



CITY OF LAKE WORTH

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**3805 ADAM GRUBB
LAKE WORTH, TEXAS 76135
Friday, March 20, 2020**

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING: 2:00 PM

Held in the City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A.2 ROLL CALL

A.3 CITIZENS PRESENTATION / VISITOR COMMENTS

The City Council is always pleased to have citizens attend its meetings and welcomes comments during the Citizen/Visitor Comments section of the meeting; however, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Council cannot deliberate or vote on issues not posted on the agenda. Therefore, those types of items must be posted 72 hours prior to the City Council meeting. If it is not posted, no deliberation between Council members may occur; Council may only respond with specific factual information or recite existing policy. Pursuant to Section 551.007 of the Texas Government Code, citizens wishing to address the Council for items listed as public hearings will be recognized when the public hearing is opened. For citizens wishing to speak on a non-public hearing item, they may either address the Council during the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting or when the item is considered by the City Council. Negative or disparaging remarks about City personnel will not be tolerated. If you wish to address the Council, speakers are requested to fill out a "Public Meeting Appearance Card" and present it to the City Secretary, prior to the presiding officer calling the meeting to order. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and (6) minutes for those with a translator.

B. GENERAL ITEMS

B.1 Discuss and consider Resolution No. 2020-05, City of Lake Worth COVID-19 Disaster Declaration and provide direction to staff regarding the City's plan in response to COVID-19.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council may enter into closed Executive Session as authorized by

Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. Executive Session may be held at the end of the Regular Session or at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the City Council to seek advice from the city attorney (551.071) as to the posted subject matter of this City Council meeting.

The City Council may confer privately with its attorney to seek legal advice on any matter listed on the agenda or on any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS - CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Certification

I do hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the Lake Worth City Council was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, 3805 Adam Grubb, City of Lake Worth Texas in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

City Secretary

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at (817) 237-1211 ext. 105 for further information.

Lake Worth City Council Meeting - March 20, 2020

Agenda Item No. B.1

FROM: Stacey Almond, City Manager and Mike Christenson, Fire Chief

ITEM: Discuss and consider Resolution No. 2020-05, City of Lake Worth COVID-19 Disaster Declaration and provide direction to staff regarding the City's plan in response to COVID-19.

SUMMARY:

Case of COVID-19 are identified in the State of Texas including the surrounding communities in close proximity to the City of Lake Worth, the City Managers office and Lake Worth Fire Department are taking definitive steps to ensure accurate and timely information is communicated to our city leaders, community and workforce. The following briefing will include an overview of the steps already taken and plan to continue to help provide appropriate response efforts, effective communication with internal and external stakeholders, and coordination with local, state, and federal health departments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2020-05
COVID -19 Council Update
Germ flyer
Info Flyer

RECOMMENDED MOTION OR ACTION:

Move to approve Resolution No. 2020-05, City of Lake Worth COVID-19 Disaster Declaration and provide direction to staff regarding the City's plan in response to COVID-19.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, TEXAS COVID-19 DISASTER DECLARATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth is taking extraordinary measure to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth and the Tarrant County Department of Public Health have established emergency protective measures, mitigation procedures and emergency response plan for this type of health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the International Health Emergency has created a serious health emergency requiring the issuance of a Disaster Declaration and the implementation of the Emergency Operation Plan; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 418; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth will work collaboratively with Tarrant County to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, THIS DISASTER DECLARATION (“ORDER) SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON APPROVED OF THIS ORDER:

- 1.** A local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Lake Worth pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code (the “Code”).
- 2.** The state of disaster shall be effective until is it rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.

3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary's office pursuant to 418.018(c) of the Code.

4. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Lake Worth Emergency Operations Plan, pursuant to 418.018 (d) of the Code.

5. This Declaration shall take effect from and after its issuance.

6. Recommendation to reduce the spread of infections, such as Coronavirus (COVID-19), include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose to reduce the spread of germs.
- Wash hands thoroughly and often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

7. Continue the closure of the City of Lake Worth Mary Lou Reddick Public Library, L.O. Bud Irby Senior Center, and the Multipurpose Facility.

8. Suspend all public and private community gathers over 50 people.

A. For the purposes of this Order, a "Community Gathering" is any indoor or outdoor event or concerning, subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, which brings together or is likely to being together 50 or more persons at the same time in a single room or together single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium, (indoor or outdoor) arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria or any other confined indoor or outdoor space.

B. An outdoor "Community Gathering" under this Order is limited to events in confined outdoor space, which means an outdoor space that: (i) is enclosed by a fence, physical barrier, or other structure and , (ii) where people are present and they are within arms' length of one another for extended periods.

