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WEB EDITION

ASYMPTOMATIC mean?

What does



It's estimated 1 in 4 coronavirus carriers could be Asymptomatic: Asymptomatic means "showing no evidence of disease"—that is, not showing any symptoms. In medicine, a symptom is something that indicates a person has a disease. Fever, chills, cough, aches, and fatigue are all common symptoms of flu and other viral infections.

An asymptomatic person may experience symptoms later, or they may never appear. During a disease outbreak, an asymptomatic carrier of disease can still spread the disease and not even realise it.

But, what is asymptomatic?

Asymptomatic means "not systematic" in the sense of "not specific to a system or set of organs" in the body. It could be said that an asymptomatic disease, for example, is not confined to just one system, such as the respiratory or digestive systems. [Read more stories on COVID-19 here](#)

Know the right typing posture!

For students, online classes along with homework and projects that have to be done on laptop or iPad, is the new normal. Constant typing, however, can lead to backache and neck pain. So, know how to type correctly so that you stay agile while studying from home during lockdown.

Use keyboard with your laptop

Laptops are handy but typing for long can be problematic because laptop's screen and keyboard are attached to each other. To make this process easy, add an external keyboard or monitor to the laptop.

Elevate your device

If you don't have a good quality

study desk and chair at home, alleviate your laptop or iPad by putting some books under it.

Use cushions

If you want to sit on your bed and work, keep a cushion on your lap as well as your back for proper support. Keep your device over the cushion on your lap.

Keep switching positions

Sitting for long hours can be really bad for your overall health. So, even if you sit in the correct position, make sure not to sit for long hours.

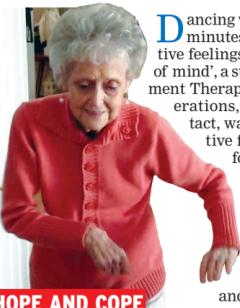
Invest in a stand

A laptop stand can make it much easier for you to sit and complete long projects at home.



STAYING HEALTHY

LET'S DANCE, GRANDMA!



Dancing with your grandma for 15 minutes a week 'promotes positive feelings and improves her state of mind', a study claims. Dance Movement Therapy (DMT) across the generations, complete with eye contact, was found to promote positive feelings and boost mood for the elderly. The grandparents reported an improved state of mind, happy memories and uplifted spirits. Dancing has also previously been linked to improved muscle strength, balance and endurance.

HOPE AND COPE

IMMIGRATION IN THE TIME OF CORONA!

US President Donald Trump announced from his Twitter handle that immigration will be temporarily suspended in the country, in the wake of rising Covid-19 cases. On that note, here's more about the immigration status quo of US.



KNOW MORE

THE US ADMITS ABOUT 1.1 MILLION LEGAL IMMIGRANTS INTO THE COUNTRY EVERY YEAR, MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY. ABOUT 600,000 ARE NEW ARRIVALS AND AROUND 500,000 ARE STATUS ADJUSTMENTS

WHAT'S STATUS ADJUSTMENT? Is the process that one can use to apply for lawful permanent resident status (also known as applying for a 'Green Card').

APP MAY WARN WHEN YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH COVID-19 PATIENT

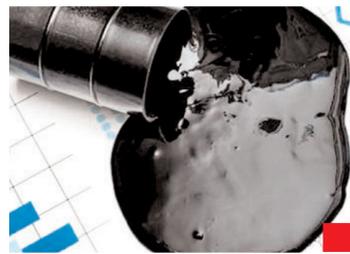


TECH BUZZ

Scientists are working on an app that could let people know if they have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, while protecting their privacy. The app uses Bluetooth-enabled cell phones to notify a person.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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ECONOMY

CRUDE CRASH TO EASE SOME COVID-19 PAIN FOR INDIA

Black Gold has fallen from grace. And How! US crude WTI sank into negative territory for the first time in history at -\$37/barrel and Brent, the benchmark for two-thirds of the global oil trade, settled at 18-year low of \$21.48, sending traders and the global oil industry scurrying for cover.

