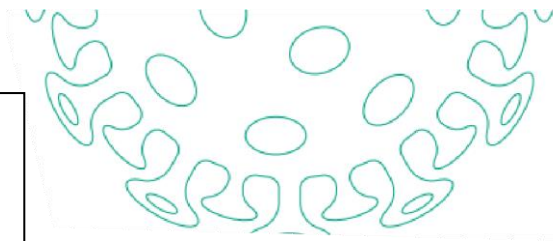




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COVID-19 advice for young people

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is the disease that has been on the news a lot over the past two years. COVID-19 is caused by a coronavirus; it was discovered in China and has spread around the world.

COVID-19 causes cold like symptoms, like a fever, cough, sore throat and aches and pains in the muscles.

It is expected that over 80% of the world's population might catch COVID-19, but most people are expected to recover fully.

Should I be worried?

Well, yes and no! Yes, because a lot of people will get the bug and even though you will probably fully recover from it, it will make you feel poorly for a week or so, so that's important to remember. But, for most people it will be just like a cold and nothing more.

People who are frail or usually very sick and unwell will be at higher risk of getting more serious complications from the bug.



What can I do to keep safe?

This bit is really quite simple: **WASH YOUR HANDS!**

You could catch the bug from an infected person sneezing or coughing and those droplets getting into your eyes, nose or mouth. Even if someone sneezes into a tissue, if they then touch something straight afterwards which you then put in your mouth, like a pencil, you can catch it.

It is really important that if you do cough or sneeze you do it into a tissue then throw the tissue away and wash your hands. If you haven't got a tissue, sneeze into the crook of your elbow.

If you see someone who is visibly coughing, sneezing or sick, stand back from them and keep your distance to about two metres, which is four shopping trolleys in a line. You can help by offering to get them some tissues to use.

Sometimes a sick person's bugs can get onto other hard surfaces like door knobs, a computer mouse, pens, keyboards, cups, stair bannisters, etc. If you touch these things and an infected person has touched

them, you might catch the bug. This is why it's super important to wash your hands regularly and ALWAYS before eating or putting something in your mouth.



Follow these five precautions!

1. WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY

This is really important. Remember to wash the backs of your hands and between your fingers and your fingertips.

Wash them with warm water and soap for 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice in a row).



2. If you need to sneeze or cough then cover your mouth with a tissue and then throw it away safely in a bin (and then wash your hands again!)
3. Try to avoid coming into contact with people who are sick and do not share personal items that they are using. For example, cutlery, plates, cups, towels, face-cloths etc.
4. Try not to touch your mouth, eyes, ears and nose too much.
5. If you are sick then you need to tell your parent or carer. You will be asked to take a test called a Lateral Flow Device (LFD), this looks like a cotton wool bud which is put in your nose or mouth to collect a swab. If it is positive then your parent or carer will need to call the KEMH on 28000 to let them know. Please do not come to the hospital unless you are advised to by a doctor.

STAY SAFE AND REMEMBER TO WASH THOSE HANDS!