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**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)  
ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC:**

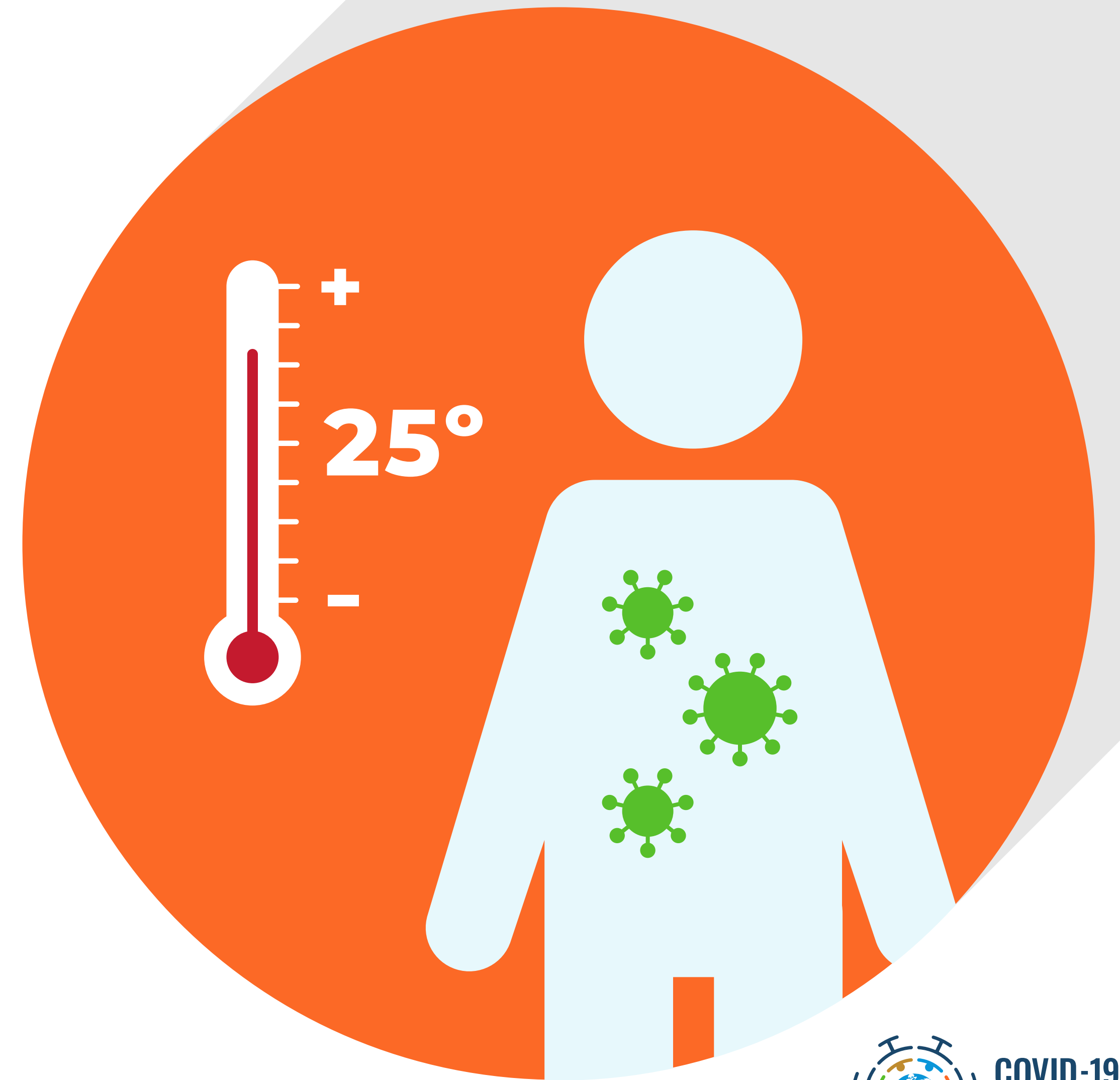
# MYTH BUSTERS

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# FACT:

Exposing yourself to the sun or to temperatures higher than 25°C degrees **DOES NOT** prevent the coronavirus.



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# FACT:

Catching the coronavirus  
**DOES NOT** mean you will  
have it for life.

You can recover from the coronavirus.



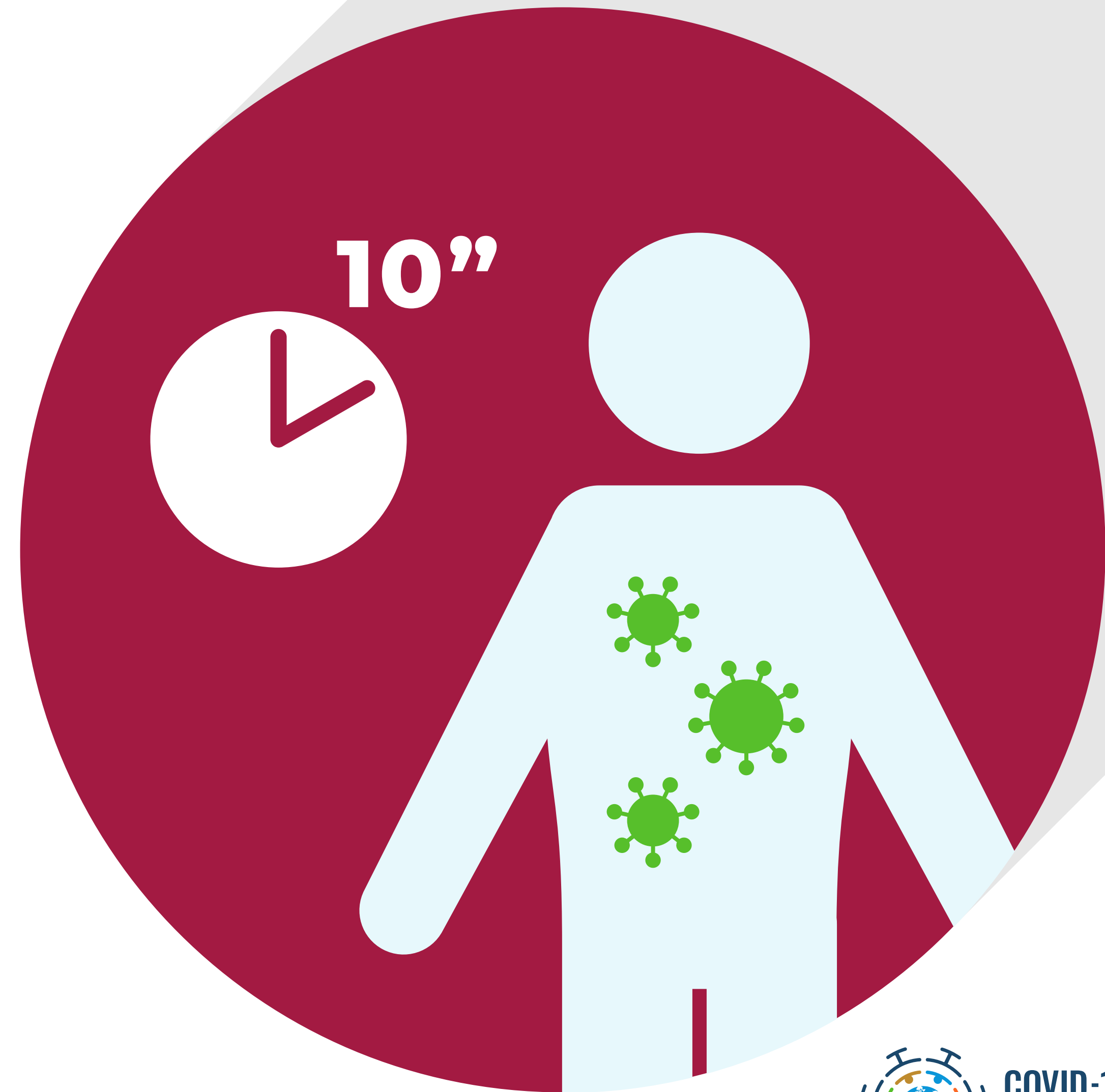
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# FACT:

