

Annex 3: research question two; do web-based statements on COVID-19 risk by religious authorities in Uganda integrate the MoH/national COVID-19 risk communication guidelines?

The national statement	Statements by religious authorities in Uganda (N= No and Y=Yes)														
The Ministry of health do's and don'ts to educate the public on how to avoid contracting coronavirus (COVID-19)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
About the COVID-19															
Definition: COVID-19 is a highly infectious disease caused by the new coronavirus (COVID- 19). It is spread from person-to-person through the droplets when a person coughs or sneezes and contact with contaminated surfaces	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	Y (full)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (partial)	Y (full)	Y (partial)	Y (full)	Y (full)	Y (partial)
Signs and symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, other flu like symptoms like running nose, sneezing and body weakness	Y (partial)	Y (full)	Y (partial)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (full)	N	Y (full)	Y (full)	N
What must be done to protect oneself (things to do):															
Maintain a reasonable distance between yourself and someone else of at least 2 metres apart	N	Y (partial)	Y (full)	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	N	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	N	Y (partial)	Y (full)	N	Y (full)	Y (partial)
Regularly wash your hands with soap and running water or use an alcohol-based hand rub/sanitiser. This will remove the virus if it is on your hands	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	Y (full)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (full)	Y (partial)	Y (full)	Y (full)	Y (partial)
Cover your mouth and nose with tissue or a handkerchief when coughing and sneezing. Throw away the used tissue immediately and wash your hands with soap and running water or use an alcohol-based hand rub. The handkerchief must be washed by yourself daily and ironed with a hot iron. In this way, you protect others from any virus released through coughs and sneezes	N	N	Y (full)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (full)	N
Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Hands touch many surfaces which can be contaminated with the virus and you can transfer the virus from the contaminated surface to yourself	N	N	Y (full)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (partial)	N	N	Y (full)	Y (full)
If you have a fever, a cough and difficulty in breathing, seek medical care immediately. If possible, call a health worker and alert them about your condition. Always follow the guidance of your health care worker	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	N	Y (full)	N
People with flu-like symptoms should use face	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N

masks to cover the nose and mouth and stay home in a well-ventilated room			(partial)								(partial)	(partial)		(partial)	
If you are caring for individuals who have symptoms, such as a cough and a fever you are encouraged to use a face mask to cover your nose and mouth for your personal protection	N	N	Y (partial)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (full)	N	N
Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs/handles, car doors, elevator buttons etc. daily with regular household disinfectant or soap and water	N	N	Y (full)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
All travelers coming from countries affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) should follow guidance given by the government of Uganda	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (full)	N	N	Y (full)	N
Avoid unnecessary movements to prevent the spread of the virus	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	Y (full)	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	N	N	N	N	Y (partial)	Y (full)	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	Y (full)	Y (partial)
What must not be done															
Avoid handshaking and hugging at all times	Y (full)	Y (full)	Y (full)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (full)	Y (full)	Y (full)	N	N
Avoid close contact with people who are visibly sick with flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sneeze)	N	N	Y (full)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
When sick with flu-like symptoms avoid going to places, offices and public gatherings. Remain at home to avoid infecting others	N	N	Y (full)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (full)	Y (full)	N	Y (full)	N
You do not need to wear medical masks if you do not have respiratory symptoms such as a cough, sneezing or a running nose	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (full)	N	N	N
Do not self-medicate with antibiotics or any other medicine not prescribed by a doctor	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Do not spit in public. Find a secluded place like toilets or pit Latrines in which to spit	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Avoid travel if you have flu-like symptoms	N	N	Y (full)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y (partial)	Y (partial)	N	Y (full)	N