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Dear Dr. Fauci,

I saw that you are discussing the steps we need to take to make the impact of COVID-19 a minimum in CNN and decided to write to you what we did as faculty in this aspect.

I believe that prevention is much more important than treatment later. As a preparation for the COVID-19 outbreak, two days ago, I made a personal decision to make all my homework online submission so that we may avoid the spread of the virus anymore.

Students work on homework for hours and can easily spread the virus without knowing it. Once it goes to graders (my TAs), they then spread it to the rest of the class, again without knowing it. Thus, an innocent act can be devastating. So, in simply two-three days it may spread to another 100 new individuals easily.

Graders may act as hubs in this case. The danger is, it may have spread to another hundred or more new individuals even before it comes to a detectable level from any test.

I also want to emphasize the following points:

1. We hear in all news that elderly people are the most vulnerable. But I think it should be corrected as people with immunodeficiency are the most vulnerable and elderly are in that category. Some one who is 10 years old and have diabetic or HIV has the same danger as an elderly person.
2. We should come up with a test such as a pregnancy test, which can be done at home without leaving their homes. This stops further spreading.
3. We should discuss foods that help cure it fast and things that we should not do.