

Annex 4: research question two; do web-based statements on COVID-19 risk by religious authorities in Uganda integrate the WHO/international COVID-19 risk communication guidelines?

| WHO Statement | Statements by religious authorities in Uganda (N=No and Y=Yes) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>The international statement (7 April 2020, WHO interim guidance on practical considerations and recommendations for religious leaders and faith-based communities in the context of COVID-19: Section on What to Communicate)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.</p> | N | N | Y (full) | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y (partial) | N | N | Y (full) | Y (full) |

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| Practice respiratory hygiene. The virus is spread through respiratory droplets. By following good respiratory hygiene, you protect the people around you from viruses such as flu and COVID-19. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately in a bin with a lid and wash your hands. | N | N | Y (full) | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y (full) | N |
| Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care and call in advance. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections. | Y (partial) | Y (partial) | Y (partial) | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y (partial) | Y (partial) | N | Y (full) | N |

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| Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be 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) |
| Maintain at least 1 m (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. A person who coughs or sneezes sprays small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth, which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease. | 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) |
| Follow the instructions of your local health authority. National and local authorities will have the most current information on | Y (full) | Y (full) | Y (full) | N | Y (full) | Y (full) | Y (partial) | Y (partial) | Y (partial) | Y (partial) | Y (full) | Y (full) | Y (full) | Y (full) | Y (full) |

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| the situation in your area. They are best placed to advise on what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stay informed and follow advice given by your health care provider, your national and local public health authorities or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID- 19 from WHO and national authorities. | Y (partial) | Y (partial) | Y (full) | N | Y (partial) | Y (partial) | N | Y (partial) | N | Y (partial) | Y (full) | Y (partial) | Y (full) | Y (full) | Y (partial) |
| Stay informed about risk; older people and people with underlying medical conditions are more at risk of severe illness. | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y (partial) | N | N | N | N | N |