WILL FLORIDA BE LOST TO CLIMATE CRISIS



ENVIRONMENT

Few places on the planet are more at risk from the climate crisis than south Florida, where more than 8 million residents are affected by the convergence of almost every modern environmental challenge – from rising seas to contaminated drinking water, more frequent and powerful hurricanes, coastal erosion, flooding and vanishing wildlife and habitat. If scientists are right, the lower third of the state will be underwater by the end of the century.

TURKISH MOSQUE TURNED INTO TEMPORARY 'SUPERMARKET'

At the entrance of an Istanbul mosque, the racks, usually reserved for shoes of the faithful, are loaded with pasta packages, oil bottles, biscuits – like a supermarket. But they aren't for sale. Instead they are destined for the needy, hit by the coronavirus pandemic. The Imam of the Dedeman mosque came up with this idea of reaching out to the poor via the place of worship.



NEWS

CRICKET AUSTRALIA FINDING JOBS FOR LAID OFF STAFF AT SUPERMARKET

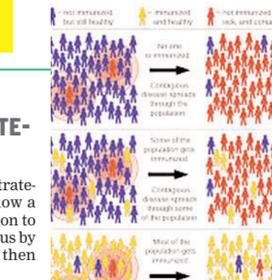


SPORTS

Cricket Australia has approached supermarket giant and one of its sponsors Woolworths to help with temporary jobs for its staff laid off until the end of June due to a financial crunch caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Cricket Australia is currently not eligible for the federal gov't's JobKeeper support program having lost no major revenue streams from cancelled matches.

COVID-19: 'HERD IMMUNITY' STRATEGY COULD WORK

The herd immunity strategy, which would allow a majority of the population to gain resistance to the virus by becoming infected and then recovering, could result in less economic devastation and human suffering than restrictive lockdowns designed to stop the virus's spread. This is what a number of experts have begun to argue in the nation of 1.3 billion people.



POLICIES

Best exercises TO KEEP YOUR PETS FIT



In these times, many pet parents would have been introduced to the "zoomies". Yes, this is when your pet runs around the house in a fit of craze, so to speak, and then collapse on their belly's to take a breather! Seen more in pups, than older pets, this is your furry friend burning off extra, pent up energy. It is a sign that you need to get more involved in making their day more active.

Here are some activities you can safely undertake with your dog, regardless of age or breed, during the lockdown, suggested by Pet services' aggregator PetKonnnect's Devanshi Shah.

OLD DOGS CAN LEARN NEW TRICKS: A simple trick like shaking hands is an easy way to start. You can also get your pet to perform more impressive tasks like jumping through hoops, chasing bubbles or shaking to music with a little patience. Getting your pet to be obedient to verbal commands is the first step in teaching your dog a slew of tricks that can be mastered for life.

OBEDIENCE AND MENTAL GAMES: Practising recall, retrieving, and reinforcing basic commands offers mental stimulation, as well as exercise. You can also teach your dog fun new tricks. You can introduce new games that challenge your pup mental-

ly. Take a treat or a small ball along with 3 upside down cups. Put the treat under one cup and then move them around and see if your pet can find the cup with the treat.

HIDE-AND-SEEK: You can train your dog to play this indoor game by awarding them with a little treat when they find you.

DIY TOYS: Heard about Do-It-Yourself (DIY) toys? If your pet is looking bored, nothing like a new toy to cheer it up! Do you have an old pair of socks? You can stuff a water bottle inside the sock. Tie both ends of the sock with a twine but for longer use its best to hem both ends of the sock.

INDOOR-FETCH: We do warn pet parents about breaking things in the house. Your dog may get very excited and run right through your favourite coffee mug.

