

# MYTHS VS FACTS

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## THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Know the difference between what is true about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and what is false.

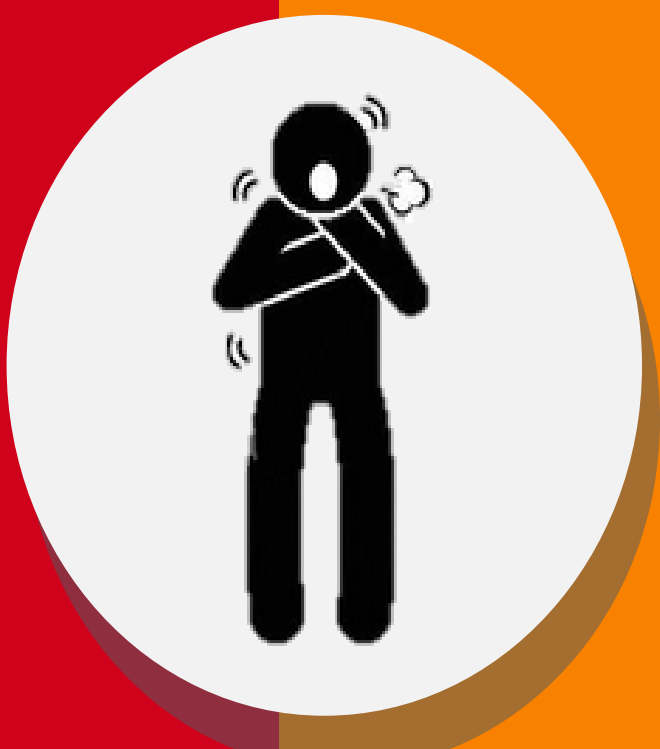


### MYTH

It is unsafe to receive packages from China.



Old people are more likely to get Coronavirus.



Pets at home, such as dogs and cats can be infected with the new Coronavirus.



Antibiotics will help kill Coronavirus.



### FACT



- It is safe to receive packages from China.
- Coronavirus does not survive long on objects, such as, letters or packages.
- People of all ages can get the Coronavirus.
- 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.
- At present, there is no evidence that companion pets such as cats and dogs can be infected with the Coronavirus.
- However, it is always a good idea to wash your hands with soap and water after contact with pets to protect you from bacteria that can be passed from pets to humans.
- Since it is a virus, antibiotics will not work on Coronavirus and should not be used as a means of prevention or treatment.
- Antibiotics are good for bacterial infections not viral infections.

TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM GETTING SICK OR FROM SPREADING ILLNESSES LIKE CORONAVIRUS, INFLUENZA OR RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS



Wash your hands frequently with soap and water



If you are sick, stay away from public places



Wrong Wrong Right

Practice proper cough and sneezing etiquette (into the bend of your elbow)



Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces



Ensure immunizations are up to date for protection against vaccine preventable diseases

