

List of Known Misinformation and Disinformation Regarding Corona Virus in Social Media
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Stories containing inaccurate information regarding COVID-19 fall into many categories:

- 1) Stories relating inaccurate information about cures or preventative measures or treatments that make it worse
- 2) Stories relating inaccurate information about the nature of the virus
- 3) Stories relating inaccurate information that are conspiracy stories
- 4) Stories relating false diagnosis procedures
- 5) Stories relating inaccurate information about emergency responses
- 6) Stories relating inaccurate but funny or feel good stories
- 7) Stories relating to social misbehavior

We note that there are also stories containing inaccurate information with respect to the number of deaths, politicians' response, the original source, the first reported cases, and other government activities. Such stories have not been tracked.

Following is a list of stories of each type.

Preventions and Cures

Stories relating inaccurate information about cures or preventative measures, or things that make it worse

1. gargling with bleach will prevent/cure – also appears as satire
2. drinking corona beer will prevent/cure – also appears as satire
3. taking acetic acid will prevent/cure
4. taking steroids will prevent/cure
5. taking colloidal silver will cure
6. taking MMS (which contains chlorine dioxide) can cure
7. using essential oils will prevent
8. gargling with salt water will prevent/cure
9. gargling with ethanol will prevent/cure
10. eating raw garlic will prevent
11. garlic will cure
12. spraying normal drinking alcohol on body will prevent
13. spraying chlorine on body prevents coronavirus
14. drinking or washing in sesame oil prevents coronavirus
15. using a hand dryer will kill corona virus
16. drinking water every 15 minutes will wash virus to the stomach where it will die
17. drinking hot water will kill the virus
18. avoiding eating ice cream will prevent

19. rinsing your nose with saline will prevent
20. aspirating boiling water vapor for five minutes deactivates the coronavirus
21. having a pneumonia shot will prevent you from getting the disease
22. having a flu shot will prevent you from getting the disease
23. using cocaine prevents/cures
24. Asians are more likely to get COVID-19
25. Wearing more than one mask will help prevent the virus
26. It is dangerous to receive packages from china
27. It is dangerous to eat in a Chinese restaurant (more so than other restaurants)
28. Cold weather and snow can kill off the SARS-CoV-2 virus
29. Warmer weather will kill off the SARS-CoV-2 virus
30. Taking a hot bath prevents COVID-19
31. Hand dryers are effective in killing off the SARS-CoV-2 virus
32. Antibiotics are effective in preventing and treating the SARS-CoV-2 virus
33. Vinegar is more effective than hand sanitizer
34. Gargling with Vinegar prevents COVID-19
35. Hand sanitizer does not work
36. Shuanghuanglian (Chinese medical herb) can prevent
37. drinking cow urine and applying cow dung on the body can cure coronavirus
38. there is no risk to mass public gatherings as the virus is impossible to contract outdoors
39. drinking water every 15 minutes will prevent coronavirus
40. Miracle Mineral Supplement/Solution (MMS) cures
41. silver-infused toothpaste will kill the virus
42. Kenneth Copeland can cure the virus directly from his tv studio
43. you have to be with someone for 10 minutes to catch the virus from them
44. taking ibuprofen makes COVID-19 worse, especially in new patients
45. reading the Quran will make you immune
46. you can kill the virus by holding a blow dryer up to your nose
47. Sheep head's soup is a preventative
48. Lemon and bicarbonate kill the virus
49. Lemon juice with salt is a cure
50. Lemon juice with Chinese mesona is a cure
51. Lemon juice with turmeric prevents
52. Consuming alcoholic beverages may help reduce the risk of infection by the novel coronavirus
53. Coronavirus will be cured after 14 hours of curfew
54. Bitter gourd juice can cure coronavirus in two hours
55. "Gale of the wind" and neem tree leaves can prevent corona virus
56. Sitting in the sunlight will cure COVID-19
57. Coronavirus can be cured by sniffing clove and camphor
58. Green chiretta can cure
59. Eating bananas will prevent
60. 15 minutes in Sauna will kill the virus
61. Morel mushrooms increase risk by 200%

