

YouGov Survey Results

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Which of the following advice relating to the coronavirus do you believe to be true or false?

[Respondents were shown a random seven of the below statements]

Eating garlic can help prevent coronavirus

Definitely true	2	1	7	2	0	0	4	1	16	1	1	0	1	4	16	0	1	0	1
Probably true	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	0
TOTAL TRUE	4	2	9	2	1	2	5	3	16	3	1	2	2	6	17	1	3	3	1
Probably false	20	21	17	23	19	19	18	21	22	19	19	22	19	20	15	20	24	18	23
Definitely false	67	71	67	71	71	75	65	69	38	70	72	71	71	62	52	71	65	70	70
TOTAL FALSE	87	92	84	94	90	94	83	90	60	89	91	93	90	82	67	91	89	88	93
Don't know	9	6	7	4	8	4	11	7	24	9	8	4	7	11	16	7	9	9	6

Drinking water every 15 minutes will flush out any virus that might have entered the mouth

Definitely true	4	5	2	2	3	5	3	4	1	5	3	4	3	4	5	2	5	3	4
Probably true	12	11	19	5	9	11	15	8	23	8	14	9	9	15	23	10	8	12	7
TOTAL TRUE	16	16	21	7	12	16	18	12	24	13	17	13	12	19	28	12	13	15	11
Probably false	22	24	23	22	22	22	16	28	25	21	16	27	22	23	17	25	22	23	21
Definitely false	52	54	48	63	58	54	56	48	30	56	55	53	55	48	43	53	55	50	57
TOTAL FALSE	74	78	71	85	80	76	72	76	55	77	71	80	77	71	60	78	77	73	78
Don't know	11	6	8	8	9	8	10	12	20	9	12	7	10	11	12	10	10	12	11

Heat kills the coronavirus – for example from drinking hot drinks or taking a hot bath

Definitely true	2	2	2	1	0	3	1	3	0	4	2	0	2	3	1	2	2	2	4
Probably true	8	9	6	6	7	8	9	7	13	8	7	8	9	8	7	8	7	11	4
TOTAL TRUE	10	11	8	7	7	11	10	10	13	12	9	8	11	11	8	10	9	13	8
Probably false	26	28	25	18	25	27	25	27	30	25	26	27	26	26	36	25	25	21	38
Definitely false	53	47	59	62	58	49	54	52	47	51	55	56	53	53	48	55	53	56	41
TOTAL FALSE	79	75	84	80	83	76	79	79	77	76	81	83	79	79	84	80	78	77	79
Don't know	11	13	7	14	10	12	11	11	10	13	10	9	11	11	8	11	13	10	13

Exposure to the sun prevents coronavirus

Definitely true	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	2
Probably true	7	7	6	6	6	9	8	7	3	7	8	8	6	9	7	8	7	6	5
TOTAL TRUE	8	8	7	6	7	11	10	8	5	8	9	10	7	11	9	8	7	8	7
Probably false	22	26	21	32	22	23	23	21	19	22	24	20	24	19	19	25	20	19	24
Definitely false	55	57	61	56	61	54	51	58	38	57	56	57	55	54	43	53	59	59	55
TOTAL FALSE	77	83	82	88	83	77	74	79	57	79	80	77	79	73	62	78	79	78	79
Don't know	15	9	11	6	10	12	16	13	38	12	11	13	13	17	28	12	14	13	15

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Washing your hands frequently stops the virus from spreading

Definitely true	63	69	64	65	69	66	55	70	53	60	69	67	67	57	56	62	67	61	65
Probably true	29	28	30	27	25	29	34	24	27	30	28	31	28	31	25	32	24	36	20
TOTAL TRUE	92	97	94	92	94	95	89	94	80	90	97	98	95	88	81	94	91	97	85
Probably false	2	2	3	3	3	1	3	2	5	3	1	1	1	4	4	2	2	1	5
Definitely false	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
TOTAL FALSE	3	3	4	6	5	2	5	3	5	5	3	2	2	5	6	3	3	2	7
Don't know	5	1	2	1	2	3	6	4	15	6	1	1	3	7	12	3	5	2	8

