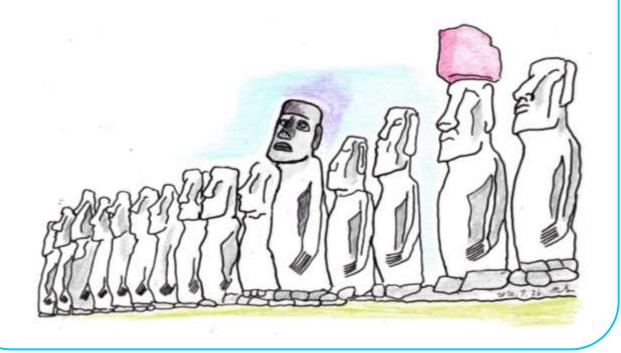


Infection Control against Covid-19







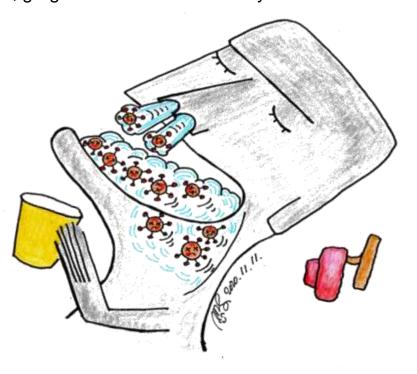
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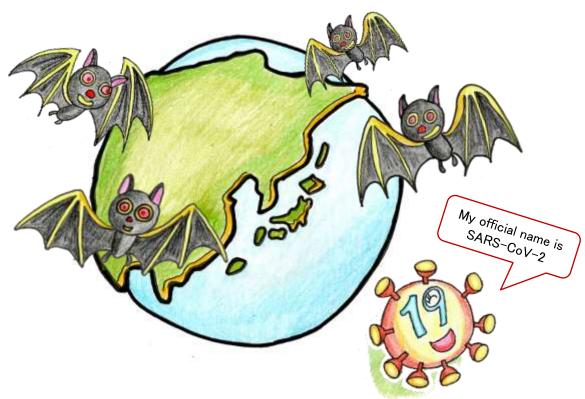
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Gargle just after you get home, and also before going to bed

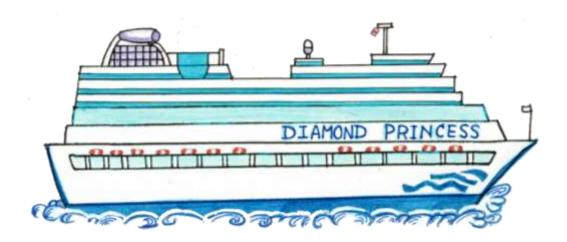
When you get home, wash your hands, gargle, and wash your face. Before going to bed, gargle to reduce the virus in your mouth.



What is coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19)?



Coronavirus disease 2019 is thought to have occurred around November 2019, when a coronavirus of the bats began to infect humans.

