

■ Doctors have reported a flurry of strokes in younger Covid-19 patients. The cases add to evidence that the coronavirus attacks not just the lungs, but also the kidneys, brain, heart and liver. In rare cases, it seems to incite a life-threatening inflammatory syndrome in children.



■ Russia's medical workers are suffering astonishing levels of infection and death. In St. Petersburg, 1,465 health care workers have caught the virus, accounting for more than one in six of the city's reported total cases. The country's health minister said that 400 Russian hospitals had suffered outbreaks of the coronavirus.

■ Talking can generate coronavirus droplets that linger in the air up to 14 minutes. A new study shows how respiratory droplets produced during normal conversation may be just as important as coughing or sneezing in transmitting disease, especially indoors. Coughs or sneezes may not be the only way people transmit infectious pathogens like the novel coronavirus to one another. Talking can also launch thousands of droplets so small they can remain suspended in the air for eight to 14 minutes, according to a new study. Its findings strengthen the case for wearing masks and taking other precautions in such environments to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

Scientists agree that the coronavirus jumps from person to person most often by hitching a ride inside tiny respiratory droplets. These droplets tend to fall to the ground within a few feet of the person who emits them. They may land on surfaces like doorknobs, where people can touch lingering virus particles and

transfer them to their face. But some droplets can remain aloft, and be inhaled by others.

■ About 1.2 million children age 5 or younger in 118 low- and middle-income countries are at risk of dying from preventable causes — not Covid-19 — every six months because health services are overstressed or curtailed by the coronavirus pandemic, the United Nations said.