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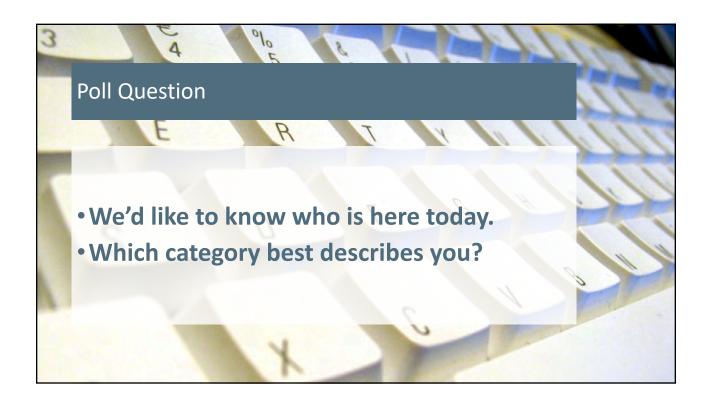
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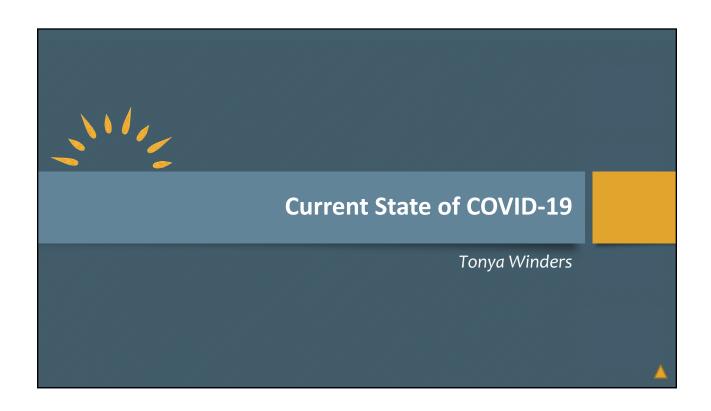


## Outline

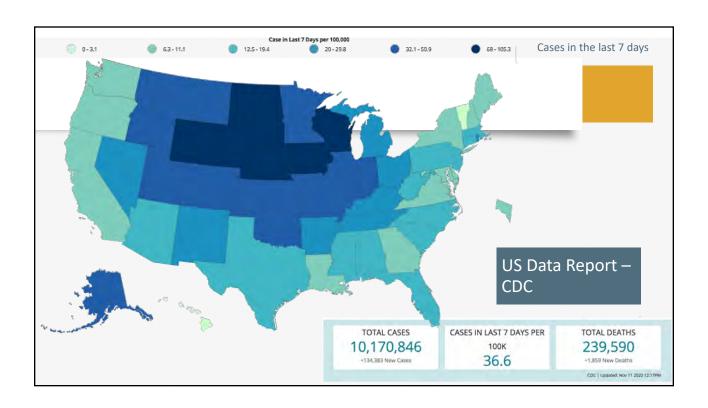
- Current State of COVID 19
- Vaccine Update
- Global Glance at COVID-19
- Social Guidance US & the World











## In the News

As the United States adds a new coronavirus case every second, hospitals from West Texas to Wisconsin are overwhelmed with the soaring number of critically ill Americans.

 In many cases, it's not a lack of hospital beds, therapies or equipment that worry managers amid the surge, with more than 229,000 deaths from COVID-19 in the U.S. It's the depleted and exhausted hospitals staffs needed to care for those who need life-sustaining treatment





#### In the News





The U.S. has entered a second round of back-to-school, just as the coronavirus surges around the nation.

 In smaller school districts, careful in-person re-openings in August and September didn't lead to an explosion of COVID-19 cases. And now, the country's largest school systems, which had largely eschewed in-person instruction, are venturing partially back into the classroom.

#### Concern about college students coming home

Will they bring the virus with them?

