

The São Paulo Municipal Health Commissioner (Secretaria Municipal da Saúde) clarifies the fake news which are circulating on social media and message applications about the fight against the new coronavirus and treatment of Covid -19.

There is still no medicine, tea, vitamin nor vaccine capable of curing the disease. Currently wash your hands with soap and water and cover your mouth with your arm when coughing and/or sneezing are the only ways to prevent the new virus.

# Lack of PPEs (Personal Protective Equipment) at the Hospital Municipal Dr. Carmino Caricchio (Tatuapé).

The video about the lack of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at the Hospital Municipal Dr. Carmino Caricchio (Tatuapé) is false. The stock of surgical masks and N95 masks, as well as 70% alcohol, of the hospital it is normalized.

# Sanitize the hands with vinegar is more effective than water and soap or hand sanitizer.

This is fake. Vinegar does not protect against the new coronavirus and there is nothing proven as for its effectiveness to sanitizing hands.

## Hand sanitizer does not kill the coronavirus and other bacteria and its overuse enables infection.

This is fake. Alcohol has the ability to create an antiseptic film that lays on the skin. However, the product does not replace hand washing and its application should always be done with clean hands, free from any dirt.

## Fennel tea prevents the Covid-19 because it has the same substance that the drug Tamiflu for the flu.

This is fake. There is still no medicine, tea, vitamin nor vaccine capable of curing or preventing Covid-19. Besides, fennel tea does not have any components contained in the Tamiflu (oseltamivir phosphate).

### **Products sent from China to Brazil may bring the new coronavirus.**

This information is false. The virus does not survive long outside the body of other living beings, and the traffic time of these products is often many days.

### Garlic water freshly boiled cure Covid-19.

This is fake. To date, there is no medicine, tea, vitamin or vaccine capable of preventing or curing someone infected with Covid -19.

### Avocado with mint smoothie prevents coronavirus.

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# In Thailand, a Chinese woman infected with the new coronavirus was cured in 48 hours with the administration of the cocktail against HIV.

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#### The new coronavirus came from the bat.

This is fake. There is still no scientific evidence that the new coronavirus has come from animals. According to WHO (World Health Organization), the investigation into the origin of the new virus that causes Covid -19 are still underway.

### There is a similarity of the new coronavirus with the HIV virus.

This is fake. There is no scientific record that indicates that there are inserts similar to HIV in the new coronavirus.

### The new coronavirus was created in laboratory.

This is fake. There is no evidence that the virus was created in laboratory.

#### The new coronavirus comes from an insecticide.

This is fake. According to WHO (World Health Organization), there is still no scientific evidence on the initial transmission of the virus. Investigations into the source of the new virus that causes Covid -19 are still underway.

## The new coronavirus is not resistant to heat and temperatures of 78.8°F or 80.6°F.

This is fake: The Ministry of Health (Ministério da Saúde) reiterates that it is not possible to affirm that the virus dies when exposed to these temperatures, since when in the human body the new coronavirus withstands a temperature of at least 96.8°F.

### Israel already has a vaccine against the new coronavirus.

This is fake. To date, there is no medicine, tea, vitamin or vaccine capable of preventing or curing someone infected with Covid -19. What do exist in Israel is a team of scientists trying to develop a vaccine, as well as in other parts of the world, such as China, the United States and Brazil, for example.

# The recipients of the Brazilian government program Bolsa Família will earn R\$ 470,00 to buy cleaning products and protection masks.

This is fake. The Ministry of Citizenship, responsible for the management of this benefit, states that any change always is communicated through the official channels and website.

### Serotherapy fights the coronavirus.

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Contact the Municipal and State CIEVS (Centro de Informações Estratégicas em Vigilância em Saúde) in case of suspected cases of Covid-19 and do the test at home.

This is fake. The CIEVS and health units do not test for the new coronavirus at the homes of local residents.

On the websites of São Paulo State Department of Health (Secretaria de Estado da Saúde de São Paulo) and the Ministry of Health (Ministério da Saúde) you can learn more about fake news and the new coronavirus.