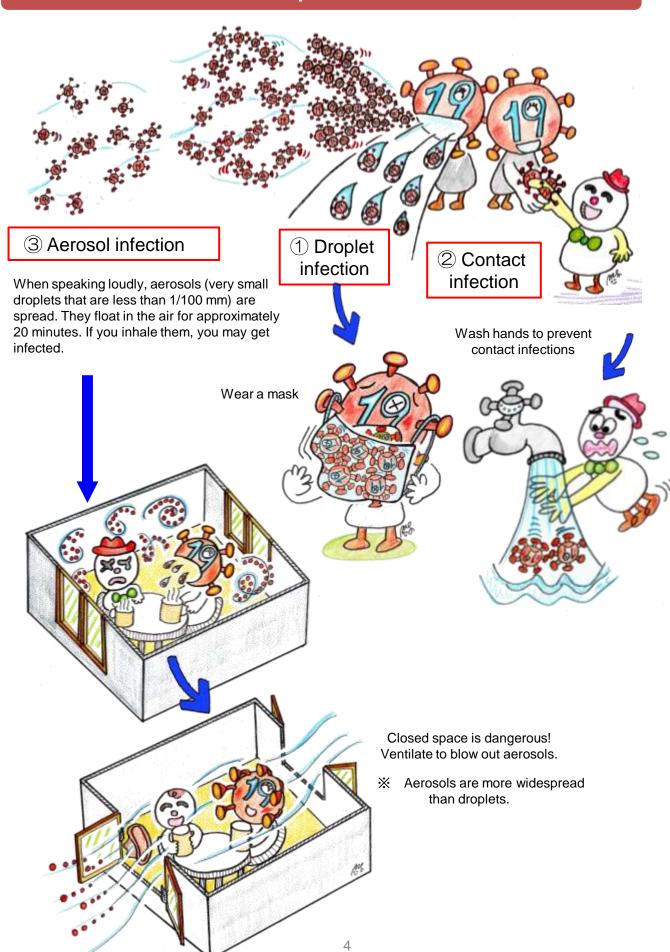


The first case in Japan was confirmed in January 2020.

Of the 3713 passengers aboard the Diamond Princess (a cruise ship) that came to Yokohama Port in February, 712 (about 20%) were infected.

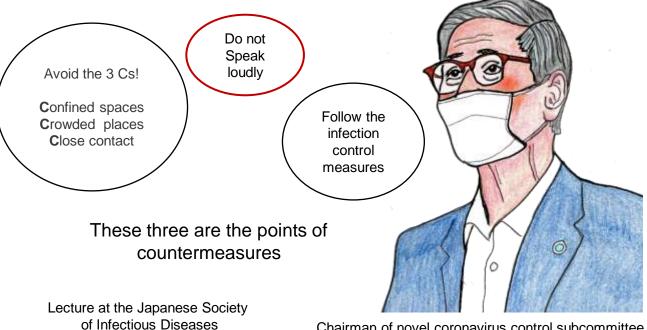
There were many findings by analyzing and investigating the infection on this cruise ship.

Three infection patterns of Covid-19



Common points that are found among clusters ...

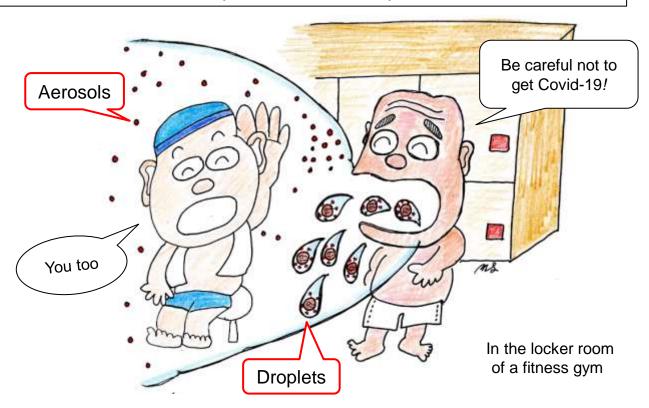
The infection risk is not so high, when just walking around in the city or shopping, as long as everyone is wearing a mask. (Dr. Shigeru Omi)



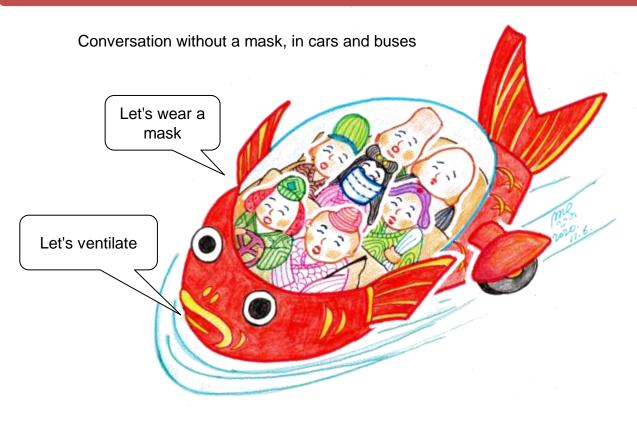
on August 20, 2020

Chairman of novel coronavirus control subcommittee by the government

When speaking in a loud voice, both droplets and aerosols spread out.

