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I'm Susan page of USA Today. It is my honor to moderate this debate an important part of our democr acy in Kingsbury Hall tonight. We have a small and socially distant audience and we've taken extra precautions during this pandemic among other things. Everyone in the audience is required to wear a face mask and the candidates will be seated 12 feet apart. The audience is enthusiastic about their candidates, but they've agreed to express that enthusiasm only twice at the end of the debate. And now when I introduce the candidates, please welcome, California, Senator Kamala Harris and vice president Mike Pence.

Speaker 1 00:00

Thank.

Speaker 2 00:58 Thank

You. Senator Harris and vice president Pence. Thank you for being here. We're meeting as President Trump and the first lady continue to undergo treatment in Washington after testing positive for cov id-19. We send our thoughts and prayers to them for their rapid and complete recovery and for the r ecovery of everyone afflicted by the Coronavirus. The two campaigns in the commission on presidenti al debates have agreed to the ground rules for tonight. I'm here to enforce them on behalf of the m illions of Americans who are watching One Note no one in either campaign or at the commission or an ywhere else has been told in advance what topics all raise our what questions I'll ask this 90-minu te debate will be divided into nine segments of about ten minutes each. I'll begin a segment by pos ing a question to each of you. Sometimes the same question. Sometimes a different question on the s ame topic you will then have two minutes to answer without interruption by me or the other candidat e then we'll take six minutes or so to discuss the issue at that point. Although there will always be more to say we'll move on to the next topic. We want a debate that is Lively. But Americans also deserve a discussion that is civil. These are tumultuous times, but we can and will have a respect ful exchange about the big issues facing our nation. Let's begin with the ongoing pandemic that has cost our country so much. Senator Harris, the coronavirus is not under control over the past week Johns Hopkins reports that 39 states have had more covid cases over the past seven days than in the week before nine states have set new records, even if a vaccine is released soon. The next Adminis tration will face hard choices. What would a Biden Administration due in January and February that a trump Administration wouldn't do would you impose new lockdowns for? Businesses in schools and ho t spots a federal mandate to wear Mass. You have two minutes to respond without interruption.

Speaker 1 00:58