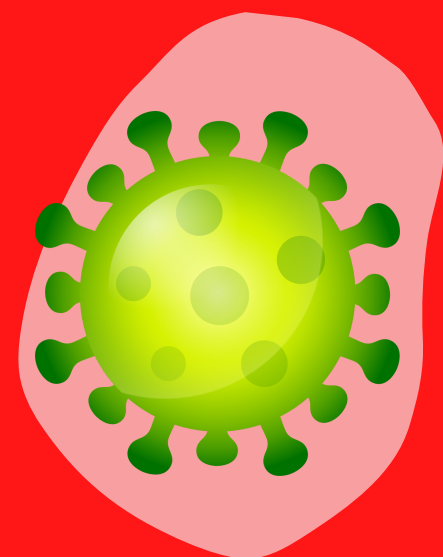


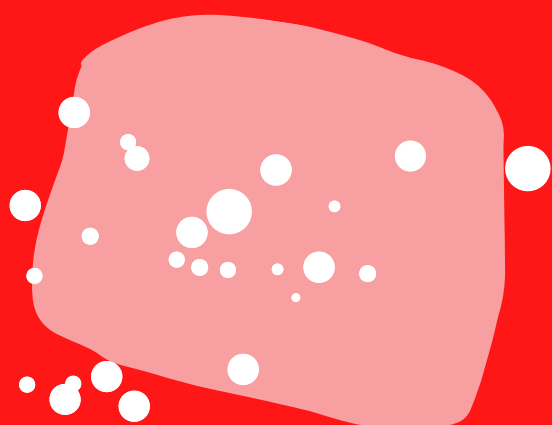
# Plastic and COVID-19



Ontop of the immense health effects the pandemic has had on societies across the world, COVID-19 has less visibly impacted our environment and climate due to the increased demand for single-use plastics



These plastic products have included protective masks, gloves, swab kits, visors and excessive food/ other goods packaging



COVID-19 has also resulted in limited recycling and municipal waste services in the US for example which meant that the extra plastic that was being used might not get recycled

In Wuhan the daily output of medical waste reached 240 metric tons, about the weight of an adult blue whale



Despite beliefs that plastic helps keep germs away, recent studies have actually found that COVID-19 could be stable on plastic and steel for up to 3 days compared with 24 hours for cardboard and 4 hours for copper

It's time to ask...

**WHY PLASTIC?**