

Coronavirus (CoV) refers to a large family of viruses that cause diseases, ranging from the common cold to serious diseases such as MERS-CoV (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) and SARS-CoV (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). Coronaviruses are zoonotic, which means that they are transmitted between animals and humans.^[1]

Terms

- anosmia
- [BMI](#)
- care home
- case fatality rate ([CFR](#))
- cluster
- confinement
- contact tracing
- emergency laws
- endemic ^{[2][3]}
- epidemic ^[3]
- epidemiologists and virologists
- exit strategy
- fortnight
- frugal four
- golfgate
- herd immunity
- incidence rate
- infection fatality rate ([IFR](#))
- isolation
- lockdown
- lockdown relaxation
- medical breakthrough
- mortality rate
- nursing home
- obesity
- outbreak ^[3]
- pandemic ^[3]
- [PCR](#) test
- physical distancing
- positivity rate
- post-lockdown
- [PPE](#)
- quarantine
- R₀, the basic reproduction rate
- Re, the effective reproduction rate
- resuscitation bed
- self-confinement
- social distancing
- Sputnik V, the first vaccine, according to the Russians
- symptoms
- travel restrictions
- vaccine

See also

- [Coronavirus country maps](#)
- [CCH](#)
- [CEPI](#)
- [Covid-19](#)
- [CRII](#)
- [nCoV](#)
- [mRNA](#)
- [MERS](#)
- [SARS](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2](#)

Studies

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2. ↑ BBC News, [Coronavirus may never go away, World Health Organization warns](#): *It is important to put this on the table: this virus may become just another endemic virus in our communities, and this virus may never go away*, published on 14 May 2020.
3. ↑ ^{3.0} ^{3.1} ^{3.2} ^{3.3} See CDC, Lesson 1: Introduction to Epidemiology, Section 11: Epidemic Disease Occurrence, [Level of disease](#): **Epidemic** refers to an increase, often sudden, in the number of cases of a disease above what is normally expected in that population in that area. **Outbreak** carries the same definition of epidemic, but is often used for a more limited geographic area. **Cluster** refers to an aggregation of cases grouped in place and time that are suspected to be greater than the number expected, even though the expected number may not be known. **Pandemic** refers to an epidemic that has spread over several countries or continents, usually affecting a large number of people.