

By the Numbers

THE "MICROBE-VERSE"



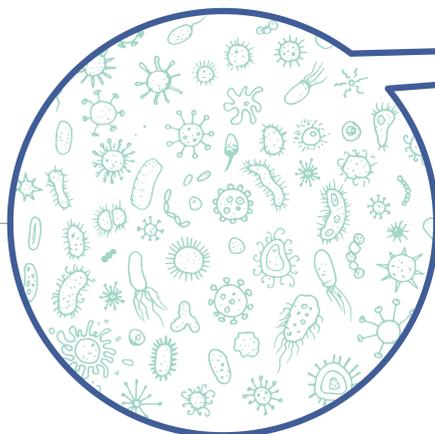
3.5 billion years old
microbes are earth's oldest residents



2.5
number of times the microbes in your body would circle the earth if placed end to end

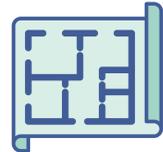
1 hand

contains more microorganisms than there are people on earth



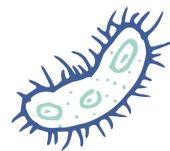
7-10 meters

length of the digestive tract



300-400 sq. ft.

surface area of the digestive tract—size of a small apartment



100 trillion

number of microbes in our bodies



3.3 million

number of unique genes in human gut microbiome (humans ~22,000 genes)



99.9%

how similar humans are to each other genetically



80-90%

how different humans are from each other based on their microbe content

