS!

BUT MY FRIEND  
AT SCHOOL TOLD  
ME—



DON'T LISTEN TO YOUR FRIEND!  
LISTEN TO ME.

There are some things you can do to protect yourself, family and friends from getting sick.

## ① WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN

★ USE SOAP AND WATER

★ WASH FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.

IF IT HELPS, SING THE ABC'S WHILE YOU DO IT—THAT'S ABOUT 20 SECONDS.

★ WASH AFTER USING THE BATHROOM OR BEING IN PUBLIC SPACES (LIKE THE BUS OR PLAYGROUND).

★ TRY TO GET INTO ALL THE NOOKS + CRANNIES!





## ② SNEEZE INTO YOUR ELBOWS

★ CORONAVIRUS IS BELIEVED TO SPREAD THROUGH LITTLE DROPLETS OF FLUID FROM YOUR LUNGS.

★ IF YOU SNEEZE INTO YOUR ELBOWS, YOU CAN PREVENT GERMS FROM GOING INTO THE AIR AND ONTO YOUR HANDS.



## ③ AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE

★ DON'T PICK YOUR NOSE, DON'T TOUCH YOUR MOUTH, DON'T RUB YOUR EYES.

★ THESE ARE THE PLACES WHERE GERMS ENTER OUR BODIES.



There are a LOT of helpers out there who are working to protect you. It is NOT your job to worry.



But seriously, though...  
PLEASE wash your hands!!!