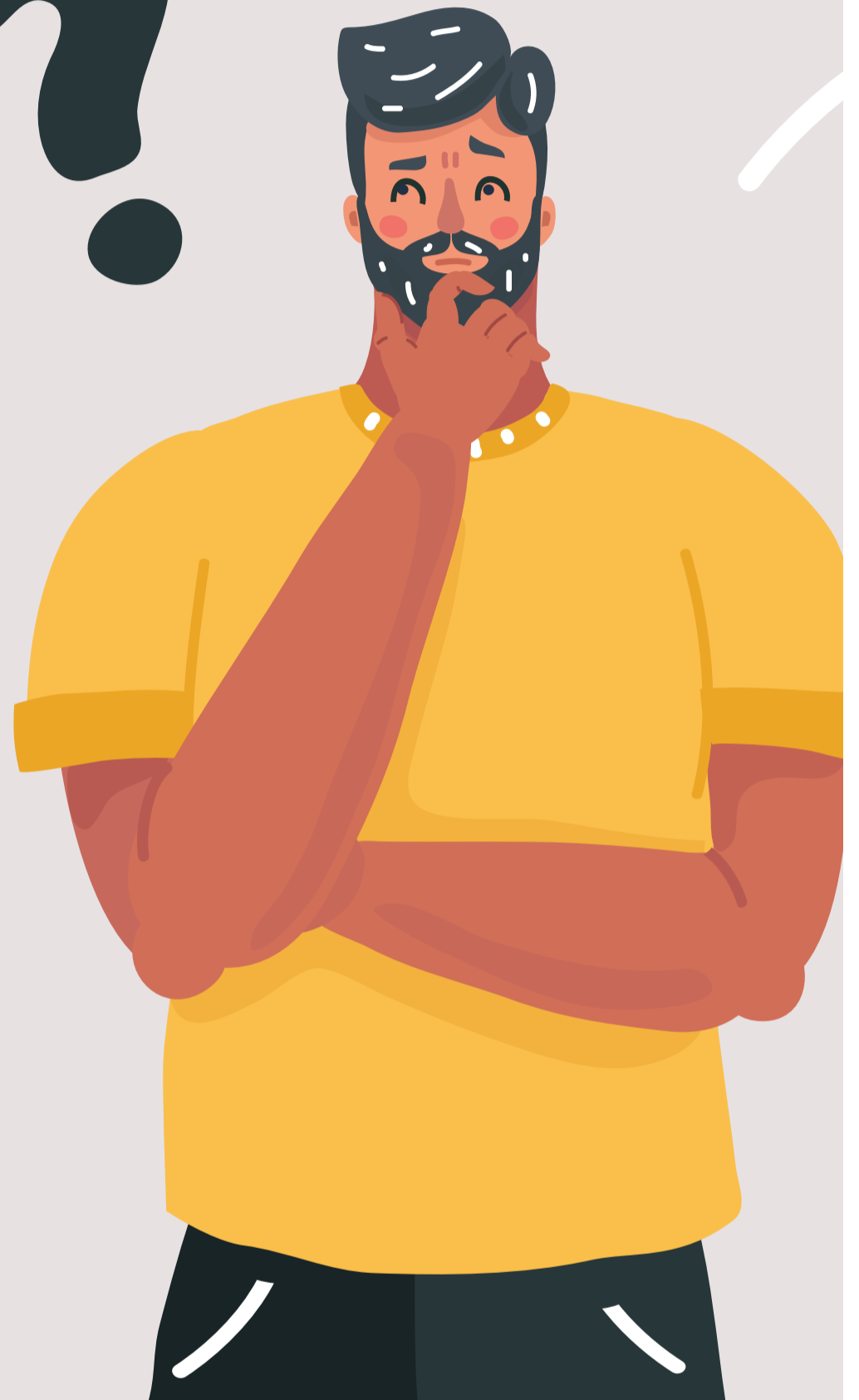


## Can pets at home spread the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV)?

*At present, there is no evidence that companion animals/pets such as dogs or cats can be infected with the new coronavirus. However, it is always a good idea to wash your hands with soap and water after contact with pets. This protects you against various common bacteria such as E.coli and Salmonella that can pass between pets and humans.*