No plans to push 'Guardians of the Galaxy 3,' 'The Suicide Squad' release dates: James Gunn

Filmmaker James Gunn recently revealed that neither of his upcoming movie - 'Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol 3' nor 'The Suicide Squad' will be affected by delays due to the coronavirus crisis. One of the director's fans in a question-answer session on Twitter asked about the possibilities



of pushing ahead 'Guardians of the Galaxy vol 3', to which Gunn replied: "Right now the plans with Vol 3 are also exactly the same as they were before coronavirus." In another reply, the 53-year-old said: "Right now there's no reason for #TheSuicideSquad release date to move. We are on or ahead of schedule. We were extremely fortunate to wrap shooting & set up editing from our homes (due to a post-production team & studio with foresight) before quarantine."

FUN-ZONE

Answer each of these questions on Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice'— Act III, by choosing correctly from the four options.



1 Where, according to the song we hear in Scene 2, does 'fancy' die?
A. casket B. cavern C. courtroom D. cradle

3 In which city, according to Tubal, does Jessica spend fourscore ducats?

A. Venice B. Genoa C. Padua D. Milan

A. affections B. dimensions C. emotions D. passions

2 Who is described as 'one in whom the ancient Roman honour' most appears?
A. Antonio B. Bassanio C. Gratiano D. Lorenzo

4 Which of the following finds no mention in Shylock's 'Hath not a Jew' speech?

5 Barbary, England, India, Lisbon, Mexico. Which one is missing from Bassanio's list?
A. Aleppo B. Cyprus C. Sicily D. Tripolis

Answers: 1) D. cradle 2) A. Antonio 3) B. Genoa 4) C. emotions 5) D. Tripolis

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S.F. AND COMIC KIDS

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BOB WEBER, JR and SR 12-31

Answer: -- Hand -- handbag, pants, teeth, ear and polka-dot.

CURRICULUM EXERCISES

Q1. What are corals and coral reefs?

Q2. Fill in the blanks:

A. The intersecting lines drawn on maps and globes are ____.

B. The habitats valuable for commercially harvested species are called ____.

Answer: (1) Reefs are formed of colonies of coral polyps held together by calcium carbonate. Most coral reefs are built from stony corals, whose polyps cluster in groups. Corals belong to the class Anthozoa in the animal phylum Cnidaria, which includes sea anemones and jellyfish. (2) A) geographic grids B) sea grass bed (3) Cliffs of Moher, Ireland

Q3. Identify the following:



KNOWLEDGE BANK

Romanesco

Also known as Broccolo Romanesco, it's an edible flower bud

of the species Brassica oleracea. It has a crunchy texture and nutty taste. When compared to a regular cauliflower, its form is fractal in nature, with the branched stems making up a logarithmic spiral. The number of spirals on the head of Romanesco is a Fibonacci number! This veggie has been grown in Italy since the 16th century.



Quiz time associated with which federation?

Q.1) Who was recently conferred with the CII's 'Quality Ratna' award?

A. Sarath Babu B. Nita Ambani C. Azim Premji D. Suresh Krishna

Q.2) When is Constitution Day in India celebrated?

A. November 26 B. November 28 C. November 16 D. November 6

Q.3) Golden Target award is

1. D) Suresh Krishna 2. A) November 26 3. C) International Shooting Sports Federation 4. B) New Delhi

- A. Worldwide Business Federation
 - B. Singapore Business Federation
 - C. International Shooting Sports Federation
 - D. World Darts Federation
- Q.4) Which city organised the 10th Commonwealth Youth Parliament?**
- A. Mumbai B. New Delhi C. Kolkata D. Chennai

ANSWERS



Word Wise

stupefaction: (n) the state of being stupefied; stupor. Overwhelming amazement.

Synonymous words: amazement, bewilderment, perplexity, stupor, surprise, wonder, etc.

Examples: ■ The reaction to her

selection for the tournament ranged from stupefaction to scorn in the neighbourhood. ■ There was no end to the surprise gifts Angela got from her family when she came first in class. ■ David's bewildered knew no bounds when his friends stopped talking to him all of a sudden.

