

## 30 Facts About Covid-19

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“The only means to fight the plague is honesty.” – **Albert Camus**, 1947

1. According to the latest immunological and serological studies, the overall lethality of Covid-19 (IFR) is **about 0.1%** and thus in the range of a strong seasonal **influenza** (flu).
2. In countries like the US, the UK, and also Sweden (without a lockdown), overall mortality since the beginning of the year **is in the range of** a strong influenza season; in countries like Germany, Austria and Switzerland, overall mortality is in the range of a mild influenza season.
3. Even in global “hotspots”, the risk of death for the general population of school and working age is typically in the range of **a daily car ride to work**. The risk was initially overestimated because many people with only mild or no symptoms were not taken into account.
4. Up to 80% of all test-positive persons **remain symptom-free**. Even among 70-79 year olds, **about 60%** remain symptom-free. Over 95% of all persons develop at most **moderate symptoms**.
5. Up to 60% of all persons may already have a certain cellular **background immunity** to Covid-19 due to contact with previous coronaviruses (i.e. common cold viruses). The initial assumption that there was no immunity against Covid-19 was not correct.
6. The median age of the deceased in most countries (including Italy) is **over 80 years** (e.g. 86 years in Sweden) and **only about 4%** of the deceased had no serious preconditions. The age and risk profile of deaths thus essentially corresponds to **normal mortality**.
7. In many countries, up to two thirds of all extra deaths occurred **in nursing homes**, which do not benefit from a general lockdown. Moreover, in many cases it is **not clear** whether these people really died from Covid19 or from weeks of **extreme stress and isolation**.
8. Up to 30% of all additional deaths may have been caused **not by Covid19**, but by the effects of the **lockdown, panic and fear**. For example, the treatment of heart attacks and strokes **decreased** by up to 60% because many patients no longer dared to go to hospital.
9. Even in so-called “Covid19 deaths” it is often **not clear** whether they died *from* or *with* coronavirus (i.e. from underlying diseases) or if they were counted as **“presumed cases”** and not tested at all. However, official figures usually **do not reflect** this distinction.
10. Many media reports of young and healthy people dying from Covid19 turned out to be false: many of these young people either **did not die** from Covid19, they had already been **seriously ill**(e.g. from undiagnosed leukaemia), or they were in fact **109 instead of 9** years old. The claimed increase in Kawasaki disease in children also turned out **to be false**.

11. Strong increases in regional mortality can occur if there is a **collapse in the care of the elderly and sick** as a result of infection or panic, or if there are additional risk factors such as **severe air pollution**. Questionable **regulations** for dealing with the deceased sometimes led to **additional bottlenecks** in funeral or cremation services.
12. In countries such as Italy and Spain, and to some extent the UK and the US, hospital overloads due to strong flu waves **are not unusual**. Moreover, this year up to 15% of health care workers were **put into quarantine**, even if they developed no symptoms.
13. The often shown exponential curves of “corona cases” are **misleading**, as the number of tests also increased exponentially. In most countries, the ratio of positive tests to tests overall (i.e. the positive rate) remained **constant at 5% to 25%** or increased only slightly. In many countries, the peak of the spread was already reached well **before the lockdown**.
14. Countries *without* lockdowns, such as **Japan, South Korea, Belarus and Sweden**, have **not experienced** a more negative course of events than many other countries. Sweden was even **praised** by the WHO and now benefits from **higher immunity** compared to lockdown countries. 75% of Swedish deaths **happened in** nursing facilities that weren’t protected fast enough.
15. The fear of a shortage of ventilators was **unjustified**. According to lung specialists, the invasive ventilation (intubation) of Covid19 patients, which is partly done **out of fear** of spreading the virus, is in fact often **counterproductive** and damaging to the lungs.
16. Various studies **have shown that** the main routes of transmission of the virus are neither long-range aerosols (i.e. tiny particles *floating* in the air) **nor smear infections** (i.e. on surfaces), but *direct* contact and *droplets* produced when coughing or sneezing.
17. The effectiveness of face masks in *healthy* and *asymptomatic* individuals **remains questionable**. Experts warn that such masks may interfere with normal breathing and may become “**germ carriers**”. Leading doctors called them a “media hype” and “**ridiculous**”.
18. Many clinics in Europe and the US remained **strongly underutilized** or **almost empty** during the Covid19 peak and in some cases had to **send staff home**. Millions of surgeries and therapies were **cancelled**, including many cancer screenings and organ transplants.
19. Several media were caught **trying to dramatize** the situation in hospitals, sometimes even with **manipulative** images and videos. In general, the **unprofessional reporting** of many media maximized fear and panic in the population.
20. The virus test kits used internationally are **prone to errors** and can produce false positive and false negative results. Moreover, the official virus test was **not clinically validated** due to time pressure and may sometimes react positive to other coronaviruses.
21. Numerous **internationally renowned experts** in the fields of virology, immunology and epidemiology consider the measures taken to be **counterproductive** and recommend rapid **natural immunisation** of the general population and protection of risk groups.

22. At no time was there **a medical reason** for the closure of schools, as the risk of disease and transmission in children is **extremely low**. There is also **no medical reason** for small classes, masks or ‘social distancing’ rules in schools.
23. The claim that only (severe) Covid-19 but not influenza may cause venous thrombosis and pulmonary (lung) embolism is not true, as it has been known **for 50 years** that severe influenza **greatly increases the risk** of thrombosis and embolism, too.
24. Several medical experts **described** express coronavirus vaccines as **unnecessary** or even **dangerous**. Indeed, the vaccine against the **so-called swine flu** of 2009, for example, led to sometimes **severe neurological damage** and lawsuits in the millions. In the testing of new coronavirus vaccines, too, serious **complications** and **failures** have already occurred.
25. A global respiratory disease pandemic can indeed extend over **several seasons**, but many studies of a “second wave” are based on **very unrealistic assumptions**, such as a constant risk of illness and death across all age groups.
26. In places like New York City, nurses described an oftentimes **fatal medical mismanagement** of Covid patients due to questionable **financial incentives** or inappropriate medical protocols. On the other hand, *early treatment* with zinc and HCQ turned out **to be effective** after all.
27. The number of people suffering from unemployment, **depressions** and domestic violence as a result of the measures has reached **historic record values**. Several experts predict that the measures will claim **far more lives** than the virus itself. According to the UN **1.6 billion people** around the world are at immediate risk of losing their livelihood.
28. NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden warned that the “corona crisis” will be used for the **permanent expansion** of global surveillance. Renowned virologist Pablo Goldschmidt **spoke of** a “global media terror” and “totalitarian measures”. Leading British virologist Professor John Oxford **spoke of** a “media epidemic”.
29. More than 600 scientists **have warned of** an “unprecedented surveillance of society” through problematic apps for “contact tracing”. In some countries, such “contact tracing” is carried out directly **by the secret service**. In several parts of the world, the population is being **monitored by drones** and facing serious police overreach during lockdowns.
30. A 2019 WHO study on public health measures against pandemic influenza found that from a medical perspective, “contact tracing” is **“not recommended in any circumstances”**. Nevertheless, contact tracing apps have already **become** partially mandatory in **several countries**.

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