Being able to hold your breath for 10 seconds or more without coughing or feeling discomfort **DOES NOT** mean you are free from the coronavirus or any other lung disease.

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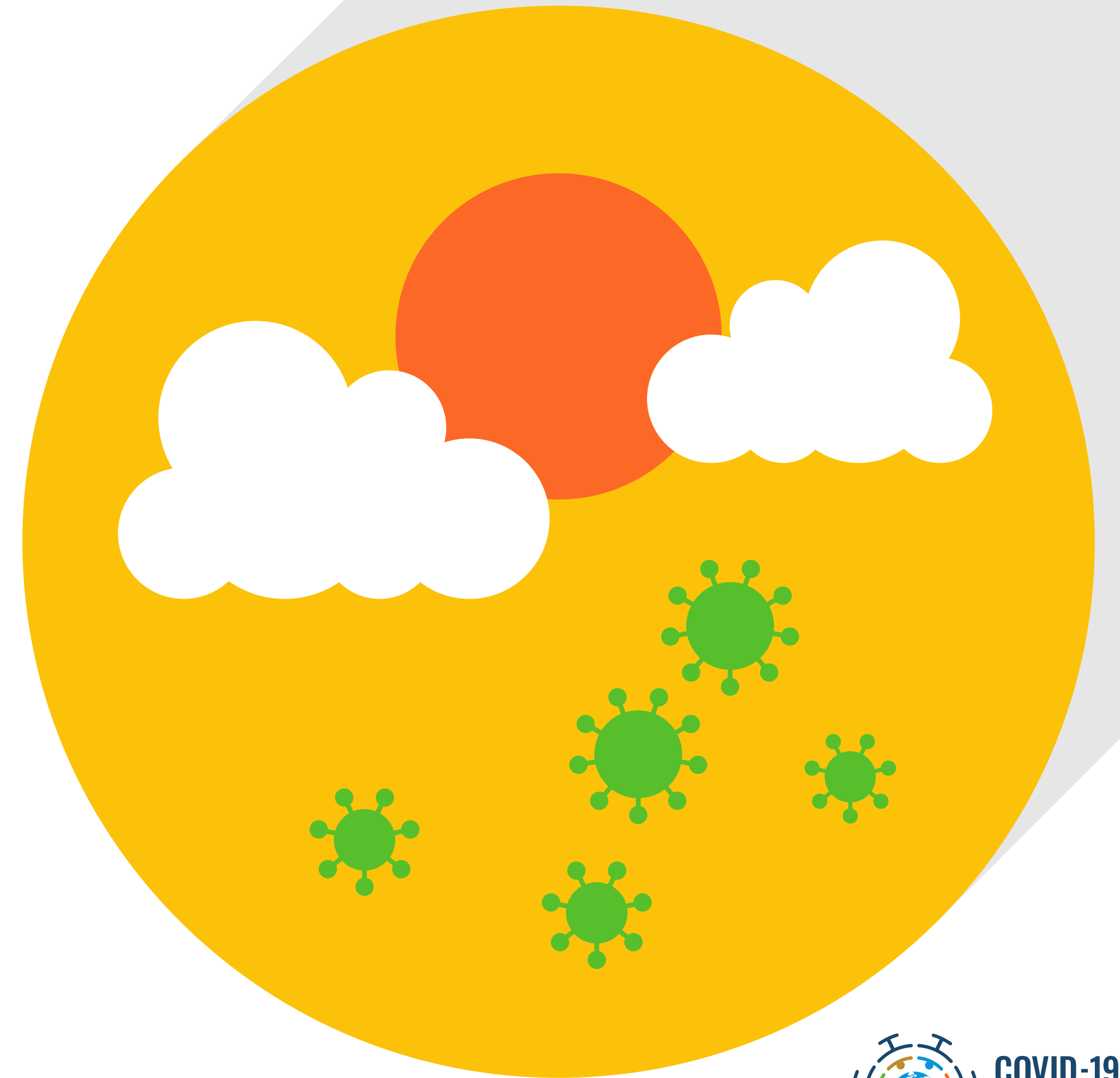
Drinking alcohol **DOES NOT** protect you against the coronavirus and can be dangerous.

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# FACT:

The coronavirus **CAN** be transmitted in areas with hot and humid climates.

