

WE FLATTENED THE CURVE, NOW FLATTEN THE FEAR



Dear America,

Together we flattened the Covid-19 curve, but we now face a new challenge: flattening the fear. Our nation is slowly opening up, but more than half of the country is paralyzed by fear of the virus. If we let that fear continue, the consequences could be just as dire as the disease. It's time to get back to living and reengaging with society.

This isn't just an emotional plea, it's one based on the facts. The data clearly demonstrate that younger and otherwise healthy Americans face little risk of dying from this disease. In fact, 42 percent of all Covid-19 deaths nationwide have occurred in nursing homes and assisted living centers.¹

While the virus has been deadly to many over the age of 65 and those with underlying conditions, the CDC has recently revised its death rate estimate down to just 0.4 percent.² And for many demographics, it is far less than that. If you are 34 years old or younger, your probability of dying from Covid-19 as of June 3rd, 2020 is 0.0005 percent.³

If you are outside of a large metropolitan hot spot, it's even safer. Nearly half of the counties in the country have zero Covid-19 deaths. And less than one percent of counties in the country account for more than half of all Covid-19 deaths.⁴

With social distancing and common sense precautions most people can immediately get back to living their daily lives without fear, boosting our beleaguered economy, and our family incomes.

Depending on where you are and your situation, extending stay-at-home orders too long could cause "irreparable damage," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the lead member of the White House coronavirus task force, on May 22nd. "I don't want people to think that any of us feel that staying locked down for a prolonged period of time is the way to go."⁵

We can, and must, isolate the vulnerable few to protect the many instead of isolating the many to protect the few.

Small business owners around the country are struggling to keep the businesses they created afloat, and millions of people are out of work or are dealing with pay cuts and wondering how they will make rent or put food on the table. That anxiety itself can contribute to a variety of mental health and stress related issues, from drug and alcohol abuse to domestic violence, and from depression and hopelessness to suicides.

It's time for us to care for those in need, using safety protocols to protect the most vulnerable among us. But we also need to get back to living and reengaging with society.

Together, we can rebuild America and get back to work. Together, using facts, data, and common sense, we can and must flatten the fear.

Sincerely,

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saying about safely getting America back to work at:

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¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/local/social-issues/coronavirus/nursing-homes-patients-voices-covid-19/>

² <https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/22/health/cdc-coronavirus-estimates-symptoms-deaths/index.html>

³ <https://data.cdc.gov/NCHS/Provisional-COVID-19-Death-Counts-by-Sex-Age-and-S/9bhg-hcku> Total deaths among those 34 or younger=709. Total population of people 34 or under according to the Census is 149,353,266 (709/149 million = .000475%) https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=0100000US&hidePreview=false&tid=ACST1Y2018.S0101&vintage=2018&layer=VT_2018_040_00_PY_D1&cid=DP05_0001E

⁴ <https://usafacts.org/visualizations/coronavirus-covid-19-spread-map/>

⁵ <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/05/22/dr-anthony-fauci-says-staying-closed-for-too-long-could-cause-irreparable-damage.html>