



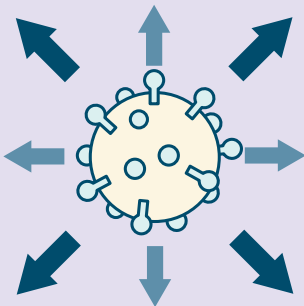
# Coronavirus: What is it?



Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a **virus** that has affected many people around the world.



A virus is an illness or disease that can spread easily from one person to another person.



Coronavirus is spreading quickly.



Coronavirus has been called a **pandemic**.

A pandemic happens when a virus spreads quickly to lots of countries around the world.

## What are the symptoms?



Fever



Fatigue



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Cough

**If you have trouble breathing, call an ambulance straight away on 000.**



These symptoms are very similar to other colds and flu. So you may not have the coronavirus.



If you're feeling sick, you should stay at home.



Call your doctor. Do not go to the doctor – call first.



You might need to be tested if you:



- just came back from overseas
- have been in contact with someone who has coronavirus.