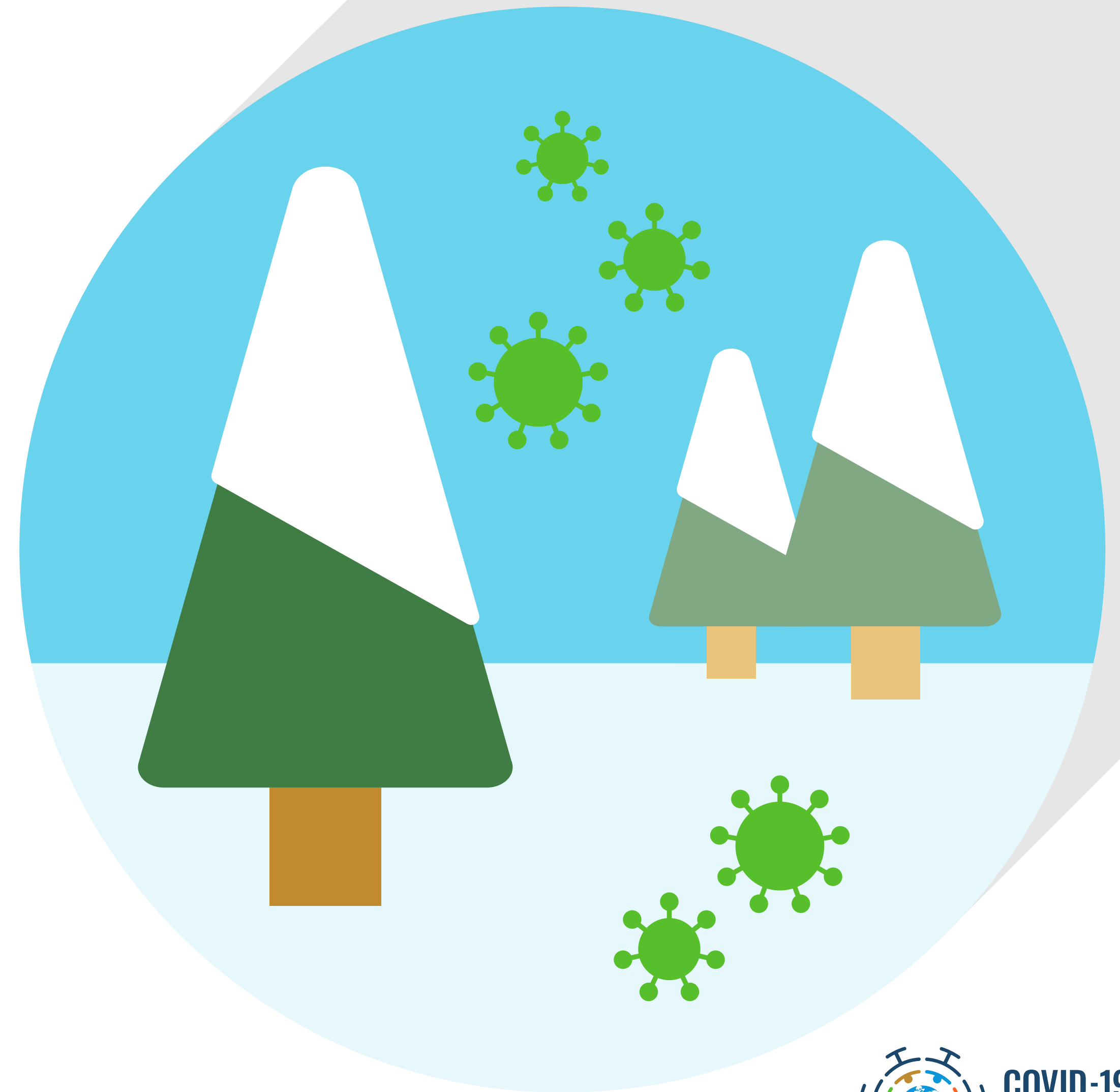


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# FACT:

Cold weather and snow  
**CANNOT** kill the coronavirus.



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# FACT:

Taking a hot bath **DOES NOT** prevent the coronavirus.



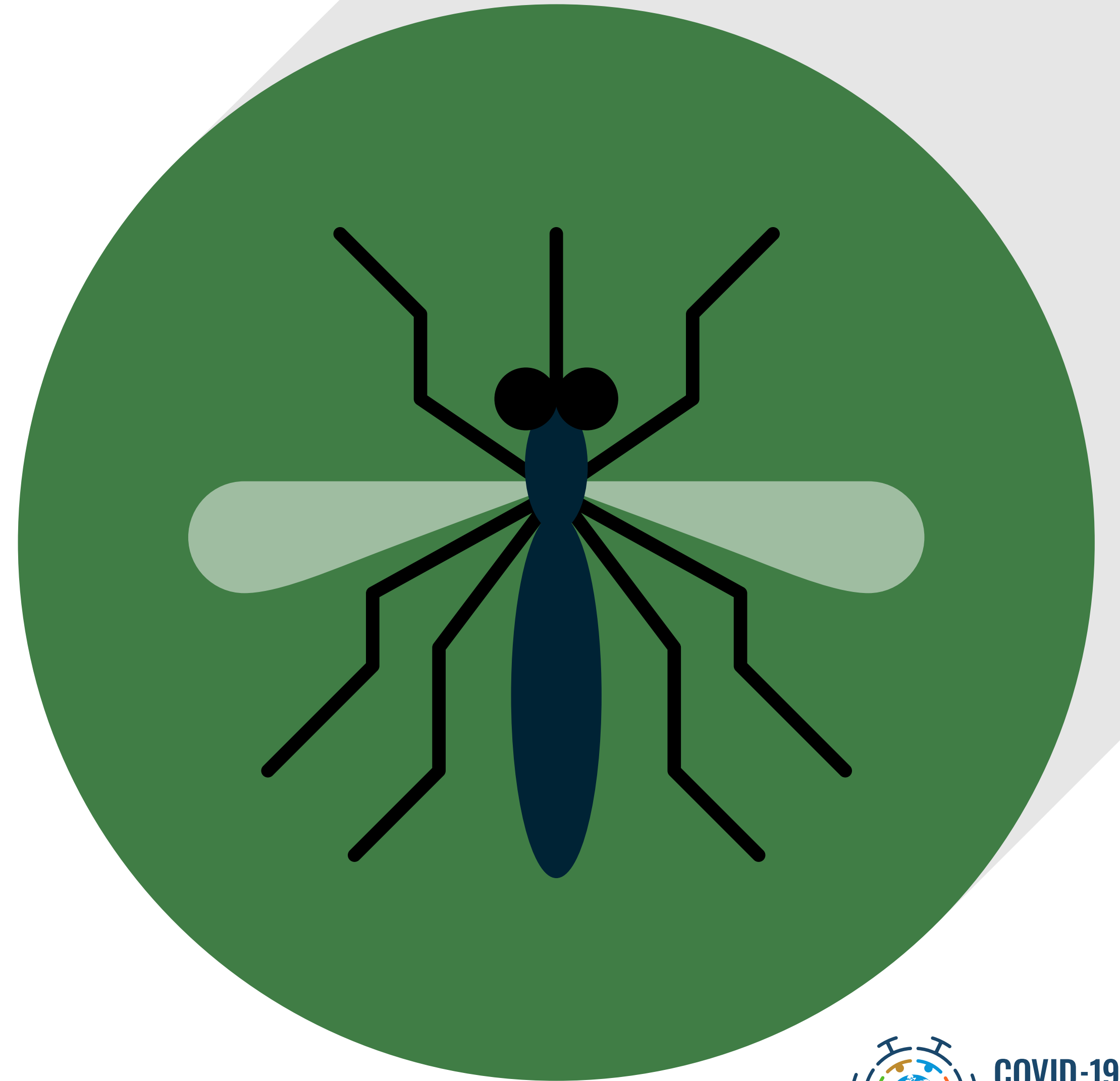
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# FACT:

