### CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

## **SHARE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19**

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

## FACT 1

# Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can cause people to avoid or reject others even though they are not at risk for spreading the virus.

### FACT 2

#### For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.

### FACT 3

#### Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

### FACT 4

#### There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

### **FACT 5** You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

Fever 
• Cough 
• Shortness of breath

#### Seek medical advice if you

• Develop symptoms

#### AND

• Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

