

Can the coronavirus spread through the air?

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Yes, it's possible.

The World Health Organization recently acknowledged the possibility that COVID-19 might be spread in the air under certain [conditions](#).

Recent COVID-19 outbreaks in crowded indoor settings—restaurants, nightclubs and choir practices—suggest the virus can hang around in the air long enough to potentially infect others if social distancing measures are not strictly enforced.

Experts say the lack of ventilation in these situations is thought to have contributed to spread, and might have allowed the [virus](#) to linger in the air longer than normal.

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