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THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

# Just For Kids: A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus

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Kids, this comic is for you.

It's based on a radio story that NPR education reporter Cory Turner did. He asked some experts what kids might want to know about the new coronavirus discovered in China.

To make this comic, we've used his interviews with Tara Powell at the University of Illinois School of Social Work, Joy Osofsky at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and Krystal Lewis at the National Institute of Mental Health.

Print and fold **a zine version of this comic** here. Here are **directions** on how to fold it.

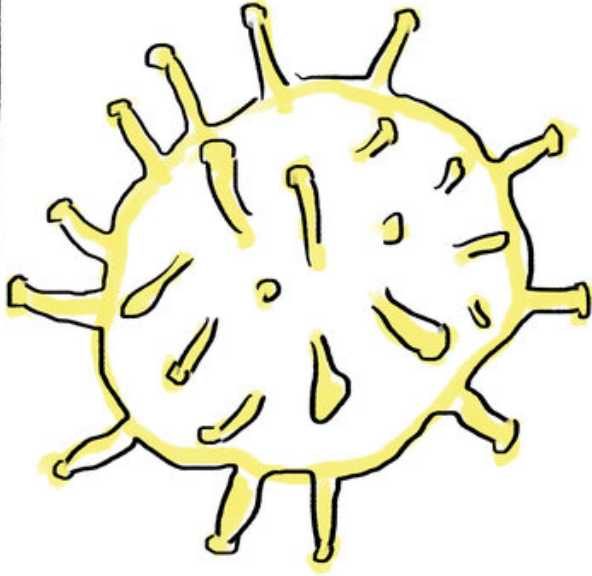
It's a word you might have heard  
at school or online or on T.V.



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

In some parts of the world it has  
made lots of people **sick**.

## Coronavirus Facts



- "Corona" is Latin for crown.
- Under a microscope these viruses look like a crown with spikes ending in little blobs.

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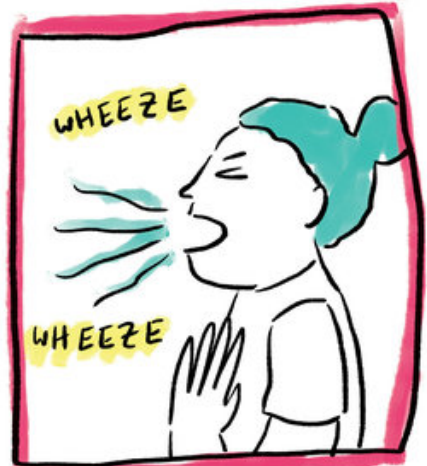
A lot of the symptoms are similar to the **flu** (which you might have had before!)



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**.







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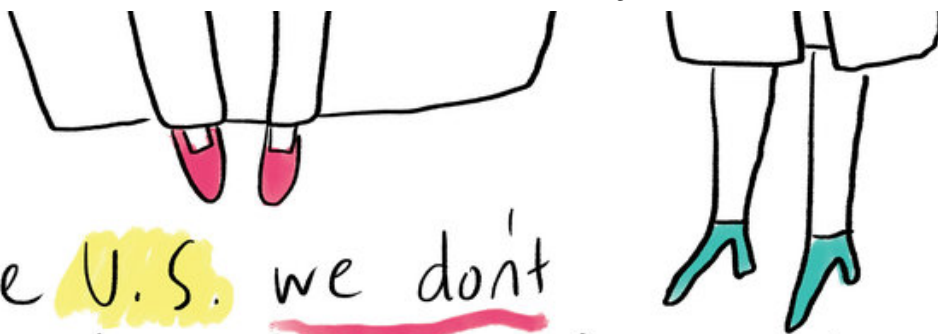
People who are **much older** or who already have **health problems** are more likely to get sicker with coronavirus.



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 the U.S. 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.

LET'S FIND THAT CORONAVIRUS!



(THE VIRUS...  
SOMEWHERE OUT THERE  
IN THE WORLD)

AND LET'S  
STOP IT!



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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 and your family.



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!



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## 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.



