

**From:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
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**To:** Lerner, Andrea (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Subject:** FW: Feds say Florida has 'community spread' of coronavirus. Florida disagrees.

Check this out and get back to me. Not sure what he is talking about.

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Dear Dr. Fauci,

I am medical director of a charity clinic in Naples, Florida. Although we try to screen pts for cough, fever, sore throat, URI sxs, dyspnea or unusual fatigue, apparently some patients are asymptomatic and neg for these 5 hallmarks but still contagious. There is conflict between what our Florida governor states and what CDC states. Do you believe all of our staff should be in goggles, mask, gown and gloves for AAL PATIENTS that we treat regardless of not meeting one of the 5 screening criteria above. If indeed there is community spread happening, I and many others are sitting ducks. It is not if but when!!

Thanks for any guidance you might be able to provide. I am copying to my administrative staff as well.

Good luck. This is quite the challenge.

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