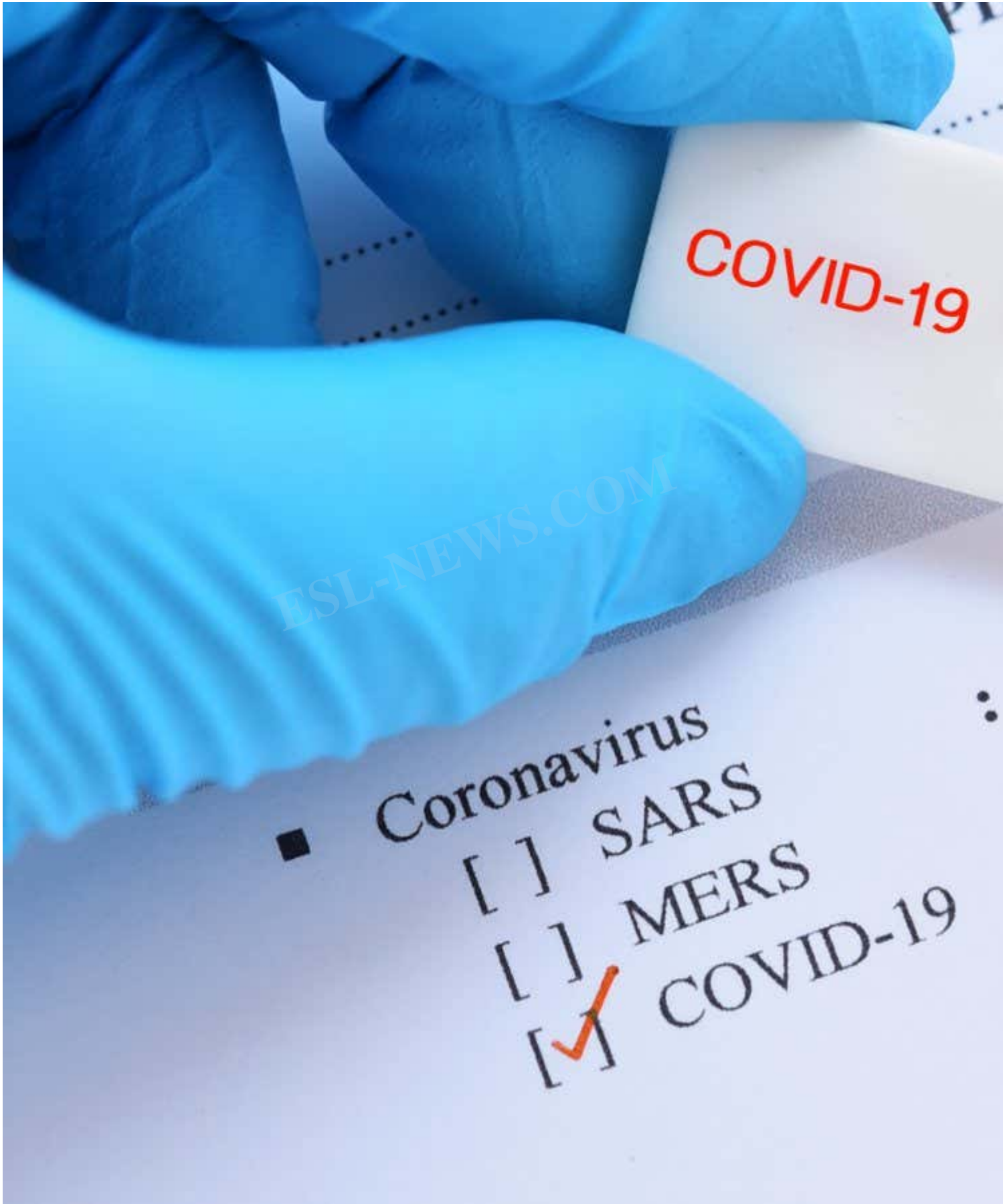




Uncovering the Latest Covid-19 Variant Symptoms

Description

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A new variant of covid-19 called XEC is spreading worldwide, mainly in Europe. It might spread more easily than older variants, but experts say the vaccines we have work against it. Here's what we know about XEC:

What is the XEC variant?

XEC is a mix of two other variants of the virus. It comes from omicron, which is easy to spread and causes mild sickness.

When was XEC found?

XEC was first seen in August in Berlin, though earlier cases were in Italy in May.

How many people have XEC?

Over 600 cases of XEC are reported in 27 countries, with more likely. It's common in Europe, especially in France, Germany, and the UK.

Is XEC dangerous?

XEC doesn't seem more dangerous than other variants and mostly causes mild sickness.

How easily does XEC spread?

It might spread more easily, but we're not sure yet. Current vaccines should protect against it.

