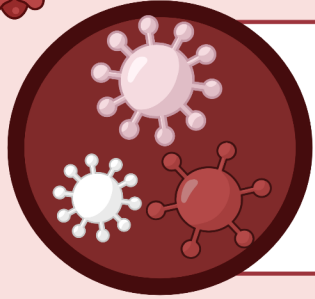


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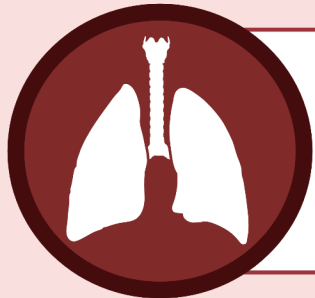
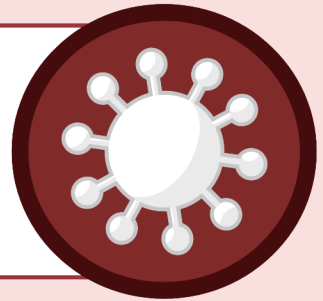
Coronavirus

Family of related viruses (e.g. SARS-CoV-1, SARS-CoV-2, MERS-CoV) characterized by a "corona" or crown of spikes

SARS-CoV-2

(Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2)

The virus that causes COVID-19



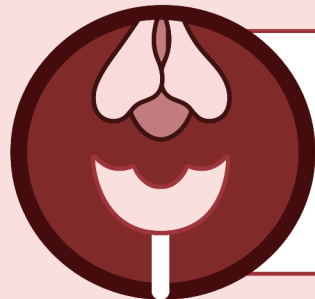
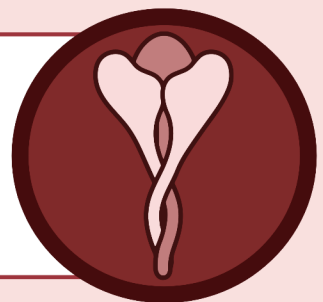
COVID-19

(Coronavirus Disease 19)

The disease caused by the infection with SARS-CoV-2, first identified in 2019

Spike protein

The protein covering the surface of SARS-CoV-2 that allows the virus to attach to and enter cells



ACE-2

(Angiotensin converting enzyme-2)

A protein on the surface of human cells that the spike uses to enter and infect cells