



**COVID-19**

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# COVIDIGEST

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## MYTHBUSTERS

**Does COVID-19 affect older people, or are younger people also susceptible?**

**FACT:** People of all ages can be infected by COVID-19. Older people and people with pre-existing medical conditions appear to be more vulnerable to be severely ill with the virus.

**Can COVID-19 be transmitted through mosquito bites?**

**FACT:** No, it can't. COVID-19 is a respiratory virus which spreads through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose.

**Can spraying alcohol and/or chlorine all over your body kill COVID-19?**

**FACT:** It will not kill viruses that have already entered your body. Spraying such can be harmful to clothes or mucous membranes (i.e. eyes, mouth).

**Does frequent consumption of alcoholic beverage decrease your risk of contracting the disease?**

**FACT:** No. It does not protect you from COVID-19. Excessive consumption of alcoholic beverage can be dangerous to your health.

**Are antibiotics effective to prevent and treat COVID-19?**

**FACT:** No. Antibiotics work against bacteria, not viruses. COVID-19 is a virus and, therefore, antibiotics should not be used as a means of prevention or treatment.

**Can pets at home spread COVID-19?**

**FACT:** As of March 16, 2020, there is no evidence to support that pets can spread the virus. However, it is better to wash your hands with soap and water after contact with pets.