

# General Intro & update of COVID-19



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## Coronaviruses

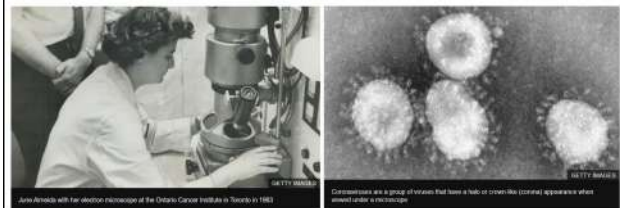
- Enveloped positive sense single-stranded RNA viruses sized 80–220 nm
- MW 26 to 31 kilobases, the largest of any RNA virus group

Coronaviridae (family)

- α-coronavirus: 229E, NL63
- β coronavirus: Lineage A: OC43, HKU-1  
Lineage B: SARS-CoV (mortality 10%), SARS-CoV-2  
Lineage C: MERS-CoV (mortality 30%)
- γ-coronavirus: avian infectious bronchitis virus
- δ-coronavirus: porcine epidemic diarrhea virus

Self-limiting upper respiratory infection

## June Almeida and visualization of coronavirus



Back to St. Thomas's hospital medical school in 1967

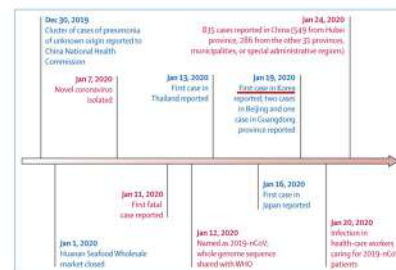
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## History of human coronaviruses

