

Video: Will this virus mutate?

April 20 2020



This transmission electron microscope image shows SARS-CoV-2 -- also known as 2019-nCoV, the virus that causes COVID-19 -- isolated from a patient in the US. Virus particles are shown emerging from the surface of cells cultured in the

lab. The spikes on the outer edge of the virus particles give coronaviruses their name, crown-like. Credit: NIAID-RML

Will this virus mutate?

Professor Elizabeth McGraw of Penn State's Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics explains what scientists know about the mutation of viruses in general, what scientists know about mutations of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 specifically, and what implications those mutations could have for [public health](#).

Provided by Pennsylvania State University

Citation: Video: Will this virus mutate? (2020, April 20) retrieved 27 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2020-04-video-virus-mutate.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.