62. Eating onions with salt will cure
63. Propolis cures COVID-19
64. Arsenic album-30 homeopathic medicine can prevent coronavirus
65. Drinking boiled garlic water cures
66. A bovine vaccine can be used to inoculate people against coronavirus
67. Shaving your beard prevents
68. Turkish raki prevents
69. Constant sex kills coronavirus
70. An alkaline diet prevents
71. Volcanic ash kills coronavirus
72. Ketamine can cure
73. Putting an opinion in your room can prevent
74. Black tea can prevent
75. Pu'er tea can prevent
76. Environmental enzymes can prevent
77. Cocaine kills coronavirus
78. Eating Nigella with honey prevents as it contains 100% hydroxychloroquine
79. Masks can be sanitized by microwaving them for 2-3 minutes
80. Teas with lemon and bicarbonate can cure
81. Mustard oil kills the coronavirus
82. Coffee can cure COVID-19
83. Chlorine dioxide can cure COVID-19
84. Green tea can cure COVID-19
85. Eating high alkalinity foods can cure COVID-19
86. Lifting lockdowns will exterminate coronavirus

Nature of Virus or Disease

Stories relating inaccurate information about the nature of the virus

1. Corona virus is just a cold
2. COVID-19 is a normal flu and is no more dangerous than that
3. Children cannot catch corona virus
4. SARS-CoV-2 is mutating faster than normal viruses
5. Pregnant women who have COVID-19 can pass the virus through the placenta to the unborn child
6. COVID-19 only affects the elderly
7. The SARS-CoV-2 virus can be transmitted through mosquito bite
8. Africans are immune
9. Vegetarians are immune
10. People in India can resist the coronavirus
11. People with type-A blood are more prone to get coronavirus
12. Everyone with COVID-19 dies

13. There is no corona (virus)
14. This is “fake news” invented by Trump to strengthen the dollar
15. Chloroquine in any amount can cure COVID-19
16. The outbreak of covid -9 is not real
17. COVID-19 breeds rapidly in toilet paper
18. Turks area immune to COVID-19
19. Coronavirus is caused by snakes
20. Coronavirus activates all bacterias and viruses in your body
21. Streets in Roma filled with dead birds due to corona poisoning in air

Conspiracy theories including bioweapons

Stories relating inaccurate information regarding weaponization or other conspiracies

1. It was created in a lab
2. It is a US/CIA created bioweapon
3. It is a Chinese bioweapon
4. It is a Russian bioweapon
5. It leaked from a bio-weapons lab in China
6. It leaked from the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China
7. It was caused by an infected rat biting a student in the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China
8. March 12, Ayatollah Khamenei falsely claimed that there is evidence that COVID-19 might be a “biological attack.”
9. Electromagnetic fields and the introduction of 5G wireless technologies led to COVID-19 outbreaks
10. Washing hands is propaganda by soap companies
11. This was a plan from Gate Foundation to increase the Gate’s wealth
12. Qatar knew about COVID-19 since 2015 and Doha paid billions to China to “grow the virus”
13. Corona virus is being spread by Coca-Cola
14. US military brought the virus to Wuhan on October 2019
15. Bill Gates and Vatican have a plan to depopulate world with coronavirus vaccine
16. Saddam Hussein in 90s told his cabinet that US threatened to spread coronavirus if he didn’t follow US commands
17. Cuba gave a vaccine to China
18. Cuba has a vaccine called Interferon
19. Israel found the cure
20. China finds a vaccine 3/17
21. Institut Pasteur in France invented COVID-19
22. COVID-19 is no worse than other outbreaks, it is just being hyped to hurt Trump
23. COVID-19 is a scripted narrative to justify closed borders
24. COVID-19 is a scripted narrative to force people to stay at home
25. Egypt developed cure (doctor developed a fluid)

26. Egypt gave China the vaccine
27. US has 40 thousands troops immune to COVID-19 conducting an invasion of Europe
28. CDC admits coronavirus originated in the US
29. Cow urine and feces can cure
30. COVID-19 was created in 2014 by an English Institute
31. Ecuadorean doctor develops vaccine 3/3
32. Filipino student develops vaccine and gets 5million US from Alibaba founder Jack Ma
33. Raúl Rodolfo Abhduz Khan, biochemical engineer from Karmalah Laboratories, is the creator of coronavirus.
34. RS 2000 notes scattered in Delhi to spread coronavirus
35. US soldiers who drank snake blood in Thailand carried coronavirus to Wuhan for Military World Games
36. Coronavirus is a hoax used to coverup the secret installation of a 5G network in Zagreb Croatia
37. American researcher Charles Lieber arrested for selling SARS-Cov-2 to Chinese
38. 5G exposure compromises hemoglobin in cells and worsens COVID-19 pandemic

