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Epidemiology and Pathogenesis

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All ages are susceptible. Infection is

transmitted through large droplets

generated during coughing and

sneezing by symptomatic patients but

can also occur from asymptomatic

people and before onset of symptoms

[9]. Studies have shown higher viral

loads in the nasal cavity as compared

to the throat with no difference in viral

burden between symptomatic and

asymptomatic people [12]. Patients can

be infectious for as long as the

symptoms last and even on clinical

recovery. Some people may act as

super spreaders; a UK citizen who

attended a conference in Singapore

infected 11 other people while staying

in a resort in the French Alps and upon

return to the UK [6]. These infected

droplets can spread 1-2 m and deposit

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