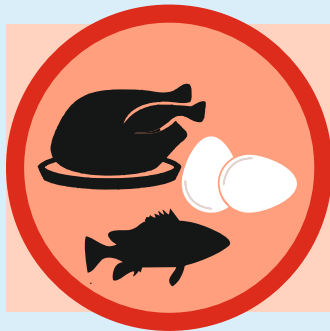


# Myths Vs Facts on Novel Coronavirus



**MYTH** : Avoid eating meat, poultry, fish and eggs to prevent coronavirus  
**FACT: NO.** Consume only thoroughly cooked food including meat, poultry, fish eggs etc



**MYTH** :The new coronavirus is transmitted through mosquito bites  
**FACT : NO.** To date there is no evidence to suggest that the new coronavirus could be transmitted by mosquito bites

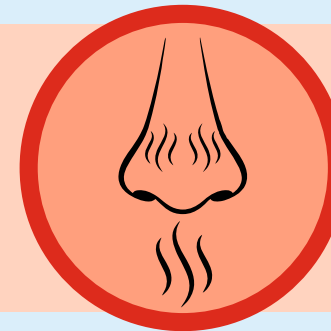


**MYTH:** Thermal scanners are effective in detecting people infected with the new coronavirus  
**FACT:** Thermal scanners are effective in detecting people who have developed a fever. However, they **cannot detect** people who are infected but are not yet sick with fever

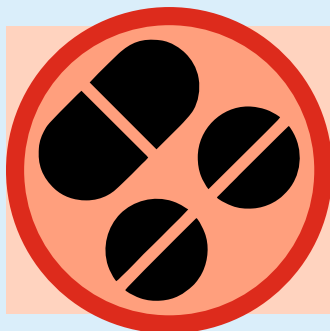
**MYTH:** Drinking alcohol or spraying chlorine all over your body kills the new coronavirus  
**FACT: NO.** Drinking alcohol or spraying chlorine all over your body will not kill the new coronavirus



**MYTH:** Regularly rinsing your nose with saline water helps prevent infection with the new coronavirus  
**FACT: NO.** There is no evidence till now



**MYTH:** The new coronavirus affects only older people  
**FACT:** People of all ages can be infected by the new coronavirus. However, older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) are more vulnerable



**MYTH:** Antibiotics are effective in preventing and treating the new coronavirus  
**FACT: NO,** Antibiotics do not work against viruses, but only for bacteria



**MYTH:** A face mask will protect you from coronavirus  
**FACT:** Everyone **need not** wear a face mask. Only wear a mask if you have flu like symptoms (cough, fever or difficulty in breathing) or if you are caring for coronavirus suspect / patient



**MYTH:** Pets can spread the new coronavirus  
**FACT:** There is no evidence that pets are the carriers of the infection

