

STANDARD DEVIATIONS: Virus Versus Verse

Greetings,

They say that the pun is the lowest form of humor, but you might think I have stooped even lower with these limericks. I doubt any of these will go viral (see, puns are horrible).

Let's start with what is on everyone's mind.

There once was a girl named Iris,
Who sent me a piece of papyrus.

And on it she wrote

This little note:

“Beware the coronavirus!”

There was a fellow I knew
With a cough and a fever, too.

He said with a wink,

“It's not what you think.

'Cuz I tested positive for Flu!”

With all the hysteria

In our local area,

I'll ask it again

As these tubes I log in,

“Do they meet the testing criteria?”



It's called COVID-19
And around the world it's been seen.
To stay out of its wake
Here's the advice that I'd take:
Isolate and self-quarantine.

Feeling feverish today?
With a cough that won't go away?
Don't be a jerk!
Stay home from work.
It's not worth the price you might pay.

Now I'm all about biosafety, so here are some ditties that make it seem like I'm doing my job and getting you to consider biosafety in your work related duties (which I hope I am).

The best techs that I've ever met,
You probably know them, I bet,
Are working away
And safely, they'd say,
In a Biosafety Cab-i-net!

Consider the ones that you love
And forgive me this little shove,
But to be at your best,
With every lab test,
On each hand, be sure there's a glove.



It may not seem like much,
Your face, doors, keyboards, and such,
But the germs that are with us,
Bacteria and virus,
Are easily transmitted by touch.

Do you know the lab tech named Janet,
Who uses the biosafety cabinet
With hand hygiene
And bleach to clean
And doesn't worry one bit?

On the bench at BSL-2
Single glove use might do.
But, take it from me
In a BSC
You should be wearing two.

For aerosols, spills and splashes
Wear those safety glasses.
Plus, you'll look good,
Just as you should,
When the lab manager passes.

Here's my challenge: send me your best and I'll share them (anonymously?) with the community. It's not like you could do worse.

Have a great week and be safe,

Bryan



p.s. And then I went all dark....(I'm sorry)

With this virus that's going 'round
It soon might be commonly found
That in this instance
The true "Social Distance"
Is really six feet ~ underground!



"That's close enough."

