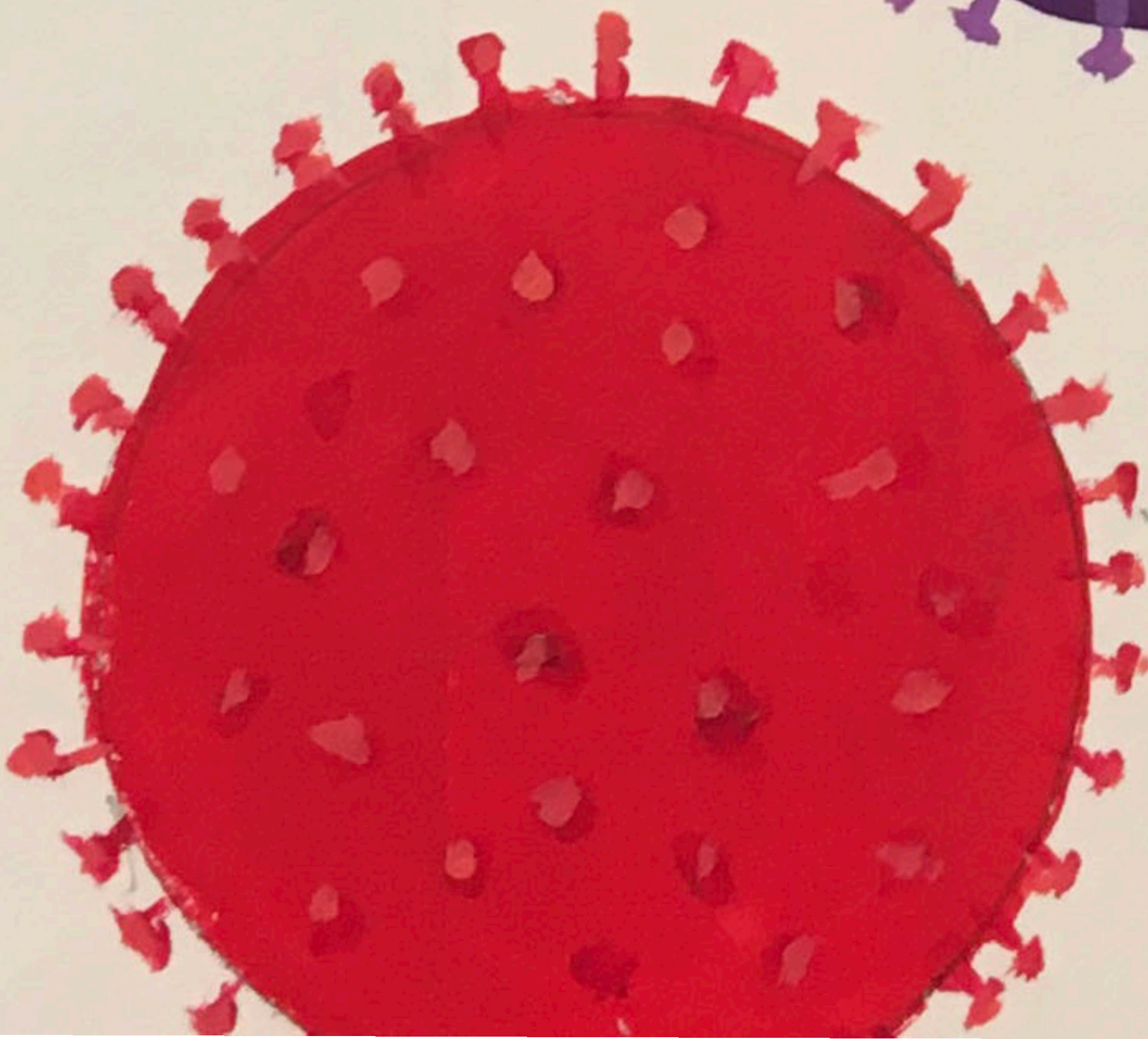