The coronavirus **CANNOT** be transmitted through mosquito bites.



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# FACT:

Hand dryers are **NOT** effective in killing the coronavirus.

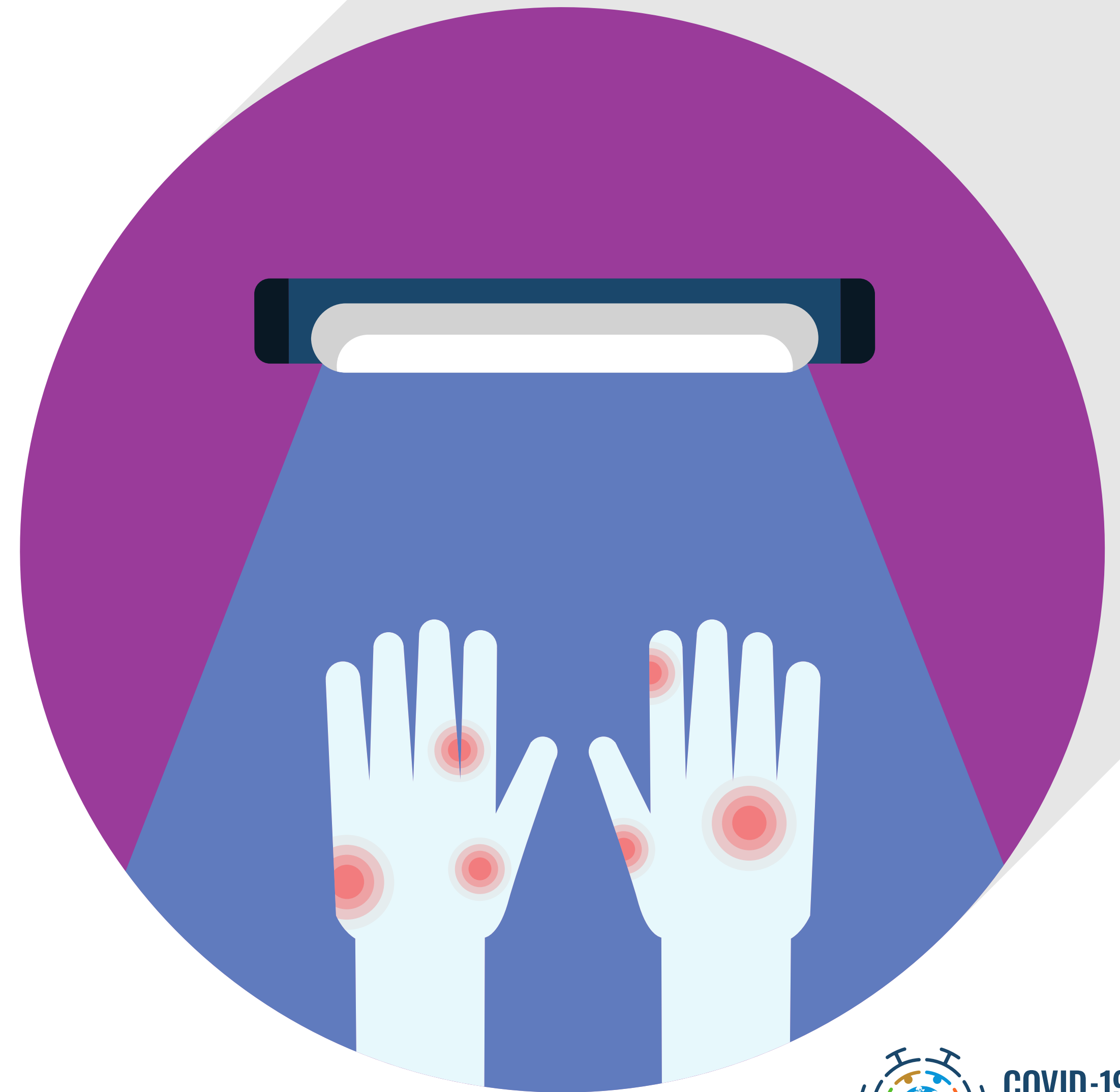


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# FACT:

Ultraviolet light **SHOULD NOT** be used to sterilize hands or any other part of the body because it causes skin irritation.