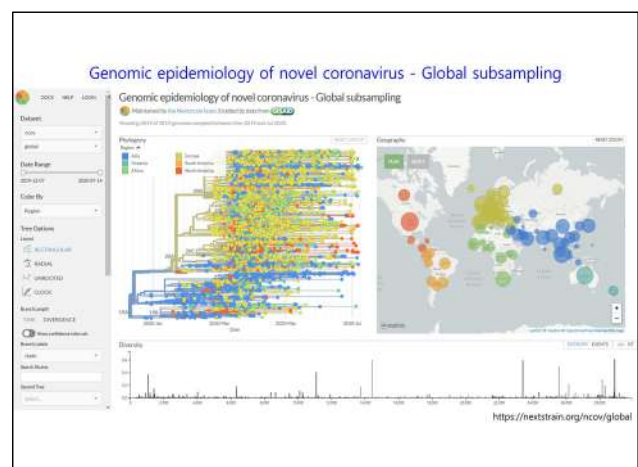
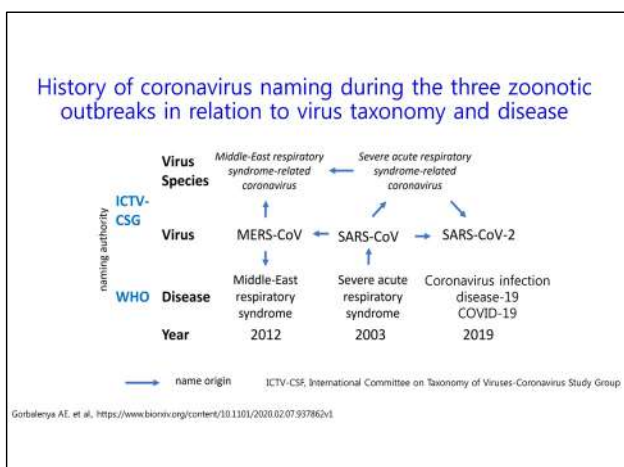
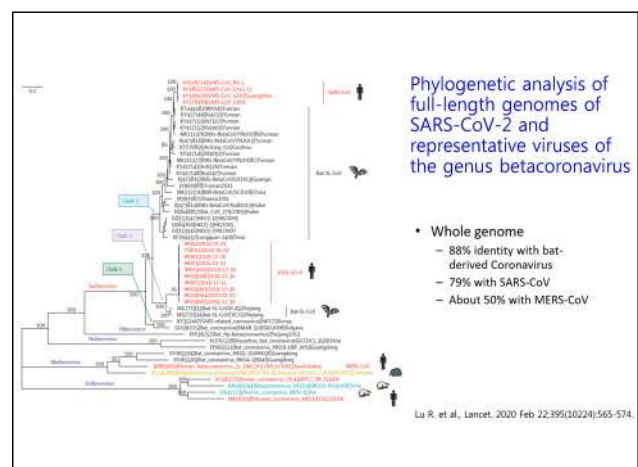
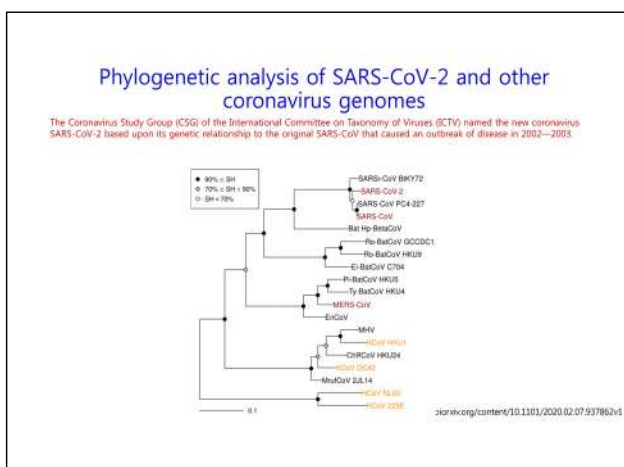
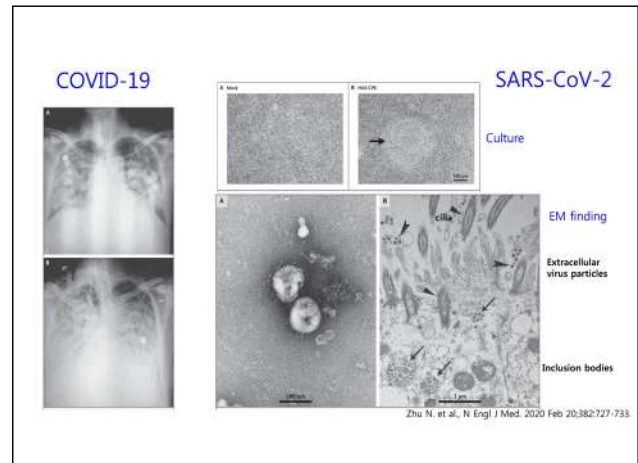
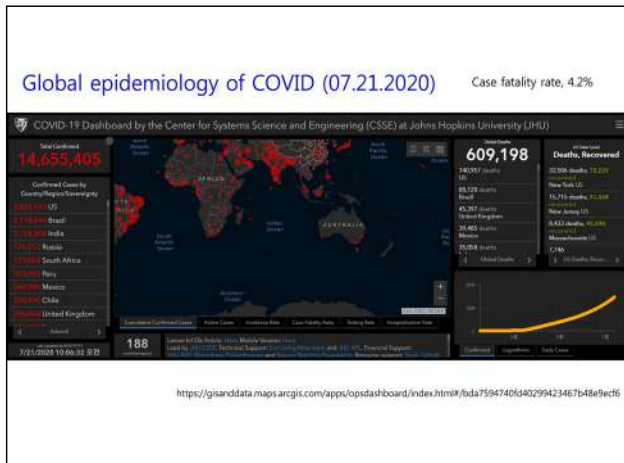
Coronavirus	Year(s) identified	First identification
Alpha coronavirus group 1		
HCov-229E	1960s	Boy with cold, United Kingdom; 8814 isolate: medical students with colds, Chicago, Illinois; 229E (note: 8814 isolate described here not further propagated)
HCov-NL63	2004	7-month-old and 8-month-old infants with bronchiolitis in the Netherlands
Beta coronavirus group 2, lineage A		
HCov-OC43	1967–1972	Acute respiratory infections in adults at the National Institutes of Health
HCov-HKU1	2004	71-year-old man with pneumonia in Hong Kong
Beta coronavirus group 2, lineage B		
SARS-CoV	2003–2004	Humans with severe pneumonia in China; natural host, Chinese horseshoe bats; presumed intermediate host, palm civet
SARS-CoV-2	2019–2020	Adults with acute respiratory distress syndrome/pneumonia from Wuhan, China; potential bat origin and related to SARS-CoV
Beta coronavirus group 2, lineage C		
Middle East respiratory syndrome-CoV	2012	Adults with acute respiratory distress syndrome in Saudi Arabia; dromedary camel as reservoir/intermediary

Ogimi C. et al., J Pediatric Infect Dis Soc. 2020 Apr 21.

## Timeline of COVID-19 at early stage



Wang C. et al., Lancet. 2020 Feb 15;395:470–473.