#### CDC – New Guidance:

- Redefines "close contact": When a person is within 6 feet of an infectious person over the course of 24 hours.
- Masks may protect you from getting coronavirus not just protect others when you wear a mask

## In the News

#### Dr. Fauci's Thanksgiving advice:

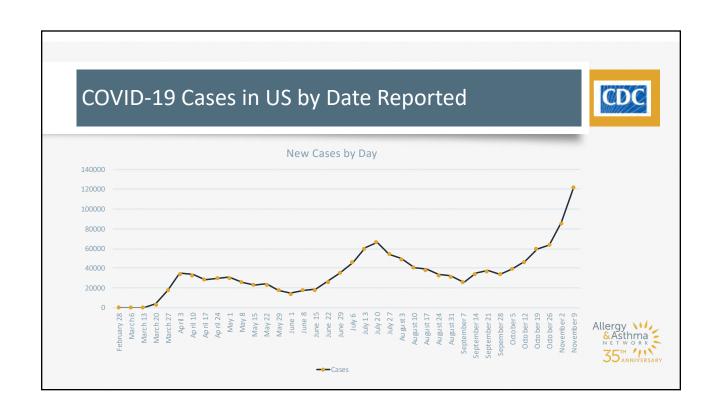
- First, he said it's "understandable" that a lot of us have "traditional, emotional, warm feelings about the holidays and bringing a group of people, friends and family, together in the house indoors."
- "If you have vulnerable people—the elderly or people with underlying conditions—you better consider whether you want to do that now or maybe just forestall it and just wait and say, 'You know, this is an unfortunate and unusual situation and I may not want to take the risk'"

#### Smaller Thanksgivings leave turkey farmers in limbo

 Anxious turkey farmers and grocers are scrambling to predict what people will want on their holiday tables

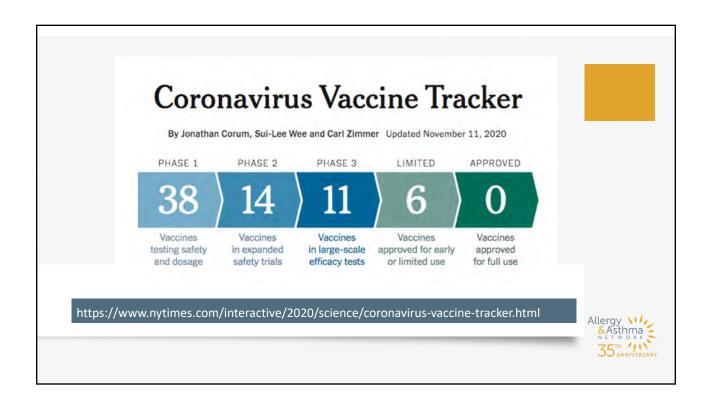












## **Vaccines**

#### Pfizer & BioNTech - Preliminary data

- Coronavirus vaccine over 90% effective
- An analysis of the first 94 cases of Covid-19 in the trial yielded promising preliminary results
- Pfizer is now expected to submit an application for an Emergency Use Authorization by the end of November
- If their vaccine is authorized, Pfizer and BioNTech expect to manufacture over 1.3 billion doses of their vaccine worldwide by the end of 2021
- The vaccine will have to be chilled to minus 80 degrees Celsius (minus 112 degrees Fahrenheit) until it's ready to be injected. Pfizer is designing boxes that will keep the vaccines cold as they're being transported



## Vaccines

#### Moderna

- Moderna is among several firms that joined the president's initiative, which set out to put several manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies in motion with federal financial support to rapidly produce vaccine candidates
- Results from a vaccine in drug trial phase from Moderna, supported by research from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, could be released within weeks

