

COVID-19 Misinformation Challenge

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Welcome to Day 1 of the COVID-19 Misinformation Challenge!

There are numerous posts on social media related to COVID-19. And, many about the virus have gone viral (wink). But, how reliable is the information that we're encountering from friends, family, colleagues, and organizations in our networks?

Your Challenge: Determine Which Social Media Posts are Accurate (or Not)

Let's Get Started with the Three Social Media Posts Below!

1. Answer each of the questions below, and click the Submit button to complete your answer. Note: this quiz is anonymous.
2. Click on "View Score" to see what you got right and wrong, plus feedback on the answers. The answer feedback includes links to resources related to each question.
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I'm a doctor and an Infectious Diseases Specialist. I've been at this for more than 20 years seeing sick patients on a daily basis. I have worked in inner city hospitals and in the poorest slums of Africa. HIV-AIDS, Hepatitis, TB, SARS, Measles, Shingles, Whooping cough, Diphtheria...there is little I haven't been exposed to in my profession. And with notable exception of SARS, very little has left me feeling vulnerable, overwhelmed or downright scared.

I am not scared of Covid-19. I am concerned about the implications of a novel infectious agent that has spread the world over and continues to find new footholds in different soil. I am rightly concerned for the welfare of those who are elderly, in frail health or disenfranchised who stand to suffer mostly, and disproportionately, at the hands of this new scourge. But I am not scared of Covid-19.

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Relevant Resources and Strategies for Identifying Fake News and Misinformation

- [Guide to Fake News and Misinformation](#)
Find a range of fact check options, plus additional ways to identify fake news or misinformation, at this Fake News and Misinformation guide.
 - [How to Spot Fake News in the COVID-19 Era](#)
A snappy infographic from the International Federation of Library Association.
 - [A Cognitive Scientist Explains Why Humans are So Susceptible to Fake News and Misinformation](#)
Gain deeper insights into why we may fall for fake news and misinformation.
 - [Sifting Through the Pandemic: Information Hygiene for the Covid-19 Infodemic](#)
Learn the skills that will make a dramatic difference in your ability to sort fact from fiction on the web (and everything in between).
- You will use the SIFT Method: Stop, Investigate the source, Find better coverage, and Trace claims, quotes and media to the original context.
- [Why You Shouldn't Trust Memes About Coronavirus](#)
From the University of Arizona.

Preparing for Your Next Challenge

Congratulations! This completes Day 1 of the COVID-19 Misinformation Challenge. Stay tuned for tomorrow's challenge that will have you examining treatments for the novel coronavirus!