Spraying alcohol or chlorine on skin kills viruses in the body

Definitely true	3	6	1	1	3	4	4	2	3	3	1	5	4	2	3	5	2	1	7
Probably true	13	13	12	24	12	16	15	11	14	14	10	15	13	13	23	10	11	14	17
TOTAL TRUE	16	19	13	25	15	20	19	13	17	17	11	20	17	15	26	15	13	15	24
Probably false	23	24	25	23	25	21	20	25	12	24	22	25	23	22	18	25	23	21	24
Definitely false	45	45	46	45	46	46	46	45	48	47	48	40	46	44	44	44	43	52	34
TOTAL FALSE	68	69	71	68	71	67	66	70	60	71	70	65	69	66	62	69	66	73	58
Don't know	16	14	15	7	15	13	14	17	24	13	19	15	14	18	12	15	21	12	19

Flu and pneumonia vaccines can protect against the coronavirus

Definitely true	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	0
Probably true	4	6	2	2	2	5	4	3	2	3	3	5	3	5	2	4	2	5	2
TOTAL TRUE	5	7	2	2	2	6	5	3	2	4	4	6	3	6	5	4	3	5	2
Probably false	22	24	24	24	25	22	22	22	29	19	22	24	22	22	23	22	23	16	32
Definitely false	63	60	70	65	66	62	62	65	51	64	68	63	66	60	53	62	68	68	59
TOTAL FALSE	85	84	94	89	91	84	84	87	80	83	90	87	88	82	76	84	91	84	91
Don't know	10	9	3	8	8	10	11	10	17	13	7	6	10	12	18	11	6	11	7

Facemasks can protect you from the coronavirus

Definitely true	6	4	3	5	4	4	9	4	20	5	2	6	6	6	14	2	8	8	4
Probably true	22	27	24	12	19	22	22	21	19	20	23	23	22	21	23	21	21	21	26
TOTAL TRUE	28	31	27	17	23	26	31	25	39	25	25	29	28	27	37	23	29	29	30
Probably false	36	34	37	45	39	33	34	38	31	39	39	32	38	34	23	38	38	38	34
Definitely false	29	30	28	34	31	33	28	29	24	27	28	34	29	27	32	31	25	29	23
TOTAL FALSE	65	64	65	79	70	66	62	67	55	66	67	66	67	61	55	69	63	67	57
Don't know	7	6	9	3	8	7	8	7	6	9	8	6	5	11	9	8	8	4	13

Coronavirus only affects older people or those with underlying health issues

Definitely true	3	5	1	0	2	5	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	1
Probably true	7	6	6	5	3	8	10	5	17	7	4	6	8	6	15	9	7	3	5
TOTAL TRUE	10	11	7	5	5	13	14	8	20	10	7	10	11	10	18	12	11	6	6
Probably false	13	12	12	15	12	12	12	14	11	17	10	10	11	16	14	15	15	8	16
Definitely false	74	76	77	80	79	74	73	75	59	70	83	79	76	71	64	71	72	85	71
TOTAL FALSE	87	88	89	95	91	86	85	89	70	87	93	89	87	87	78	86	87	93	87
Don't know	2	1	4	0	3	1	2	3	10	3	0	1	2	3	4	2	3	1	8

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If you can hold your breath for ten seconds without discomfort you don't have coronavirus

Definitely true	3	3	3	0	0	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	1	4	3	6
Probably true	13	12	15	6	8	10	13	13	31	12	12	9	13	13	21	13	15	10	8
TOTAL TRUE	16	15	18	6	8	14	15	16	33	15	14	11	15	16	25	14	19	13	14
Probably false	23	26	23	17	21	24	21	24	23	19	28	25	23	22	17	22	25	27	19
Definitely false	69	45	47	61	58	46	47	44	29	47	49	47	48	42	44	52	41	42	48
TOTAL FALSE	69	71	70	78	79	70	68	68	52	66	77	72	71	64	61	74	66	69	67
Don't know	16	14	12	16	13	16	16	15	15	19	8	17	13	19	14	13	16	19	19

