There are 4 TYPES of GERMS!

**BACTERIA**
- Pronounced *bac-tee-re-uh*
- Bacteria are tiny, tiny, tiny organisms!

**Good Bacteria**
- Helps us digest our food!
- Are used to make medicine & vaccines

**Bad Bacteria**
- Can cause ear infections, strep throat
- and even cavities!

**FUNGI**
- Pronounced *fun-GUY*
- Love damp, warm environments

**Good Fungi**
- Can taste good and some help make your immune system stronger

**Bad Fungi**
- Can cause athlete's foot!

**PROTOZOA**
- Pronounced *pro-toe-ZO-uh*
- Love moisture and are often found in water.

**Good Protozoa**
- Eat bad bacteria

**Bad Protozoa**
- Cause diseases, like Malaria

**VIRUS**
- Pronounced *Vi-rus*
- Viruses are very small! Even smaller than bacteria.
- Viruses are not living things – they latch on to living things to survive and keep going!

**Good Viruses**
- Protect us from bacteria

**Bad Viruses**
- Can cause a lot of different diseases like smallpox, HIV/AIDS, the common cold, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and **COVID-19**.