

Public Health Advice: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

MYTH BUSTERS

Can COVID-19 virus can only be transmitted in areas with certain climates?

From the evidence thus far, COVID-19 virus can be transmitted in ALL AREAS.

Can COVID-19 can be transmitted through mosquito bites?

To date there has been no information nor evidence to suggest that the COVID-19 could be transmitted by mosquitos.

Are hand dryers effective in killing COVID-19?

NO! Hand dryer are not effective in killing COVID-19.

Can ultraviolet disinfection lamps kill COVID-19?

NO! UV lamps should not be used to sterilize the hands or others areas of the skin as UV radiation can cause skin irritation.

Can Spraying alcohol or chlorine all over your body kill COVID-19?

NO! Spraying these substances all over your body will not kill a virus that has already entered your body. Spraying these substances on your skin can cause irritation to your skin as well as your mucous membranes (i.e. eyes, mouth).

Can eating garlic prevent COVID-19 infection?

There is no evidence from the current outbreak that eating garlic has protected people from COVID-19

Does COVID-19 only affect the elderly?

People of all ages can be infected by COVID-19. Older people as well as individuals with pre-existing medical conditions appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

Are antibiotics effective in preventing and treating COVID-19?

NO! Antibiotics do NOT work against viruses, only bacteria.

You can find the most recent factual up to date information by visiting any of the websites below:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>