

COVID OPS 1

a kids' guide to defeating a virus invasion

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DEDICATION

This book is for the superheroes.

The doctors and nurses.

The police who keep us safe.

The priests and pastors who bless us.

The ones who must work

in grocery stores and drug stores and banks.

The many people who are helping to save our world.

It is our story, but it is your story, too.

And it is for you, young reader.

You can be a superhero, too.

If you choose to.

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Thank you, Special Agents!

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You are both young superheroes!

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1-Operation COVID-OPS

You are in your secret base.

A message pops up.

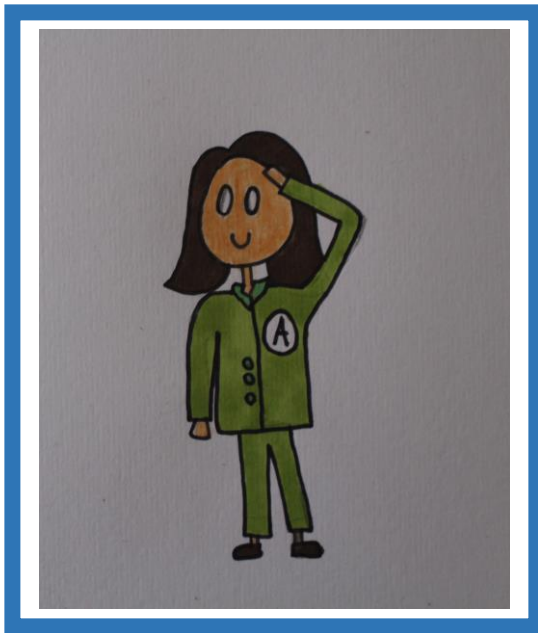
You type a secret code.

A message is on your screen—



COME BE A SECRET AGENT.

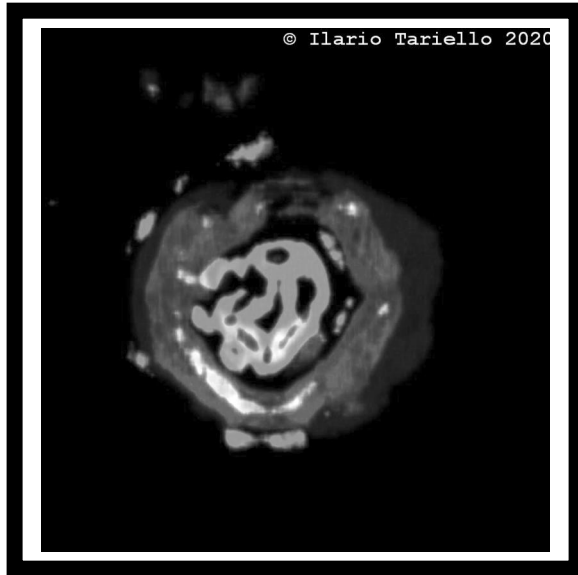
Then, a girl is on your screen.



“I am Secret Agent Anna.

Do you want to be a secret agent?”

A strange looking blob comes on your screen.



This is our enemy. It looks like an alien.

It is a virus. It is a tiny little germ you cannot see.

It is making the whole world sick.

It is like a war to fight it.

We need your help.

Will you help us fight this virus?

Do you want to be a superhero?

If you say yes, turn the page.



Anna says,

“What is this virus that looks like an alien?”

How can you fight it?

Are you old enough to fight?

This is Commander T.

He is from Italy.

He made new computer tools.