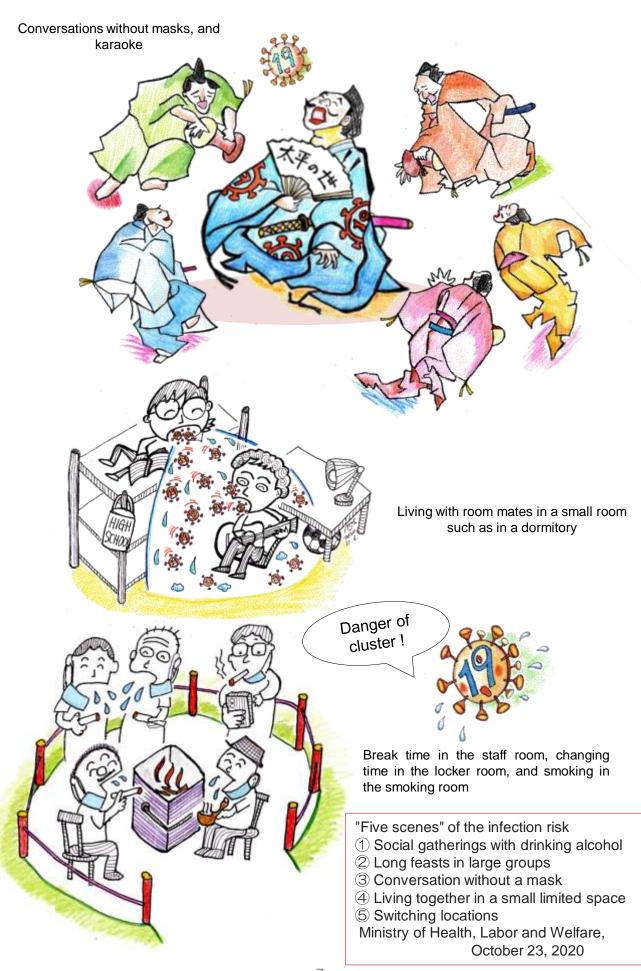


"Five situations" that increase the risk of infection



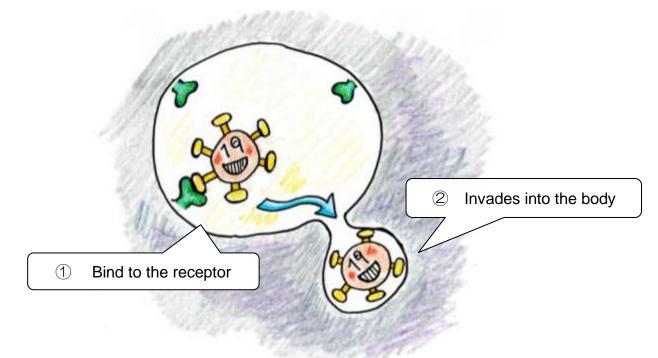


Social gatherings with drinking alcohol



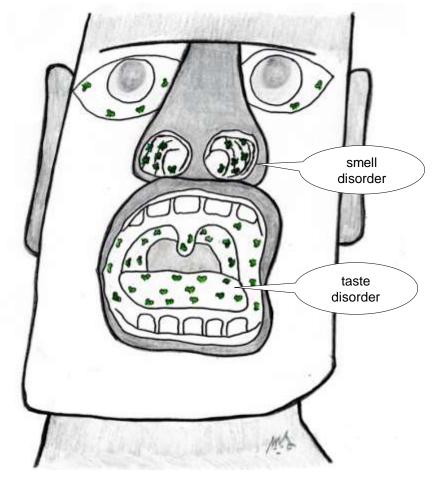
Mechanism and symptoms of novel coronavirus