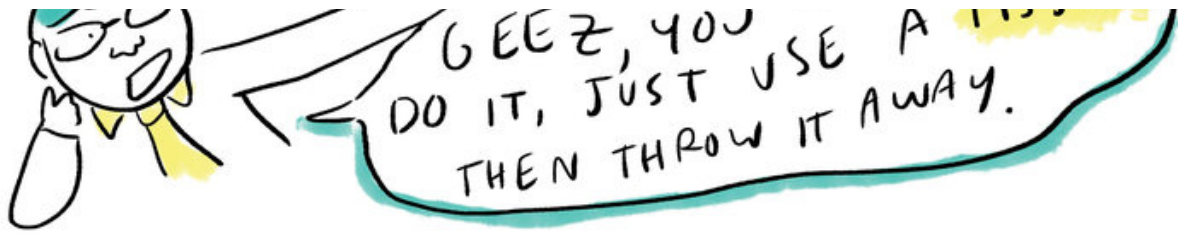
## ③ AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE

★ 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!!!

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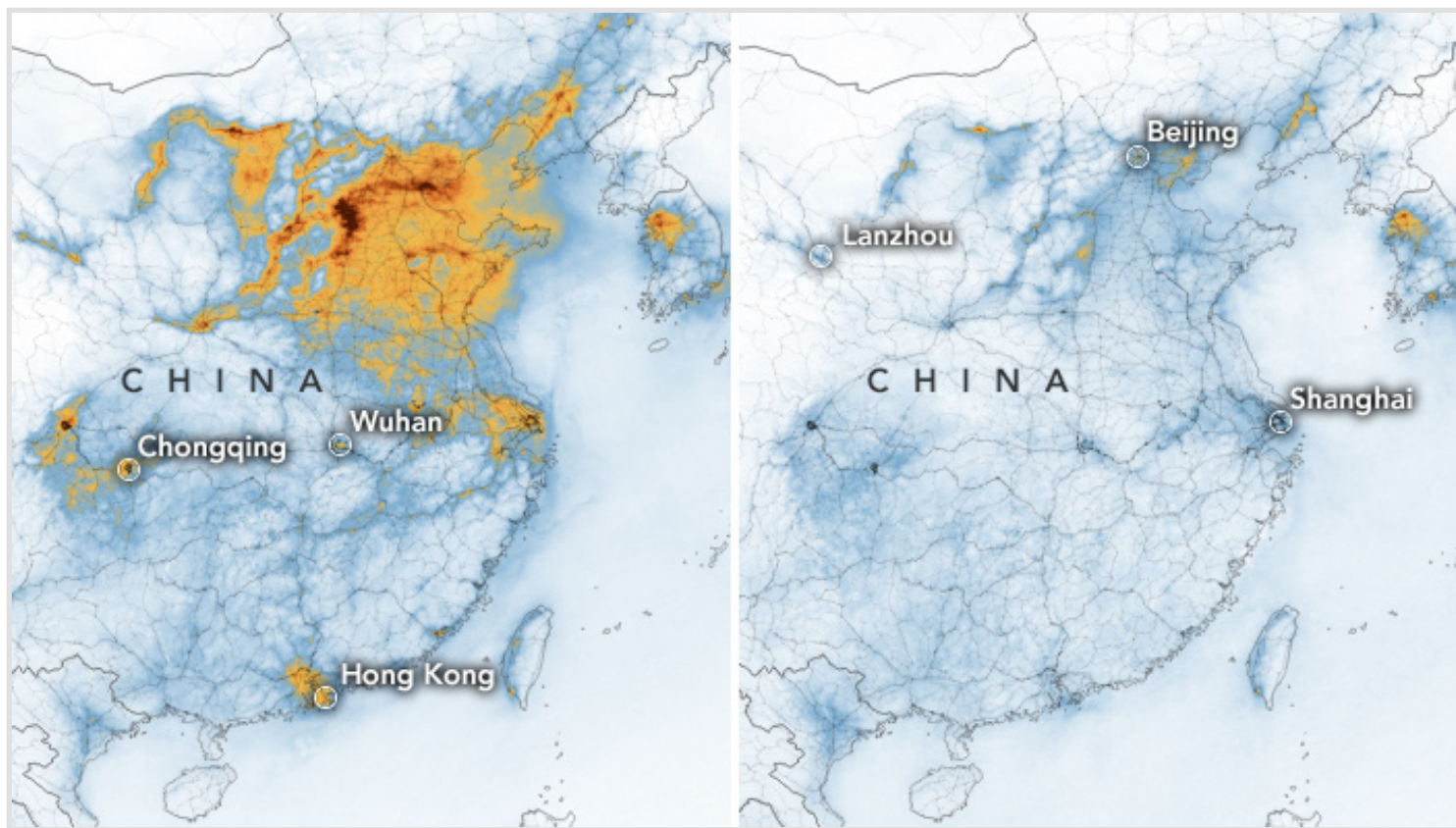