## Human coronaviruses and their cellular receptors

Coronavirinae Genera	Strains	Discovery	Cellular receptor
Alpha-coronavirus	HCoV-229E	1966	Human Aminopeptidase N (CD13)
	HCoV-NL63	2004	ACE2
Beta-coronavirus	HCoV-OC43	1967	9-O-Acetylated sialic acid
	HCoV-HKU1	2005	9-O-Acetylated sialic acid
	SARS-CoV	2003	ACE2
	MERS-CoV	2012	DPP4 (CD26)
	SARS-CoV-2	2020	?

DPP4, Dipeptidyl peptidase-4; ACE2, Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2.

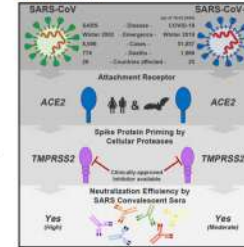
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## SARS-CoV-2 Cell Entry Depends on ACE2 and TMPRSS2 and Is Blocked by a Clinically Proven Protease Inhibitor

Graphical Abstract



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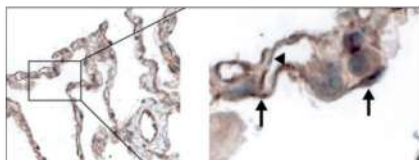
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**In Brief**  
The emerging SARS-coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) threatens public health. Hoffmann and coworkers show that SARS-CoV-2 infection depends on the host cell factors ACE2 and TMPRSS2 and can be blocked by a clinically proven protease inhibitor. These findings might help to establish options for prevention and treatment.

Hoffmann M Cell, 2020 Apr 16;181(2):271-280.e8.

- SARS-CoV-2 uses the SARS-CoV receptor ACE2 for host cell entry
- The spike protein of SARS-CoV-2 is primed by TMPRSS2
- Antibodies against SARS-CoV spike may offer some protection against SARS-CoV-2.

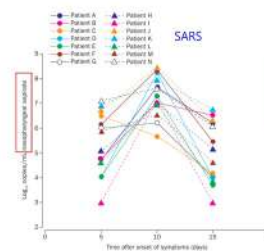
## ACE2 distribution in the body



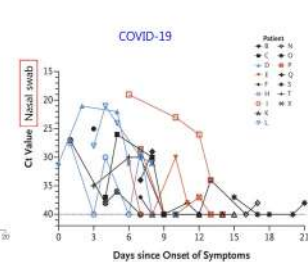
- Enterocytes of the small intestine
- Arterial and venous endothelial cells
- Arterial smooth muscle cells in organs studied (oral and nasal mucosa, nasopharynx, lung, stomach, small intestine, colon, skin, lymph nodes, thymus, bone marrow, spleen, liver, kidney, and brain)

Hamming J et al., J Pathol. 2004 Jun;203(2):631-7.

## Difference in viral kinetics: SARS-CoV vs. SARS-CoV-2

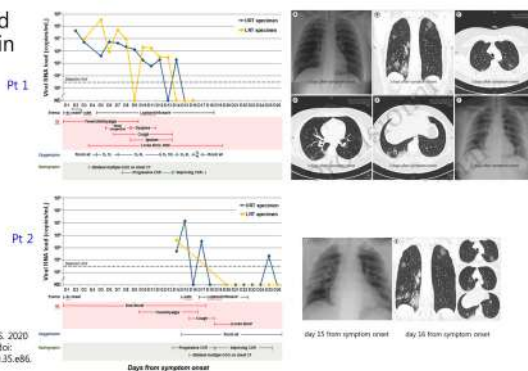


Peiris JS, et al., Lancet. 2003 May 24;361(9371):1767-72.



Zou L, et al., N Engl J Med. 2020 Feb 19. doi: 10.1056/NEJM2001737.

## Viral load kinetics in Korean pts



Kim JY et al., JGIM. 2020 Feb 24;35(7):e86. doi: 10.3346/jgim.2020.35.e86.

