Time for a Covid Reality Check

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New York City is a ghost town. Photo by Carlo Allegri.

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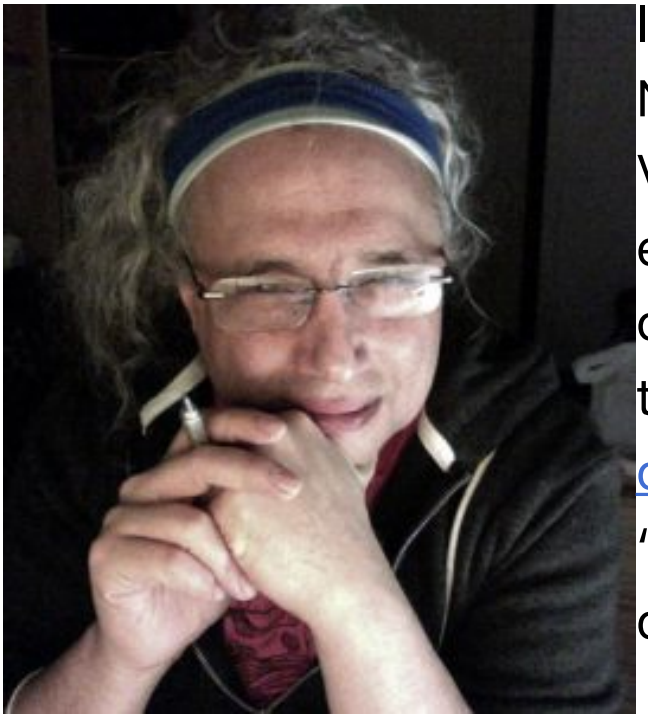
I had a reality check moment last night when I got my daily press emails from the Executive Chamber of New York State, that is, from Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office. It was my second shock of the week from the government of the state where I live, here in the midst of what we are told every minute is a global pandemic.



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If I flip on the local Spectrum News channel, it looks like the Vietnam War is being fought on every street. CNN and other cable channels keep repeating the phrase "dark winter." Twitter can now ban anyone who "claims the pandemic is not real or serious."

Bear in mind that people who "question Covid" are routinely called fruitcakes, conspiracy theorists, science denialists, sociopaths, and Trump supporters by many — even as cities continue to lock down and commit economic homicide, and the truth continues to surface.

New York is supposed to be one of the hardest hit places in the world, in what is by far the hardest hit nation. So it must be pretty bad here if they just closed all the restaurants again and are telling people not to gather for the holidays.

But here's the thing — I live here, and have covered state government my whole career — particularly the Department of Health.

One email from my Governor last night included a chart for hospitalization rates in my state. I've been lectured by the Virology Department on how this is one of the very most important statistics in a pandemic (along with known cases and deaths). It's why we have to shut down, mask up, stay apart, flatten the curve and save grandma. It's why millions of vaccines are being administered in these very days. We talk about "saving lives" from Covid, though there is not so much discussion of vaccine injury, or the devastating effects of shutting the economy.

And if we're truly concerned about sick people, it's strange how little we talk about how to take care of them — or how to prevent getting sick. There are many established ways. We might theorize that there are not so many people who need taking care of. But that would be need to be backed by data.

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One-Third of Hospital Beds are Available

According to Gov. Cuomo's office, 28% of hospital beds are available in New York State. This ranges from 26% in New York City to nearly half in some outlying regions.

Region	COVID Patients Currently in Hospital in Region	COVID Patients as Percent of Region Population	Percent of Hospital Beds Available in Region (7-Day Avg)
Capital Region	334	0.03%	24%
Central New York	399	0.05%	28%
Finger Lakes	750	0.06%	29%
Long Island	1,012	0.04%	25%
Mid-Hudson	767	0.03%	32%
Mohawk Valley	195	0.04%	31%
New York City	2,038	0.02%	26%
North Country	58	0.01%	47%
Southern Tier	178	0.03%	44%
Western New York	477	0.03%	27%
Statewide	**6,208**	**0.03%**	**28%**

Data from Gov. Andrew Cuomo's press office that I received the evening of Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020. These emails come in every night.