Keeping at least two metres' distance from other people keeps coronavirus from spreading

Definitely true	43	48	43	45	43	50	42	45	32	42	41	55	45	42	46	44	38	42	57
Probably true	45	43	47	45	49	40	45	45	41	47	50	39	47	43	39	45	50	50	32
TOTAL TRUE	88	91	90	90	92	90	87	90	73	89	91	94	92	85	85	89	88	92	89
Probably false	3	4	5	5	3	5	3	4	6	3	3	3	2	5	2	4	2	4	4
Definitely false	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	4	0	2	2	0	1	4	1	2
TOTAL FALSE	5	6	6	5	4	7	5	5	8	4	7	3	4	7	2	5	6	5	6
Don't know	6	3	3	5	4	3	9	5	19	8	2	3	5	8	13	6	6	4	5

Vodka can be used as hand sanitiser

Definitely true	7	5	5	7	5	8	7	7	0	7	6	12	6	8	9	6	6	8	6
Probably true	25	29	20	33	26	24	26	24	20	23	27	29	24	26	29	21	32	23	24
TOTAL TRUE	32	34	25	40	31	32	33	31	20	30	33	41	30	34	38	27	38	31	30
Probably false	17	16	22	15	20	17	16	18	16	18	19	13	18	15	14	16	14	23	17
Definitely false	34	33	37	36	33	35	33	35	26	39	32	31	35	33	26	39	34	31	35
TOTAL FALSE	51	49	59	51	53	52	49	53	42	57	51	44	53	48	40	55	48	54	52
Don't know	17	18	16	9	16	16	18	16	38	13	16	15	15	18	23	18	14	15	19

Coronavirus can survive on surfaces for up to a month

Definitely true	6	9	4	6	4	8	5	8	1	6	8	7	5	8	6	7	8	6	3
Probably true	22	23	21	16	22	23	22	22	16	24	23	20	23	22	19	20	27	23	21
TOTAL TRUE	28	32	25	22	26	31	27	30	17	30	31	27	28	30	25	27	35	29	24
Probably false	30	31	29	43	31	32	31	29	42	29	28	30	32	27	24	31	33	28	36
Definitely false	25	25	28	25	30	24	28	22	17	24	29	25	25	24	32	25	16	31	20
TOTAL FALSE	55	56	57	68	61	56	59	51	59	53	57	55	57	51	56	56	49	59	56
Don't know	16	11	18	10	14	11	14	19	23	16	12	19	15	19	19	17	16	13	21

Cocaine can help prevent coronavirus

Definitely true	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Probably true	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	0	1	0
TOTAL TRUE	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	0	1	1
Probably false	13	12	12	18	13	14	14	12	17	11	14	13	15	10	8	14	13	13	15
Definitely false	68	72	72	62	67	68	67	69	69	70	67	64	69	65	72	71	60	69	59
TOTAL FALSE	81	84	84	80	80	82	81	81	86	81	81	77	84	75	80	85	73	82	74
Don't know	18	16	16	18	19	17	19	17	12	17	19	23	14	24	17	13	26	17	25

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Staying inside will stop the virus from spreading

Definitely true	58	62	65	55	61	60	51	64	46	52	67	64	60	56	52	57	57	64	54
Probably true	32	31	28	39	29	32	34	31	41	33	29	31	34	31	31	34	34	29	31
TOTAL TRUE	90	93	93	94	90	92	85	95	87	85	96	95	94	87	83	91	91	93	85
Probably false	3	2	3	0	4	2	5	1	0	5	2	2	2	3	8	2	2	1	8
Definitely false	3	3	1	6	2	2	5	1	2	3	2	2	3	3	6	1	3	3	3
TOTAL FALSE	6	5	4	6	6	4	10	2	2	8	4	4	5	6	14	3	5	4	11
Don't know	4	1	4	1	4	3	5	4	12	7	1	1	2	7	3	5	4	3	5