## Viral load detected in nasal and throat swabs obtained from patients with SARS-CoV-2

Symptomatic (n=17), asymptomatic (n=1)

Ct values of  
30.76,  $1.5 \times 10^4$  copies per milliliter  
27.67,  $1.5 \times 10^4$  copies per milliliter  
24.56,  $1.5 \times 10^4$  copies per milliliter  
21.48,  $1.5 \times 10^4$  copies per milliliter  
Negative samples are denoted with a Ct of 40, limit of detection

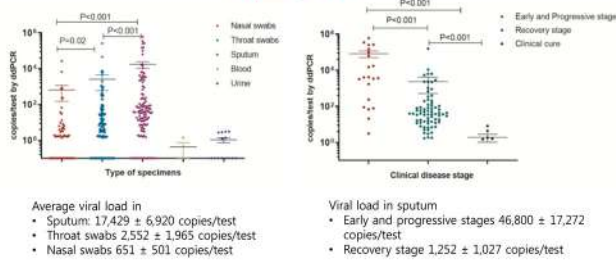
- Higher viral loads were detected soon after symptom onset, with higher viral loads detected in the nose than in the throat.
- The viral load that was detected in the asymptomatic patient was similar to that in the symptomatic patients (transmission potential of asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic patients).

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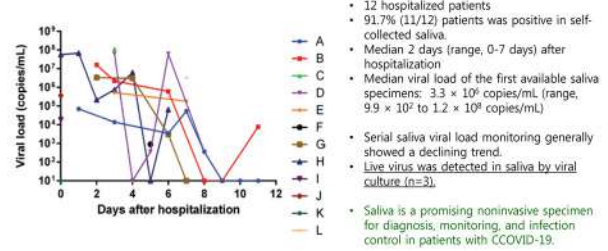
## Viral load of different tissue samples and clinical stages

76 patients, 646 tests



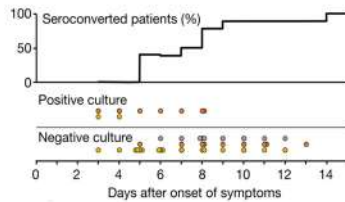
Yu F, et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2020 Mar 28; pii: ciaa345.

## Saliva viral load in patients with COVID-19



T KKW, et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2020 Feb 12 : ciaa349

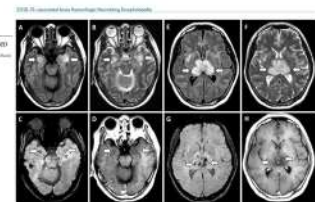
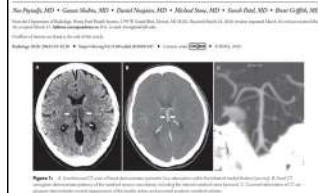
## Virus isolation and seroconversion



Wölfel R et al. Nature. 2020 May;581(7809):465-469.

## First presumptive case of encephalitis linked to COVID-19

## COVID-19-associated Acute Hemorrhagic Necrotizing Encephalopathy: Imaging Features



Peydji N et al. Radiology. 2020 Aug;296(2):E119-E120. Published Online March 31, 2020.

## Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome – children and adolescents (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19



Jones VG, et al. Hosp Pediatr. 2020 Apr 7.