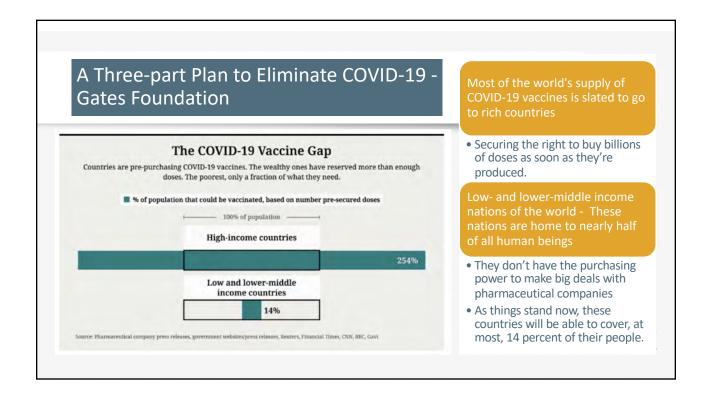


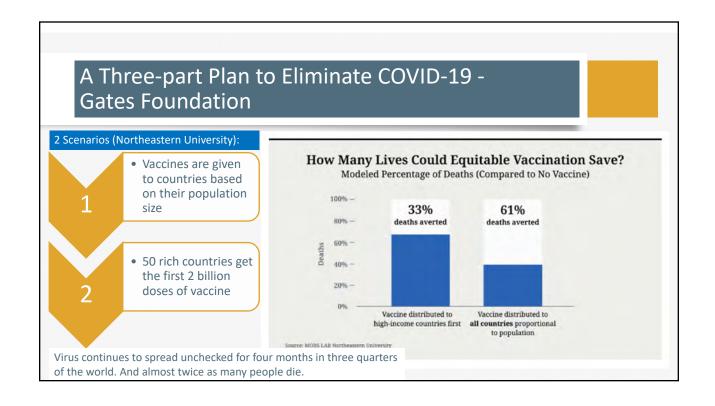
## **Vaccines**

#### AstraZeneca & Johnson & Johnson

- Testing of AstraZeneca's vaccine candidate had been halted since early September, while Johnson & Johnson's vaccine study was paused at the beginning of last week. Each company had a study volunteer develop a serious health issue, requiring a review of safety data
- The two coronavirus vaccines are among several candidates in final-stage testing, the last step before seeking regulatory approval
- The drugmakers said they got the go-ahead from the Food and Drug Administration to restart tests in the U.S







# A Three-part Plan to Eliminate COVID-19 - Gates Foundation

The only way to eliminate the threat of this disease somewhere is to eliminate it everywhere.

#### We need to:

- Vastly increase the world's vaccine manufacturing capacity
- Strengthen health systems—the workers and infrastructure that can actually deliver vaccines to people around the world



#### COVID-19 Vaccine News in Review

Novavax – delayed start of US late-stage trial for a month

#### Operation Warp Speed:

- The two farthest along are Moderna and Pfizer. Both of their vaccines are based on messenger RNA technology, a technology that injects genetic instructions from the coronavirus into people, and coaxes the recipients' cells into producing proteins that resemble a virus but aren't infections
- AstraZeneca/University of Oxford, Johnson & Johnson, Novavax, and Sanofi/GlaxoSmithKline are weeks to months behind Moderna and Pfizer.
- Moncef Slaoui said it shouldn't be long before the companies know if the vaccines are working. "Nobody can really say when," he said, "but the expectation would be that this would happen between the month of November and December."



## Flu Vaccine

- Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥6 months who do not have contraindications.
- For each recipient, a licensed and ageappropriate vaccine should be used. Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIVs), recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4), and live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV4) are expected to be available.
- Most influenza vaccines available for the 2020–21 season will be quadrivalent, with the exception of MF59-adjuvanted IIV, which is expected to be available in both quadrivalent and trivalent formulations.





## Flu Vaccine

- The composition of the 2020–21 U.S. influenza vaccines includes updates to the influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, influenza A(H3N2), and influenza B/Victoria lineage components.
- These updated components will be included in both trivalent and quadrivalent vaccines. Quadrivalent vaccines will include an additional influenza B virus component from the B/Yamagata lineage, which is unchanged from that included in quadrivalent influenza vaccines used during the 2019–20 season.
- Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent is approved for use in persons aged ≥65 years. For the 2020–21 season, Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent is expected to replace the previously available trivalent formulation of Fluzone High-Dose (HD-IIV3).
- Fluad Quadrivalent is approved for use in persons aged ≥65 years. For the 2020–21 season, both Fluad Quadrivalent and the previously licensed trivalent formulation of Fluad (allV3) are expected to be available.



