



COVID-19 Facts That Flatten the Fear

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- The CDC estimates the Covid-19 fatality rate to be just 0.26 percent.
- For those outside of nursing homes, the infection fatality rate is estimated to be just 0.13 percent.
- Two percent of counties in the country account for over 40 percent all Covid-19 deaths nationally.
- Ten percent of counties account for more than two-thirds of all deaths.
- Nationally, more one-third of Covid-19 deaths occur in nursing homes, or other long-term care facilities. In 14 states, the proportion of fatalities in these facilities amount to 50 percent or more of total Covid-19 deaths.
- Nearly 80 percent of all Covid-19 deaths are among those over 65 years old.
- Those aged under 55 account for just seven 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.
- 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.
- No consistent relationship exists between K-12 schools reopening and increased spread of the coronavirus. The conversation shouldn’t be about the risks of children being at school, but the risk of them staying home.



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