This virus is very infectious, but 80% of people have mild flu-like symptoms and don’t require hospitalization.

Incubation (time between being exposed and showing symptoms) is 2-14 days.

Virus spreads through respiratory droplets (coughing & sneezing).

There is no vaccine. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Symptoms Include
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath

The people are at higher risk of getting very sick includes:
- Older adults (>65 years old)
- Individuals with compromised immune systems
- Individuals who have serious chronic medical conditions (ex. heart or lung disease, diabetes)

Follow these steps to help prevent spreading:
- Clean and disinfect surfaces
- Wash your hands often and for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wear a facemask if you are sick
- Stay home if you are sick
- Avoid close contact with others

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) says the virus can survive in the air for 3 hours. It survives best on plastic and stainless steel; it could still be detected up to 72 hours, although the numbers were drastically reduced. It only lives on cardboard for about 24 hours.