



JUNE ALMEIDA



June Almeida was the first person to identify coronavirus under the microscope in 1964. While COVID-19 is a new illness, it is part of a type of a broader class of viruses called “coronavirus”. She became an expert in using an electron microscope, which is a powerful microscope that can allow scientists to view incredibly small microbes at high resolution. She identified and imaged many other viruses and was also the first to see rubella virus (which causes German measles) and provided important information on HIV and Hepatitis B (other viruses). She developed many new methods for imaging and diagnosing viruses.

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