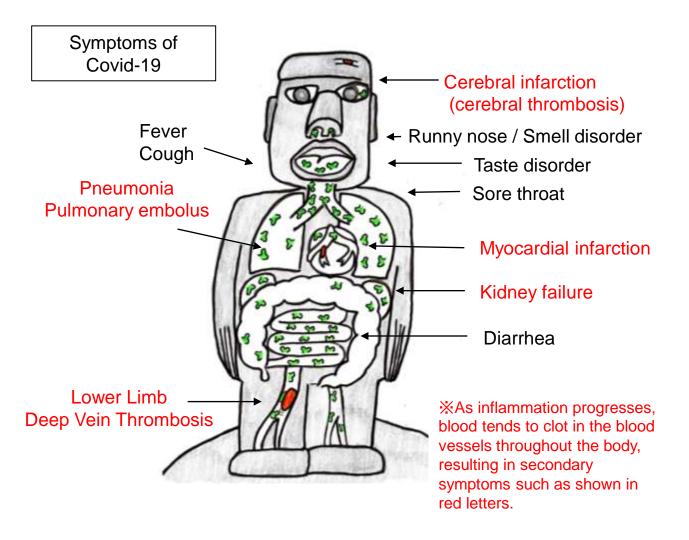
The Covid-19 virus enters the body by binding to special receptors on the mucous membranes. This receptor is for regulating blood pressure, however the virus happens to stick to it.

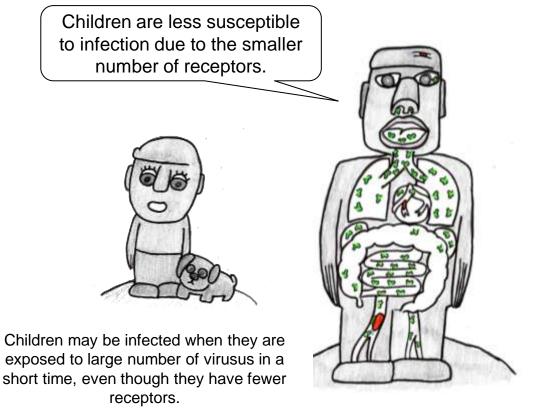


Receptors on the facial mucosa are on the nasal mucosa, eye conjunctiva, oral mucosa, and the surface of the tongue. As the skin has no mucous membranes, there are no receptors.

The skin is a natural barrier







Infection control against Covid-19



Basic Precaution Always wear a Mask and Wash your Hands



"Hand washing before meals" has always been important, from long long ago.



Droplet Infection



Mask





Aerosol Infection Ventilation

Aerosols generated by a loud voice can stay in the air for a long time in poorly ventilated space. In such space, there is a risk of infection even for people who are sitting far away. Ventilate the room well to blow out these aerosols.





Contact Infection

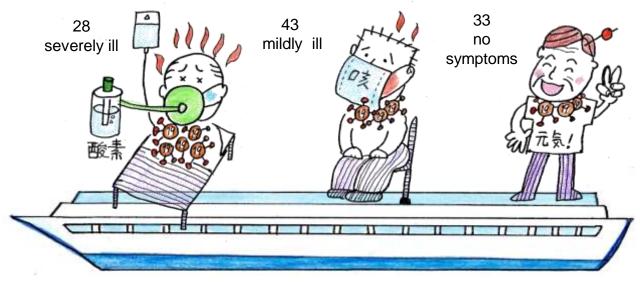


Hand washing and Disinfection



Why is universal masking necessary?