## Flu Vaccine FAQ's

#### With COVID-19 cases surging, should people be getting flu shots?

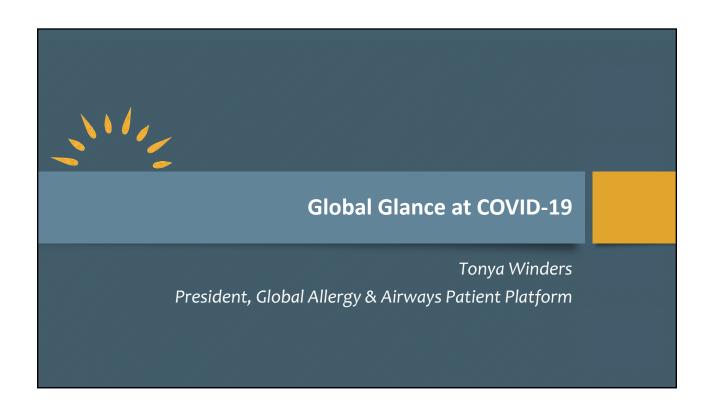
 YES! Influenza vaccination of persons aged ≥6 months to reduce prevalence of illness caused by influenza will reduce symptoms that might be confused with those of COVID-19. Prevention of and reduction in the severity of influenza illness and reduction of outpatient illnesses, hospitalizations, and intensive care unit admissions through influenza vaccination also could alleviate stress on the U.S. health care system.

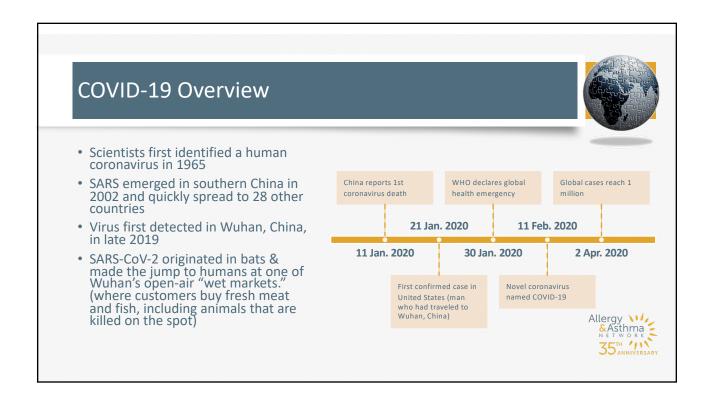
#### When should I get a flu vaccine?

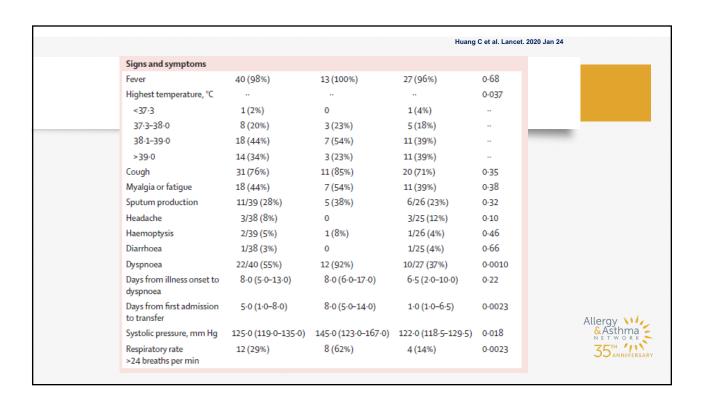
• **NOW!** Efforts should be structured to optimize vaccination coverage before influenza activity in the community begins. Vaccination should continue to be offered as long as influenza viruses are circulating and unexpired vaccine is available.

