

5 Myths About COVID-19

The coronavirus is currently increasing in prevalence throughout the United States and the world, and the myths surrounding it are mounting too. Listed below are 5 myths that we, at DWIHN, have come across and would like to dispel.

MYTH: There is currently no national coordinated federal COVID-19 quarantine.

Fact: In Michigan, the Governor issued the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order to combat the virus until at least April 13th. President Trump has extended it until April 30th nationwide.

MYTH: FEMA has deployed military assets.

Fact: FEMA is currently performing tasks such as stockpiling and providing protective masks to health care workers in hard hit areas. Governor Whitmer has approved the National Guard to assist with distributing food and medical supplies, disinfecting public spaces, help run mobile screening facilities, ensure resiliency of supply lines, and support public safety when required.

MYTH: I need to stockpile as many groceries and supplies as I can.

Fact: Currently, there is no shortage of food or other supplies in stores, except temporary shortages due to persons buying more food than they normally would. You don't need to hoard.

MYTH: Only those over 60 years old and having an existing health problems are at risk.

Fact: It should be assumed that anyone can catch it and possibly catch it more than once. Older people and those with preexisting health conditions, e.g., asthma, autoimmune disorders, blood disorders, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, and high blood pressure are more susceptible.

MYTH: Taking antibiotics will kill the virus.

Fact: Antibiotics are only effective against certain bacteria. They do not kill viruses.