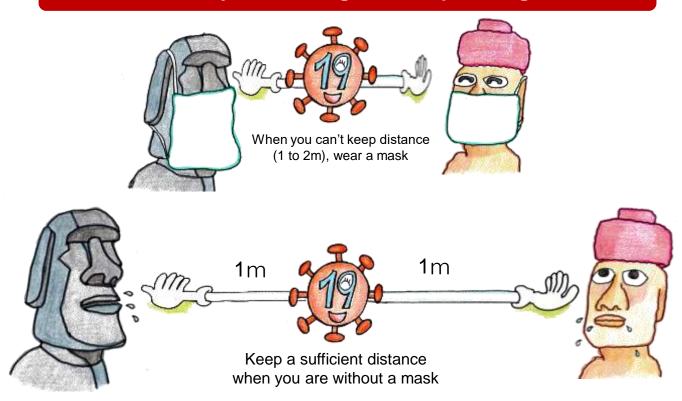
One among three people infected with Covid-19 had no symptoms

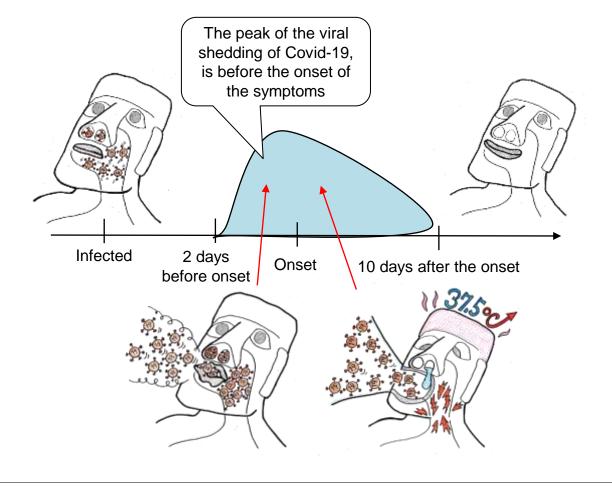


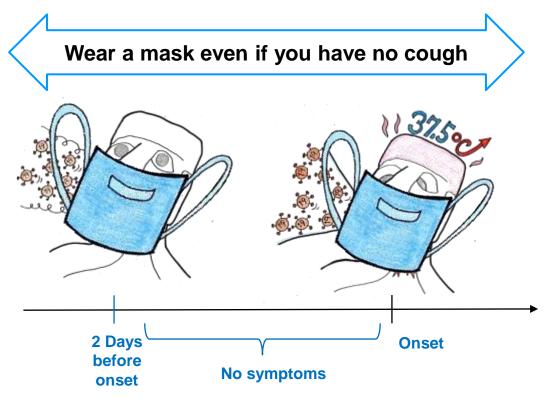
104 definitely PCR-positive patients (Diamond Princess cruise ship)
Average age 68 years (47-75 years)
(reported by the Self-Defense Forces Central Hospital)



We have no way of knowing who is spreading Covid-19!







It is said the period to time that Covid-19 patients may spread the infection to others is from 2 days before, to 7 to 10 days after the onset of the symptoms.