Don't panic about XEC

Experts say there's no need to worry too much about XEC—it's similar to previous variants.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Variant** /'ver.i.ənt/ (noun): A form or version of something that differs in some way from others.
2. **Spread** /sprɛd/ (verb): To extend or distribute over a larger area.
3. **Dangerous** /'deɪn.dʒərəs/ (adjective): Able or likely to cause harm or injury.
4. **Experts** /'ek.spɜ:t/ (noun): People with a high level of knowledge or skill in a particular area.
5. **Vaccines** /'væk.si:nz/ (noun): Substances used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against one or several diseases.
6. **Cases** /'keɪ.sɪz/ (noun): Instances of a disease or condition reported in a particular population.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the XEC variant?
 - Option: A variant of covid-19 that originated in Europe
 - Option: A combination of two other virus variants
 - Option: A variant more dangerous than previous ones
 - Option: A variant unaffected by vaccines
2. Where was XEC first seen?
 - Option: Rome
 - Option: Paris
 - Option: Berlin
 - Option: Madrid
3. How many cases of XEC have been reported?
 - Option: Over 400
 - Option: Over 600
 - Option: Over 800
 - Option: Over 1000
4. Is XEC more dangerous than other variants?
 - Option: Yes, it is more dangerous
 - Option: No, it causes mild sickness
 - Option: Not mentioned in the information
 - Option: Depends on the country
5. How is the spread of XEC described?
 - Option: It spreads slowly
 - Option: It is not contagious
 - Option: It might spread more easily
 - Option: It is completely contained
6. Why do experts say not to panic about XEC?
 - Option: Because it is not contagious
 - Option: Because there are no reported cases

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Option: Because it is similar to previous variants

Option: Because it only affects animals

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. A combination of two other virus variants 2. Berlin 3. Over 600 4. No, it causes mild sickness 5. It might spread more easily 6. Because it is similar to previous variants

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term describes the act of donating money goods or services to charitable causes?

Option: Philanthropic

Option: Variant

Option: Controversy

Option: Pesticides

2. What term is used to describe the rapid expansion of a concept idea or disease among a population?

Option: Spread

Option: Hostile

Option: Reputation

Option: Impact

3. What are substances used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against diseases?

Option: Populous

Option: Vaccines

Option: Dangerous

Option: Hydrogel

4. Legal instances or examples brought before a court for resolution are known as:

Option: Accounts

Option: Cases

Option: Detected

Option: Colony

5. What term describes something very good or successful typically requiring a lot of effort or skill?

Option: Fined

Option: Achievement



Option: Unintentional

Option: Accessed

6. Individuals who have a prolonged or intense experience through practice and education in a particular field are commonly known as:

Option: Experts

Option: Survive

Option: Attention

Option: Chemicals

7. What term means to be able to enter or make use of a computer system or retrieve data?

Option: Incredible

Option: Accessed

Option: Subscribers

Option: Frustrated

8. A group of organisms of the same kind living or growing together is referred to as a(n):

Option: Spread

Option: Colony

Option: Absorbent

Option: Hostile

9. Substances with a distinct molecular composition and produced by or used in a chemical process are known as:

Option: Chemicals

Option: Attention

Option: Philanthropic

Option: Variant

10. The effect or influence of one person thing or action on another is termed as:

Option: Fragmented

Option: Impact

Option: Allege

Option: Reputation

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The soldiers were met with a _____ reception when they crossed the enemy lines.

12. A company's _____ can significantly impact its success in the market.



13. The security system _____ the intruder before they could enter the building.
14. The company was _____ for violating environmental regulations.
15. The magician performed an _____ trick that left the audience in awe.
16. Paper towels are designed to be highly _____ to soak up spills quickly.
17. Only the fittest organisms are able to _____ in harsh environmental conditions.
18. India is one of the most _____ countries in the world with a large population.
19. The teacher requested the students' _____ during the important lecture.
20. Farmers use _____ to protect crops from pests and insects.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. A new of the virus was discovered in the latest research findings.
22. Rumors tend to quickly in a close-knit community.
23. Swimming in the deep end of the pool without supervision can be very .
24. The bandage was made of a special material to promote healing.
25. The billionaire's acts included funding multiple educational institutions.
26. The accountants audited the company's financial to ensure accuracy.
27. It is the duty of law enforcement agencies to regulations and maintain order.
28. The team consulted with medical to better understand the rare disease.
29. The video streaming service gained thousands of new after releasing popular shows.
30. The hiker became when the trail markers led him in circles.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Philanthropic 2. Spread 3. Vaccines 4. Cases 5. Achievement 6. Experts 7. Accessed
8. Colony



9. Chemicals 10. Impact

Gap-Fill: 11. Hostile 12. Reputation 13. Detected 14. Fined 15. Incredible 16. Absorbent 17. Survive 18. Populous 19. Attention 20. Pesticides

Matching sentence: 1. Variant 2. Spread 3. Dangerous 4. Hydrogel 5. Philanthropic 6. Accounts 7. Enforce 8. Experts 9. Subscribers 10. Frustrated

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