QUICK FACTS ON SMELL, TASTE, AND COVID-19
FROM THE MONELL CHEMICAL SENSES CENTER

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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