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While the nation watches and waits to see how **President Donald Trump will fare as he's treated for COVID-19**, doctors say [there are lessons the American people can learn](#) from his infection in the [midst of a pandemic](#) that **has so far killed more than 200,000 Americans** and infected 7.3 million.

Key among them is that **no one is invulnerable to a disease** that doesn't pick and choose **whom to infect** based on political affiliation or status. """"

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Trump announced early Friday morning that **he and first lady Melania Trump had tested positive** for the novel coronavirus.

Nearly a dozen others who were in close contact with the president or **other White House officials also have tested positive for the virus**, leaving the nation reeling just a month from Election Day. """"

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By HOPE YEN June 16, 2020 <https://apnews.com/article/573acbe835b0025551ff90c1a1e2b6e8>

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald **Trump may be giving parents a false sense of security** when it comes to kids and COVID-19. In remarks Monday, Trump expressed a desire **to have K-12 schools reopen in the fall in "full blast"** while **minimizing the risk** that children and adults who are around them may face from the coronavirus.

TRUMP, on children: "They've come out of this **at a level that's really inconceivable**. By the way, the regular flu, other flus, other things, SARS or H1N1, any of them, if you look at the young people they were affected like everybody else, but for whatever reason with respect to COVID, the **numbers are very, very low.**"

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"""""""" Analysis by Daniel Dale, Marshall Cohen, Tara Subramaniam and Holmes Lybrand, **CNN – April 1, 2020**

<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/03/31/politics/fact-check-trump-coronavirus-march-31/index.html>

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On January 26, **China's health minister warned** that people can spread the virus before showing symptoms, making the virus much harder to contain. A veteran adviser for a US health agency told CNN this bit of information was a "game changer."

"When I heard this, I thought, 'Oh dear, this is worse than we anticipated.' It means the infection is much more contagious than we originally thought," Dr. William Schaffner, a longtime adviser to the CDC, said at the time. A day later the **CDC said there was not yet clear evidence that the coronavirus could be transmitted by those who lacked symptoms**, but it was a possibility health officials were investigating.

On January 28, Tom Frieden, a **former director at the CDC**, told **Bloomberg News** that it was "very clear that this is a **serious epidemic**" noting that the virus was more contagious than SARS. "So the possibilities here go from the bad, to the very, very bad," Frieden said.

The **first case of person-to-person** transmission in US was reported on January 30.

On February 7, a **study** was published in the medical journal JAMA, which found that found that 41% of the first 138 patients diagnosed at one hospital in Wuhan, China, were presumed to be infected in that hospital. The study's results indicated that the virus was very infectious. Some **researchers were warning of the contagious nature of the virus earlier in February as well.**

Days later, on February 12 Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases **warned** that the US "should be prepared for this new virus to gain a foothold" in the country and that "at some point **we are likely to see community spread in the US** or other countries."

By February 19, the Chinese CDC, in a **study** of more than 72,000 confirmed and suspected cases of the novel coronavirus, found that the virus was more contagious than the related viruses that cause SARS and MERS. As late as March 9, however, **Trump was downplaying the threat of the virus in the US**, noting that the flu kills thousands of Americans each year and that there were only 565 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the US at the time.

CORRECTION: This story has been updated to correct the time reference to the President likening coronavirus to the flu. He began to do so in February and continued into early March.

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Fact or fiction, with regards to [what has been reported](#) from the White House ...

...not only recently (but all the way from January-September 2020)

-What else is now to be expected, one might wonder...