From what I know from my friends who are nurses, that's not a crisis, it's a vacation compared to when gurneys with patients are lined up in the corridors (as I've heard many times in prior years, without a "pandemic").

The Governor's chart also tells me that 3 in 10,000 New Yorkers total are in the hospital. That might sound like a lot, except for all the empty beds.

Back in the spring, the sprawling Javits Convention Center was converted into a field hospital that was not needed. USNS *Comfort*, a Navy hospital ship, was deployed to New York Harbor but sent back to its home port unused.

State University dormitories were ready for deployment to handle the countless sick and dying we were told were soon to arrive. That never happened either.

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Sorry, No Science: Mask Letter from NYS Health Department

My previous shock this week came from the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH). A video podcaster from the Binghamton area named William Huston sent a records request to the agency asking for its documents proving that masks work to stop disease, and that they are safe for

people to wear.

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FOIL #: 20-10-185

Dear Mr. Huston:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request of October 12, 2020, in which you requested:

> [C]opies of all records which indicate:
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> a) the efficacy (pro/con) of wearing masks (face coverings) by the general public is an effective method of stopping the spread of infectious disease, such as influenza or COVID-19.
> b) any safety risks associated with the long-term wearing of masks or face-coverings by asymptomatic or healthy people.

Please be advised that after conducting a diligent search, no records responsive to your request have been located.

Should you feel that you have been unlawfully denied access to records, you may appeal such denial in writing within 30 days to the Records Access Appeals Officer, Division of Legal Affairs, Empire State Plaza, 2438 Corning Tower, Albany, New York 12237-0026.

If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 474-8734.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Hewig

Rosemarie Hewig, Esq.
Records Access Officer

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New York responded to a FOIL request about the safety and efficacy of masks by Bill Huston. Click to enlarge.

Earlier in the year, on recommendation of the health department, Gov. Cuomo ordered 19.5 million New Yorkers

to breathe through plastic and cloth, because it's scientifically proven that this saves lives. Can they show how they made that conclusion?

Rosemarie Hewig, the records access officer, replied, "Please be advised that after connecting a diligent search, no records responsive to your search have been located."

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. was shown the letter and replied, "It erodes popular faith in democracy when public officials insist that their arbitrary policies are 'science based' and yet cannot produce a single study to support sweeping mandates. This letter illustrates the hazard of abandoning due process."

Say what you want about how "masks work," but New York State has not a shred of scientific evidence that they do. This puts masking on the level of wearing your lucky underwear — on your face. You might say "someone has a study somewhere." But that is not how public policy is supposed to be made.

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Results are for the identification of SARS-CoV-2 RNA. The SARS-CoV-2 RNA is generally detectable in respiratory specimens during the acute phase of infection. Positive results are indicative of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA; clinical correlation with patient history and other diagnostic information is necessary to determine patient infection status. Positive results do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses. The agent detected may not be the definite cause of disease. Laboratories within the United States and its territories are required to report all results to the appropriate public health authorities.

Negative results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for patient management decisions. Negative results must be combined with clinical observations, patient history, and epidemiological information.

Instructions from Labcorp *about the meaning of its PCR assay results. A few things are apparent. First, the instructions admit in the first line above that it cannot detect asymptomatic disease. Second, the discussion is framed under the presumption that the machine is correctly programmed what to look for, which requires a whole series of steps that have not been taken and are now known to be fraudulent or nonexistent (isolation, purification, and meeting Koch's Postulates). Still, even under ideal conditions, the instructions say that the test does not provide any definitive data about infection status, whether the result is negative or positive. It cannot do the very thing it is said to be doing. It does not and cannot diagnose an infection.*

The PCR Test: 90% False Positives? Or is it 100%?
How Exactly Could it be Worse?