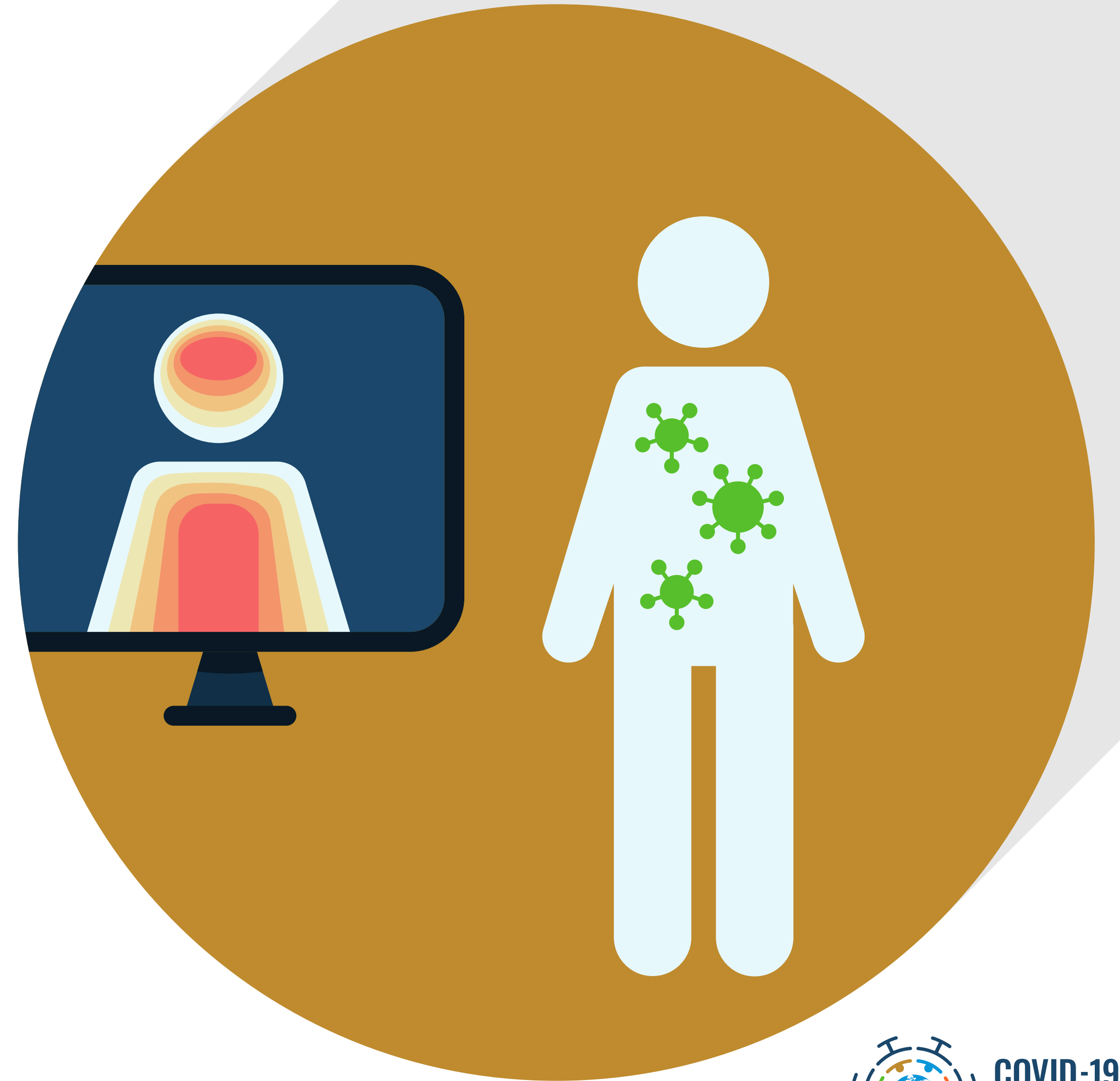


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# FACT:

Thermal scanners **CAN** detect if people have a fever but **CANNOT** detect whether or not someone has the coronavirus.