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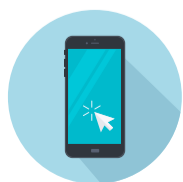
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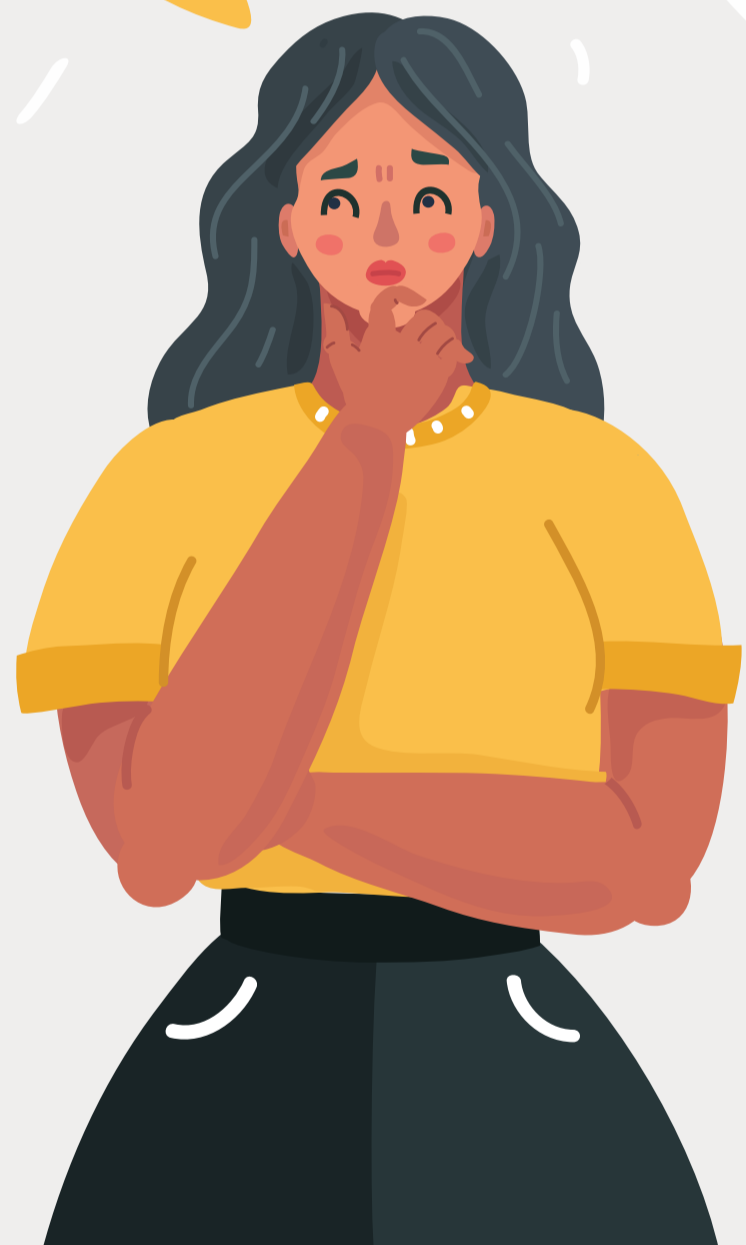
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**Do vaccines  
against pneumonia  
protect you  
against the new  
coronavirus?**

*No. Vaccines against pneumonia, such as pneumococcal vaccine and Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) vaccine, do not provide protection against the new coronavirus.*

*The virus is so new and different that it needs its own vaccine. Researchers are trying to develop a vaccine against 2019-nCoV, and WHO is supporting their efforts.*

*Although these vaccines are not effective against 2019-nCoV, vaccination against respiratory illnesses is highly recommended to protect your health.*



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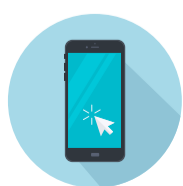
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## Does the new coronavirus affect older people, or are younger people also susceptible?

*People of all ages can be infected by the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV). Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.*

*WHO advises people of all ages to take steps to protect themselves from the virus, for example by following good hand hygiene and good respiratory hygiene.*



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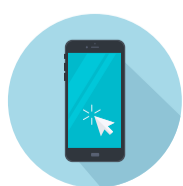
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## Are antibiotics effective in preventing and treating the new coronavirus?

