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Dr Fauci, you are the pre-eminent infectious disease physician in the world. I'm concerned the public has lost perspective on COVID-19. At this point, it would seem the  $r_0$  and CFR are more similar to rubeola than they are to Ebola. Can we remind the public of that? Communicating that influenza will kill more Americans than SARS-2 hasn't gained traction. Might someone like yourself or Dr Carson communicate more strongly to the public the risks compared to other viruses they are familiar with, like rubeola, rubella, varicella, etc?