

More or less strict social distancing until end of the year
[theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/20/social-distancing-could-needed-uk-autumn-report-shows-coronavirus](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/20/social-distancing-could-needed-uk-autumn-report-shows-coronavirus)

Can you get corona twice?

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/16/the-big-question-over-coronavirus-can-a-person-get-it-twice>

Definitive answer not yet known, but experts say reinfection seems unlikely

<https://www.health.com/condition/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/can-you-get-coronavirus-twice>

[theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/21/coronavirus-vaccine-scientist-what-needs-to-be-done-now-hanneke-schuitemaker](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/21/coronavirus-vaccine-scientist-what-needs-to-be-done-now-hanneke-schuitemaker)

Very low mortality in younger people

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2763401>

China - age, sex, pre-existing condition

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/coronavirus-age-sex-demographics/>

number of detected cases by age group - lower incidence and death rate among under 50

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1103023/coronavirus-cases-distribution-by-age-group-italy/>

women less susceptible, less deaths, non smokers

<https://abcnews.go.com/Health/covid-19-mortality-high-men-italy-women/story?id=69717021>

real mortality rate, prevalence not known

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X\(20\)30110-8/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X(20)30110-8/fulltext)
US- 80% deaths over 65

These results also might overestimate the prevalence of severe disease because the initial approach to testing for COVID-19 focused on people with more severe disease. "These preliminary data also demonstrate that severe illness leading to hospitalization, including ICU admission and death, can occur in adults of any age with COVID-19,"

<https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/927196>

It is probably about or a bit less than 1%. Much higher figures have been flying about, but the chief medical officer, Chris Whitty, is one of those who believes it will prove to be 1% or lower.

[theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/21/what-is-coronavirus-mortality-rate-covid-19](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/21/what-is-coronavirus-mortality-rate-covid-19)

[reason.com/2020/03/20/if-covid-19-killed-1-4-of-people-with-symptoms-in-wuhan-the-overall-fatality-rate-is-likely-to-be-much-lower-than-people-feared](https://www.reason.com/2020/03/20/if-covid-19-killed-1-4-of-people-with-symptoms-in-wuhan-the-overall-fatality-rate-is-likely-to-be-much-lower-than-people-feared)

reasonable estimates for the case fatality ratio in the general U.S. population vary from 0.05% to 1%."

That's a very wide range, highlighting the weak empirical basis for aggressive, economically ruinous COVID-19 control measures.

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drastic social distancing and mobility restrictions, such as school closures and travel advisories/bans, should only be considered if an accurate estimation of case fatality risk warrants these interventions, which seriously disrupt social and economic stability.

We're not going back to normal

Social distancing is here to stay for much more than a few weeks. It will upend our way of life, in some ways forever.

<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/615370/coronavirus-pandemic-social-distancing-18-months/>

Virus spread simulations

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/corona-simulator/>

reason.com/2020/03/20/what-economic-analyses-of-past-pandemics-can-tell-us-about-the-covid-19-aftermath

even the strictest quarantines proved ineffective in preventing the epidemic in most regions.

reason.com

Since most experts believe that reinfection is unlikely, serologic testing would identify people who had recovered from the disease and could now go safely back to work and life beyond quarantine.

presstelegram.com/2020/03/16/be-wary-of-overreaching-government-responses-to-coronavirus-ron-paul

The madness over the coronavirus is not limited to politicians and the medical community. The head of the neoconservative Atlantic Council wrote an editorial this week urging NATO to pass an Article 5 declaration of war against the COVID-19 virus! Are they going to send in tanks and drones to wipe out these microscopic enemies?

actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-world-leaders-dont-exploit-coronavirus-to-take-away-our-basic-rights-2

aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-coronavirus-outbreak-a-civil-liberties-perspective

Most panicky responses to disease outbreaks, according to epidemiologists and other experts, only make things worse. In particular, law enforcement-type approaches to stopping the spread of communicable disease such as forced treatment and large-scale quarantine are, as three preeminent public health experts put it, “generally acknowledged by experts to be either completely ineffective or only potentially

marginally effective” in slowing the spread of disease.

amp.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/mar/21/donald-trump-boris-johnson-coronavirus

It is always dangerous when facing a crisis to invoke war as an analogy. War is chaos. War, as Thomas Hobbes and those with personal experience know, is limitless death and destruction. By definition, it comprises uncontrollable, random events occurring in a vacuum when the laws and conventions that bind people and societies in peacetime no longer apply.