When can't keep a distance, wear a mask

Before

When you have a cough, wear a mask

1 Mask



② Cover your mouth and nose with soft paper



3 Cover your mouth and nose with sleeves

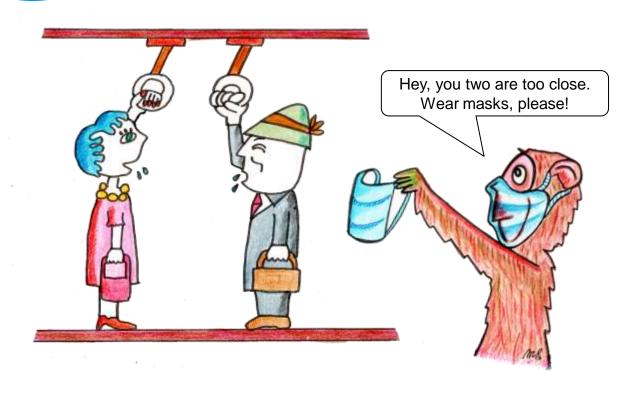


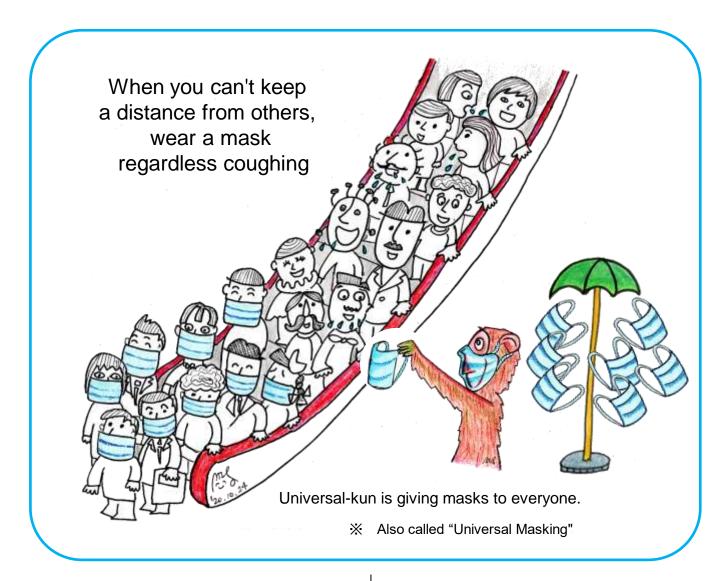
3 ways to 'cover your cough'

Regardless of coughing

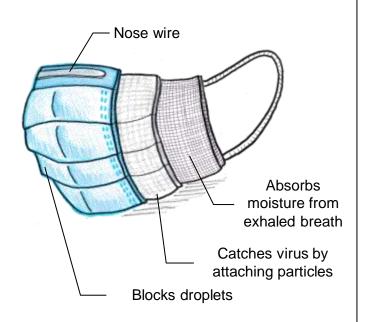
Now

When you can't keep a distance from others, wear a mask

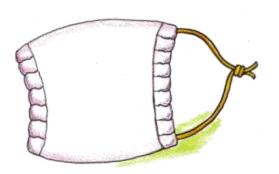




Surgical Mask (Non-woven cloth)



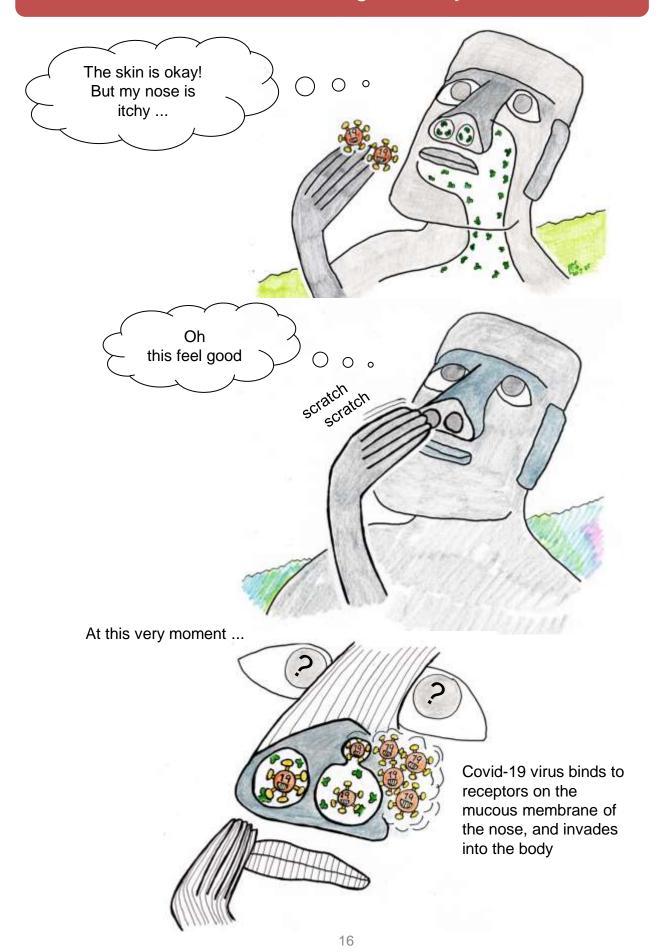
Cloth Mask (cotton, gauze, etc.)



