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Subject: my thoughts on University student spread of COVID

Good night Dr. Redfield, I think it is the university student/college student in North America that seeded lots of the virus across the nations...why? Because just before easter break middle to late March (??), we locked schools down and after easter, we told parents that kids cant come back to school...we will debate that for years and I say it was wrong for soon after we figured out it were 75- 80 year olds with underlying medical conditions who were the prime targets of COVID virus. Folk who would have died absent of COVID...people who are very ill ordinarily...to me now as I reflect, it may be the university students, a few million of them across the nation, that we had to lock down, even quarantine, and simultaneously lock down the elderly, enhance nursing homes safety, ramp up the hospital capacity, with strong public service messages around hand washing, social distancing etc., and go on with life...we never ever lock down a well 'healthy' society, no instance of this ever...we essentially took off the battlefield the most potent weapon we had...younger healthy people, children, teens, young people who we needed to fastly infect themselves, spread it around, develop immunity, and help stop the spread...I am speculating...again, as granny was locked down and kept so until we had our herd via natural exposure or vaccine...whichever came first. But that is history now and this mail is my thought in how did this spread so fast...I think I have figured it out... I know you are the expert but wanted to share my thought...I think when we locked down schools for kids, we made a grave mistake locking down Colleges and Universities...no, maybe university campuses should have been kept open, 'not' closed and arrange a funding package to pay for the rooms of all 'on campus' students to stay there from April to Dec (through the summer this year) and those who lived at home and left campus daily after class, then we should have gotten them rooms on campus and kept all these students together and NOT let them go home. All university students should have been quarantined or asked to stay on campus from end March to now and we pay for that... As we see how much and quickly the young folk can spike this by their behavioural actions once we relaxed things, I think it was these students who took the virus home to mommy and daddy who then infected granny at home...directly or by going into aged homes to visit their aged parents/granny...the university aged grand-kids already came home and brought the pathogen home in large numbers. I am speculating today that if University students were constrained in their dorms on campus all along and all students housed there 'until' that this pathogen was controlled, then there is a strong chance it would have been under more control now...not blaming, I am just thinking aloud of what was done and where the breach was likely. Maybe I am wrong. What could have been done differently? The same way young folk show us now how fast they can spread the virus, they likely did then, we just did not know or did not think they were a key dissemination vessel and what happened??? By closing Universities, they all went home...in early April that was the maybe 'worst' thing that should have been done the more I think of it now...in a twisted way, we need them all to go back to university, fast, and stay there come Nov/Dec...do not come home for this xmas 2020....stay there until and especially as we have influenza season coming...getting university students back onto campus (all of them with rooms) maybe the one tool to help mitigate a potentially horrendous coming triple season of COVID, influenza, and common cold.

It may be way off to left field but I am just thinking out loud.

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