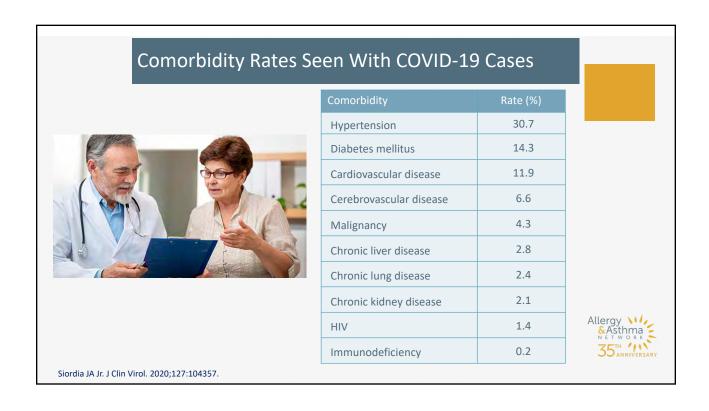


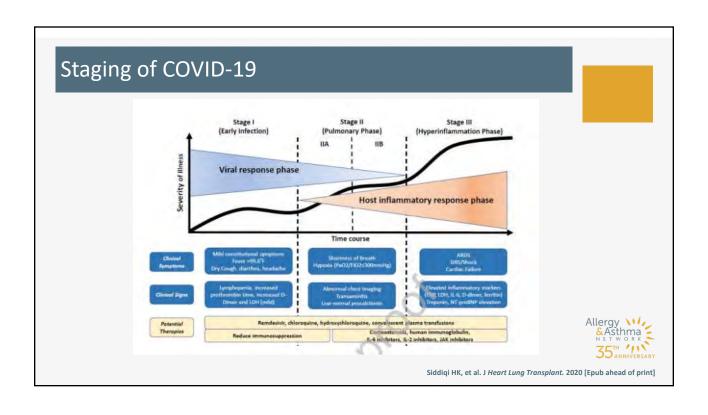
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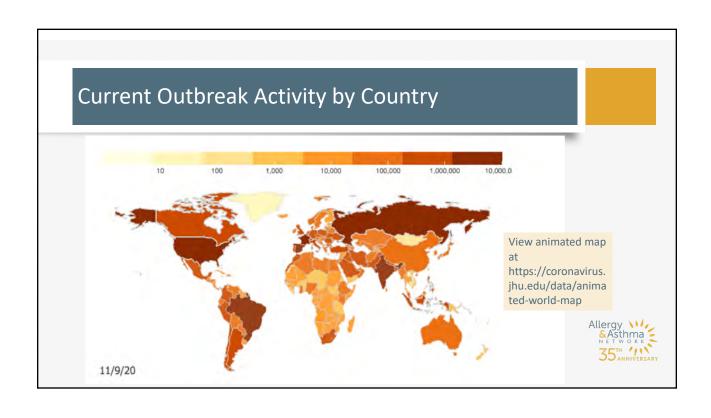




