

Will Covid19 change our lives forever?

COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus. This virus can cause cold symptoms, fever and in the worst case some might need medical attention. It is spread through moisture released from an infected person's mouth or nose into the air through coughing, sneezing, talking, singing or breathing (World Health Organization, 2020).

Michael Greshko (2021) gives different perspective about how Covid-19 will live with us forever according to 4 scientist:

According to Paul Duprex, director of the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Vaccine Research, the virus will decrease because enough people will get it and enough people will get vaccinated to reduce person-to-person transmission. However, there will always be some groups that won't take the vaccine and there will be localised outbreaks, but it will become one of the 'regular' coronaviruses.

According to the research from Jennie Lavine, postdoctoral fellow from Emory University, if SARS-CoV-2 behaves like other coronaviruses, it will likely morph into a mild nuisance years to decades from now. This transition from pandemic to minor ailment, however, depends on how the immune response to SARS-CoV-2 holds up over time.

According to Marc Veldhoen, an immunologist at Portugal's University of Lisbon, there will be a new variants to bring other threats such as a greater risk of reinfection to recovered COVID-19 patients.

According to Roy Anderson, an infectious disease specialist and epidemiologist at Imperial College London, modern vaccines and medicine will allow us to survive, but people need to realise that this virus will never go away and we're going to have constant vaccination, and we're constantly going to have to have a very sophisticated molecular surveillance program to keep track of how the virus is evolving.

Conclusion

Will COVID-19 Change Our Lives Forever? Yes, even though we will get vaccinated and will build up our immunity to the virus, there will be a new variant of COVID-19 in the future.

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