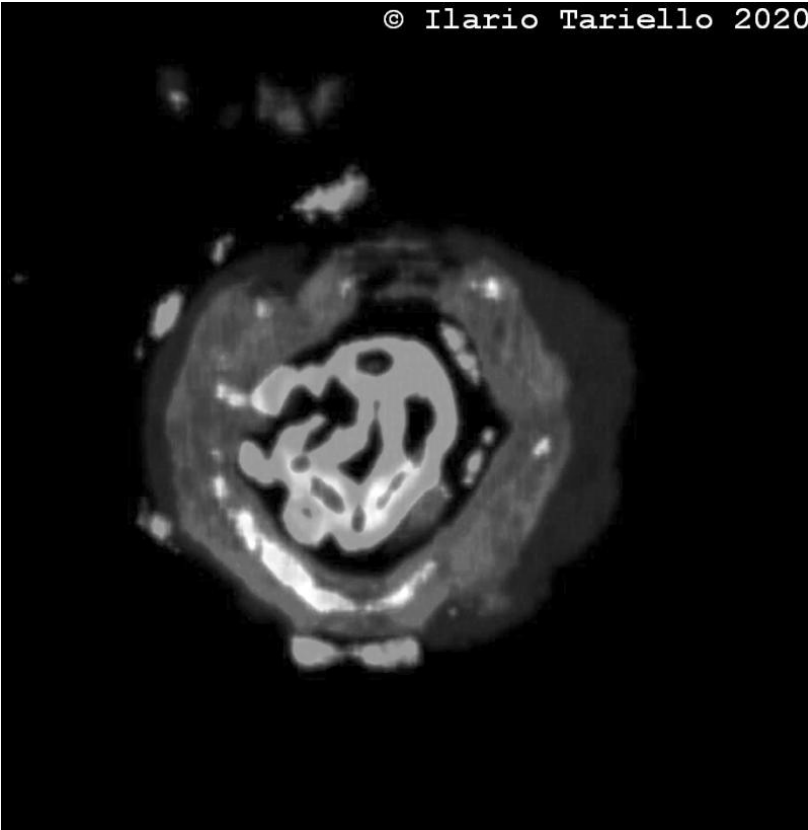
They make the virus look big and alive so science can study it.

He will tell you about it.



“This alien looking virus is called COVID,”
Commander T says.

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“The virus began in China.

It is in the whole world now,” Commander T says.

“The virus spreads fast. But it needs people to spread. You can stop it,” Commander T says.

“Stay inside! You can win this war!”

“I work with scientists by making special pictures of of the virus.

We are trying to kill it. We need to find a new medicine.

It will take time,” Commander T says.

“We all need to learn about this virus.

You can learn how to control it.

You can help save the world.

This virus can hurt people, but you can help keep them safer!”

I was sad that the virus was making people sick.

I met Commander Liz who writes books.

We wanted to write a book to children.

We want to help you win.”

“While scientists work to find a vaccine,
moms and dads,
boys and girls,
teenagers and grandparents—
can learn how to stop this alien-like virus.

You can be a big part of saving the world, just like I
can.

Please help us and say yes!

You can help save people!

Can you handle a special mission?

You’re just a kid, after all.

Or are you?

2 MINI HURRICANES

Agent Anna is back.



“Next, Commander Liz will talk to you.

She will tell you why we called you for this mission.

She has trained children special agents before.”

Commander Liz comes on the screen.



“I am happy you are here.

My special codename is MamaLiz.

When Commander T told me what he was doing in the fight against the virus I wanted to help.

I thought of you.

I have helped children do great things for many years.

I know you are a big part to help all of us as we fight together.

You may see yourself as small.

I do not see you that way.

When I look at you, I see power.

I see great things inside you.

You might be thinking, “How can I fight? I’m just a kid.”

I am here to tell you, that’s not true.

I don’t see you as “just a kid.”

I see greatness in you.

And with all of you working together, I see a mighty army.

You are powerful.

You can change things for good.

It doesn’t matter how young you are.

You can fight just as well in this battle as a grown-up.

Instead, your thoughts of being little stop you.

If a bumblebee did only what people say, it would not fly.

It is too heavy, and its wings are too small.

It should not fly.

But it does.

Its wings spin in a special way.

It creates a mini hurricane to fly.

In the same way, you have a very big mission to carry out.

People just see your little wings.

