# CORONAVIRUS & TRAVEL

The World Health Organization (WHO) says there should be

NO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Harvard Medical School says it's **WEAKER THAN THE FLU** 



## SO I SHOULDN'T CANCEL MY TRIP?

NO. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there shouldn't be any travel or trade restrictions due to the coronavirus. The risk of being infected is low in many countries.

## WHAT ABOUT THE AIRPLANE CABIN **ENVIRONMENT?**

The WHO says an airplane cabin by itself isn't more conducive to spreading infection. The virus is not airborne. It's transmitted by droplets, and only lives on surfaces for short periods, perhaps 30 minutes. You can rest easy knowing that airlines have procedures in place that help prevent the spread of illness in the case that anyone on board is infected.

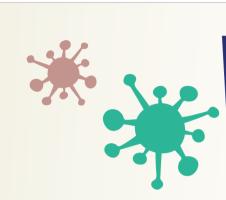


## IS IT REALLY **WEAKER THAN THE FLU?**

There are an estimated 1 billion cases of the flu worldwide, while there are only 82,780\* confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide. In most cases, you have a much higher chance of encountering someone with the flu than COVID-19.

\*As of 2/28/20





# COVID-19 vs. FLU

COVID-19

82,780 **CONFIRMED CASES WORLDWIDE\*** 

2,817

**DEATHS WORLDWIDE\*** 

\*As of 2/28/20

#### THE FLU

1 BILLION

**ESTIMATED CASES WORLDWIDE\*** 

646,000

**ESTIMATED DEATHS WORLDWIDE\*** 

\*Annually



### 95% of all cases are here

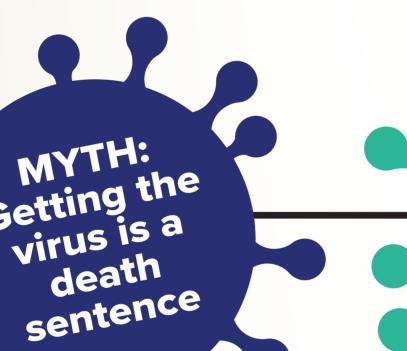
#### **HOW DOES IT COMPARE TO PAST OUTBREAKS?**

The mortality rate for the coronavirus is very low compared to some past outbreaks.

Mortality rate for the coronavirus in China:

SARS in 2003: 10%

MERS in 2012 34%



#### **FACT:** Based on the data that is

coming out, it seems to be a mild type of viral infection. There's a 2% fatality rate and those 2% almost always have a pre-existing condition.

**Traveling** internationally is dangerous.

**MYTH:** 

#### FACT: Due to the risk of infection

being low in most countries, the World Health Organization (WHO) has not issued any travel bans due to the coronavirus.

**Receiving mail** from China puts you at risk

**MYTH:** 

#### **FACT:** According to the WHO, coronaviruses do not survive

long on objects, such as letters or packages.

# HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF





infected people

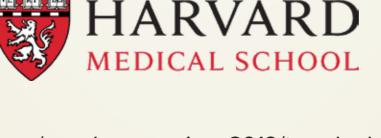






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