MYTH

Only foreigners have the coronavirus! Stay away!

TRUTH

People of all races and ethnicities can be infected by the new coronavirus (2019nCoV).

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

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**MYTH**

In Africa, we have a lot of sunshine, the coronavirus will not affect us.

**TRUTH**

From the evidence so far, the coronavirus can be transmitted in ALL AREAS, including areas with hot and humid weather.

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

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MYTH

You can protect yourself from coronavirus by taking alcohol, swallowing bleach or sanitizer.

TRUTH

None of these will protect you from getting coronavirus. Swallowing bleach, sanitizer or large amounts of alcohol is dangerous. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer, when used properly, is an effective way to kill the germs that cause coronavirus. Keep in mind that your hand sanitizer needs to contain at least 60% alcohol to get the job done.

SOURCE: CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL
There is a cure for coronavirus

There is no cure for the coronavirus right now. Scientists have already begun working on one but making a cure that is safe and effective in human beings will take many months.

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION
MYTH

Coronavirus is killing sinners and evil people who worship Satan.

TRUTH

This is not true. Anyone can be affected by the new coronavirus.

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION
#5 MYTH

If I wear a face mask, I cannot get the coronavirus

![Face mask]

TRUTH

Thin paper masks are not that effective in blocking out tiny particles from the coughs and sneezes of those around you. Also, most of us who are not used to wearing a mask regularly are likely the touch areas around our face when the mask starts to feel uncomfortable. This only increases your risk of bringing corona-causing germs to your mouth and eyes.

SOURCE: CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL
If I eat garlic or take local herbs (edoggo), I will not get the coronavirus. 

This is not true. Garlic and some local herbs may have some antimicrobial benefits. However, there is no evidence, based on the current pandemic, that eating garlic or taking local herbs (edogoo) has protected people from the new coronavirus.

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION
#7  **MYTH**

If you get coronavirus, you will die!

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#7 **TRUTH**

Currently, approximately 2 out of every 100 people who get the virus dies. Most people who get the virus do not fall very sick. It is like having a cold or the flu. Some older people and certain people with health problems like asthma or diabetes may get really sick.

**SOURCE:** WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION
MYTH
Antibiotics can prevent or cure coronavirus

TRUTH
No, antibiotics do not work against viruses, only bacteria. The new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a virus and, therefore, antibiotics should not be used as a means of prevention or treatment.

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION
### MYTH

Only the elderly and sickly will get the virus.

### TRUTH

People of all ages can be infected by the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV). Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

**SOURCE:** WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION
MYTH
Social Distancing is only necessary for those who have Coronavirus

TRUTH
Public gatherings, large crowds and meetings have been canceled to help stop or slow down the spread of coronavirus.

SOURCE: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE (UGANDA)