

Viruses

Biology

What a virus is, and why it is not usually called alive.

The components of a virion.

Part	Is
Genome	DNA or RNA, single or double stranded
Capsid	Protein coat
Capsomere	Individual capsid protein subunit
Envelope	Host membrane, in some viruses
Glycoproteins	Attachment spikes
Enzymes	Some carry reverse transcriptase or polymerase

Enveloped viruses are more vulnerable to soap and alcohol, which disrupt the lipid envelope. That is why handwashing works.