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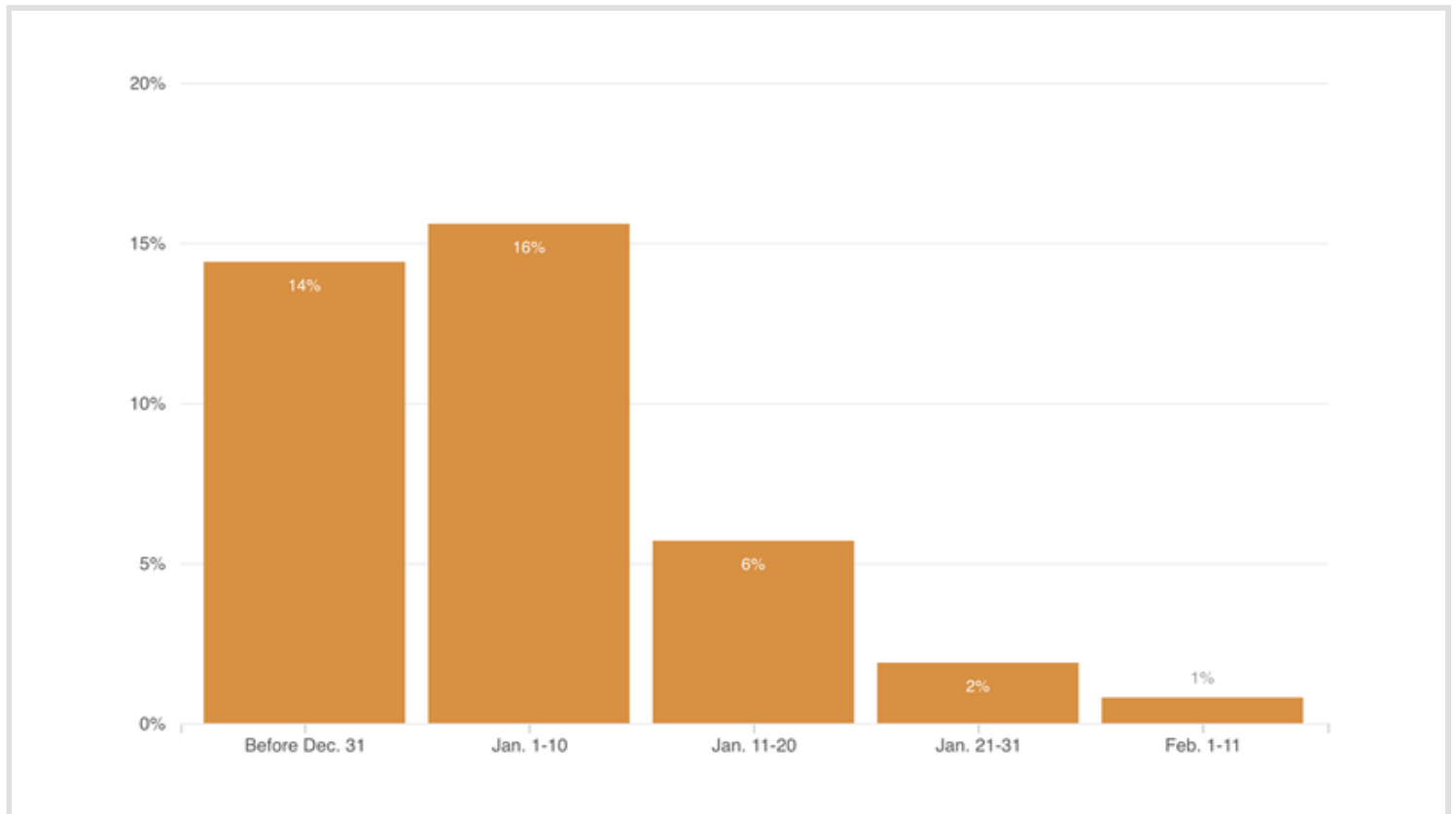
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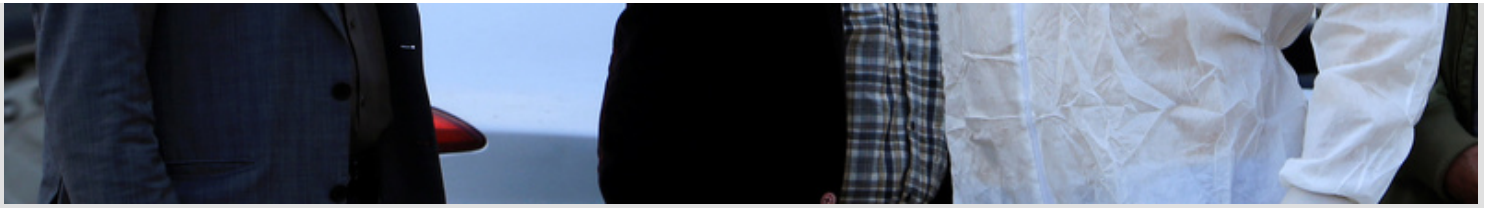