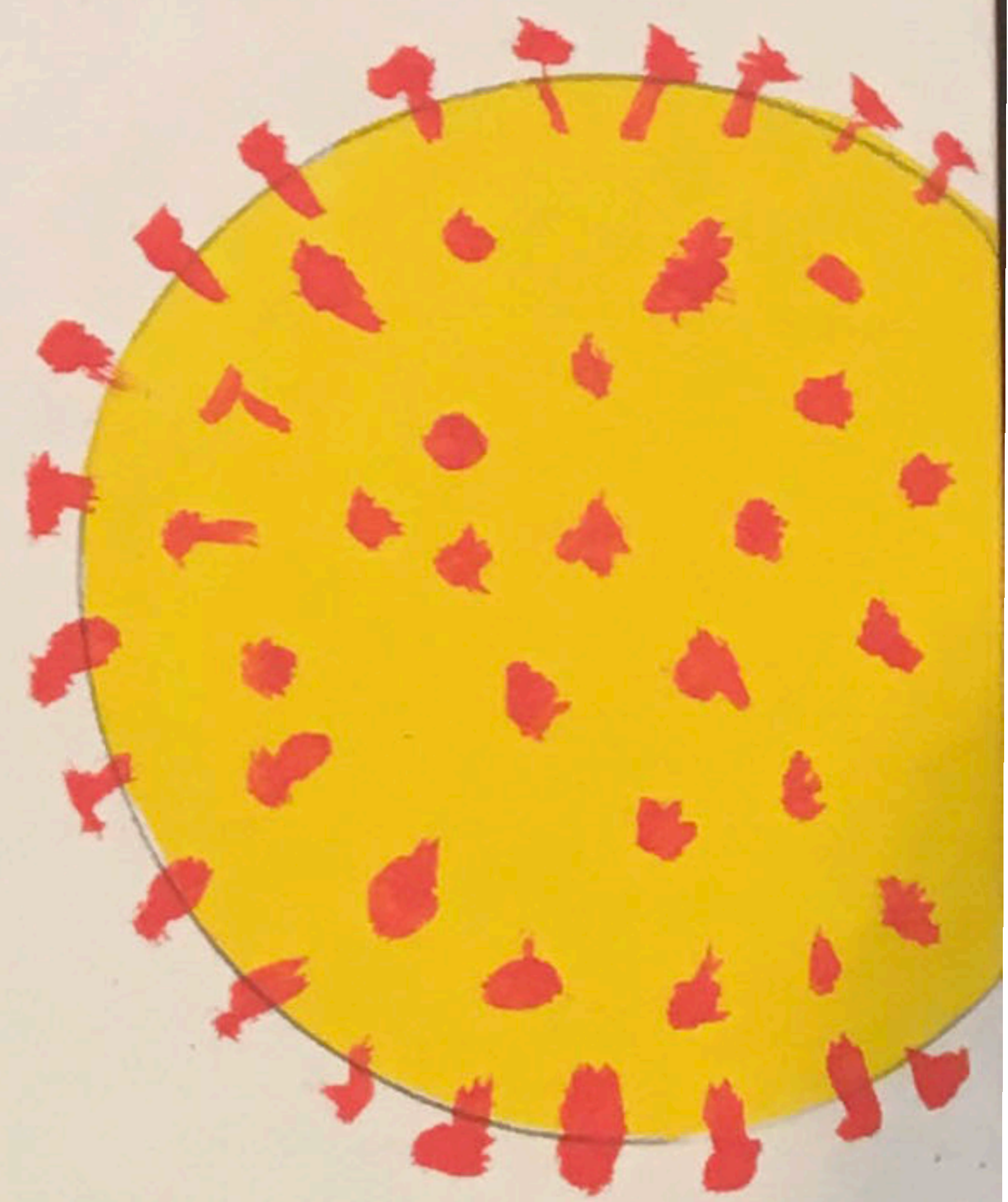
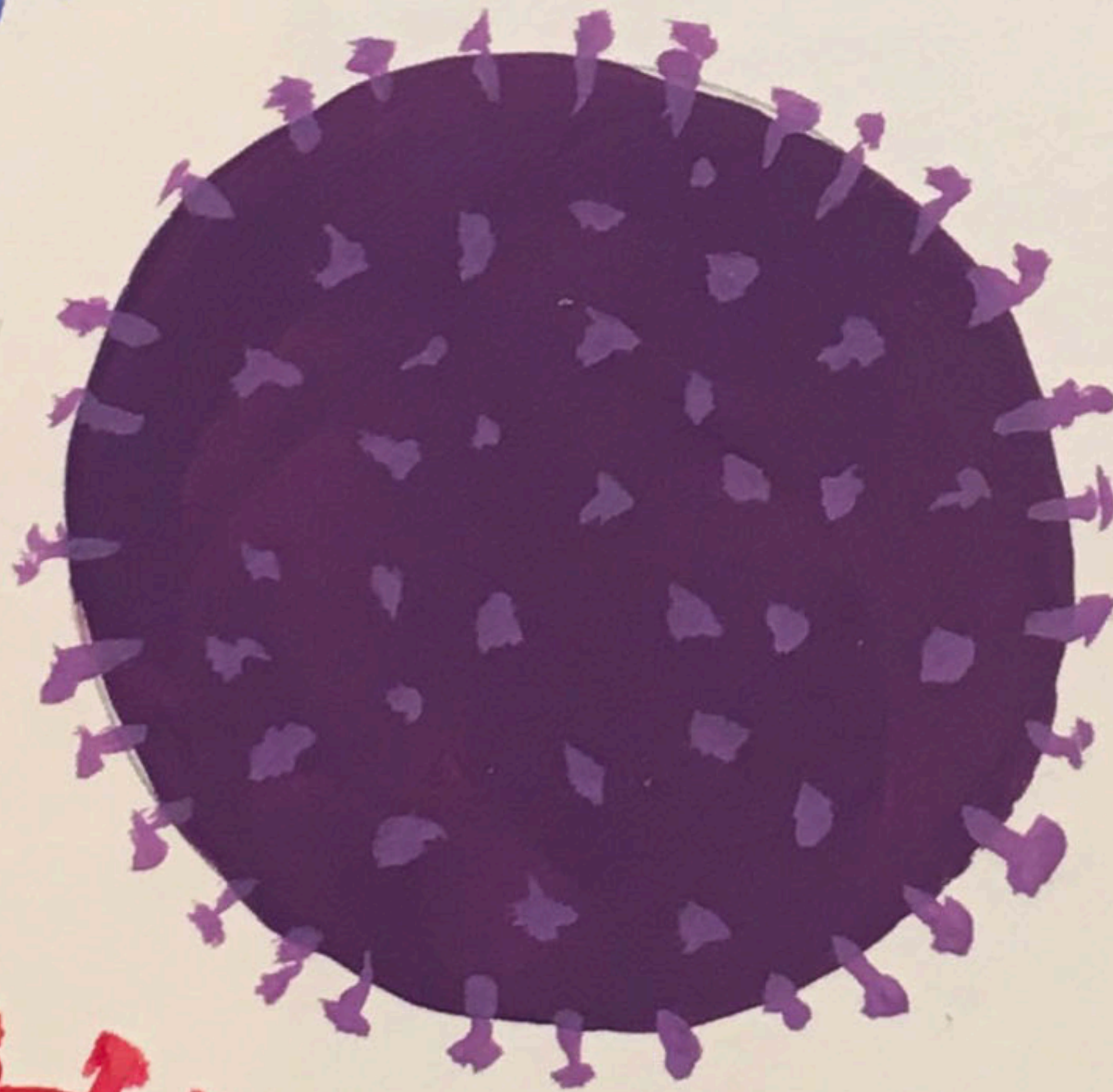