But I see the mini hurricane that you can create to fly.

I need you. The world needs you right now.

Please take the mission and help us.

Thank you.”

3 COVID OPS ARMOR

Special Agent Anna is back on the screen again.



“Look outside.”

“Special Agent Serena is flying a drone to you.

It holds a box with your armor and special tools.

She will show you what you need to fight.”



You look out your window.

A drone flies down, carrying a box.

You open the window and get your box.

It is heavy!

What is inside?

Special Agent Serena comes on the screen.



She smiles.

“Hi, I’m Special Agent Serena.

I want to show you how we can fight this virus.

You need special tools.

In your box you will find soap and hand sanitizer.

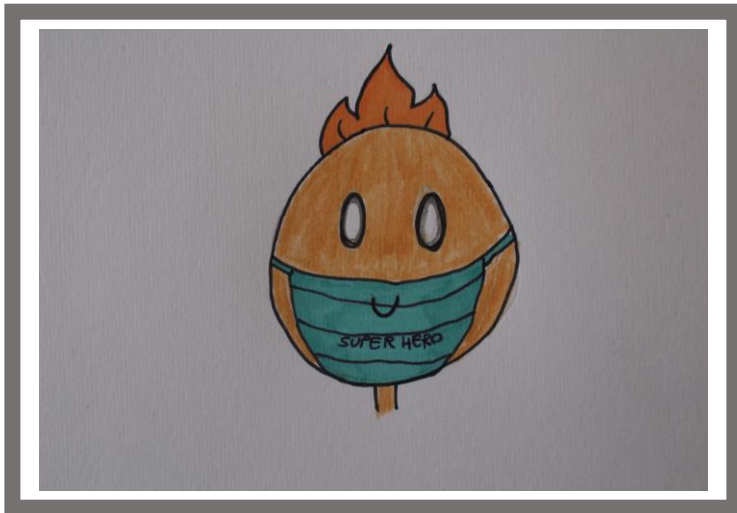
We will teach you the right way to chase away the virus germs who want to spread.

We sent you “armor,” too.

You must wear gloves and a mask to keep you safe if you are near the virus. It is like armor to protect you.

You should have your armor on when the virus comes to your city if you are near other people!

Be sure your parents use theirs, too!



Do you want to know the strongest special tool you have against this virus?

Your home! Yes, your home.

It is your secret agent hiding place.

When the news says to “shelter in place” or “lockdown” that means no one should go out in public except for very important things.

They ask you to stay home to keep you safe.

If you and your family do not leave your home and yard, the virus cannot get to you. You will be safer.



Your family will be safe.

I know this will be hard.

I know you will miss your friends, but we all must stay in our homes and yard to stop this virus.

If no one is out with other people, the virus will die. You can help keep you and your family safe.

Stay home when you should!

You can be a hero.

But you have to really, really want to.

We can win only if YOU fight the enemy.

The best way to do that is from home.

That is all, little army.

Go change the world and good luck!"

Special Agent Anna is going to show you how to use your armor and special tools."



4 COVID OPS TACTICAL TRAINING

You look at your box. That stuff can kill the virus?

You didn't know it was so strong!

You are excited to learn how to use it.

Special Agent Anna comes back on your screen.



“I am going to show you how to use your armor and special tools. Open your box.”

You slowly open your box.

There is a locked case inside.

“These are very special tools,” Anna says.

“Your password is COVID-ops.”

You enter the password and the case opens with a loud hiss.

Hisssssssss!

You see hand sanitizer and soap.

“Those are your special tools. These are the best ways to kill the virus,” Anna says.

“Now, stand up. I’ll train you how to fight.”

You stand up with your special tools.

“The virus travels on our hands.

That’s why we must kill it on our hands.

Carry your hand sanitizer with you all the time.

Use it after touching things.

Also, wash your hands often.

Wash them every time you

come inside, before you eat,

after touching money, after touching your computer or game controller,

after touching doors, everything.