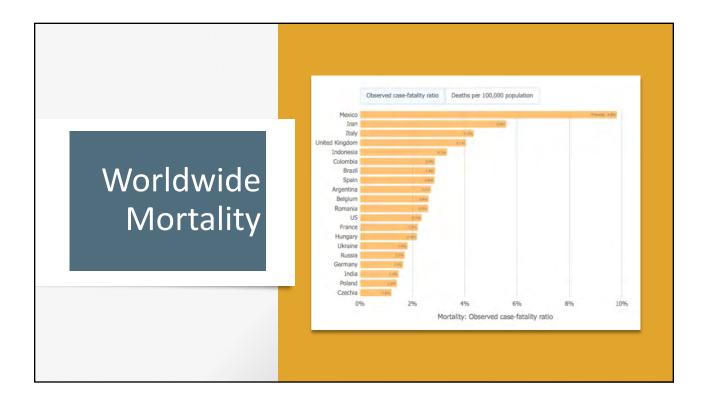


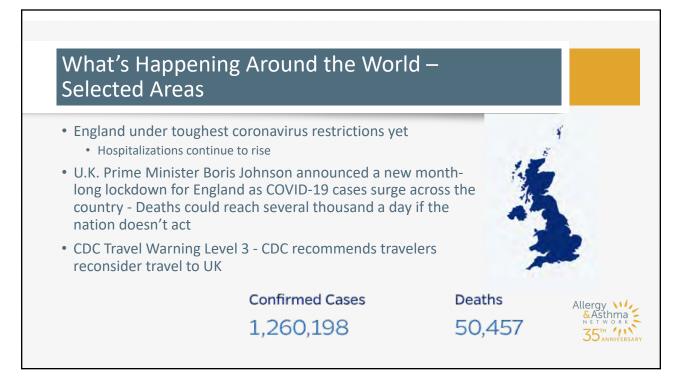


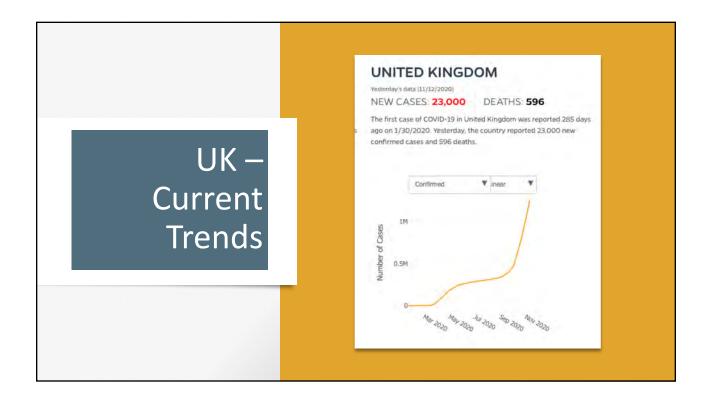




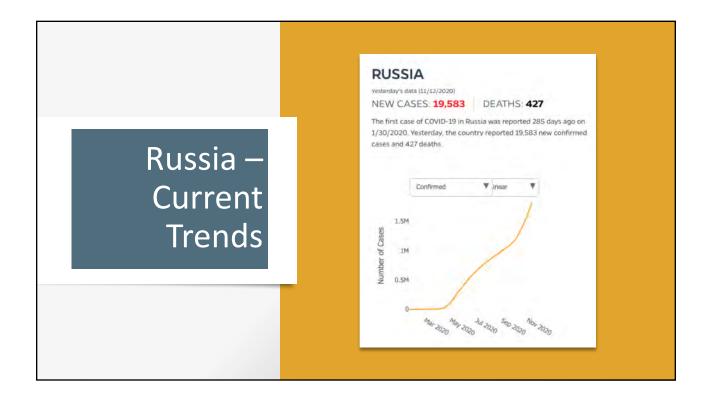






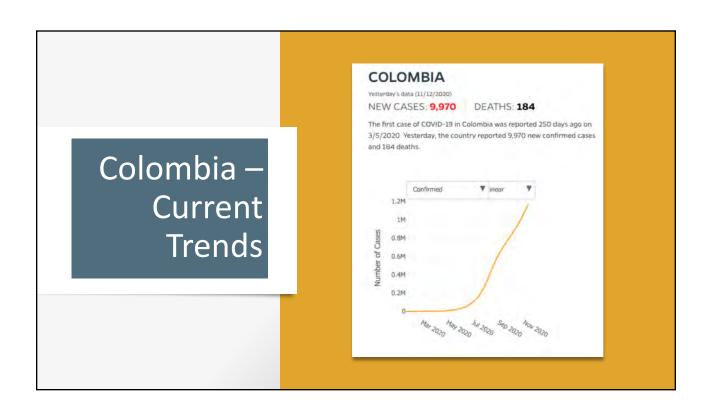












## Air Pollution and COVID-19

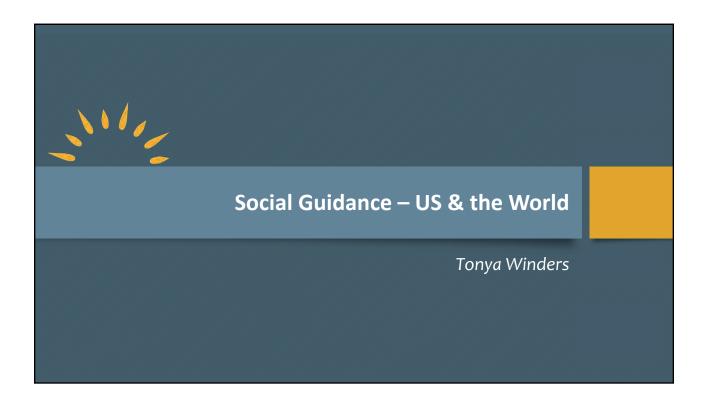


- Exposure to air pollution increase the impact of respiratory diseases
  - COVID-19 is included in this category
- · Need to tackle this double burden
- · Bad quality of air is breathed in
  - Small particles affect lung health
  - Air pollution may make people with underlying conditions more vulnerable to COVID-19
  - · May develop more serious disease
- Recommendations:
  - Practice prevention
  - In countries where air pollution is high need to take action to reduce emissions









