

Coronavirus Myths vs Facts





Myths

Exposure to sunlight or temperatures higher than 25 degrees Centigrade can protect from coronavirus

Holding breath for 10 seconds or more without discomfort means that one is not infected by coronavirus

Coronavirus can be transmitted through mosquito bites

Coronavirus affects older people more

Antibiotics can prevent and treat coronavirus

Spraying alcohol or chlorine all over the body kills coronavirus

Thermal scanners are useful in detecting coronavirus

Eating garlic can prevent coronavirus infection

Facts

Coronavirus can attack no matter how sunny or hot the weather is



The only way to confirm coronavirus infection is through laboratory test, breathing exercise can neither confirm nor protect against coronavirus



Coronavirus spreads through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose



Coronavirus affects people of all ages. However, older people and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease) are more vulnerable



Antibiotics only cure bacterial infections. Coronavirus is a virus so antibiotics should not be used to prevent or treat it



Spraying alcohol or chlorine all over the body will not kill viruses that have already entered the body but they can be used to disinfect surfaces



Thermal scanners can only detect people who have developed a fever because of coronavirus infection. They cannot detect people who are infected with coronavirus



Garlic is a healthy food but there is no evidence that eating garlic has protected people from coronavirus

To protect yourself from coronavirus

- Wash your hands with soap regularly for 20 seconds
- Maintain social distancing
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

- Cover your face when coughing or sneezing
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early

Learn more at: https://www.who.int/