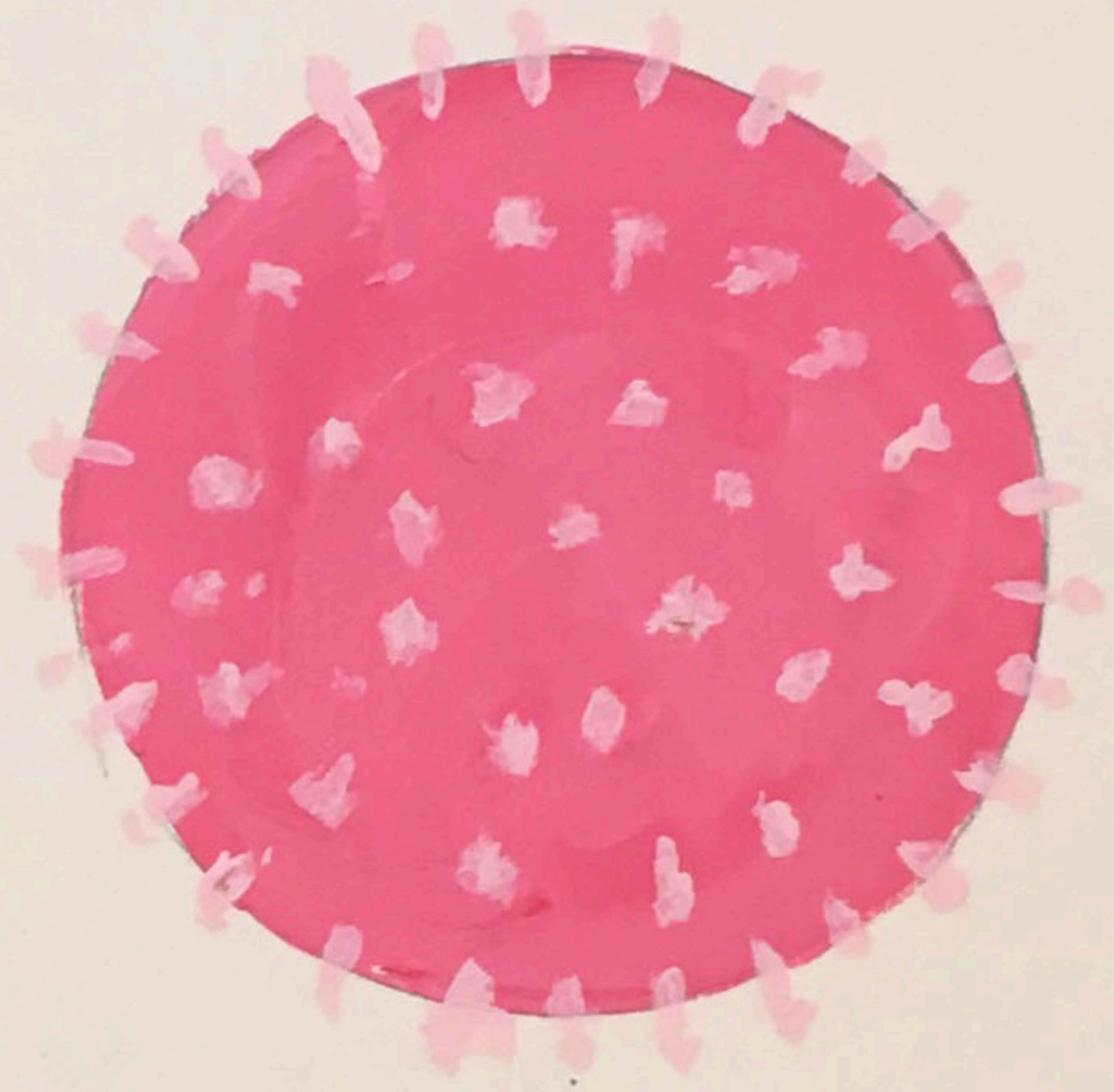