I'm going to teach you how to use your special tools."

A secret sink pops out of the wall of your secret base.

"Turn on the water," Anna says.



You turn it on.

"Now, put soap on your hands.

Scrub every part of your hands.

The backs, the fronts, between your fingers, your thumb, your pinky.

Scrub them long enough to sing Happy Birthday 2 times.

The scrubbing is what kills the virus aliens, so make sure it's long enough."

You scrub and scrub and scrub.

“Now rinse.

Use a paper towel to turn off the water and turn off the light.

The alien virus lives on things you touch for many days.

It will get back on your hands if you touch those things again.

It lives on things other people touch.

Use your sleeve or a paper towel to open doors.”

You dry your hands with a paper towel, hold it in your hand, turn off the water and the light, and close the door.

“You’re learning,” Special Agent Anna says.

“Don’t forget this. It will protect you.

Now, let’s learn about your “armor.”

When the news warns you that the virus is in your city, you must wear your mask when you go out where there are other people.

If you have gloves, wear those too.

That will help keep the virus from attacking you too easily.”

Agent Anna looks at you. “It’s time for a test. Are you ready?”

“Good,” Anna says,

“Think about your eyes or nose itching.

You cannot touch your face or eyes or nose!

What will you do?

How long can you last?

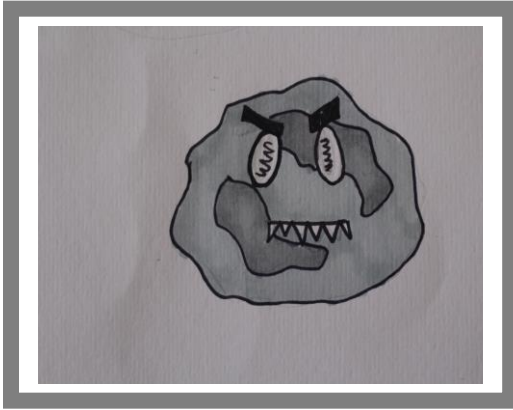
That’s what you have to do on your mission.

You cannot touch your face at all.

Don’t touch your eyes, your nose, or your mouth.

If the virus is on your hands, then it will attack you when you touch your face.

It is hard, but you can pass this test!



“The virus spreads by coughing and sneezing, too.

You must stay far away from people to keep you and them safe.

You must stay 2 meters or 6 feet away from them, which is about the length of a bed.

Stay at one end of your bed.

Don't get close to other people—keep other people at the other end.

Practice this.

Stand beside your bed and look and see how far the other end is.”

You stand beside your bed. Wow, is it really that far?

“Don’t hug people, or give them handshakes, or give them fist bumps.

Just wave at them to say hi!

But remember, your coughs and sneezes can spread the virus, too.

Do the crocodile cough. Do you know how?

Bend your elbow like a crocodile mouth and put it over your mouth and nose, then cough into it!

If you sneeze, do the same thing.

Sadly, you can’t go to any playgrounds right now.

We must stay inside or alone in our yard.

Use wipes to clean your devices—
tablets, phones, computers, and game controllers.

The alien virus can live there, too.

Now, I know this is scary.

It’s not easy being a special agent.

Don’t be afraid.

If you feel afraid, talk to your mom or dad.

This won't last forever.

Soon, we will win this virus war.

Then, we can all go back to normal.

Now, it is time for your big test!

Show me:

1. How to wash your hands!
2. How to turn off the water and the light!
3. How to open doors!
4. How to wear armor!
5. What to do if your face itches!
6. How far away to stay from other people!
7. Which way you can say hi to people!
8. How to cough!
9. How to sneeze!
10. What you should do if you feel afraid!

“Good job,” Agent Anna says.

“You're almost ready.”

You look like an agent ready to fight.

5 SADNESS AND SUPERHEROES

Commander T comes on your screen again.



“Welcome back!” he says.

“You look much different than when you were here before.

Good job, getting your armor and tools ready!

