

Rumours

We can be safe from the virus if we use oil in our body.

I heard that anti-biotics used for the treatment of pneumonia can cure the virus.

I heard the virus can be transmitted through our pets at home.

I heard that everyone who had common cold symptom have COVID 19.

Social media monitoring

Print media monitoring

Community

Garlic and water can cure the virus.

Spreading alcohol on our body prevents from getting the virus.

Garlic, Turmeric and "Bojo" (a local herb used for cough) can cure the virus.

I heard virus can be transmitted through air.

We need to keep a distance from people coming from China.

Parcels coming from China can spread the virus.

FACTS

Applying oil on the body does not kill the coronaviruses.

There is no evidence that garlic and water can cure the disease caused by the coronavirus.

Antibiotics do not work against viruses. Therefore, antibiotics should not be used to prevent or treat the disease caused by the coronavirus unless prescribed by a qualified medical doctor.

Regularly and thoroughly cleaning our hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or washing our hands with soap and water kills viruses that may be on our hands. Please refer to youtube videos by WHO on *How to handrub? With alcohol-based formulation* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnSjFr6J9HI> & *How to handwash? With soap and water* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PmVJQUCm4E>

People receiving parcels from China are not at risk of getting infected with coronavirus. From previous analysis, we know coronaviruses do not survive long on objects, such as letters or packages. Hence, this is not the means for spread of the disease.

At present, there is no evidence that the coronavirus can be transmitted through our pets such as dogs or cats. However, it is always a good idea to wash your hands with soap and water after contact with pets.

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