

Will COVID-19 Ever Rule the World?

When something happens that makes such a global impact, and affects the lives of so many, people naturally turn to question, "What happens next?"

Will things ever return to normal? And, if they do, how soon?

Or, even worse, is this the "new" normal? Will COVID-19's impact be a lasting one that will continue to dominate our world for years to come?

What will the world look like after the COVID-19 pandemic?

To better understand the virus we must know more about it.

- Coronavirus is an RNA virus, and that means that it is in the SARS, Influenza, and Ebola camp (unlike DNA viruses such as Herpes, Chickenpox, and Hepatitis B).
- It is not airborne in the sense that measles are (it doesn't travel through the air long distances), but it can "land" on you if you are close enough to an infected person that coughs or sneezes on you.
- Symptoms generally appear 2-14 days after the exposure and they include shortness of breath, fever, coughing, and chills.
- A vaccine is being researched. The medical field is working day and night to develop a vaccine for coronavirus. They understand the dangers of it and are just as worried as all of us that we may experience this all over again.
- We can test for it now. Testing sites are opening up all over the place and that is good news! Since not all that are infected show symptoms, it's good news that we can now test people for it. If tested positive those can then quarantine for 14 days until they are no longer contagious.
- People are getting better! While we can't say with 100% confidence that coronavirus won't flare back up again, we do know that, for now, the number of newly reported cases is diminishing.
- We have support. One of the incredible things that have come out of this pandemic is the worldwide support that we are seeing. People and countries are joining together to fight this mutually destructive and devastating virus.

- We can do our part. Washing our hands, avoiding others if we have COVID-19 symptoms, protecting the elderly, and more. We can do our part to slow down the effects of coronavirus. We are not at the mercy of it, and we can do our part.

Yes, these are scary and uncertain times, but with all of us working together and staying knowledgeable, we can fight this.

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