



Unfortunately, we are all familiar with COVID-19, caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. But there are many other viruses that affect human health. Can you list 5 human diseases caused by viruses? Try to list 5 viral diseases that you have been vaccinated against.

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Viruses are microscopic particles. Some argue that they are not living organisms because they can't reproduce on their own. They need a host cell (such as yours). They exist almost everywhere on earth and different viruses can infect different living organisms. Even bacteria can be infected! Some viruses cause fatal diseases, others trigger no noticeable symptoms.

Some diseases caused by viruses:

- Smallpox, the common Cold, Influenza, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Chicken pox, Shingles, Hepatitis, Herpes, Polio, Rabies, Ebola, Hanta fever, AIDS.

- More info from: <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/158179#viral-diseases>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends these vaccines:

- Chicken pox, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Flu, Polio

- For more info: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/growing/school-vaccinations.html>