

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Sun, 8 Mar 2020 18:55:46 +0000
To: Gregg Gonsalves
Subject: RE: We Are Desperate for Advice

Gregg:

Understood. I appreciate your note. I will keep pushing.

Best regards,

Tony

From: Gregg Gonsalves (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6) >
Subject: Re: We Are Desperate for Advice

Tony, that part of the message was not directed at you. Peter Staley and I have seen you in action on TV and I've forced (b) (6) to watch you talking about social distancing, since she says the President says she has nothing to worry about. Bob Redfield and Secretary Azar haven't been as forthright as you have.

The main thing that concerns many people I know: the roll-out of testing, surveillance has been botched and we're likely to have cases of COVID in our communities already without knowing it. Meanwhile some corporations, some universities, some other institutions have started to put social distancing into place, with a few municipalities doing the same, but there is no real guidance from CDC on when to act for most of us. There are plenty of instructions about getting prepared, but all seem to point towards waiting until there is an outbreak in one's community to do anything substantial, which seems if you'll excuse my language, ass-backwards, as one you see multiple cases, you're likely to already have widespread community transmission.

I think this piece by Bill Hanage at Harvard explains where a lot of us are right now:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/coronavirus-testing-united-states/2020/03/05/a6ced5aa-5f0f-11ea-9055-5fa12981bbbf_story.html

Stay well, we need you more than ever (and I mean that from the bottom of my heart). Most of the career civil servants on the email were copied not to chastise, it's the political appointees that most think got us into this mess.

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From: Anthony Fauci <(b) (6)>
Date: Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 1:50 PM
To: Gregg Gonsalves (b) (6) >
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Gregg:

I am surprised that you included me in your note. I genuflect to no one but science and always, always speak my mind when it comes to public health. I have consistently corrected misstatements by others and will continue to do so. I am including two links from Sunday