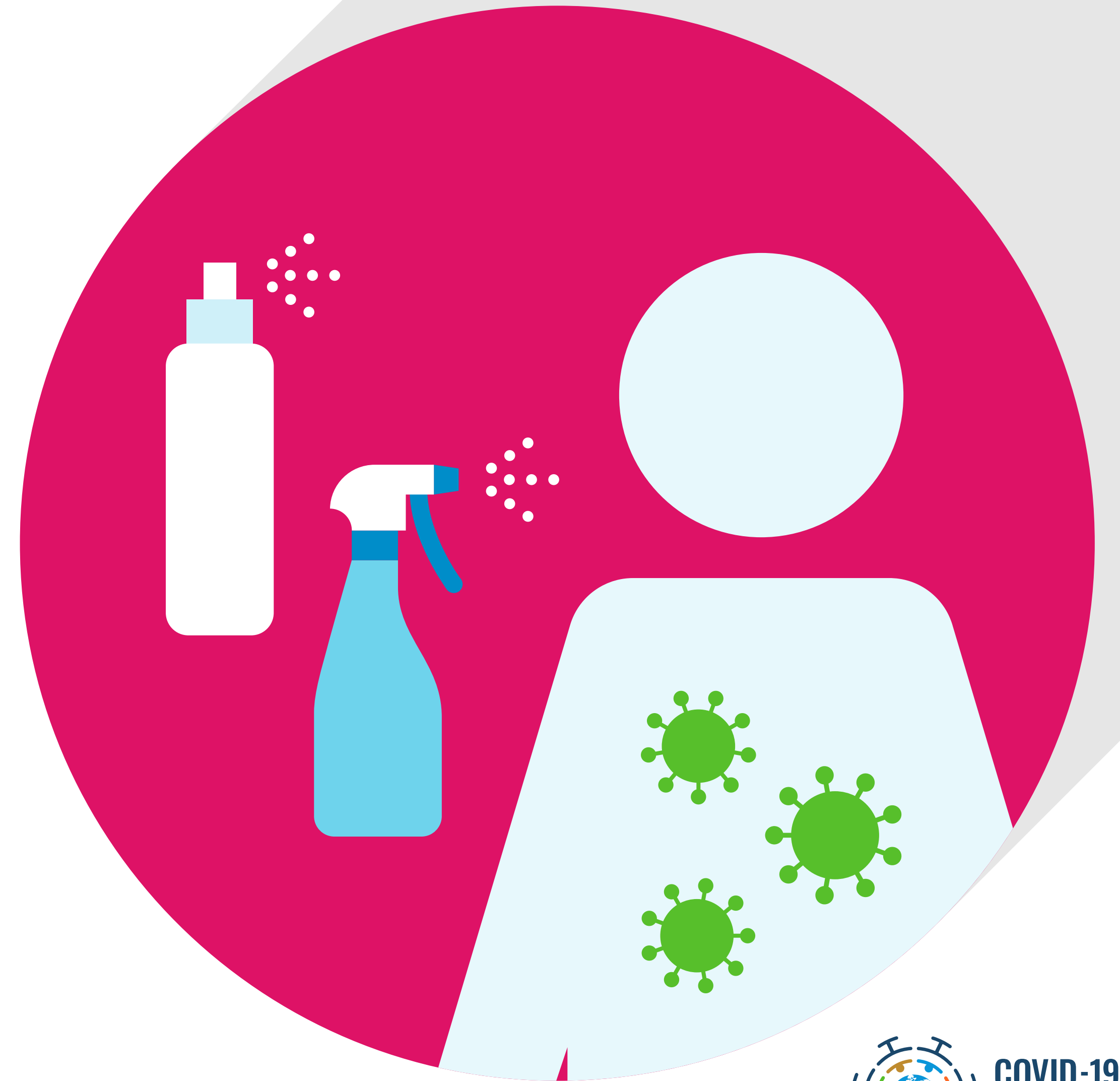


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# FACT:

Spraying alcohol or chlorine all over your body **WILL NOT** kill viruses that have already entered your body.



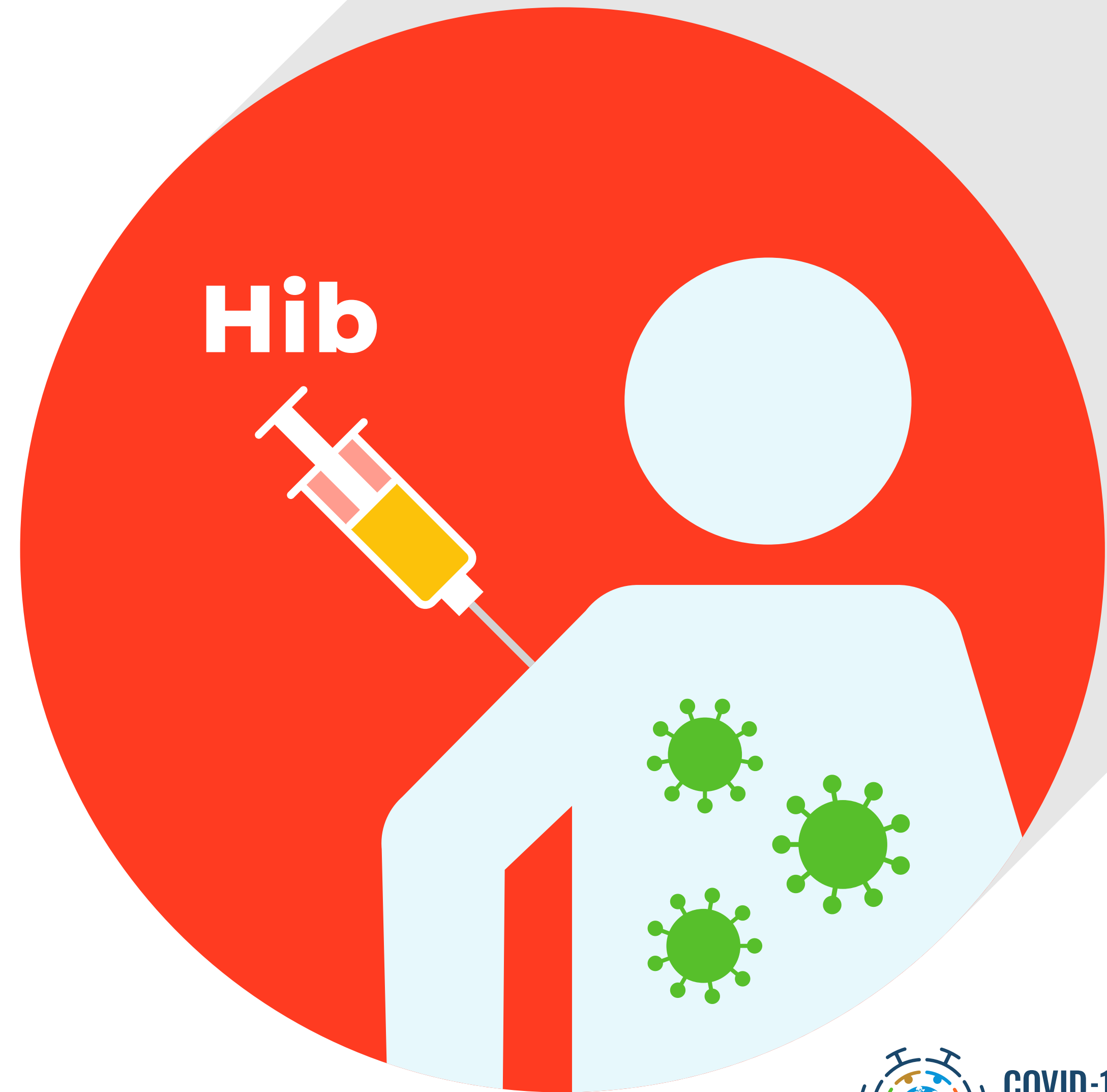
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# FACT:

Vaccines against pneumonia, such as pneumococcal vaccine and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) vaccine, **DO NOT** provide protection against the coronavirus.

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# FACT:

There is **NO** evidence that regularly rinsing the nose with saline has protected people from infection with the coronavirus.

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# FACT:

Garlic is healthy, but there is **NO** evidence from the current outbreak that eating garlic has protected people from the coronavirus.



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# FACT:

People of all ages **CAN** be infected by the coronavirus.

Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

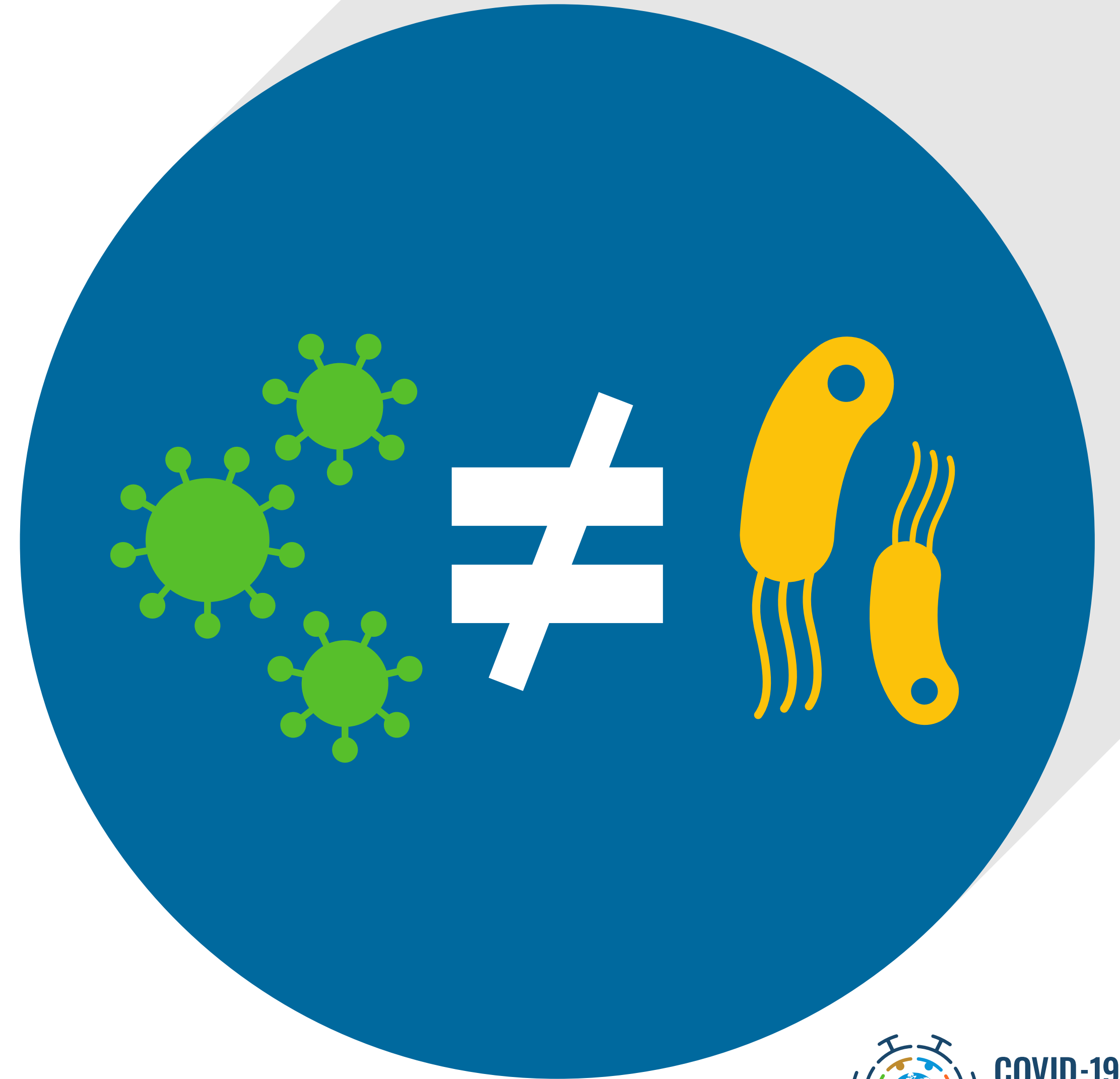


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# FACT:

Antibiotics **DO NOT** work against viruses, antibiotics only work against bacteria.



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# FACT:

To date, there is **NO** specific medicine recommended to prevent or treat the coronavirus.



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# FACT:

There is **NO** evidence that companion animals/pets such as dogs or cats can transmit the coronavirus.



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# FACT:

Facial masks, including flat medical masks or N95 series gags, **SHOULD NOT** be reused.



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# FACT:

People who receive packages from China are **NOT** at risk of contracting the coronavirus.



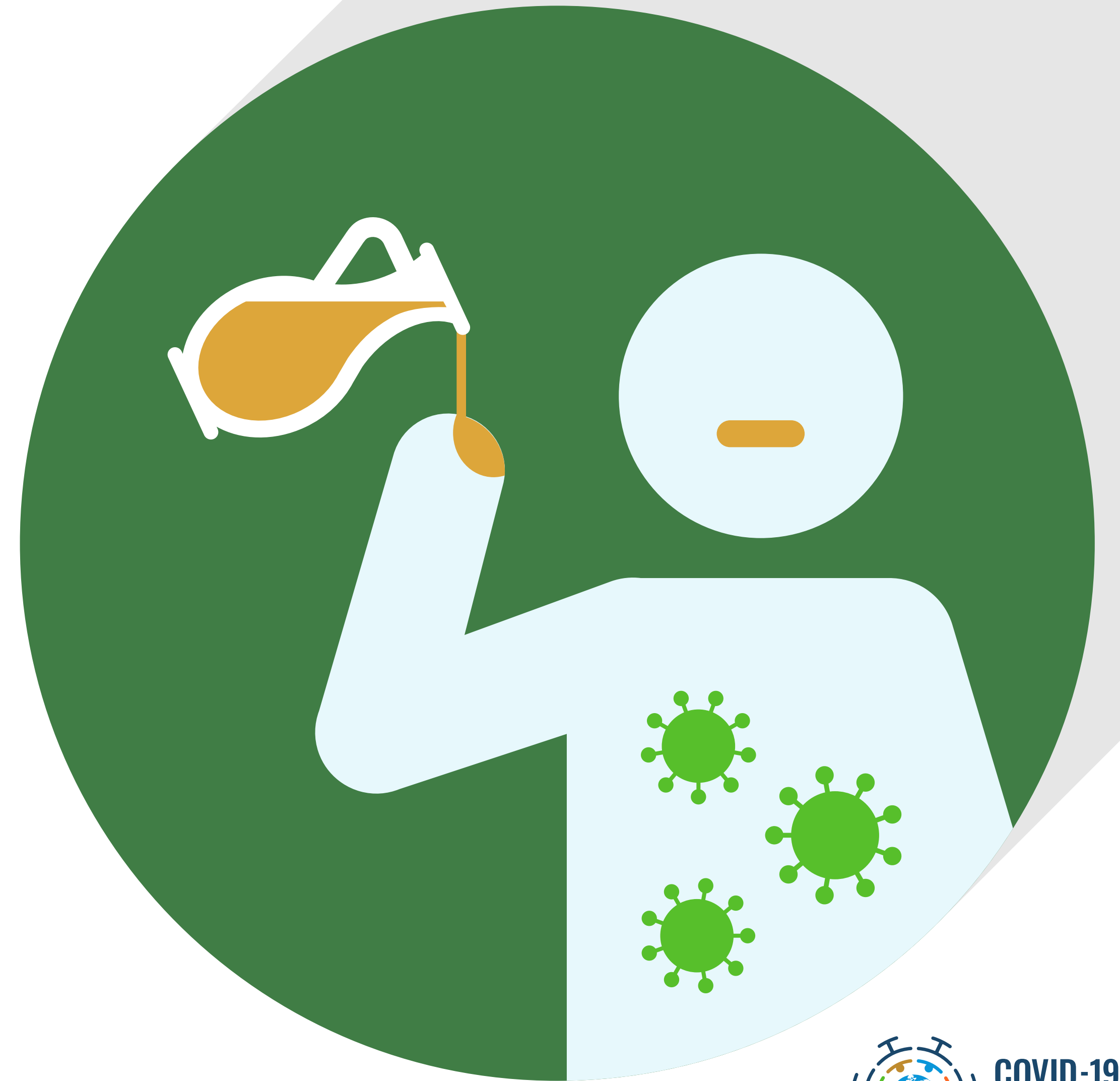
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# FACT:

