

# Expert: There will be no lifelong immunity to SARS-CoV-2

A Russian expert said that immunity to the new strain of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that causes COVID-19 acute respiratory infections will not be sustainable and is not a lifelong form of immunity.



A scientist studies antibodies against the virus that causes COVID-19 at the laboratory of the Rega Medical Research Institute in Leuven, Belgium on February 28, 2020. (Source: AFP / TTXVN)

Sputnik reported that the head of the FEFU Federal University's Microbiological Ecology Laboratory, Professor Mikhail Shchelkanov, said that immunity to the new strain of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) causes an acute respiratory infection called COVID. -19 will be unsustainable and not a lifelong form of immunity.

Speaking at a meeting of the Scientific Council at Far Eastern Federal University, Professor Schelkanov said: "The immunity to SARS-CoV-2 is not lifelong and not the most sustainable, as for the flu is the same. Unfortunately, this is common practice for all viruses that cause respiratory illness."

Previously, Mr. Patrick Vallance, chief scientific adviser of the Government of England, on 13/3 expressed his hope that the British Government's approach to dealing with **SARS-CoV-2** virus will create "community immunity"., "accordingly, the community is indirectly protected from the risk of disease transmission.

"Community immunity" is formed when a large proportion of people in the community have become immune to the disease, from which they become "living shields" to protect those who have not been infected.

Meanwhile, according to the Vietnam News Agency correspondent, **talking** to the press, referring to the British approach to creating "community immunity" against **COVID-19**, WHO spokesman Margaret Harris said that so far no enough scientific research on SARS-CoV-2 virus to cause COVID-19.

According to Harris, the virus has been in the community for not long enough to know how it affects the immune system in the human body.

"Each virus acts differently in the human body and stimulates the immune system differently," she said. "We can talk about theories, but at the moment we are really facing the situation." need to take action. "

A **WHO** spokesman said it was necessary to combine all measures, including widespread testing, to protect the country in the long term.

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