

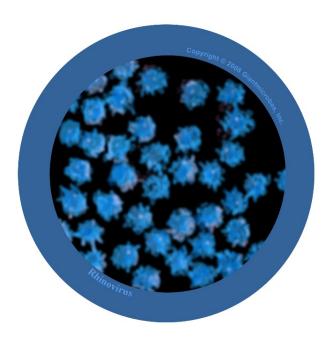
Influenza virus In-Floo-en-za

#### About

- Also known as the Flu virus
- It is a virus that is harmful to humans

## **Symptoms and treatment**

- Causes fever (high temperature), runny nose, sore throat, muscle pains, cough, feeling tired
- Spreads from person to person by coughs and sneezes and unwashed hands
- Treatment is bed rest and plenty of fluids to feel better. If very unwell, an antiviral medicine might help.



Rhinovirus Rye-no-vye-rus

### **About**

- Also known as the common cold
- It is a virus that is harmful to humans

## Symptoms and treatment

- Causes runny nose, sneezing, sore throat and coughing
- Spread from person to person by coughs and sneezes and unwashed hands
- Treatment is bed rest and plenty of fluids to feel better.



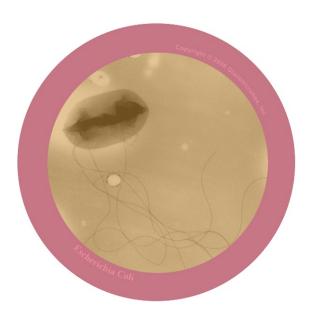
Ebola E-bowl-A

### About

- Ebola is a very serious virus that is harmful to humans
- It has been in the news as people living in Africa have caught the virus and many have died
- The virus lives naturally in wild animals in Africa and is not found in the UK

## Symptoms and treatment

- Ebola virus makes people very unwell and in worst cases causes death
- People with Ebola will need special treatment and hospital care to help get better



*E. coli*Ee-Cole-eye

### **About**

- E. coli are bacteria that normally live in the human gut and can be harmful
- There are lots of different kinds of E. coli

## Symptoms and treatment

- E. coli can sometimes be found in food and when you eat this you can become sick and have diarrhoea
- E. coli can also cause water infections
- As a type of bacteria, E. coli can be treated with special medicines called antibiotics



Lactobacillus
Lack-toe-ba-sill-us

#### About

 Lactobacillus are useful bacteria that do not usually cause harm to humans

#### What does it do?

- It lives naturally in our body in our gut
- Lactobacillus can help us to digest food and is good for our health
- It can also be found in dairy foods such as milk and yoghurt
- Lactobacillus may sometimes help people who are sick with diarrhoea



Staphylococcus aureus
Staff-ill-O-coccus

#### About

 Staphylococcus are bacteria that normally live in the human nose, throat and skin and can be harmful

## Symptoms and treatment

- Staphylococcus can cause infections of the skin
- In worst cases it can get into the blood and cause very serious illness
- Staphylococcus bacteria can be treated with antibiotics
- Some types of Staphylococcus are known as 'Superbugs' (antibiotic-resistant bacteria) and common antibiotics no longer work against them.
- A common type or antibiotic-resistant
   Staphylococcus aureus is called Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (known as
   MRSA) which is resistant to a type of antibiotic
   called methicillin



**Penicillium** 

Pen-Ee-Sil-Ee-Um

## **About**

- Penicillium are useful fungi that do not usually cause harm to humans
- Penicillium are a type of mould

## What does it do?

- Penicillium was used to create the first antibiotic, Penicillin!
- Some species of penicillium are used to make the blue mould on cheese



**Tinea** 

Tin-Ee-Ah

## **About**

 Tinea are fungi that can be harmful to humans

# Symptoms and treatment

- Tinea can cause athlete's foot, which causes itchy dry skin between the toes
- Tinea grows well on damp warm feet
- Treatment includes an anti-fungal cream



**Sacharomyces** 

Sack-Ar-O-Mice-ees

## **About**

- Sacharomyces is a type of fungi which can be useful to humans
- Sacharomyces also known as yeast

## What does it do?

 Yeasts are used to make certain foods including bread and alcohol such as beer