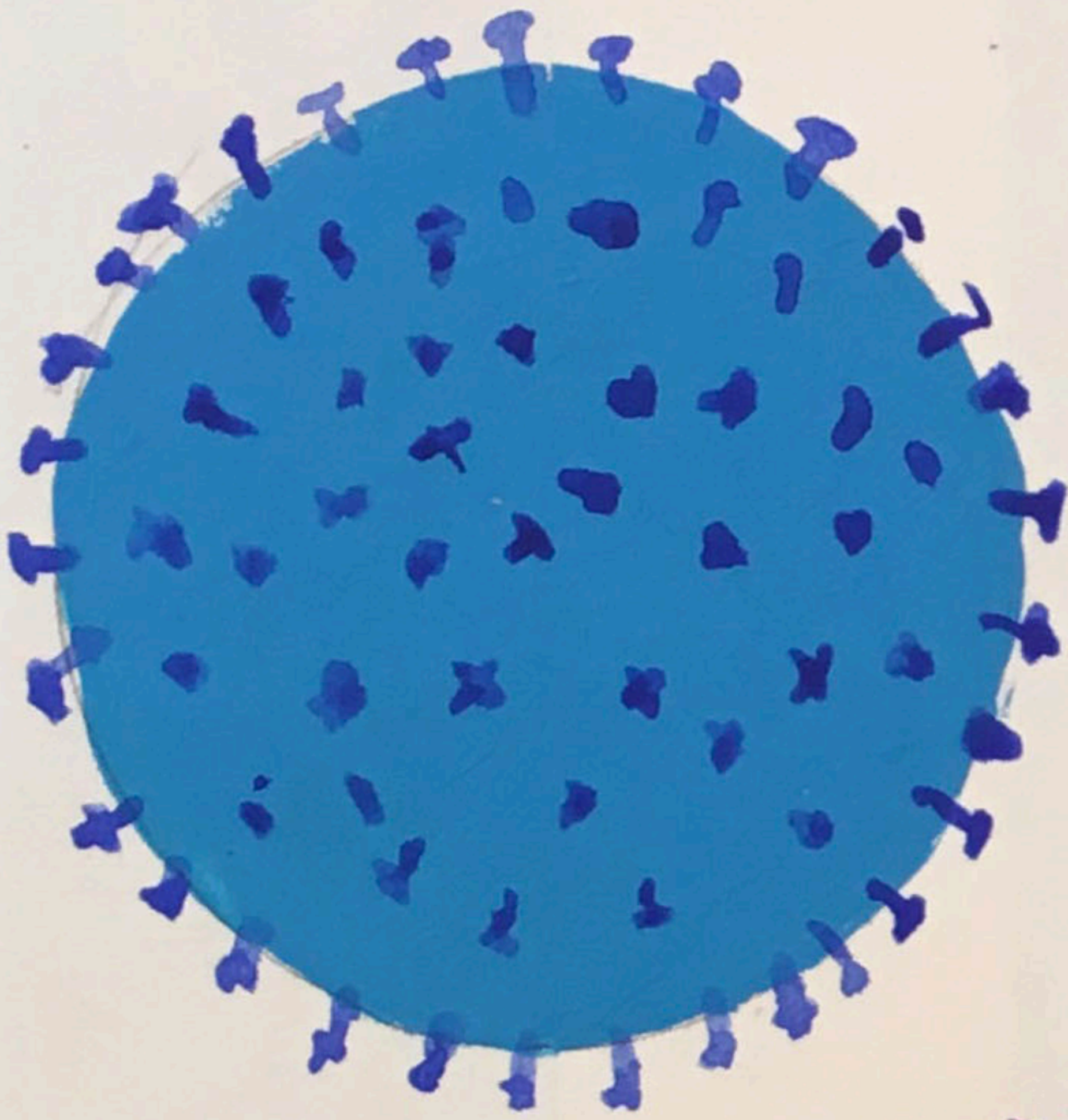


