



COVID-19 Facts That Flatten the Fear

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- The CDC 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.
- 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 70 percent in Minnesota, around 65 percent in Ohio and roughly 80 percent in Rhode Island and Connecticut.
- Nearly 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.
- The overwhelming majority of deaths are among those with other underlying medical condition. Ninety-four percent of Covid-19 deaths involve, on average, 2.6 additional conditions or causes of death.
- 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.
- In the U.S., the probability of being struck by lightning is higher than the chances of a school-age child (5-14) first getting and then dying of 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.
- A recent USA Today analysis shows that even though Florida schools reopened en masse, cases did not spike among school-aged children.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control, and the National Academy of Sciences conclude the goal of all schools should be to resume classroom instruction.



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