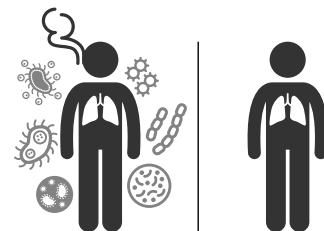
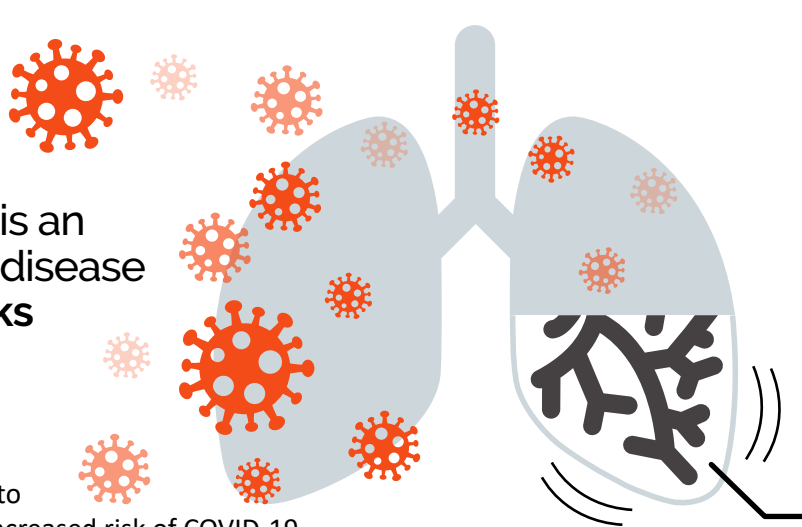


# COVID-19 and tobacco use

Smoking or vaping increases risks associated with COVID-19.

COVID-19 is an infectious disease that **attacks the lungs**.

Vaping is linked to a substantially increased risk of COVID-19 among teenagers and young adults.



Being a current or former cigarette smoker increases your risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

Smoking or vaping impairs lung function making it harder for the body to fight off coronaviruses and other respiratory infections.

Tobacco is also a major risk factor for noncommunicable diseases like **cardiovascular disease, cancer, respiratory disease and diabetes**, which put people with these conditions at higher risk for developing severe illness when affected by COVID-19.



Tobacco kills more than 8 million people globally every year.



More than 7 million of these deaths are from direct tobacco use.



Approximately 1.2 million are due to non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke.