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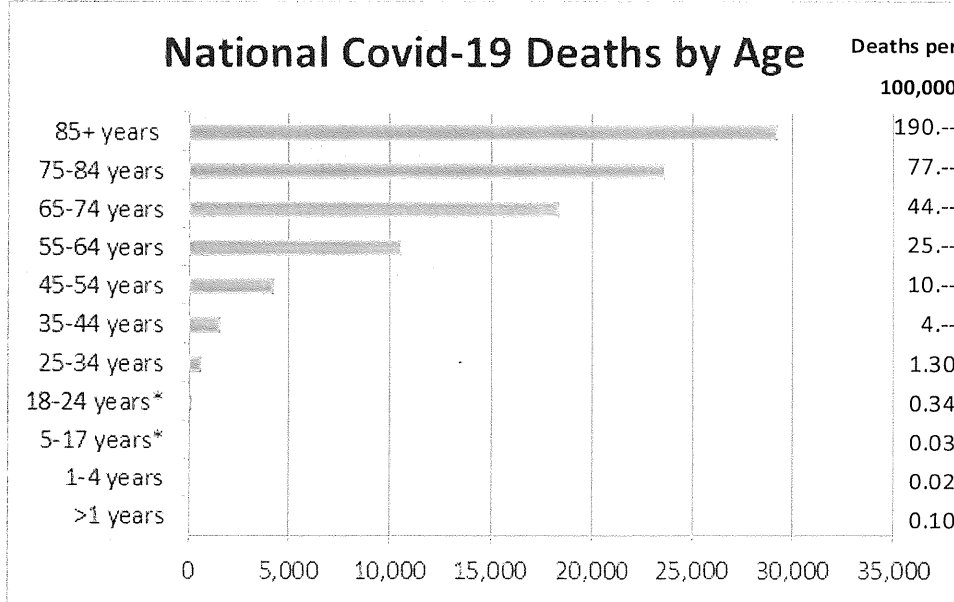
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June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Mayors, County Commissioners and Council members,

As private citizens, we suggest that it is time for our locally elected officials in rural counties to take leadership roles in an increasingly rapid re-opening. We are not northern Italy, nor New York and not even Seattle. Three million Americans will not die from the Corona virus. New York did not need 40,000 respirators. And based on what we knew by April 1<sup>st</sup>, we could have adopted a surgical response directed at protecting the 75+ age cohort and immune compromised, nearly two months ago, which would have eliminated the need for an extended economic shutdown.

The coronavirus is a serious risk to the 7% of the population 75 and older, and a minimal risk to the other 93%. As the CDC based chart below shows, almost 30,000 of those over 85+ have died, which is 190 per 100,000, while 24,000 of those ages 75 to 84 have passed, (reduced down to 77 deaths per 100,000). We should be taking extra-ordinary care of those in nursing homes and those who are aging with lower respiratory and other problems. These are the populations that need screening, social separation, help shopping, and need to avoid closed, unventilated areas and contact with known carriers.



Instead, we shut down our national economy when the average risk of fatality for our working population, ages 18 to 64, is 1 in 11,700, which is about **52 times lower** than the highest risk population.<sup>1</sup>

For the K-12 school age kids, the risk of fatality is 0.03 per 100,000 students (see arrow on the chart), or 1 death per 3 million students. The risk is so small, it's not even visible when graphed.

Note that the risk of death decreases by about half for each decade age decreases.

<sup>1</sup> There are 200,061,000 adults between ages 18 to 65 with 17,031 deaths or 1 death per 11,747 persons (200,061,000 divided by 17,031 deaths equals on death per 11,747 persons). There are 6,655,000 adults who are 85 years and older with 29,214 deaths as of June 3, 2020 reported on the CDC website or one death each per 29,214 persons (calculated by dividing the 6,655,000 adults by 29,214 deaths).

Death per 100,000 will increase over time but the relationship of risk between age groups will probably not. And while you would think that the ways we count deaths would be immaculately scrubbed and nuanced - they are not. These death numbers include all deaths in some way related to Covid-19 if the virus anti-body or only symptoms were present, even if Covid-19 was not the sole, primary, or major contributor of death.

On a state level, what do we see? We see more of the same. As of May 25, according the CDC, Washington had 1,001 deaths, of which 90% (907) are from those ages 60 to 85+. There were no deaths from age 1-19 age group which includes our K-12 school population. We have only 94 deaths from our workforce age population, ages 20 to 59. Most of them were in the urban counties. Of the 94 deaths, 71% were in Snohomish and King Counties. There are 26 "no deaths" counties, and 8 "three or less deaths" counties.

<b>WA State Workforce, Death by County - Ages 20-59</b>	
<b>26 of 39 counties</b>	<b>0</b>
Stevens County	1
Whatcom County	1
Pacific County	1
Spokane County	1
Skagit County	1
Okanogan County	2
Benton County	3
Chelan County	3
Pierce County	5
Yakima County	9
Snohomish County	16
King County	51
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>94</b>

So, working with inadequate information, our experts erred. It happens to all of us when we work with insufficient information unless we are very lucky. But, since April 1<sup>st</sup> we have had much better information and we are still doing very little about it. Our hospitals are still shut down, (and laying off or in short census mode,) our local, small businesses and most of our personal services industries are still shut down, and our schools are not planning on re-opening. Olympia's primary focus seems to be on finding new ways to slow-roll re-opening. It makes no sense to drag out the shutdown in 26 of our 39 counties with no deaths when the shutdown is causing more deaths, and more economic damage than it is saving.

**HOW COULD YOU AS ELECTED OFFICIALS PROVIDE LEADERSHIP?**

- A litigation fund to challenge the proposed Labor and Industry fines.
- A series of resolutions opposing slow re-openings.
- Investigation into local hospitals' ongoing revenue decline due to non-reopening.
- Your projected revenue loss and resulting budget and program cuts.

**Thank you for your time and we thank you for your service.**

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President, CWAT  
(Citizens Want Action Today)

<b>CWAT will be emailing you about:</b>	
1.	WHEN PLEXI-GLASS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING DOESN'T HELP: UNDERSTAND AIR-BORNE TRANSMISSION
2.	K-12 EDUCATION
3.	THE UPCOMING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND CRISIS
4.	EIGHT YEARS OF "DEATH BY FLU" DATA
5.	THE VASTLY UNBALANCED COST TO RISK CALCULATION
6.	INEVITABLE CALLS FOR HIGHER FEES AND TAXES
7.	SUMMARY OF TESLA'S CAUSES OF ACTION IN CALIFORNIA