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CHAIRMAN

SAFETY

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1. _____

2. _____

or

3. _____

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- WUZZLES Answers**
1. Board chairman
 2. Break out or Outbreak
 3. Mixed vegetables on the side

GARFIELD



JIM DAVIS 3-19

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FAMILY CIRCUS



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SCHOOL IS COOL

TEACHERSPEAK

A GOOD TIME TO SHOW INDEPENDENCE

Students at home can no longer depend on the external structure provided by school and must learn to manage their own time as they begin online courses. Students should manage their time well and make the most of their days and create a schedule for themselves, ensuring that they keep up their studies and finish their school work.

The Government of India has taken a bold step for the safety of our country. Students must draw on their emotional intelligence skills to manage their emotions effectively. The uncertain nature of the future may be difficult to process. It may also be difficult for students to stay focussed in a rapidly changing environment. But the students who tend to be independent self-starters will thrive in this unstructured environment.

Parents should play a major role in encouraging their children to be as independent as possible during their time at home. STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE!

Hina Kauser and Atia Ali, coordinators, St Win Public School, Bengaluru



MUSINGS IN THE TIME OF A PANDEMIC

TIME TO FACE YOUR DEMONS

"It is a time of great peril", I begin to think, as I stare out of the window. On roads, where there used to be great hustle and bustle, now there is only an ominous silence. I sigh, my eyes drooping down and my hands slipping away from the windowsill. It feels like it is only a matter of time before I will be a target of the frightening harbinger of destruction.

The disease spreads rapidly even as I think about it - the fierce disease which has no cure, which has already killed thousands across the world. It is not like a government people can protest against, it is not a problem that can be solved by war, nor is it an issue that can be contemplated upon by peaceful meetings. It is a monster that cannot be confronted, fought against, or escaped from. It is a sickness that has no antidote, and is spreading like wildfire.

"Does it matter who you are?" I think, as the disease kills Chinese, Europeans, Indians, scholars, orphans, children, priests and daily wagers, without discrimination.

What was the world like before this disease? A place where people kept fighting for superiority, where people ran a rat race.

As the virus begins to show



its true colors, the world has come to a standstill. We are now scared and anxious, as we are forced to look at what we could lose. How rich you are doesn't matter now; how superior you are doesn't hold any value. The virus only takes lives.

As I stare at the moon illuminating the dark night, I see

the tear laden eyes of people whose lives the virus destroyed, and hear the cries of those who have lost their loved ones. But I smile slowly, as I see the prospect of people repenting on having wasted their time on petty arguments, and facing the demon in a way they have never done before. Together.

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SHOW YOUR POWER

Dear students! Staying at home is a testing time, Like always, you will excel and shine. Life throws many challenges to take, Joyride, it becomes, with the efforts we make. Be pals with parents, And make your friends wait. Temptation to step out, might be a bait. Safety of everyone is the need of the hour,

Obeying the rules shows our power. My students, intelligent and knowledgeable!! There's nothing for you unscaleable. Eat well, read often and exercise, Very soon we all will meet to celebrate life.

Chumki Nath, principal, Air Force School, ASTE, Bengaluru



MY REFRIGERATOR

There are many possessions in my refrigerator, which I might call for today, tomorrow or after. The pouches of milk are permanent residents, But many others are there too, do you need evidence? Fighting for a place in the racks, door, freezer station, Cause, bought them have I in fear of the raging contamination. A box of divided cheese along with the split pea pods is there, To be cooked and eaten with the bread hanging in despair. Meanwhile the old soup sits strong in a steel container, Am afraid to dispose, least would be left without morsels later. How can I forget the batter in several tastes and stocks? That would bring colour to my family's breakfasts. Vegetables, fruits of varied shapes lie scattered in the drawer, Purchased, as many as I could lay hands at the store. The cool freezer has different stories

and legacies, Amongst the ice-creams, are nuts n' spices for many recipes. Some of them would I hope never see the light of the day, For they have been procured in a mind astray. At the door are eggs and clinging bottles containing sauces with jams, Needed for meals as per Indian, Italian and Chinese plans. I yet push and pull the bowls inside like puzzle pieces, To fit the leftover broth which is but a few ounces.

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