It can be sad in the fight against this virus.

The virus has an easy time when we don't follow the rules.

People can get sick.

Doctors and nurses work hard to help sick people.

They work hard when the virus is strong.

Hospitals get full when the virus spreads so fast to so many.

Sick people in the hospital go into a special place so they are away from other people.

No one can come visit. It can be lonely.

It can be sad to be away from family.

It can be sad to be sick.

There are superheroes in this war, too.

Police help people follow the rules.

Older doctors come back to work in the hospitals.

People making new things to help.

People who sew make masks for people.

Many heroes around the world are helping us win.

Some heroes come in tiny bodies!

A little girl in my country, Italy, called the police station.

She read a letter of thanks to them.

It touched the hearts of my whole country.

She showed us all how to be kind to those who help us.

We are learning to help each other.

We take time to care about other people more.

We must all do the right thing.

We must stay inside or in our yard alone when we are in lockdown or “shelter in place” times so this virus cannot spread so much.

It is for a short time.

We must do it until we win.

You boys and girls can help us win.

Your little voices can be very big.

Speak up when you can that we need to stay inside and to use our armor and special tools the right way.

Stay inside, stay safe, and stay strong, little warriors!

6 A MIGHTY ARMY

Commander Liz comes back on your screen again.



“So, now, my mighty army, do you want to be a superhero, too?”

You have met this alien virus thanks to Commander T.

I have shown you how you can do great things as a kid.

You have armor and special tools from Special Agent Serena.

Special Agent Anna showed you how to use them.

Commander T told you about the sadness.

He told you about the superhero stories.

Right now, you can be a superhero, too.

Every time you choose to stay inside or in your yard when you are told we need to stay at home.

Every time you use your special tools and armor the right way.

Every time you help others make smart choices to stay inside.

YOU are a superhero.



The question is, will you?

Will you stay home or in your yard at those times?

Will you do what you have learned to fight this virus?

If your answer is yes, turn the page.

You will find a COVID-ops ID card.

It is for ones who train and say yes!

Don't sign your name on the card if you don't mean it.

This is not a game. It's real.

We need you.

If you will do these special things to be a special agent, sign your name on the card.

Cut it out and put it in a place where you see it every day.

You are a big part of protecting your world.

Please don't forget.

'Stay in! Stay safe! Stay strong!'

Let's go save the world, Special Agent!"

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

The Franklin and Tariello families joined forces from across the ocean to take on a secret mission, which was to train all children on how to be superheroes in the current war against COVID-19.



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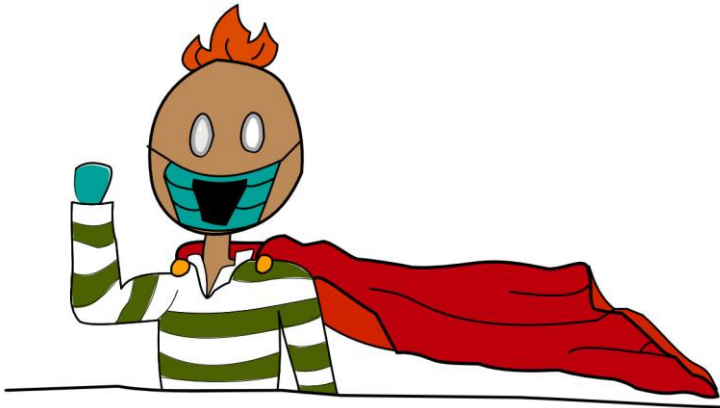


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Welcome to the COVID Ops Team, Special Agent!



COVID-OPS SPECIAL AGENT _____

Write YOUR NAME on the line.

Congratulations, Special Agent!

You can email Commander T and Commander Liz at agent@covidops.info

Visit us at www.covidops.info for information!

COVID OPS 2- a kids' guide to random acts of kindness

COVID OPS 3- a kids' guide to going back out into the world

Stay in! Stay safe! Stay strong!