

QUICK FACTS ON SMELL, TASTE, AND COVID-19

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EVERY YEAR
THOUSANDS
LOSE THE

ABILITY TO SMELL OR TASTE

for many reasons – head injury, aging, and respiratory infection – including COVID-19

LOSING
YOUR SENSE
OF SMELL
REDUCES THE
PERCEPTION
OF FLAVOR



SMELL AND TASTE BOTH FUNCTION AS AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM, ALERTING



US TO MANY TYPES OF ASSAULTS ON HUMAN HEALTH

There is **NO EVIDENCE** to suggest that people with pre-pandemic smell or taste loss are more vulnerable to or carry the virus that causes COVID-19



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