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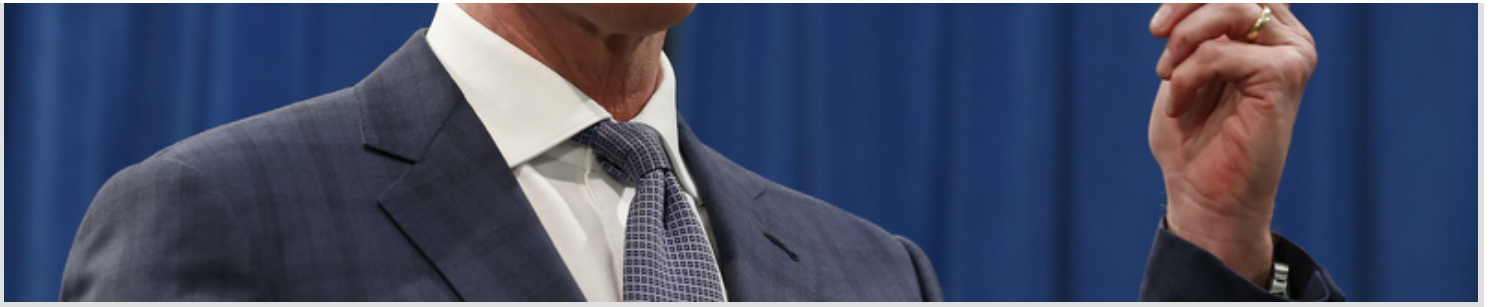


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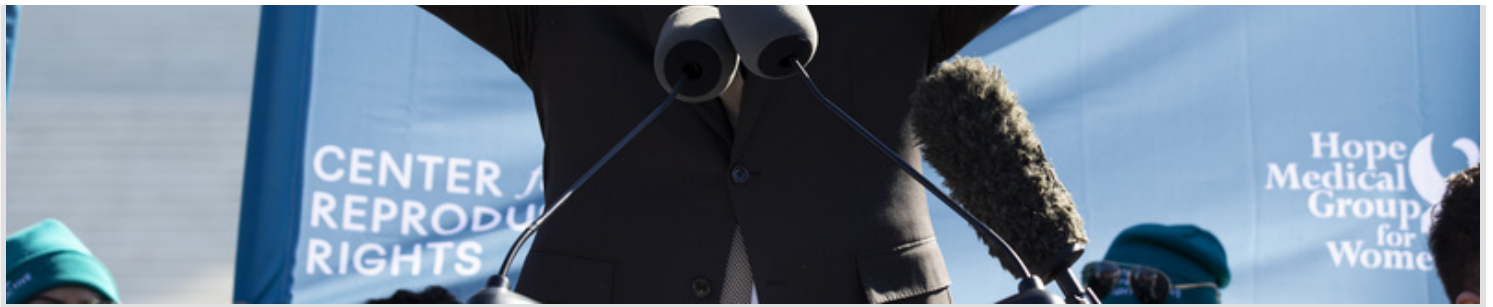


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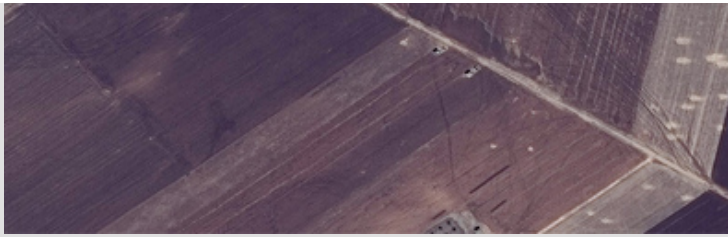
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