

Testing for
COVID-19



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Cartoon Question and Answer

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Hi everyone! My name is Bobby. My life has become very different since Coronavirus arrived. School was closed for ages and I had to stay at home. I have to wash my hands all the time and wear a mask when I do go out. Now I'm going to start doing a saliva test. I've wanted to ask so many questions but didn't know who to ask.....



Hi Bobby! I'm Chris. I work at the lab that's going to test your saliva. Maybe I could answer some of your questions?

That would be great!





Firstly, why have I got to wash my hands all the time? I look at them and they are always clean so why do I need to wash them more?

Washing your hands gets rid of any Coronavirus that might be on them. Coronavirus is so small you can't see it, so even if your hands look clean we still need to wash them. The soap and water or hand sanitiser kills the virus so after you wash them, you know your hands are clean and safe.





I wear a mask when I'm moving around school or going to the shops. Is this so people can't see my face?

No, it's to stop the tiny drops of saliva that come out of our mouths when we breath or talk. We can't see them or feel them, but they can carry Coronavirus. The mask stops them reaching other people so we keep them safe. If other people wear a mask, they keep us safe.





Why is everything so small I can't see it? They could be anywhere!

Don't worry, there's lots of things we can do to stay safe. Scientists like me can see the virus with powerful microscopes and we have studied it to learn how to stay safe. If we wash our hands, keep space between us and wear a mask it's very hard for the virus to reach us.





That's a relief! What about testing? Do you use the microscopes to look at my saliva? What are you looking for?

We do use the microscope to look at your saliva. We use robots too! We are looking for Coronavirus in the saliva. If the virus is in your body we can see it there. We can see it very soon after it gets into your body so you can get help quickly and not give it to anyone else.





If it's in my
body do I need
to stay at
home?

If it's in your body you'll stay at home for ten days. If you're not feeling well you will stay at home until you're better, but if you feel okay you can go back to school!





Cool. So if I wash my hands, keep space and cover my face I'm helping fight Coronavirus. If I get tested I'm helping to stop it spread. Is there anything else I can do to fight Coronavirus?

I think if you do all of those things you'll be doing an amazing job at stopping Coronavirus. You'll be helping keep your friends, family and school safe and be fighting the virus.





Are you sure? I made
this is the first lockdown!
Maybe this and your
robots can fight the virus
together!

Don't worry, we have everything we need. But if you built that, maybe you have the skills to become a scientist! Have you ever thought about it?





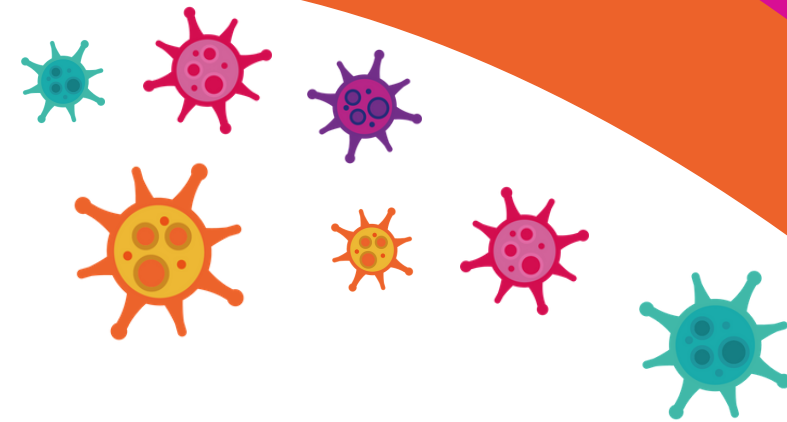
I like that
idea!



Thank you for helping stop
Coronavirus, Bobby. Don't forget,
if you have any more questions
about Coronavirus you can always
ask your parents and teachers.

Stay safe!





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