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Fwd: Common Sense Leadership: National COVID Deaths by Age

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To: Leana Kinley <leana@ci.stevenson.wa.us>

Fri, Jun 12, 2020 at 6:11 PM

As communication from CWAT is being included in the packet, I feel it important to include the below email exchange, as well.

Thank you.

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From: **Matthew Knudsen** <matthew.knudsen@ci.stevenson.wa.us>
Date: Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 10:49 AM
Subject: Re: Common Sense Leadership: National COVID Deaths by Age
To: autumn fielding <fielding.cwat@gmail.com>

I disagree with your data and logic. It is inappropriate and overlooks the after-effects that impact some even mild Covid cases in healthier and stronger individuals after they have recovered from the initial infection.

I don't disagree that things must move forward in some fashion, but these are uncertain times and absolutely there is not a clear answer for every situation. Wait too long and the economy and people are affected. Wait too little and people increase infection risks. We are seeing some outbreaks in our neighboring counties that have been pushing ahead with reopening (between increased workers on site and visitors flocking over).

I appreciate the sentiment and passion you bring to this, but I cannot share in it—as I find it encourages unnecessary health risks for too many until we find a way of moving forward while reducing undue exposure. Slow and modified interactions will be key in keeping the population across all states safe. We all are being impacted in some way, but better than some being crippled or dead.

On Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 10:34 AM autumn fielding <fielding.cwat@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear WA state Mayors, County Commissioners and Council members,

Citizens Want Action Now is an association that is strongly advocating for common sense leadership during this unprecedented time.

We suggest that it is time for **locally elected officials in rural counties to take leadership roles in rapidly re-opening your local economy.**

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. **The Virus specifically attacks 16% of the population, which accounts for 2-3% of America's workforce;** a group more able to stay at home and self-isolate.

Based on information provided by local health districts, we could have adopted a surgical response over two months ago directed at protecting the 75+ age cohort and immune compromised, which would have eliminated the need for an extended economic shutdown.

CWAT strongly advocates for a re-opening to minimize the host of secondary effects that may cost more lives than we save.

Please read the attached PDF and review our website for more information.

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<https://www.citizenswantactiontoday.com>

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