## Wellcome Genome Campus | Course 1 - 05 Sophie - The disappearance of SARS and MERS COG-UK

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The world first became aware of the existence of SARS in February 2003. And this virus had all but disappeared by the following January. While SARS had a significantly higher case fatality rate than COVID-19, it wasn't as infectious. SARS-CoV-2 spreads more easily amongst people, leading to higher case numbers.

Vaccine technology can help us to mitigate some of the risks associated with SARS-CoV-2 transmission. A well-informed vaccine design can help us to increase the likelihood that case numbers will be reduced.