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BEAT THE 'INFODEMIC' OF FAKE NEWS AMID COVID-19

As COVID-19 cases have surged worldwide, so has misinformation. The World Health Organization stated that aside from this pandemic, we are also at the forefront of the battle against the infodemic.

An **infodemic** is an overabundance of information, some are accurate and some are not, which makes it hard for people to find trustworthy sources and reliable guidance when they need it. In the context of COVID-19, it poses a serious problem in public health since people need this guidance to protect themselves and others against the pandemic. Together, let's contribute in managing the infodemic through the following:

1. CONSIDER THE SOURCE



Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission, and its contact details.

2. CHECK THE AUTHOR



Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?

3. CHECK THE DATE



Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they are relevant to current events.

4. CHECK FOR BIASES



Check if your personal beliefs and values are already affecting your judgment.

5. READ BEYOND



Some headlines can be misleading in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?

6. LOOK FOR SUPPORTING SOURCES



Click on other links. Determine if the given information actually supports the story.

7. IS IT A JOKE?



If it is too bizarre, it might be a satire. Research the site and the author to be sure.

8. ASK THE EXPERTS



Consult a fact checking site or experts in their profession to verify the information.