Cloth masks may make you feel easier to breathe, but they may pass small droplets when you speak loudly.

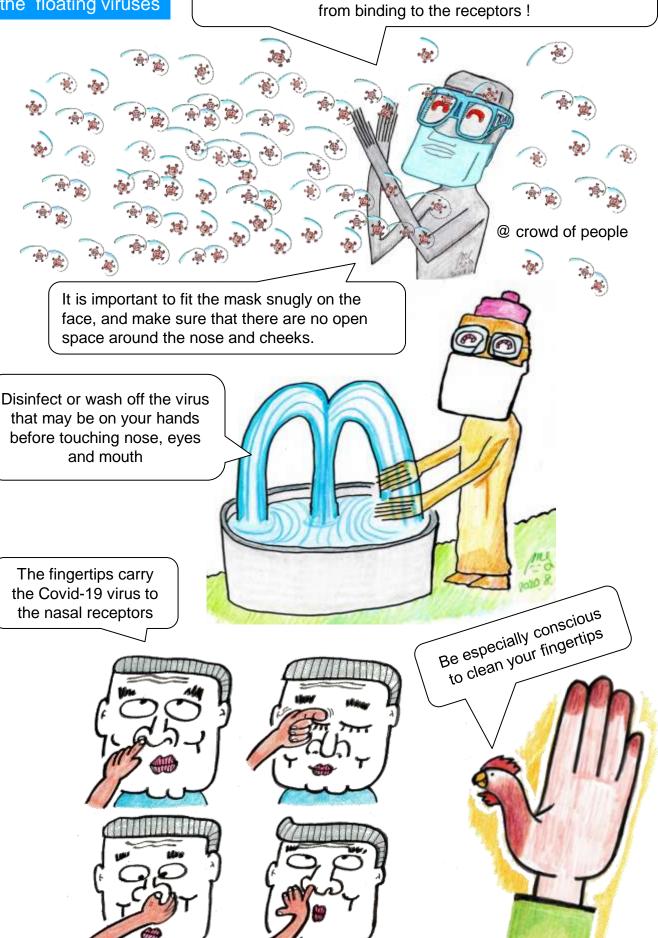


Clean hands when touching nose, eyes or mouth

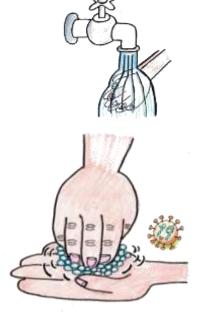


What to do against the floating viruses

The Covid-19 virus cannot infect you while it is on your hands. Wear "Glasses for hay fever" and "Mask" to prevent the virus from binding to the receptors!



fingertips are important when cleaning hands



Hand wash with soap and running water



Disinfect hands with alcohol based hand rub



In order not to hurt the surface of your skin ...
Foam the soap well. Do not scrub strongly.
Gently wash on the skin.
Do not wipe strongly. Moisturize well.

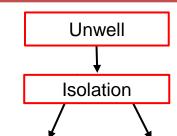


The correct way to disinfect hands

- ① Use enough alcohol based hand rub to disinfect your entire hand
- ② At first disinfect your fingertips, nails, and thumbs, that are most likely to be forgotten, but are very important
- Then rub both hands thoroughly until they are completely dry



When a family member is infected ...



Covid-19?

Influenza?

Covid-19 infection



The initial symptoms may be similar to the flu and the common cold. The main symptoms are fever, cough, malaise, and respiratory distress. Diarrhea (10%), Taste disorder (17%) Smell disorder (15%) Influenza infection



Onset with a sudden fever of 38-39° C or higher.
In addition to respiratory symptoms, it is often accompanied by systemic symptoms such as headache, lumbago pain, muscle pain, arthralgia, and general malaise.

No one can tell if it is Covid-19 or influenza

Call a local clinic or hospital

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