False Diagnostic Procedures

Stories describing false diagnosis procedures

1. If you can hold your breath for 10 seconds you don't have COVID-19

Emergency Measures

Stories describing inaccurate information about emergency measures

1. NYC is under martial law 3/20
2. Only people who have tested positive need to stay home and isolate themselves
3. Only large gatherings have to be stopped
4. All human interaction needs to be stopped
5. Coronavirus is spread only by coughing and sneezing
6. Social distancing will lead to dramatic immediate results
7. 1 month of social distancing will stop the epidemic permanently
8. Friend/relative at Pentagon said the US is going on total lockdown
9. Friend/relative at White House said the US is going on total lockdown
10. Russia has unleashed over 500 lions to ensure that people stay inside their homes amid the coronavirus outbreak
11. In Spain – free internet during 60 days due to quarantine
12. Polish telecommunications company used quarantine as a cover up to put 100 5G antennas in Gdynia
13. Riots in London due to unavailability of food leading to lockdown and martial law 3/22

14. In USA Helicopters are spraying disinfectants to try to eradicate coronavirus
15. Bangalore Municipal body will be spraying medicine in the air to kill coronavirus
16. Homeland Security is mobilizing the national guard to combat coronavirus 3/20
17. Janta curfew in India will break the chain of transmission
18. Elderly people in Brazil who are caught wandering outside with have their pensions cancelled by the government
19. People in Spain are committing suicide due to quarantine 3/20
20. Parks in Adra Spain are being fumigated with poison
21. Spanish helicopters are spreading medicines against coronavirus
22. Oman helicopters are spraying pesticides to eliminate coronavirus
23. Venezuela helicopters are going to spread chemicals against coronavirus
24. Trump will impose a nationwide mandatory quarantine in 38 to 72 hours 3/16
25. Military in Philadelphia are preparing to invoke martial law and bring citizens to FEMA camps
26. Supermarkets are recalling coronavirus-infected toilet paper
27. Pence urges people with coronavirus to go to police 3/2
28. Police in China kill COVID-19 patients 3/2
29. Chinese coronavirus patients are being cremated alive 2/25
30. Hungary forcing men over 50 to quarantine in government facilities
31. Countries throwing dead bodies of COVID-19 victims into sea
32. Kenya hires Maasai tribe to enforce lockdown
33. India deploys army in Telangana to curb coronavirus situation
34. Indian police beat street children not abiding by lockdown

Good News Stories

Stories relating inaccurate but funny or feel good stories

1. Pandemic caused Venice's water to be clear so the swans returned
2. Pandemic caused Venice's water to be clear so the dolphins returned
3. Elephants break into a village due to social distancing and get drunk on corn wine
4. Sri Lankan Sambar deer graze on Yala Park beach
5. Deers walking down streets in Ciudad Real Spain
6. Deers roam Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu

Misbehavior and Scams Stories

Stories relating inaccurate accounts misbehavior or crimes that violate lockdown or social distancing

1. Kerala migrant laborers gambling with huge stashes of money
2. Hindu man in Rajathan killed by Muslims amidst the lockdown

3. Starving family in India commits suicide
4. Americans placed a nude statue of President Trump in NYC because he failed to handle the US situation
5. Criminals handing out masks with chemicals to make people pass out so they can commit robbery
6. Brazil takes money from hospitals to finance cultural projects
7. Costco stimulus plan food for providing your information
8. 24 hour hotline for getting essential food items during Sri Lankan curfew
9. Hindus drop religious statues in sea because they are useless in COVID-19 crisis
10. People in India beating police enforcing lockdown
11. Man in Italy commits suicide after he loses family to coronavirus
12. 59 people die as pastor gives them Dettol to drink to prevent coronavirus
13. Delivery boy opens packers of bread and spits on slices to spread corona virus
14. Muslim owned restaurants in Bengaluru are spreading corona virus by spitting in food