

The title card features a white background with a hand-drawn black border. The border is decorated with a teal background and small red dots. The text is written in a casual, hand-drawn style. The words "Exploring the" and "New" are in a dark red color, while "CORONAVIRUS" is in black and highlighted with a yellow background. A red wavy line underlines the word "CORONAVIRUS".

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.

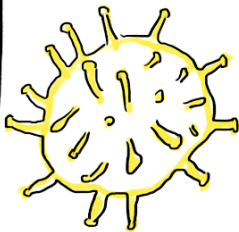


This coronavirus is a newly
discovered virus. It causes a disease
called COVID-19.

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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 sick 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**.



In Australia we don't
have a lot of coronavirus cases.
Medical people are tracking the
disease very carefully and are trying
to make sure it doesn't spread.



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.



It's very important to remember that this kind of virus can affect

ANYBODY.

It doesn't matter where you come from or what country your parents are from.



Just because someone looks different or talks differently doesn't mean that they are at a higher risk of getting the coronavirus or spreading it.

AND DON'T FORGET!

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!!!



Thanks for reading!

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