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Hi Dr. Fauci:

I have been a long time admirer of you in the field of modern medicine. This question I have relates to the current Coronavirus circulating around the world. For many years I have informed people that the ways a virus can be passed from person to person isn't always by a sneeze, cough or by touching someones face with their hands. Has anyone in your medical community though: that if someone were smoking and was an infected person that once they expel the smoke particles into the air that those micro smoke particles may contain viruses that were in the respiratory system of an infected person. Everyone I mention this to don't believe that this is possible. What are your thoughts on this matter? If so why hasn't the medical community warned the public about this possibility as I stay away from all establishments that allow smoking on their premises.

Thank you,

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