



# **COVID-19 Myths & Facts**

## **Climate DOES NOT impact COVID-19**

COVID-19 can be transmitted in any climate- no matter how sunny or warm the climate. Countries with hot weather have reported cases of COVID-19. To protect yourself, make sure you clean your hands frequently and thoroughly and avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.

#### Anyone can be infected with the virus

Early research has shown that COVID-19 can develop and result in severe disease among people of all ages. Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

#### Antibiotics DO NOT prevent or treatCOVID-19

Antibiotic do not work against viruses, only bacteria. At this point there is no treatment for the virus.

#### There are currently NO drugs licensed for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19

While several drug trials are ongoing, there is currently no proof that hydroxychloroquine or any other drug can cure or prevent COVID-19. The misuse of hydroxychloroquine can cause serious side effects, illness or even death.

#### **COVID-19 CANNOT** be transmitted through mosquito bites

To date there has been no information nor evidence to suggest that the new coronavirus could be transmitted by mosquitoes. Additionally, house flies do not cause transmission of the disease.

# Using bleach or any disinfectant on your body WILL NOT protect you against COVID-19 and is dangerous

Do not under any circumstance spray or introduce bleach or any other disinfectant into your body. These substances can be poisonous if ingested and cause irritation and damage to your skin and eyes. Bleach and disinfectant should be used carefully to disinfect surfaces only. Remember to keep chlorine (bleach) and other disinfectants out of reach of children.

## Drinking Alcohol DOES NOT protect you from COVID-19

Alcohol does not protect you from COVID-19. Frequent or excessive alcohol consumption can increase health problems.

#### Drinking warm water every 15 minutes DOES NOT prevent COVID-19

There is currently an Internet rumor that drinking warm water every 15 minutes helps a person avoid the virus. This is not true. While it is a best practice to drink plenty of water, it is not a treatment.

#### 5G mobile networks DO NOT spread COVID-19

Viruses cannot travel on radio waves/mobile networks. COVID-19 is spreading in many countries that do not have 5G mobile networks.