

Unit 2 — Coronavirus COVID-19



common cold

a normally harmless viral infection of the nose, throat, and upper respiratory tract

"The common cold spreads through droplets in the air when someone who is sick coughs, sneezes or talks."

contract an illness

formally catch or acquire a sickness

"It is possible, but not likely, to contract an illness while visiting a sick relative in the hospital."

Coronavirus

any one of a family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe pneumonia

"You should avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of Coronavirus."

Covid-19

the name given to the 2019 novel coronavirus

"Current evidence on COVID-19 suggests that children are not especially at risk from severe illness."

cure

relieve symptoms of a disease or illness

"There is no cure for the common cold because there are so many types and they mutate rapidly."

first manifested

first appeared

"COVID-19 first manifested in Wuhan, China in December 2019."

flulike symptoms

patients presenting with sneezing, fever, runny nose, etc

"Flulike symptoms include fever, runny nose, sore throat, chills, and body aches."

ill

suffering from sickness or feeling unwell

"The woman got ill from eating sushi at a dubious restaurant in Arizona."

immune system

bodily resistance to infection and toxins

"Organs such as the thymus, bone marrow, and lymph nodes make up the immune system."

incubation period

the period from exposure to showing symptoms of an illness

"In early 2020 the median incubation period of COVID-19 was thought to be 5 days."

infected

under the influence of a disease-causing entity

"The man's flesh wound got infected by the time he was home from the camping trip."

MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome)

a viral respiratory illness first reported in Saudi Arabia in 2012

"Since September 2012, there have been more than 850 MERS deaths recorded around the world."

mortality rate

a measure of the number of deaths per unit of time

"Given enough time, the mortality rate in humans is 100%."

need be concerned about

worrisome, troubling

"Lung cancer is definitely something tobacco smokers need be concerned about."

play a role in

have an active part in

"Weather and social conditions can both play a role in the spreading of a virus."

SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)

a viral respiratory disease of zoonotic origin which first occurred in 2002 in China and killed over 750 people

"Chinese scientists traced the SARS virus to cave-dwelling horseshoe bats in Southern China."

sneeze

a sudden involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth

"A sneeze is often caused by irritation of the nostrils brought about by particles of dust, pollen, or animal dander."

sore throat

pain or irritation of the pharynx which worsens when you swallow.

"The first sign of a cold is often a sore throat which can last a few days."

subsequently

after something else

"Many widely-accepted medical practices have subsequently been found to be useless or even dangerous."

treatment

medical actions and handling

"If a hospital is completely full then non-essential treatment can be delayed for hours or even days."