BEYOND
ALL FRONTIERS



Virus

Please allow me to introduce myself
I'm what you're all concerned about
I'm a charlatan who varies his presentation
That you should fear me - have no doubt.

I'm the nasty little virus that's crippled a nation
And I also set off a global conflagration,
I'm the economy's worst nightmare and yours as well
If I were alive, I'd be going to hell.

But I'm told that I'm not technically alive,
I'm not sure that I care for I seem to survive,
I've an RNA genome but have no cells,
I use yours to reproduce and ring all the bells.

I'm susceptible to my body being dissolved,
So your attempts to stop me must be evolved,
Vodka won't work for there is not enough alcohol,
But the 60% solution will answer the call.

Now soap's a real killer so to speak,
It causes my body to spring a leak,
The soap takes the fat and peels it away,
The longer the contact the more I pay.

I love those folks who despise the mask,
That makes my transmission an easier task,
Your desire to mingle is my ticket to ride,
And on your pursuit of freedom I glide.

I also love leaders who don't take me seriously,
And adopt a style of acting imperiously,
I relish the disdain of knowledge and science,
My success depends upon the people's defiance.

I'm a self-centered virus and I'm feeling disrespected,
This poem's not at all what I expected,
Rather than celebrating me and my skills,
This poem's about your people and their ills.

So welcome to Earth Church
Pull yourself up a pew
We're all about science here
And you should be too.