C. The Order also does not prohibit gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces in a single building such as a multiplex movie theater, school or office facility, so long as two hundred and fifty (250) people are not present in any single space at the same time. This Order also does not prohibit the use of enclosed spaces where two hundred and fifty (250) or more people may be present at different times during the say, so long as two hundred and fifty (250) or more people are not present in the space at the same time. For any gathering covered by this subsection (c), the City of Lake Worth and the Tarrant County Department of Public Health strongly encourage compliance with social distancing recommendations, including providing hand sanitizer and tissues and increasing cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

D. For purposes of clarity, a "Community Gathering" does not include the following so long as visitors are generally not within arm's length of one another for extended periods:

- Spaces where two hundred and fifty (250) or more persons may be in transit or waiting for transit, such as airports, bus station or terminals; (ii) office space or residential buildings; (iii) grocery stores, shopping malls, or other retail establishments where large numbers of people are present but it is unusual for them to be within arm's length of one another for extended periods; and (iv)

hospitals and medical facilities. In all such settings, the City of Lake Worth and Tarrant County Department of Public Health recommend following social distancing recommendations, and personal hygiene measures such as hand sanitizer and tissues should be provided when possible.

9. Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code 122.006, the City may adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the City, and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals and other hospitals.

10. In accordance with Texas Government Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

The purpose of this order is for emergency protective measures, mitigation procedures and response plan to this public health emergency.


PASSED AND APPROVED this the 20th day of March 2020.

CITY OF LAKE WORTH

By: _____
Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monica Solko, City Secretary



CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

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INTERIM MEDICAL DIRECTOR

METROPOLITAN AREA EMS AUTHORITY

COVID-19

- Disease first identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019
- Caused by novel (new) coronavirus, named “SARS-COV-2”
 - Different than the 4 standard human coronaviruses, SARS, or MERS
- Disease called “COrona Virus Disease 2019” or COVID-19
- Now in more than 100 countries, including the USA
- Currently considered a “pandemic” due to sustained person-to-person transmission

