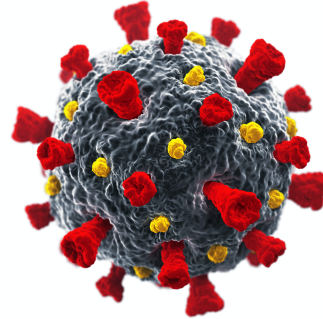


A Way to Explain the Coronavirus



Some have difficulty understanding the incredible infectious and contagious nature of the coronavirus. A comparison to a computer virus can provide a better understanding. Both are pieces of information (one biological and one (computer code) that cannot duplicate on its own. They need to enter a host, (exposure), hijack the systems of the host, (infection), then duplicate and spread, wreaking havoc (disease) and even crashing the computer (death). The virus affects computers to different degrees depending on the protection that is in place, (immune system).

A computer virus may be unknowingly received from an email, text, or social media post; and before you realize it you have innocently passed it on to family, friends and colleagues. The computer virus spreads rapidly via the internet (social contact). We have not experienced anything in our lifetime that in any way resembles COVID-19; but we have experienced the effect of a computer virus. It was received innocently and unknowingly, and we felt the damage it caused us and others. This may be a useful way for some to understand what we are facing.