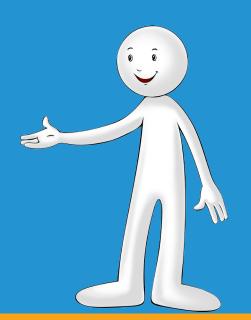
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Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus



Preventive messages for general public

MERS-CoV can cause serious and sometimes deadly illness. There is no vaccine or specific treatment for MERS-CoV, however, by adopting certain precautions you can protect yourself and others.

The common symptoms are:



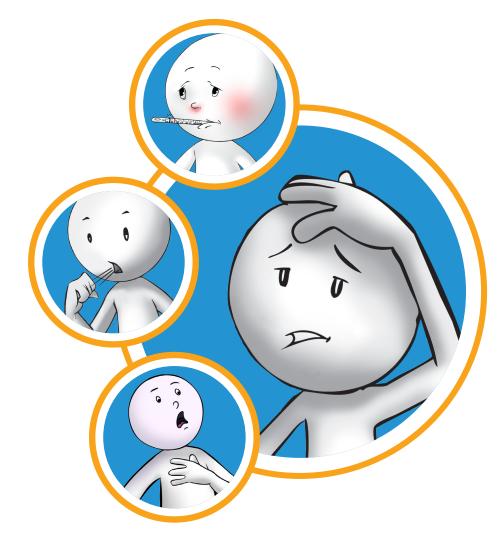
Fever (38° C and higher)



Cough



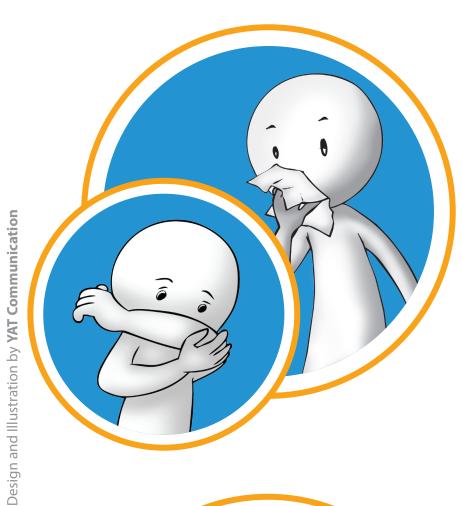
Difficulty in breathing



If you have fever (38°C and higher), cough, or difficulty in breathing, contact your nearest health worker



Avoid close contact with people who have been diagnosed with MERS-CoV



Cover your mouth with a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve



Avoid close contact with camels especially if you have a chronic disease, such as diabetes or lung disease, or a disease that affects your immune system



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water and maintain good personal hygiene



Do not drink unpasteurized camel milk or eat raw camel meat