Apply sesame oil on your skin or under your nose **DOES NOT** kill the coronavirus and can be dangerous.

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# FACT:

Drinking methanol, ethanol or bleach **DOES NOT** prevent or cure the coronavirus and can be extremely dangerous.

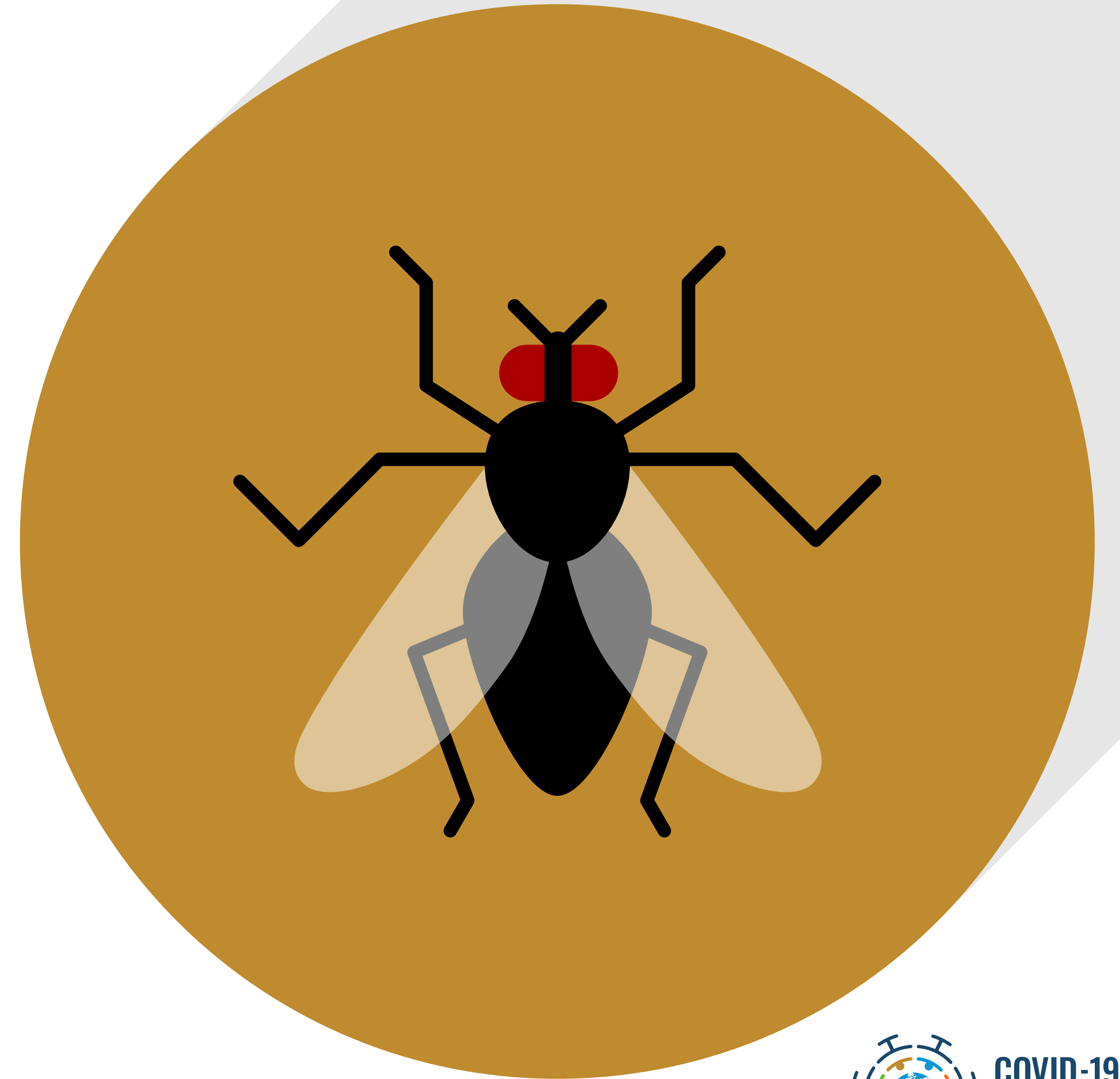
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# FACT:

Coronavirus is **NOT** transmitted through houseflies.



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# FACT:

Wearing rubber gloves while out in public **DOES NOT** prevent the coronavirus.

Regularly washing your bare hands offers more protection against catching the coronavirus than wearing rubber gloves.



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