One last thought, related to New York and the world. The "test" for covid is called the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). It's an amplification test that doubles the amount of material in the sample with each cycle. It makes the thing it's looking for, like a drug sniffing police dog who can make cocaine. If a nose swab produces just two molecules of something, after 45 heating and cooling cycles there will be 35 trillion molecules. (That is, 2 becomes

35,000,000,0000,0000 by PCR magic. This takes place in a quarter of a drop of water.)

The widely discredited test (which cannot diagnose an infection or find live virus) has been a source of controversy since the 1990s and fell flat in the 2006 when it returned 100% false positives for a presumed outbreak, disrupting life at the Dartmouth Medical School. (Planet Waves has verified this incident directly, using a diversity of sources.)

In August — without ever mentioning it had previously reported the Dartmouth incident — *The New York Times* reported that the test could be getting 90% false positives: people told they "have covid" but who are not infected or contagious and will not get sick. We learned in that article that New York is running a "cycle threshold" of 40 amplifications, and many places go higher — up to 45, following a directive by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The higher the number, the less material was in the patient sample.

"I'm shocked that people would think that 40 could represent a positive," said Juliet Morrison, a virologist at the University of California, when asked for comment by the Times.

“I’m really shocked that it could be that high — the proportion of people with high C.T. value results,” said Dr. Ashish Jha, director of the Harvard Global Health Institute. “Boy, does it really change the way we need to be thinking about testing.”

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‘All You Get are Dead Nucleotides’

Earlier in the summer, the venerated Anthony Fauci, virus czar for the federal government, said in an interview that above Ct 35, “all you get are dead nucleotides,” meaning non-viable, medically irrelevant genetic fragments that anyone without an infection might have.

“With a cutoff of 35,” the Times reported, “about 43 percent of those tests would no longer qualify as positive. About 63 percent would no longer be judged positive if the cycles were limited to 30.”

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Maybe this is why based on a peer-reviewed study of 9.5 million people recently published in *Nature*, there is no asymptomatic spread.

That also means that 90% of reported "covid deaths" as diagnosed by the PCR would be revealed as the result of something else, something we keep hearing, but that the spin machine keeps shutting down.

According to data I received from the Governor last night, 9,919 people tested positive the prior day, which could actually be 6,000 or 3,000 or even just 900 depending on how you set up the machine — and the rest are dead nucleotides. “Reducing the spread” would not be obtained from wearing masks but from adjusting the PCR to something reasonable and realistic (many scientists say it should be set much lower than Ct 30, which is itself very high).

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The Reality Check

With the turn of a dial and no medical consequences, the state’s positivity rate would drop overnight from about 5% to about one-half percent in that case, and we could open up restaurants, theaters, and Christmas dinner with no fear at all.

Those are the numbers, from top sources in the nation.

People lining up for tests that the entire scientific community is on notice are medically and epidemiologically irrelevant.

Raise your hand and apply logic and you can be called a sick, uncaring denialist who voted for Trump and who has no respect for science. Questioners are the held as the alleged villains in this horror movie we're living through.

It would seem to be just that: a vast, elaborate production that people think is real, for which they are ready to willingly surrender their lives and their liberties.

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Can anyone pause the panic long enough to ask what's going on? We had better, before we have nothing left.

It's hard to admit you were wrong, or that you were deceived. It's easy to cruise along on panic and adrenaline "and trusting the experts." There are people who have barely left the house since March, and others who are getting so sick from masking all day they have to take a leave of absence from work.

Reality check: There is nothing left about them to trust. A test that can get 100% false positives and probably gets 90% false positives is fraud. We are being lied to and we know it. And it's time to come out of denial and figure out why. And if there have been any excess deaths as a result of any of this scientific fraud, we have a right to know exactly whom, how and why that happened. Andrew Cuomo has a lot of explaining to do.