

## COVID-19 Facts That Flatten the Fear

*Updated as of 8-19-20*

- The CDC recently revised its infection fatality rate estimate down to just 0.26 percent.
- For those outside of nursing homes, the infection fatality rate is estimated to be just 0.13 percent.
- One percent of counties in the country account for roughly 40 percent of all Covid-19 deaths nationally.
- Ten percent of counties account for roughly 80 percent of all deaths.
- Roughly 25 percent of the counties in the country haven't experienced a single coronavirus death.
- Nearly half of all coronavirus deaths have come in nursing homes.
- In many states, nursing homes and assisted living facilities account for far more than half of all deaths—around 75 percent in Minnesota and around 70 percent in Ohio.
- Roughly 80 percent of all Covid-19 deaths are among those over 65 years old.
- Those aged under 55 account for just eight percent of all Covid-19 deaths.
- If you are 34 years old or younger, your probability of dying from Covid-19 as of June 3rd was 0.0005 percent.
- The overwhelming majority of deaths are among those with at least one other underlying medical condition. Among patients hospitalized with Covid-19, 91.5 percent have at least one underlying health condition.
- Most ICU beds—in most cases 75 percent or more—aren't occupied by Covid patients.
- The resumption of elective—yet vital—surgeries is contributing to increased ICU-utilization rates around the country.
- More children die each year from the flu than Covid-19.
- Children rarely display serious symptoms from Covid-19 or infect others. Some scientists believe children are a “brake” on transmissions.
- After European schools reopened, there was no observable increase in Covid-19 cases.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control, and the National Academy of Sciences conclude that children can safely return to school.



*JCNF's Times Square billboard announcing the launch of the Flatten The Fear campaign.*