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**Subject:** RE: Red Dawn Breaking, COVID-19  
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Carter,

Just listened in to our state COVID-19 response effort update. Georgia has no COVID-19 cases yet, and hence they remain in the containment period where they place medium-risk individuals on supervised monitoring of home quarantine, advise them to take temperature daily and report any respiratory symptoms (24/7). Educate them not to show up in ED, or any place without facilitation. To avoid potential disease spread, they are advised to remain at home.

The next stage will be mitigation when a confirmed case is reported. That will initiate the pandemic planning and community-based NPI will be considered. This includes social distancing -- telework, teleclass, etc.

I assume at cities where there are confirmed local COVID-19 cases, the public health leaders have already begun the mitigation phase now and hence are practicing some degree of social distancing and rolling out telework, and various strategies to protect health in the population and to maintain business continuity already. Is that true or they are still waiting to execute their operations?

There are not many tests needed here in Georgia. But rapid robust and reliable testing kits (Tracey's reporting of current bottleneck) remain critical in all communities with positive cases. If we have such means, testing can also be conducted (sampling) on some flu-like cases at strategic selected cities also.