## Hyperinflammatory shock in children during COVID-19 pandemic

	Age, weight, BMI, comorbidity	Clinical presentation	Organ support	Pharmacological treatment	Imaging results	Laboratory results	Microbiology results	ICU length of stay, outcome	
		Initial	PCU referral						
Patient 1 (male, Afro-Caribbean)	54 years, 95 kg, BMI 31 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , no comorbidity	4 days >40°C, non-bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, headache	BP 100/60 mmHg, HR 120 beats/min, RR 40 breaths per min, work of breathing, SpO <sub>2</sub> 93% NIO <sub>2</sub>	APV, RRT, VA-ECMO	Oxygenation, no acidemia, arginine, aldosterone, milrinone, hydrocortisone, IVIG, caffeine, clonidine, and d-fenazone	Hydroxychloroquine, azithromycin, IVIG, G-CSF, and dexamethasone	Ferritin 4200 µg/L, D-dimers 13.4 mg/L, troponin 0.75 ng/L, proBNP >35000, CRP 556 mg/L, procalcitonin 200 µg/L, albumin 20 g/L, platelets 123 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	SARS-CoV-2 positive (post-mortem), right TACA and ACA infections	6 days, alive
Patient 2 (male, Afro-Caribbean)	8 years, 30 kg, BMI 18 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , no comorbidity	5 days >39°C, non-bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, conjunctivitis, rash	BP 82/37 mmHg, HR 165 beats/min, RR 40 breaths per min, SpO <sub>2</sub> 93% NIO <sub>2</sub>	IVIG	No acidemia, no acidosis, milrinone, caffeine, clonidine, dexamethasone	Mild to moderate dysfunction, severely dilated, no effusion, pleural effusion	Ferritin 277 µg/L, D-dimers 4.8 mg/L, troponin 25 ng/L, CRP 255 mg/L, procalcitonin 8.4 µg/L, albumin 28 g/L, platelets 61 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	SARS-CoV-2 negative, likely COVID-19 exposure from mother	4 days, alive
Patient 3 (male, Middle-Eastern)	4 years, 18 kg, BMI 12 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , no comorbidity	4 days >39°C, non-bloody diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, conjunctivitis	BP 90/30 mmHg, HR 200 beats/min, RR 35 breaths per min, SpO <sub>2</sub> 93% NIO <sub>2</sub>	IVIG	No acidemia, no acidosis, milrinone, caffeine, clonidine	Axial, pleural effusion	Ferritin 504 µg/L, D-dimers 11.7 mg/L, troponin 45 ng/L, CRP 222 mg/L, procalcitonin 10.3 µg/L, albumin 22 g/L, platelets 165 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	Adenovirus positive, HERS positive	4 days, alive
Patient 4 (female, Afro-Caribbean)	13 years, 64 kg BMI, no comorbidity	5 days >39°C, non-bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, conjunctivitis	BP 77/41 mmHg, HR 127 beats/min, RR 24 breaths per min, SpO <sub>2</sub> 93% NIO <sub>2</sub>	HFNC	No acidemia, no acidosis, milrinone, IVIG, caffeine, clonidine	Moderate to severe LV dysfunction, axonal	Ferritin 621 µg/L, D-dimers 3.4 mg/L, troponin 250 ng/L, proBNP 13427 ng/L, CRP 307 mg/L, procalcitonin 12.1 µg/L, albumin 21 g/L, platelets 145 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	SARS-CoV-2 negative	5 days, alive

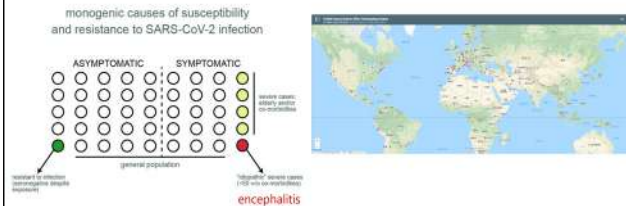
Haghighi S, et al. Lancet. 2020 May 23;395(10237):1607-1608.

## COVID-19 associated Kawasaki-like MIS in an adult

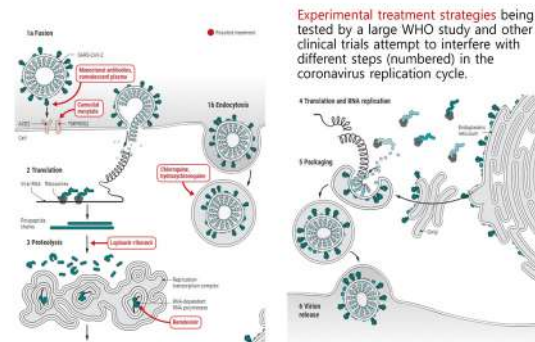


Sokolovsky S. Am J Emerg Med. 2020 Jun 25;50(735-6757(20)30542-8. Shargary S, et al. Lancet. 2020.

## COVID Human Genetic Effort

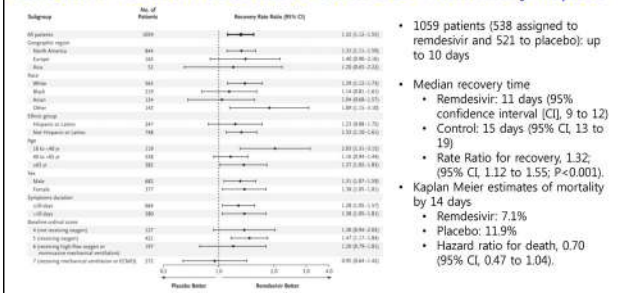


<https://www.covidhge.com/>



<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2468266720300111>

## Remdesivir for the Treatment of Covid-19 - Preliminary Report



Beigel J et al. N Engl J Med. 2020 May 22;NEJMoa2007764.