*No, antibiotics do not work against viruses, only bacteria.*

*The new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a virus and, therefore, antibiotics should not be used as a means of prevention or treatment.*

*However, if you are hospitalized for the 2019-nCoV, you may receive antibiotics because bacterial co-infection is possible.*



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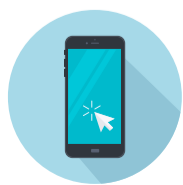
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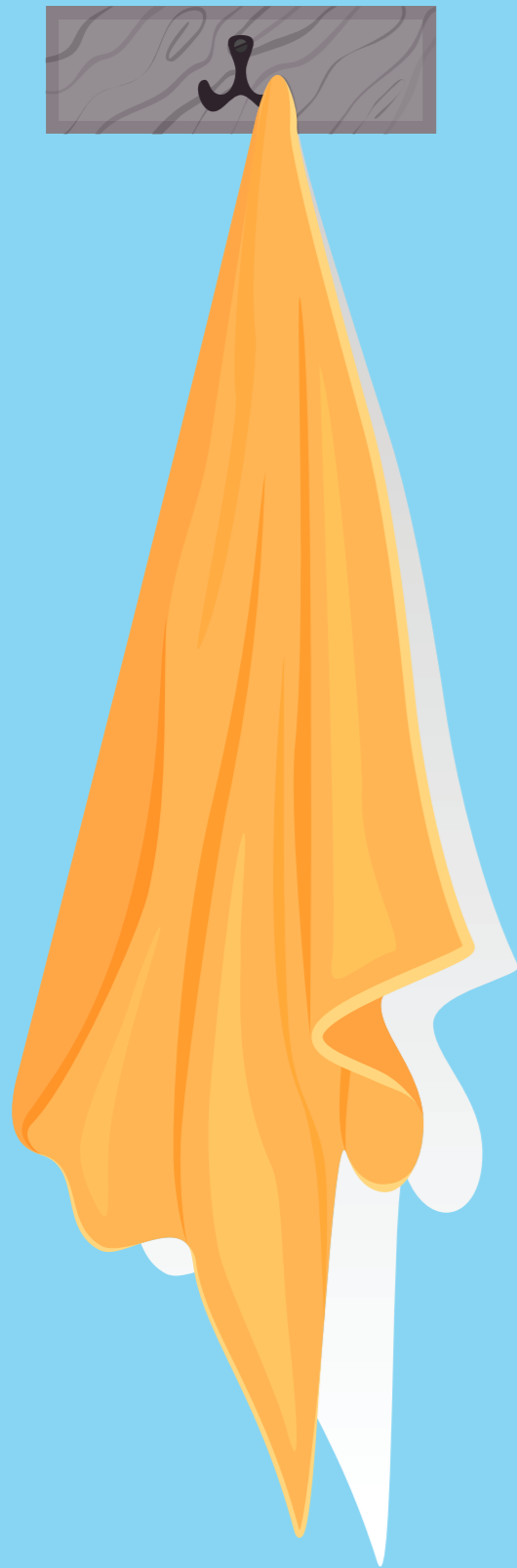
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# Practice respiratory hygiene

*Sneeze or cough into your elbow or a tissue and then throw the tissue away.*

*Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water if needed.*



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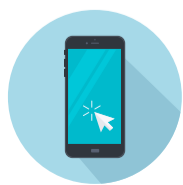
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# Avoid Getting and Spreading Coronavirus

## **Stay home when you are sick.**

*If you have a fever, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without having used fever-reducing medicines.*

**Avoid close contact with people who are sick.** *If you are taking care of someone who is sick, try to stay at least 1 metre away – this is the distance virus-containing droplets can travel through a sneeze or cough.*

**Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.**

**Cover your coughs;** *sneeze into your elbow or a tissue and then throw the tissue away.*

**Clean frequently touched surfaces** *and objects like door knobs, light switches, shared keyboards and phones.*



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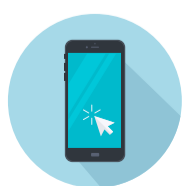
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# When should I use a mask?

- If you are healthy, you only need to wear a mask if you are taking care of a person with suspected 2019-nCoV infection.
- Wear a mask if you are coughing or sneezing.
  - Masks are effective only when used in combination with frequent hand-cleaning with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- If you wear a mask, then you must know how to use it and dispose of it properly.



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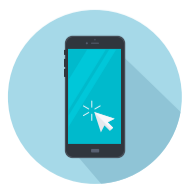
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# Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.



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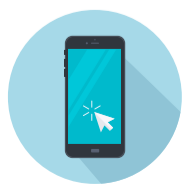
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