



Teaching our students about the COVID-19 Coronavirus

Please keep it simple, be positive, and use age-appropriate language when teaching our students about what's in the news. The youngest elementary students may simply need to be comforted and reassured about their close families. Reassure them that they will be OK and focus on handwashing and hygiene. Your own fears and stress will be magnified in their little eyes, so keep them in check! Older elementary may have seen information or myths that needs to be defrayed. Of course your behavior will be mirrored too, so model the proper way to wash your hands! (See Jenny's informative PSA below to help!) But do explain why the information is out there. For the older students, adding health, scientific, geographic, historic, social justice contexts and lessons is helpful. Here are a few resources to help you:



- **ASL CORE sign for Virus:**

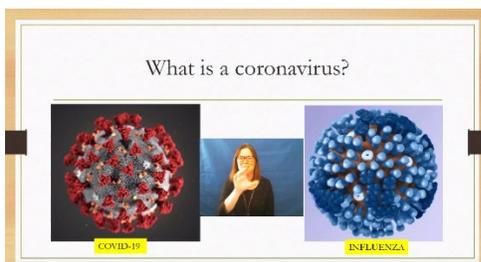


<https://aslcore.org/biology/entries/?id=virus&src=globalsearch>

- **News recap of Trump's Press Release about Coronavirus - DailyMoth:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxFo4Nw1w08>

For Lessons Elementary and up:

- **ASL COVID-19 PSA** (produced by CORE) – a bit of science, a bit of health, a bit of video https://drive.google.com/file/d/13WDqsqCQPi1rWLIX_3mjHSzRZhzl9BDq/view
- **Use SOAP! Handwashing PSA in ASL:** Thank you to Jenny Cantrell for sharing her vlog with us on the importance of handwashing! https://youtu.be/C8rBe_ebKA
- **How does Hand Sanitizer kill**



germs? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjQ6HSq3UIk> (excellent visuals and explanation of viruses in English, including sanitizer used when in the absence of soap and water.)

- **BrainPOP: Coronavirus** <https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>
- **BrainPOPjr: Colds and flu:** <https://jr.brainpop.com/health/bewell/coldsandflu/>
- **Blog: Fighting the Coronavirus** <https://twigeducation.com/blog/fighting-the-coronavirus/>
(good article for students in English)
- **Newsela:** <https://newsela.com/search?needle=coronavirus>

High School: (ASL and other sign languages)

- **How Viruses Get their Names:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UNF_9exdTc
- **Why antibiotics don't work with viruses:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOWc-7l6GLw>
- **Recap of President Trump's Coronavirus Press Release: (3:54)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxFo4Nw1w08>
- **Nigerian (Anambra State) PSA:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4b-dakpPcwY>
- **Singapore Association of the Deaf's PSA:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNngDHqnr-s>
- **India: Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital PSA:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxBK9G7Bj0o>

HS: in English:

- **1918 Flu Pandemic:** <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/1918-pandemic-h1n1.html>
- **Recognizing Online Propaganda, Bias, and Advertising (DCMP) Preview:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzIP_Amnvco (for more, sign in to your account)