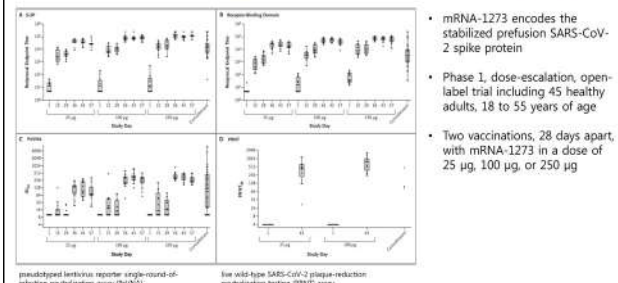
## Dexamethasone in hospitalized patients with Covid-19 - Preliminary Report

Effect of Dexamethasone on 28-Day Mortality



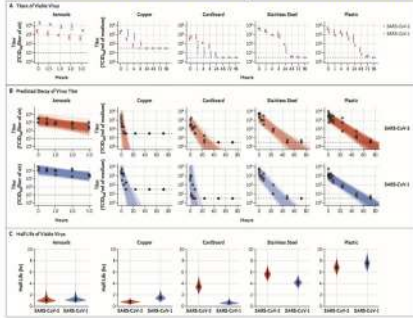
RECOVERY Collaborative Group; Horby P et al. N Engl J Med. 2020 Jul 17.

## An mRNA Vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 - Preliminary Report



Jackson L et al. N Engl J Med. 2020 Jul 14.

## Aerosol and surface stability of SARS-CoV-2 as compared with SARS-CoV-1



- 21–23°C, 40% relative humidity over 7 days
- SARS-CoV-2 was more stable on plastic and stainless steel than on copper and cardboard, and viable virus was detected up to 72 hours after application to these surfaces
- Plastic: from 103.7 to 100.6 TCID50 per milliliter of medium after 72 hours (SARS-CoV-2)
- Stainless steel: from 103.7 to 100.6 TCID50 per milliliter after 48 hours (SARS-CoV-2)
- Copper: no viable SARS-CoV-2 after 4 hours and no viable SARS-CoV-1 after 8 hours
- Cardboard: no viable SARS-CoV-2 after 24 hours and no viable SARS-CoV-1 after 8 hours

van Doremalen N, et al, N Engl J Med. 2020 Apr 16;382(16):1564–1567.

## Physical distancing, face masks, and eye protection to prevent person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Leung TW, Shiu AL, Ho PL, et al. Lancet. 2020 Apr 11;395(10242):1313–1325. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(20)30567-5.

**Summary**  
Background: Person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 is a major public health concern. We aimed to investigate the effects of physical distancing, face masks, and eye protection on virus transmission in health-care and non-health-care settings.

**Methods:** We did a systematic review and meta-analysis to investigate the effectiveness of physical distancing, face masks, and eye protection in preventing person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19. We searched Medline, Embase, Cochrane, and other databases for studies that reported the effectiveness of these interventions. We included studies that reported the effectiveness of these interventions in preventing person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19. We used a random-effects meta-analysis to pool the results of the included studies.

**Findings:** The meta-analysis included 17 studies with 10,000 participants. Physical distancing (1 m or more) was associated with a 76% reduction in the risk of person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 (95% CI 55–90). Face masks (surgical or equivalent) were associated with a 74% reduction in the risk of person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 (95% CI 55–90). Eye protection (goggles or face shields) was associated with a 92% reduction in the risk of person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 (95% CI 75–100).

**Interpretation:** The findings of this systematic review and meta-analysis support physical distancing of 1 m or more and provide quantitative estimates for masks and contact tracing to reduce public exposure to the virus. Respiratory and eye protection should be used in health-care settings and in public places. The effectiveness of these interventions should be evaluated in future studies.

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## Summary

- Second pandemic caused by coronavirus in human history
- ACE2 is the receptor for the virus infection.
- Viral load is high during the early phase of infection.
- New options for treatment and prevention are being studied.
- Non-pharmaceutical intervention (social distancing, personal hygiene, and wearing a mask) is still very important.
- Several neurologic complications have been reported.
- Mechanisms for neurologic complications need further study.

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Brain Infections Global is providing here links to resources on the neurological aspects of COVID-19. (last updated: 07/07/2020.) Through the COVID-Neuro Network we are also providing access to case record forms and standardised case definitions.

1. Neurological disorders associated with COVID-19 (peer-reviewed articles)
2. Neurological disorders associated with COVID-19 (articles awaiting peer review)
3. Other useful COVID-19 resources
4. Other organisation's COVID-19 neurology websites
5. Neurological disorders associated with other coronaviruses
6. Neurological disorders associated with other respiratory viruses

<https://braininfectionsglobal.tghn.org/covid-neurology-resource/>