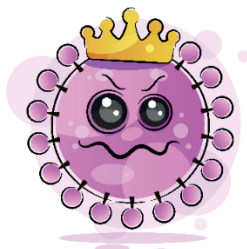


TRANSMISSION OF CORONAVIRUS BETWEEN STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

To parents: please read this information together with your child and make sure that the child understands what this study involves

Viruses are tiny creatures that can only be seen with a large magnifying glass called a microscope. We are researching a new virus called coronavirus. The coronavirus is spreading throughout the world, including in Norway. The virus can be drawn like this:



Coronavirus can make us ill. Coronavirus spreads from people who are ill to healthy people when they cough or sneeze, or through surfaces that ill people have coughed or sneezed on. Children who become ill from the coronavirus may get a cough, have a sore throat, fever or stomach aches. While others may not develop any symptoms at all. Most children recover quickly from illness.

To prevent pupils from becoming infected with coronavirus, everyone should wash their hands often and pupils may be divided into smaller learning groups. We would like to learn more about how coronavirus spreads between pupils and staff at your school.

WHY ARE YOU INVITED TO PARTICIPATE?

The doctor in your municipality has informed us that someone at your school has tested positive for the coronavirus. Do you want to help us find out if the coronavirus is spreading in your school?

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IF I JOIN?

If you join, we will ask you to spit in a cup two times, up to ten days apart. We will explain to your parents/caregivers how to take the samples so that they can help. You will give the sample at home and it doesn't hurt. One of us working with the study will come and pick up the sample from your home or at your school. We also want you and your parents/caregivers to answer some questions. You will get the questions online or on a sheet of paper. We would like to know if you are ill and if you have a cough or a temperature.

I DECIDE IF I WANT TO JOIN

Together with your parents/caretakers, you can decide if you want to participate in the study or not. If you do not want to participate, that is okay. Your parents/caregivers will tell us whether you want to join or not.