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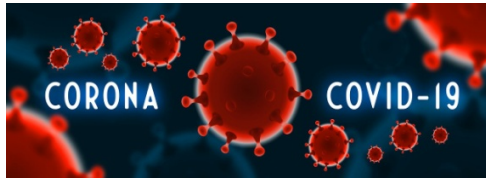
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Editorial ...

We hope this communication finds you safe and healthy.....



COVID-19 is a disease caused by a new strain of corona virus. Symptoms can include fever, cough and



shortness of breath. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia or breathing difficulties. These symptoms are similar to the flu (influenza) or the common cold, which are a lot more common than COVID-19. The virus is transmitted through direct contact with respiratory droplets of an infected person (generated through coughing and sneezing). We are learning more about how COVID-19 affects people every day. Older people, and people with chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease, appear to be more at risk of developing severe symptoms. There is no currently available vaccine for COVID-19. There are several clinical trials that are being conducted to evaluate potential therapeutics for COVID-19. Public health measures are everyday preventive actions that include: 1. Staying home when sick; 2. Covering mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing. 3. Dispose of used tissue immediately; 4. Washing hands often with soap and water; and 5.



Cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects. The outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and the virus has now spread to many countries and territories. While COVID-19 continues to spread it is important that communities take action to prevent further transmission, reduce the impacts of the outbreak and support control measures. It is important to remember that COVID-19 does not differentiate between borders, ethnicities, disability status, age or gender.

**STAY SAFE.
STAY HOME.**

Today, children and young people are global citizens, powerful agents of change and the next generation of caregivers, scientists, and doctors. Any crisis presents the opportunity to help them learn, cultivate compassion and increase resilience while building a safer and more caring community. Education can encourage students to become advocates for disease prevention and control at home, in school, and in their community by talking to others about how to prevent the spread of viruses. As we go forward in our situation, it is important that we continue to pay attention and abide by the "Stay Home" directive from the Government and its Department of Health. We will get through this, but it will take all of us doing our part and doing the right things. Considering the seriousness of COVID-19, it's about time we step up against this deadly disease. For the sake of lives lost and the rest of humanity, let us all pledge to beat Corona back. IJONS request to all young researchers are doing and accelerating their research for controlling COVID 19 under the guidance of your guide and teachers. We fight against this disease and create healthy world.

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