Senior Immigrant Settlement Services English Conversation Circle

INTERMEDIATE

Unit/Level: COVID-19 - Myths & Facts

Objective

Ps will be able to talk about current COVID-19 Myths & Facts

Materials

NOTE to FACILITATOR: This lesson may take more than one session to cover, especially if you are meeting in person and are able to do the JIGSAW.

- FACILITATOR GUIDE Has samples Govt of Canada resources available in more than 20 languages
- Prior Knowledge:
 - Ps should complete units on Handwashing, Stay Home, Physical Distance, Symptoms, At Risk and Flatten the Curve
- FLASHCARDS Myths & Facts
- HANDOUT Myths & Facts
- ACTIVITY JIGSAW use the Handout as the Jigsaw.

Step 1 Warm Up (10 minutes)

Introduce the idea of Myths & Facts

- Show the "Myth" card ask if they have heard of this word. Do they know what it means? It means something that is not true. Share the sample myth with them
- Show the "Fact" card ask if they have heard this. Do they know what it means? It means something that is not true. Share the sample Fact with them
- Can they think of any Myths and related facts? (not necessarily COVID-19 related, just something they may have thought was true once but then learned the FACTs.
- Explain that it's important to get information from reliable sources
- Because COVID-19 is a medical emergency, the only reliable sources are scientists and doctors. They base their facts on RESEARCH and scientific EVIDENCE, which is proof that something is true.
- Don't accept anything as 'Fact' unless you know it's from a reliable source

Step 2 Work out (40 minutes)

Put the First COVID-19 FLASHCARD up on the screen

- Stop at the first Myth
 - ask them if they have ever heard the myth?
 - Where did they hear it?
 - What do they think is the FACT.
 - Then move to the FACT slide and see if they were correct.
- Do this for each of the Myths & Facts



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ACTIVITY – in the event you and your students are ever together again in one room, use the Handout as a JIGSAW.

Jigsaws are a way to get participants talking to one another. In a jigsaw information is given on a topic and this information is divided usually into 4 equal parts and distributed to small groups to learn.

When these homogeneous groups have mastered the material the participants regroup into heterogeneous groups to present material and complete a task.

The groups in the first stage would look like this:

AA BB CC DD AA BB CC DD

Then after they have learned the material they would move to a new group and the groups would look like this:

AB AB AB AB CD CD CD CD

In this 2nd group they take turns telling the new group members about the material and information they just learned.

Step 3 Cool Down (10 minutes)

Check their progress:

- · Ask them about each of the Myths you have covered
 - What is the Fact?
 - Is there any lingering doubt in their mind?