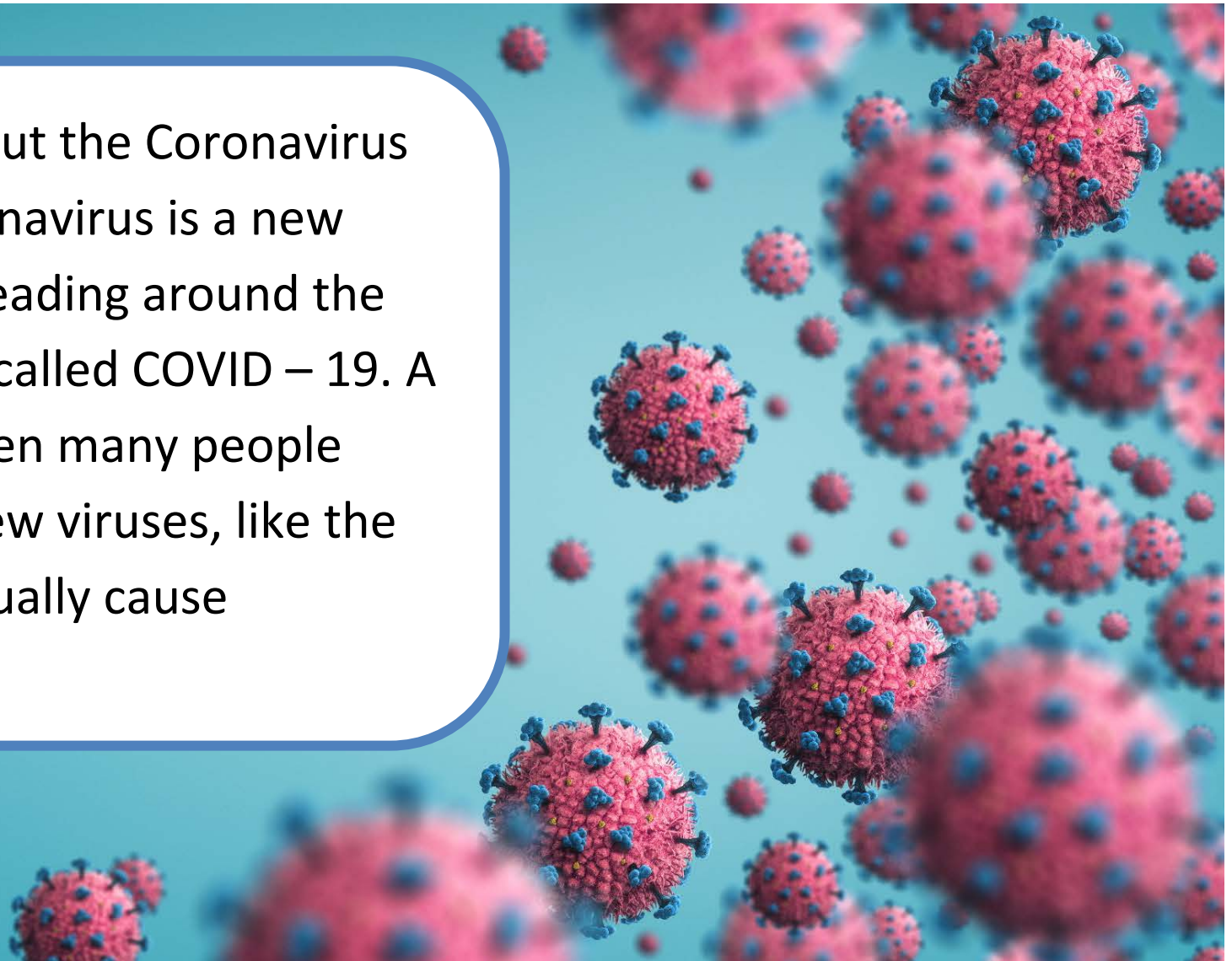# Testing for COVID-19

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Social Story

Coronavirus Pandemic

This story is about the Coronavirus pandemic. Coronavirus is a new virus that is spreading around the world. It is also called COVID – 19. A pandemic is when many people become sick. New viruses, like the Coronavirus, usually cause pandemics.

Viruses are so small we cannot see them without a powerful microscope. When they enter our bodies they can make us feel unwell.

The Coronavirus can make people have a high temperature, cough and have difficulty breathing. Most people stay at home to get better, but some people have to go hospital.

Viruses travel from person to person. This is how they spread and make people sick.

Even though we cannot see coronavirus, there are lots of things we can do to stop it.
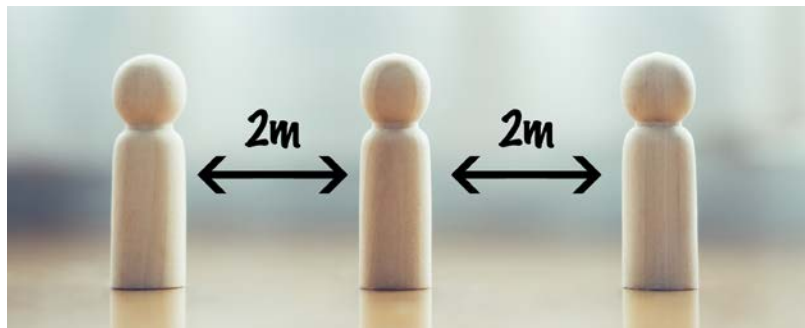
We can wash our hands regularly with soap and water. This kills the virus. We can keep space between us. This is called 'social distancing.' This makes it harder for the virus to travel and reach us. We can also wear masks. This helps stop the virus travel between people.

Another important way that we can help stop the virus travelling and know where it is, is testing. Testing shows us where the virus is and who needs to stay at home to stop it spreading. It helps us know who has the virus in their body and who does not. This means we can help people with the virus and people who do not know they are okay.
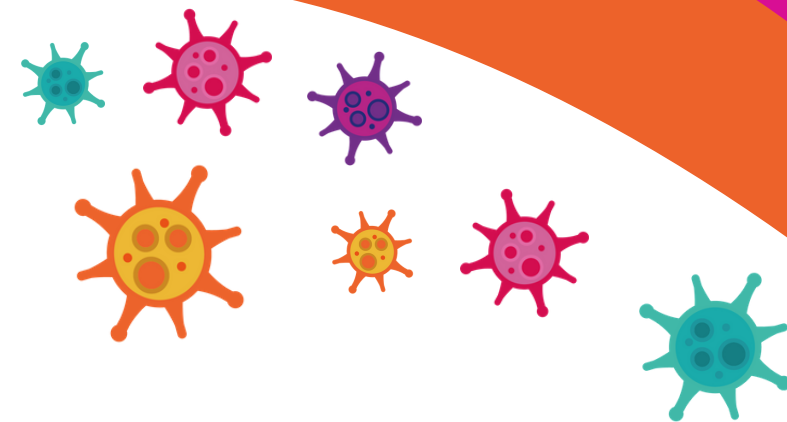
By washing our hands, social distancing, and testing we can stop the virus spreading. When we take a test, we help keep ourselves, our family and everyone at our school safe.

The coronavirus pandemic will end. We do not know when, but we do know it will end. Until then, we can keep helping to stop coronavirus and do everything we can to stay safe.

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