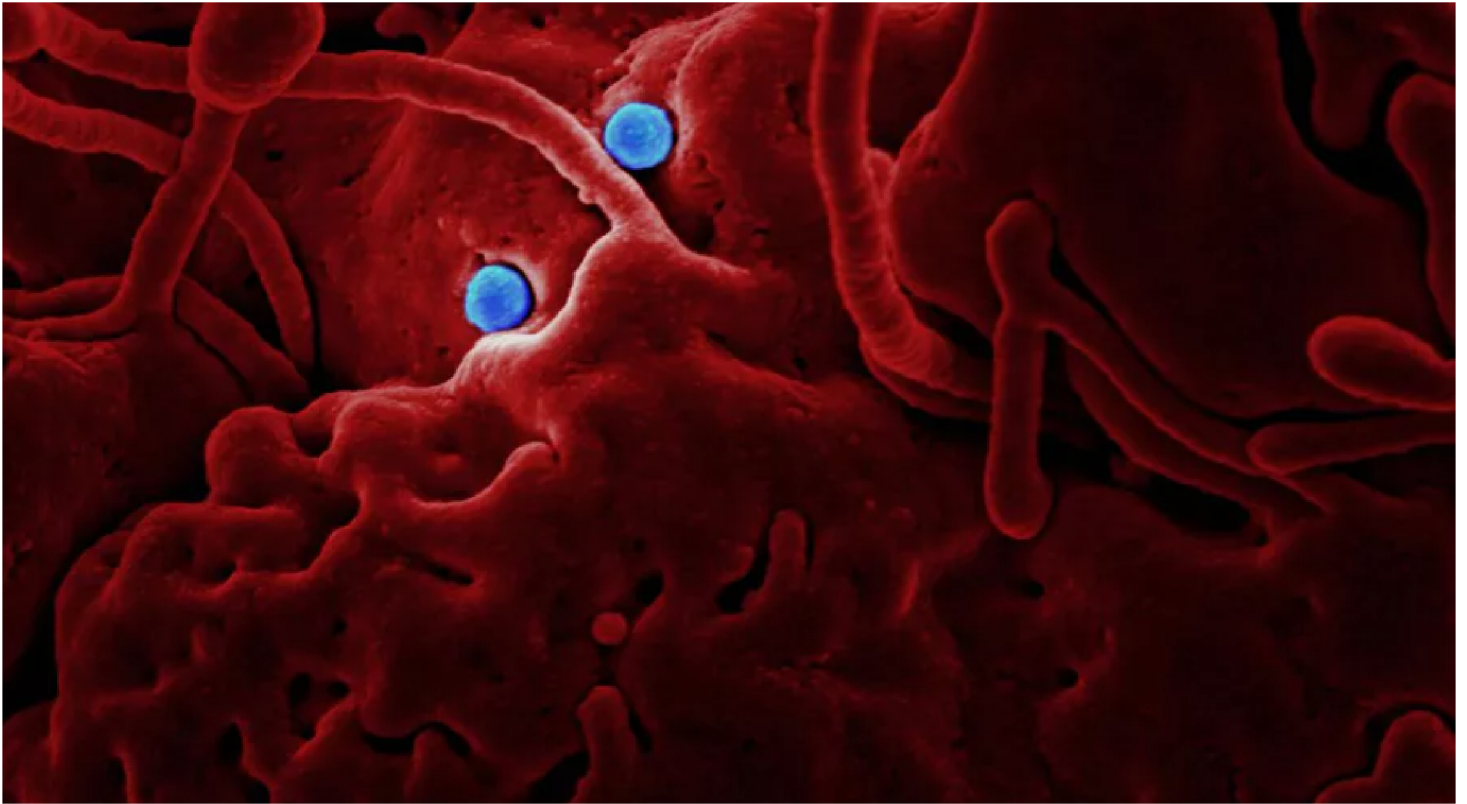


Coronavirus: Airport staff left without gloves or sanitiser



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GMB has called for better protection for airport staff after members were not given sanitiser in the wake of the Coronavirus outbreak.

Workers at Manchester Airport say they've been provided with face masks, but no gloves or even hand sanitiser.

Staff at East Midlands, Liverpool and Stanstead airports have also raised concerns over lack of protective equipment.



This follows the news from the chief medical officer for England that two people have tested positive for coronavirus in the UK.



One worker at Manchester Airport said:

“The staff are only being given masks. No gloves or hand gel.

“Passengers put their passports in their mouths and the staff are touching them. They've only been given masks. I asked a manager about gloves, wipes and hand gel. I got the stock answer: ‘I'll ask’.”



Nadine Houghton, GMB National Officer, said:

“No one should have to go to work worrying about whether they'll be exposed to a killer infection.

“The Coronavirus is spreading across the world and everyone needs to do what they can to stop it.

“Surely protecting airport staff is the most important requirement to keep us all safe?”

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