**COVID-19: Know the Facts**

**Things people may hear about COVID-19 that are NOT True**

**Vaccines for Pneumonia and the flu will fight COVID-19.** This is false. There is no vaccine for COVID-19 yet. However, it is important to get regular vaccinations to keep from getting other illnesses.

**Taking a hot bath and raising your body temperature can kill COVID-19.** This is false. COVID-19 cannot be killed by a warm bath or going out in hot, humid weather. We do not know if COVID-19 will go away in the summer like the flu. COVID-19 is a new virus and we do not know everything about its spread and its relationship to changes in the seasons.

**Antibiotics can kill COVID-19.** This is false. Antibiotics only kill bacteria.

**Drinking alcohol can kill COVID-19.** This is false. Drinking alcohol does not kill the virus. When you do not have soap and water, cleaning your hands with a hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol can kill the virus.

**In order to kill the coronavirus, you must use hand sanitizer.** This is false. Hand sanitizer is used only when you do not have soap and water. Washing your hands for 20 seconds is a safe and is the best way to kill the coronavirus.

**5G mobile phone networks spread COVID-19.** This is false. COVID-19 is spread by droplets from your nose or mouth that land on someone else and go into the body from the mouth, nose or eyes.

**If I am young, I do not need to protect myself against the COVID-19.** This is false. Young people tend to have milder cases of COVID-19, but they can get very bad illness with COVID-19 and even die.

**It is okay if I am in a large crowd or go to a party as long as I wear a mask.** This is false. Staying at least 6 feet apart from others with a mask on, helps prevent the spread of COVID-19 from one person to another. This is because wearing a mask does not block all of the droplets from your breath.

**Know the Facts and Remember These 4 Tips**

**You can spread COVID-19 when you do not have symptoms.** This is true. 60 to 70 percent of people can carry the virus without any symptoms and can spread it to others.

**Wearing a mask or face covering can help to stop the spread of COVID-19.** This is true. COVID-19 is spread by droplets in your breath and can be spread from your nose and mouth. Covering your nose and mouth protects you and the people around you.

1. Wear a mask in public
2. Keep at least 6 feet apart from others when in public
3. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often. This is very important when in public places
4. Follow the guidelines of public health officials

Stay Safe, Save Lives.

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