

# COVID-19 Fact Sheet

## Virology and Immunology

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### How does SARS-CoV-2 infect our cells?



The SARS-CoV-2 virus is covered in spike proteins

The spikes attach to a receptor called ACE2 on the cell

Once the virus attaches to ACE2, it enters the cell



### What increases risk of infection?



Older Age



Heart Conditions



Lung Conditions



Diabetes



Immunosuppressants

### Why do some patients have a more severe course than others?

Genetic Factors



Metabolic Factors



Risk of Bleeding



Risk of Clotting



Immune System Variations

### What happens after we fight the infection?



Antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 will likely prevent reinfection



Scientists don't yet know how long these antibodies last



We will learn how different immune cells fight SARS-CoV-2

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