**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 because of infection with the new coronavirus. 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.

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