

5- Facts about Covid-19

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Fully referenced facts about covid-19, provided by experts in the field, to help our readers make a realistic risk assessment. (Regular updates below).

“The only means to fight the plague is honesty.” (Albert Camus, 1947)

Overview

1. **Lethality:** According to the latest immunological studies, the overall infection fatality rate (IFR) of covid-19 in the general population is [about 0.1% to 0.5%](#) in most countries, which is most closely [comparable to](#) the medium influenza pandemics of 1936, 1957 and 1968.
2. **Treatment:** For people at high risk or high exposure, [early or prophylactic treatment](#) is essential to prevent progression of the disease. According to numerous international