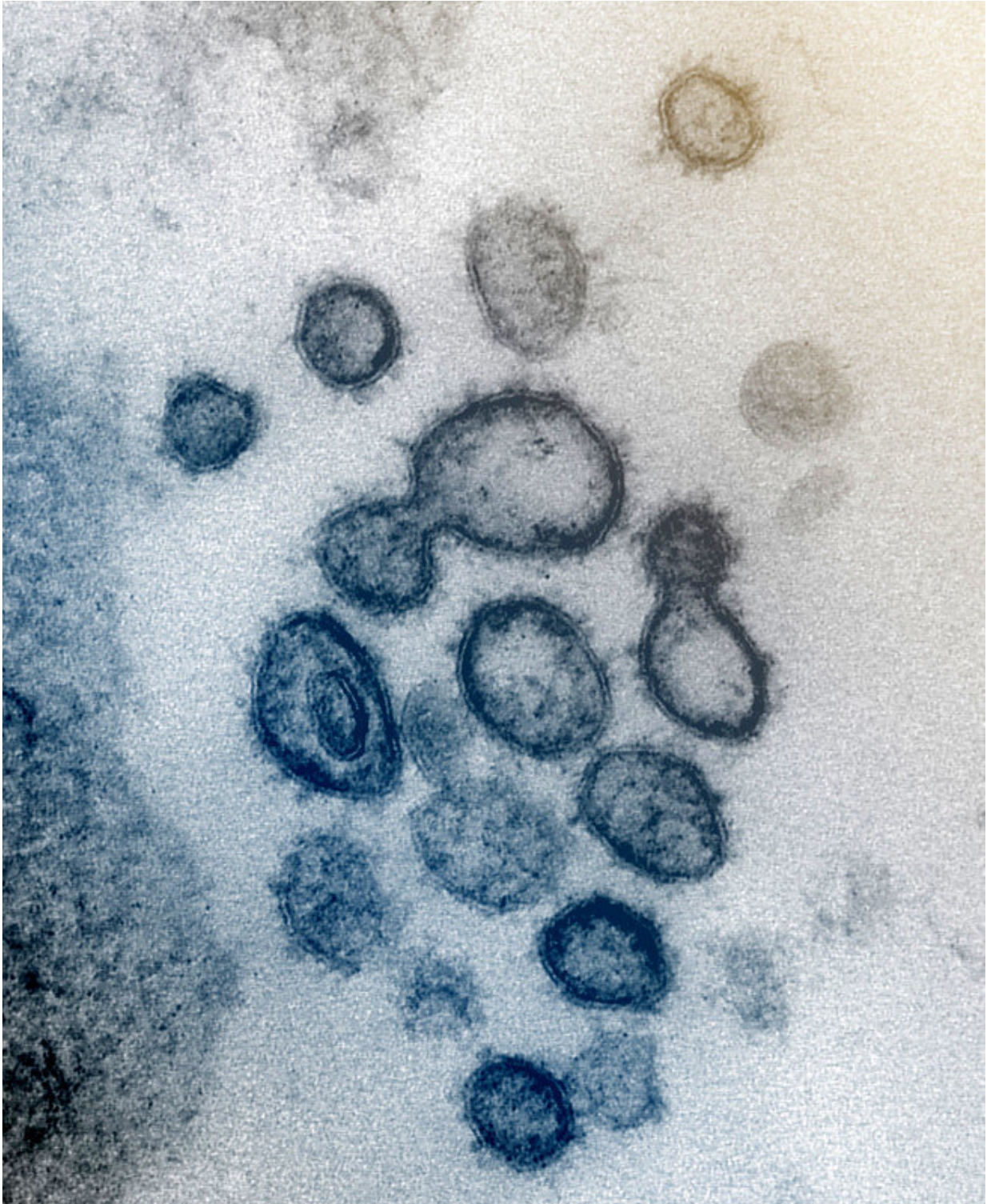


US death toll from coronavirus rises to nine

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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

The US death toll from the novel coronavirus rose to nine on Tuesday, all in the state of Washington and many of them residents of the same nursing home, officials said.

All of the deaths have been in the western state—eight in King County, which encompasses Seattle, and one in neighboring Snohomish County.

Nationwide, there are more than 100 confirmed cases, on both coasts and in the Midwest.

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