# BACTERIA & VIRUSES

How do microorganisms influence our lives?

## CHAPTER 19.1: BACTERIA

Microorganisms cover nearly every square centimeter of Earth.

**Prokaryotes:** the smallest and most common microorganism, unicellular (lack a nucleus)





### IDENTIFYING PROKARYOTES: 1. Shape



baccilli: Rod Shaped
(example: E. coli)

**Spirilla**: spiral or corkscrew shaped

(example: syphillis)

**cocci**: sphere shaped

(example : gonorrhea)

2. <u>the Gram staining method</u>: cell walls which contain peptidoglycan can be determined by a violet stain..



2nd stain (counterstain) is red shows the Gram- negative bacteria making them appear pink or light red

3. Movement also can tell use what kind of prokaryote they are.





## Flagella: whip-like structure, used for movement.

METABOLIC DIVERSITY	Mode of Nutrition	Energy Source	Carbon Source	Types of Organisms
The ways in which bacteria obtain energy and whether	Autotroph Photo- autotroph	Light	CO <sub>2</sub>	Photosynthetic prokaryotes, including cyanobacteria; plants; certain protists (algae)
they use oxygen for cellular respiration	Chemo- autotroph <b>Heterotroph</b>	Inorganic chemicals	CO <sub>2</sub>	Certain prokaryotes (for example, <i>Sulfolobus</i> )
	Photo- heterotroph	Light	Organic com- pounds	Certain prokaryotes
	Chemo- heterotroph	Organic com- pounds	Organic com- pounds	Many prokaryotes and protists; fungi; animals; some parasitic plants

#### Energy is released by cellular respiration or fermentation or both





#### **Obligate** aerobes:

organisms that require a constant supply of oxygen

## obligate anaerobes: must live in the absence of oxygen, they are killed by it!

#### <u>Facultative</u> <u>anaerobes</u>:do not require oxygen but are not killed by it either.



They can switch between cellular respiration & fermentation!



Saccharomyces cerevisiae

## GROWTH & REPRODUCTION

<u>Binary Fisson</u>: when a bacterium has doubled in size, it replicates its DNA and divides in half.



<u>Conjugation</u>: the exchange of genetic information by a hollow bridge



## GROWTH RATES

Some bacteria grow astonishingly quickly, some divide every 20 minutes!

Food and waste production limit bacteria from taking over the world...

