

# COVID-19 Misinformation Survey

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## Start of Block: Intro

Welcome!

This is a survey about the information and knowledge you have regarding the coronavirus.

The coronavirus is also called COVID-19. It is a new virus that was declared to be an international public health emergency in January 2020.

Please respond to each question based on your own knowledge and beliefs, do not search the internet or ask others for help. We will show you the correct answers at the end. There are about 30 COVID-19 information questions.

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How informed do you feel about COVID-19?

- ☐ Extremely informed
  - ☐ Very informed
  - ☐ Somewhat informed
  - ☐ Not very informed
  - ☐ Not at all informed
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How confident are you in the knowledge you have about COVID-19?

- ☐ Extremely confident
  - ☐ Very confident
  - ☐ Somewhat confident
  - ☐ Not very confident
  - ☐ Not at all confident
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How serious would it be for you to contract the COVID-19 virus?

- ☐ Extremely serious
- ☐ Very serious
- ☐ Somewhat serious
- ☐ Not very serious
- ☐ Not at all serious

End of Block: Intro

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Is a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 available?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Can you protect yourself from COVID-19 by swallowing or gargling with bleach, taking acetic acid or steroids, or using essential oils?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Was COVID-19 deliberately created or released by people?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will ordering or buying products shipped from China make a person sick with COVID-19?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will a face mask protect you from COVID-19?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Has COVID-19 infected more than 160,000 people?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Has COVID-19 now been reported on every continent except Antarctica?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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For most people, is the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19 thought to be low?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Does someone who has completed COVID-19 quarantine or has been released from isolation pose a risk of infection to other people?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Are these the signs and symptoms of COVID-19: fever, cough, and shortness of breath?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will this action help prevent yourself and others from getting COVID-19?

Action: Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after

blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will this action help prevent yourself and others from getting COVID-19?  
Action: Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will this action help prevent yourself and others from getting COVID-19?

Action: Stay home when you are sick.

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will this action help prevent yourself and others from getting COVID-19?

Action: Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Can the COVID-19 virus be transmitted in areas with hot and humid climates?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Can cold weather and snow kill COVID-19?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will this action help prevent yourself and others from getting COVID-19?

Action: Taking a hot bath

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Can COVID-19 be transmitted through mosquito bites?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Are hand dryers effective in killing COVID-19?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will this action help prevent yourself and others from getting COVID-19?

Action: Spraying alcohol or chlorine all over your body.

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will vaccines against pneumonia protect you against COVID-19?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will this action help prevent yourself and others from getting COVID-19?

Action: Regularly rinsing your nose with saline.

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will this action help prevent yourself and others from getting COVID-19?

Action: Eating garlic.

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Can people of all ages be infected by COVID-19?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Are antibiotics effective in preventing and treating COVID-19?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Are there any specific medicines to prevent or treat COVID-19?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Does COVID-19 have a higher risk of death than the flu?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Do you have to be with someone for at least 10 minutes to catch COVID-19?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will this action help prevent yourself and others from getting COVID-19?

Action: Avoid eating Chinese food

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Is COVID-19 the deadliest virus known to man?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Will COVID-19 die off when temperatures rise in the spring?

- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably no
  - ☐ Definitely no
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Please select "Probably no" to show you are paying attention.

- ☐ Definitely yes
- ☐ Probably yes
- ☐ Probably no
- ☐ Definitely no

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Start of Block: covid\_actions



Which of the following actions are you taking in response to the COVID-19 virus?

Select all actions you are currently taking, if any.

- ☐ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ☐ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ☐ Plan to stay home if you feel sick.
- ☐ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- ☐ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- ☐ Use a facemask.
- ☐ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Are you social distancing, meaning minimizing close contact with others even if they are not sick?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Start of Block: demographics

Thank you for your answers so far. Now just a few demographic questions.



In which country do you currently reside?

▼ Afghanistan ... Zimbabwe

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What is your gender?

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Other

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What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- ☐ Some schooling, but no diploma or degree
  - ☐ High school diploma or GED
  - ☐ Some college, but no degree
  - ☐ Associate's degree
  - ☐ Bachelor's degree
  - ☐ Master's degree
  - ☐ Professional degree beyond bachelor's degree
  - ☐ Doctorate degree
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What currently is your personal annual income before taxes?

- ☐ \$0 - \$14,000
  - ☐ \$15,000 - \$29,000
  - ☐ \$30,000 - \$44,000
  - ☐ \$45,000 - \$59,000
  - ☐ \$60,000 - \$74,000
  - ☐ \$75,000 - \$89,000
  - ☐ \$90,000 - \$104,000
  - ☐ \$105,000 - \$119,000
  - ☐ \$120,000 - \$134,000
  - ☐ \$135,000 - \$149,000
  - ☐ \$150,000 or more
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What is your political ideology?

- ☐ Extremely conservative
  - ☐ Conservative
  - ☐ Somewhat conservative
  - ☐ Neither conservative nor liberal
  - ☐ Somewhat liberal
  - ☐ Liberal
  - ☐ Extremely liberal
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What party do you usually vote for?

- ☐ Republican
  - ☐ Democratic
  - ☐ Independent
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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How often do you visit or use **social media sites** (like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram)?

- ☐ About once an hour or more frequently
  - ☐ A few times a day
  - ☐ About once a day
  - ☐ A few times a week
  - ☐ About once a week
  - ☐ Less than once a week
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How often do you watch, read, or listen to **the news**?

- ☐ About once an hour or more frequently
  - ☐ A few times a day
  - ☐ About once a day
  - ☐ A few times a week
  - ☐ About once a week
  - ☐ Less than once a week
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In which state do you currently reside?

▼ Alabama ... I do not reside in the United States

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What is the zip code where you live?

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What is your age?

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Are you employed as a medical provider (for example a doctor, nurse, physician's assistant, etc.)?

☐ Yes

☐ No



Where do **you** get most of your information about COVID-19?

☐ Friends and family

☐ Social media

☐ News

☐ Center for Disease Control (CDC) website

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us if you have any comments on how we can improve this survey.

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End of Block: demographics

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