## From the CDC -

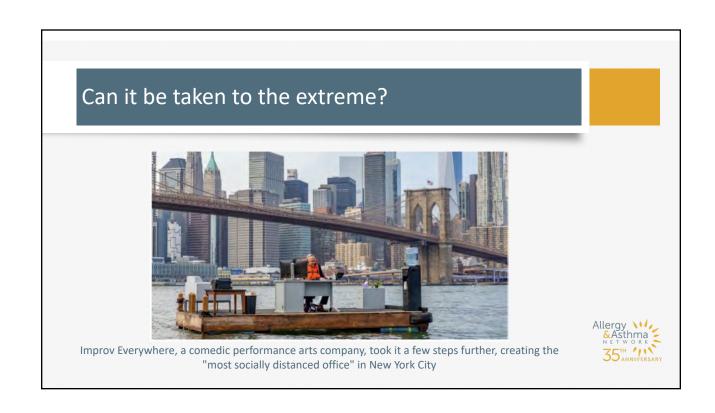
# Social Distancing

Social distancing refers to the practice of keeping space between yourself and others to reduce the chance of contact with those who knowingly or unknowingly carry an illness.

To help stop the spread of coronavirus, health officials recommend avoiding large gatherings and maintaining a distance of 6 feet from other people.







## **Social Distancing**

Harvard School of Public Health "Intermittent distancing may be required into 2022 unless critical care capacity is increased substantially or a treatment or vaccine becomes available"

"Even in the event of apparent elimination, SARS-CoV-2 surveillance should be maintained since a resurgence in contagion could be possible as late as 2024"

They are aware that such prolonged distancing, even if intermittent, would likely have "profoundly negative economic, social, and educational consequences"



#### **CDC** Director



Though coronavirus cases in the US have been soaring, social distancing appears to be effective

Social distancing is "one of the most powerful weapons" against COVID-19, said Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



## Holidays & Social Distancing



Dr. Fauci urged Americans to rethink their usual plans for Thanksgiving gatherings, citing increased coronavirus infections and hospitalizations in more than two dozen states around the country

He said that given the rise in cases, "we've really got to double down on fundamental public health measures that we talk about every day because they can make a difference."





# In Search of a Return to Normalcy – McKinsey Report

Two important definitions of an "end" to the pandemic -

# An epidemiological end point when herd immunity is achieved

- Proportion of society immune to COVID-19 is sufficient to prevent widespread, ongoing transmission
- Vaccine = hope
- Public health emergency interventions no longer needed

# A transition to a form of normalcy

- When almost all aspects of social and economic life can resume without fear of ongoing mortality (when a mortality rate is no longer higher than a country's historical average)
- Long-term health consequences related to COVID-19



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## The "Next Normal"

- Might be different in surprising ways
- Getting there will be gradual
- Transition allows businesses & services to resume
  - Air travel, bustling shops, humming factories, full restaurants, and gyms operating at capacity



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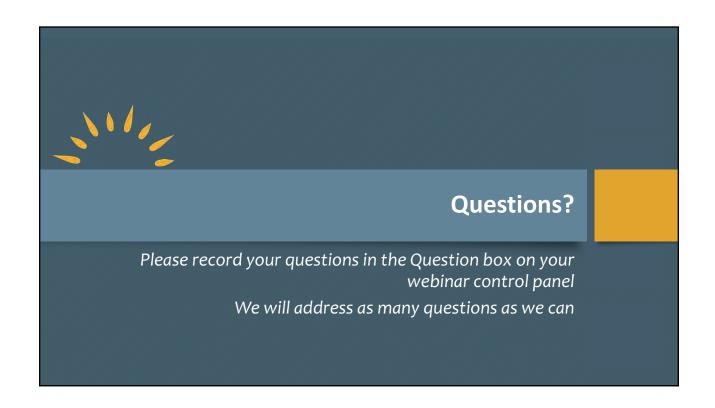
#### Timeline will vary by location

- Not reached in a linear fashion
- Epidemiological end? Most likely 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021
- Return to normalcy? Possibly in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021

## Beyond the impatience that most feel to resume normal life,

 The longer it takes to remove the constraints on our economies, the greater will be the economic damage





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