What Covid-19 can do to the body

**Immune system**
Widespread impact, attacking healthy tissues

- Stroke, seizure, confusion/delirium, inflammation
- Cough, breathlessness, pneumonia, low blood-oxygen levels, respiratory failure
- Liver damage due to an immune system in overdrive
- Diarrhoea, vomiting, abdominal pain
- Conjunctivitis
- Loss of smell and taste
- Blood clots which can block blood vessels, heart attacks, leaking blood vessels, plummeting blood pressure, weakened heart muscles
- Kidney failure
- Reduced blood flow leading to swollen, painful toes and fingers, and dead tissue

*Some patients have reported symptoms lasting months beyond their infectious period, and scientists have called it the “long tail” of the coronavirus.

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