Children cannot catch coronavirus

Definitely true	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	3	1	0
Probably true	2	3	0	0	1	4	2	3	1	2	2	4	2	3	1	4	1	2	1
TOTAL TRUE	3	4	1	0	1	6	2	4	1	4	2	5	2	5	2	4	4	3	1
Probably false	11	10	11	11	10	11	9	13	6	10	13	13	12	10	13	11	11	8	16
Definitely false	83	85	85	88	85	81	86	80	88	82	84	81	84	82	80	83	81	85	83
TOTAL FALSE	94	95	96	99	95	92	95	93	94	92	97	94	96	92	93	94	92	93	99
Don't know	3	1	3	1	4	2	3	3	4	4	2	1	2	4	5	2	4	4	0

Coronavirus is just like the flu

Definitely true	3	3	2	2	2	4	3	3	0	3	4	2	3	3	4	4	3	1	2
Probably true	17	22	13	18	16	21	21	13	20	18	14	15	17	16	21	16	19	14	9
TOTAL TRUE	20	25	15	20	18	25	24	16	20	21	18	17	20	19	25	20	22	15	11
Probably false	22	19	23	19	19	20	24	21	31	24	20	19	22	23	17	21	24	25	25
Definitely false	52	53	56	56	59	49	42	60	36	47	57	59	54	49	51	51	50	53	57
TOTAL FALSE	74	72	79	75	78	69	66	81	67	71	77	78	76	72	68	72	74	78	82
Don't know	6	4	6	6	5	5	10	3	12	7	5	5	4	9	7	8	3	7	7

Pets can spread coronavirus

Definitely true	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	3
Probably true	11	10	10	16	10	8	12	10	13	12	6	12	10	11	8	14	9	13	3
TOTAL TRUE	13	12	12	16	12	9	14	12	13	14	8	14	12	12	9	16	11	15	6
Probably false	24	27	20	20	27	28	24	24	14	26	26	26	27	21	25	29	23	17	31
Definitely false	42	45	46	41	40	45	37	47	35	44	46	40	39	45	28	41	41	49	54
TOTAL FALSE	66	72	66	61	67	73	61	71	49	70	72	66	66	66	53	70	64	66	85
Don't know	21	17	22	23	20	17	25	18	38	16	20	21	21	22	38	15	24	19	10

Coronavirus will die off when the temperatures rise in spring

Definitely true	2	2	0	0	0	2	3	1	8	1	2	0	2	2	10	1	1	1	0
Probably true	12	14	6	13	10	12	12	12	7	13	11	15	12	12	14	13	8	10	22
TOTAL TRUE	14	16	6	13	10	14	15	13	15	14	13	15	14	14	24	14	9	11	22
Probably false	38	34	49	45	40	35	41	34	52	34	38	35	40	34	42	38	34	40	31
Definitely false	30	30	30	29	30	32	28	31	17	33	31	29	29	30	19	31	35	32	19
TOTAL FALSE	68	64	79	74	70	67	69	65	69	67	69	64	69	64	61	69	69	72	50
Don't know	19	20	15	12	19	19	17	21	16	19	18	21	16	22	15	17	22	17	29

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The coronavirus originated in a laboratory in China

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Probably true	15	18	8	13	12	17	15	14	12	19	14	10	15	15	15	14	23	9	13
TOTAL TRUE	21	27	10	13	15	26	23	18	23	23	15	21	22	20	29	20	28	11	18
Probably false	25	28	24	32	23	26	24	25	24	23	24	28	24	26	15	26	21	35	18
Definitely false	35	28	49	45	44	27	35	34	37	35	37	31	36	32	44	35	29	32	39
TOTAL FALSE	60	56	73	77	67	53	59	59	61	58	61	59	60	58	59	61	50	67	57
Don't know	20	16	17	10	18	21	18	23	17	19	24	19	19	22	13	20	22	21	25