



OPINION: Beyond borders

Celebrating a 40-year partnership in health research

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Forty years of highimpact collaboration





Globe and Mail: Stocking the toolbox for HIV prevention and control

NOVEMBER 27, 2017 — As the Globe and Mail reports on Dr. Keith Fowke: [BSc(Hons)/88, PhD/95]



Bacteria making HIV prevention drugs less effective in African women, UM team finds

AUGUST 12, 2016 — A team of international researchers, including U of M's <u>Adam Burgener</u>, presented evidence last month that certain bacteria are culpable in the high rates of HIV infection in young South African women.

Research benchside

Peer Leaders

Community



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5G coronavirus conspiracy theory leads to 77 mobile towers burned in UK, report says

Attacks on cell towers continue.







Mobile towers are being attacked in the UK due to false 5G coronavirus conspiracy theories

≡Forbes

BREAKING | May 12, 2020, 03:46pm EDT | 17,814 views

Accidental
Poisonings From
Bleach And
Disinfectants
Continued To Rise In
April





Adopted by (Budoo, 2020)



Mohanlal, many others share fake info that 'clapping may kill virus', PIB debunks

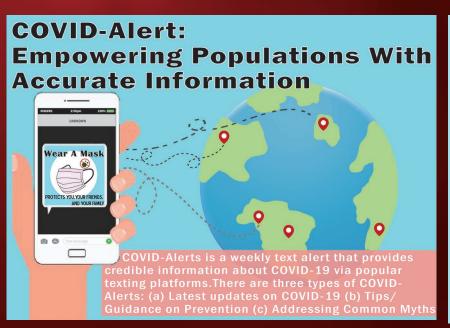
"The vibration generated by clapping together will not destroy the coronavirus infection," clarified the Press Information Bureau.



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COVID-Alerts

The Process of COVID-Alerts



3 Fact-Check

2. Develop the

message

Designed by Cathy Le

4. Dissemination

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1. Finding the questions

Community Survey

Do you have access to a cell phone?

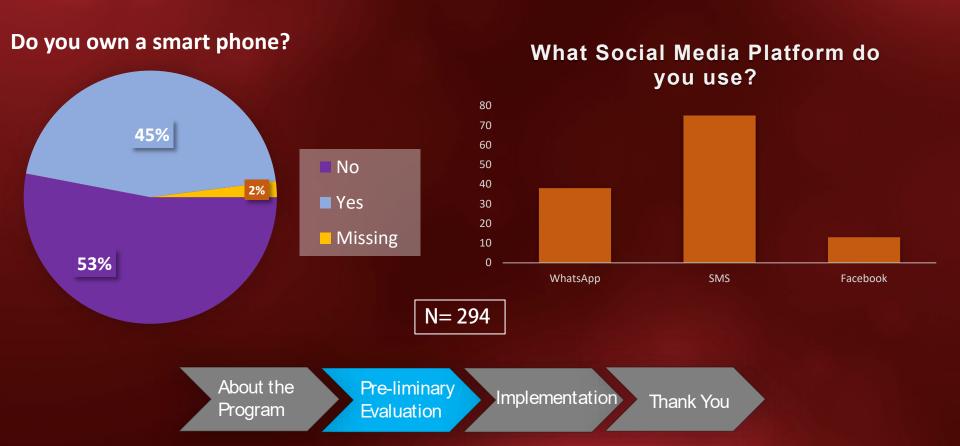


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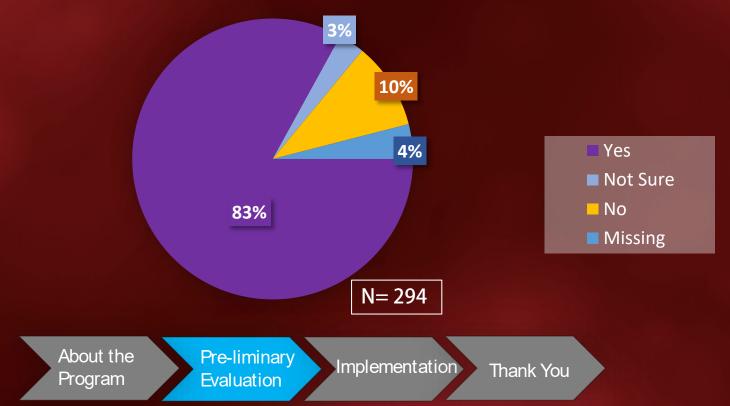
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Community Survey

Would you like to receive weekly updates about COVID-19?



COVID-Alerts: Text Messages



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COVID-Alerts: Text Messages

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Example #1: Wearing a mask shields others and yourself from droplets that carry COVID-19 virus. Tiny droplets come from your mouth when you talk or sing

[160 / 160 characters]

Example #2: When you wear a face mask, it should cover your nose, mouth, and leave no gaps on the side of your face. Wash hands with soap & water before touching your mask. [160 / 160 characters]

Example #3: Vaccines are a type of medincine that teaches your body to fight against infections. They have saved many people from viruses like polio and measles[160/160 characters]

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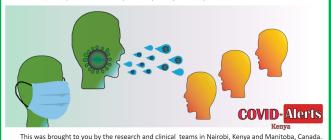
COVID-Alerts: WhatsApp

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bila kuwacha

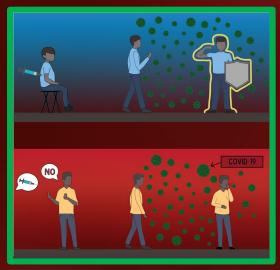
Why should you wear masks to prevent against COVID-19?

COVID-Alert (2020.11.07) By wearing a mask, you are shielding others and yourself from droplets that may carry the COVID-19 virus. When you talk, sing or scream, you naturally shoot little tiny droplets from your mouth. These droplets could contain all types of germs, including the virus that causes COVID-19. When very wear a mask, it helps to block the droplets away from your family and friends.









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"Yes, and they [the community] like the design as well"

—Ms. Joyce Adhiambo (a community leader)

"They [COMD-Alerts] are good.. Very good. Short n precise"

—Ms. Rosemary Kasiba (a community leader)





"Asante Lee and the messages great! Perfect timing with the country going into and/or experiencing a second wave!"

—Dr. Joshua Kimani (Clinician from Nairobi, Kenya)

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