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Sent: Sun, 15 Mar 2020 15:33:20 -0400
To: Xiaoyang Hua, M.D., Ph.D.
Subject: Re: COVID-19 some suggestions

Thank you for your note

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 15, 2020, at 3:17 PM, Xiaoyang Hua, M.D., Ph.D. (b) (6) wrote:

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> Dear Dr. Fauci:

> I am writing to you to express my deepest concerns on the COVID-19 outbreak in the USA and would like to share some thoughts with you.

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> I am a (b) (6) and an otolaryngologist at the Duke Medical Center. I completed my training in Otolaryngology at the University of Iowa in 2019. From 2013 to 2015, I did a research fellowship with Dr. Stanley Perlman, an expert in coronavirus, to study SARS. Before I came to the States, I was an ENT doctor and had worked in the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak, Wuhan, China for several years. Many of my friends, neighbors, and colleagues were infected. Some of them have died or are dying. I truly appreciate what you have done to wake the Americans and warn them about this dangerous virus outbreak. I hope we are not repeating the mistakes that the Chinese and Italians have made earlier.

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> I know many physicians and nurses who have been on the frontlines against this coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan China. Over the past a couple of months, I have been communicating with them about the COVID-19 outbreak. I have obtained much firsthand information about this virus from medical professionals, including the ICU directors of major hospitals in Wuhan. Here I want to share some thoughts with you and hope that I can help prevent the worst in the USA.

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> For the government:

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> 1. Close all public schools immediately. My family is in (b) (6). They are yet to decide if they should close the schools after the spring break. This is one example that has concerned me a lot. In the email from the (b) (6) School District, quote: "there are many factors to be considered any time a decision is made to close schools. These factors range from evaluating the consequences of missed instruction to providing meals to students who rely on the school's food service program", this is extremely short-sighted. These factors, as quoted above, will be very minor issues and easier to handle, compared with the potential catastrophic consequences should the virus outbreak be out of control and have paralyzed our already-overwhelmed medical system in the USA. I hope the federal government can issue an administrative order to close the public schools.

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> 2. Cancel or postpone any large gathering events more than 20 people. Use tele-conference if necessary.

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> 3. Every county in this country should have contingent plan in place and have one or several isolation facilities/temporary shelters in the remote areas using college dorms or hotels, in preparation of future large outbreaks of COVID-19 in the community.

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> 4. Work with local or state media to inform the public of the status of basic life necessity (e.g. food, water, tissue paper) and essential medical supplies (including PPE). If there is a shortage, the estimated back-to-stock timeline should be provided. For PPEs, if the shortage cannot be solved within a short period of time, they should be saved for those who truly need them including medical professionals treating patients with COVID-19. All local medical supply businesses should turn in their inventories since the State Emergency has been declared. These timely updates will provide assurance to the public to avoid panic and chaos.