The Majority of Infections are Mild

Seriousness of symptoms

80.9%



MILD

Like flu, stay at home

13.8%



SEVERE

Hospitalization

4.7%



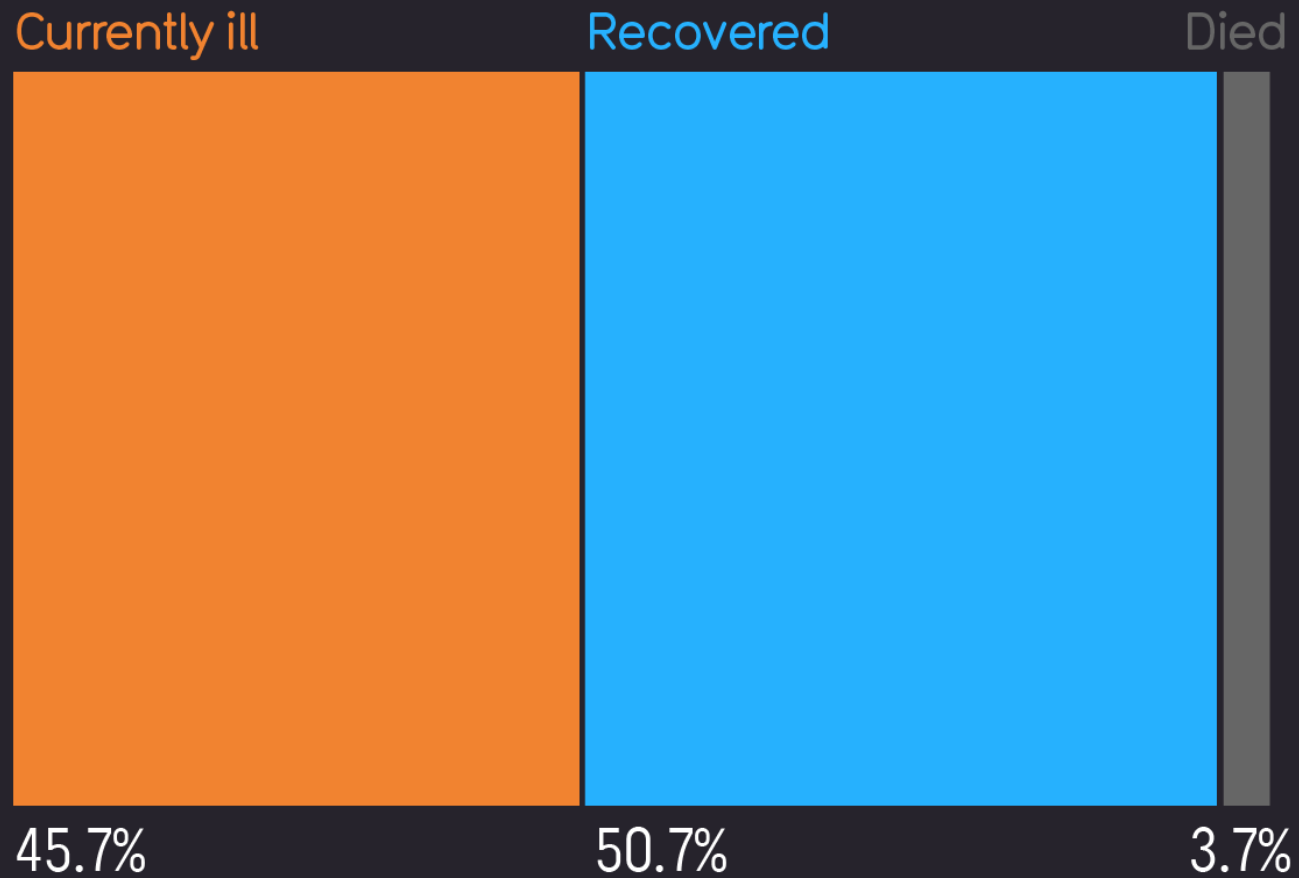
CRITICAL

Intensive care

study of 44,672 confirmed cases in Mainland China
sources: China Centre for Disease Control & Prevention, Statista

The Bulk of People Recover

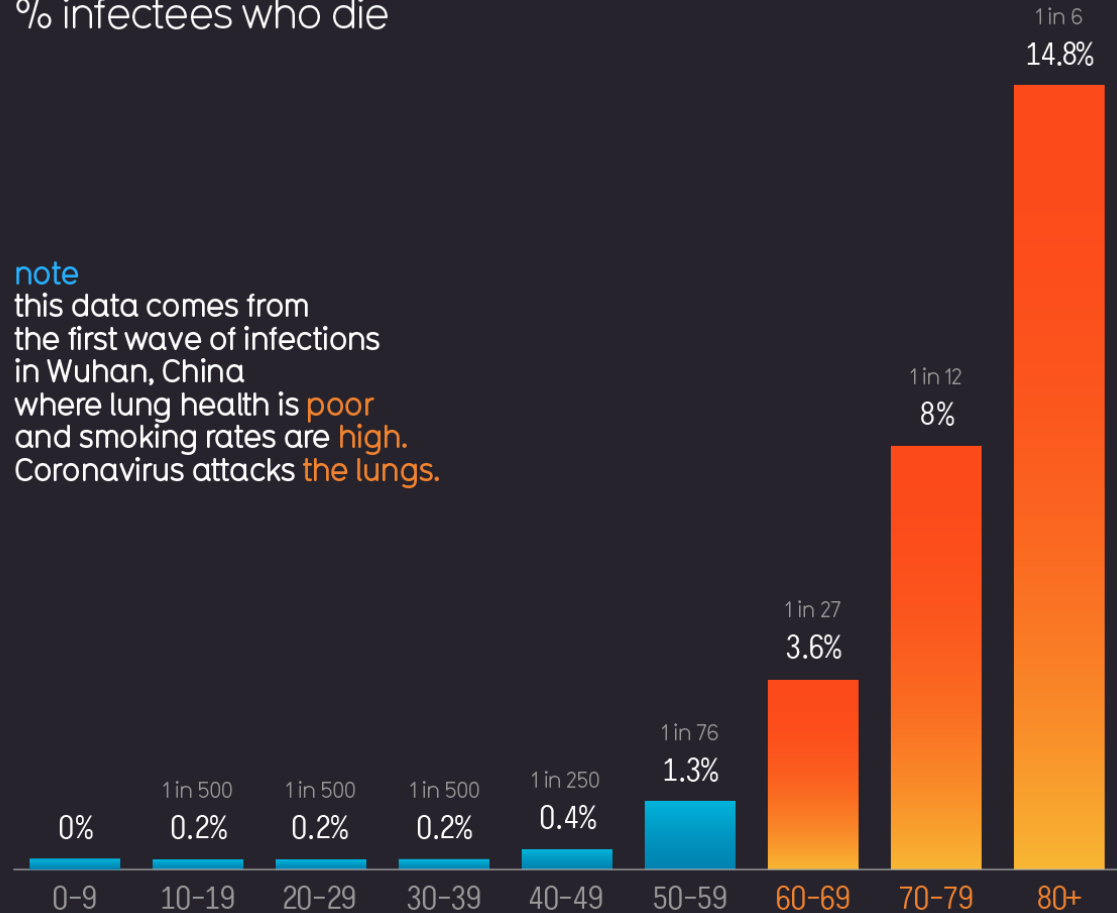
Of total worldwide confirmed cases...



source: Johns Hopkins University

Those Aged 60+ are Most At Risk

% infectees who die



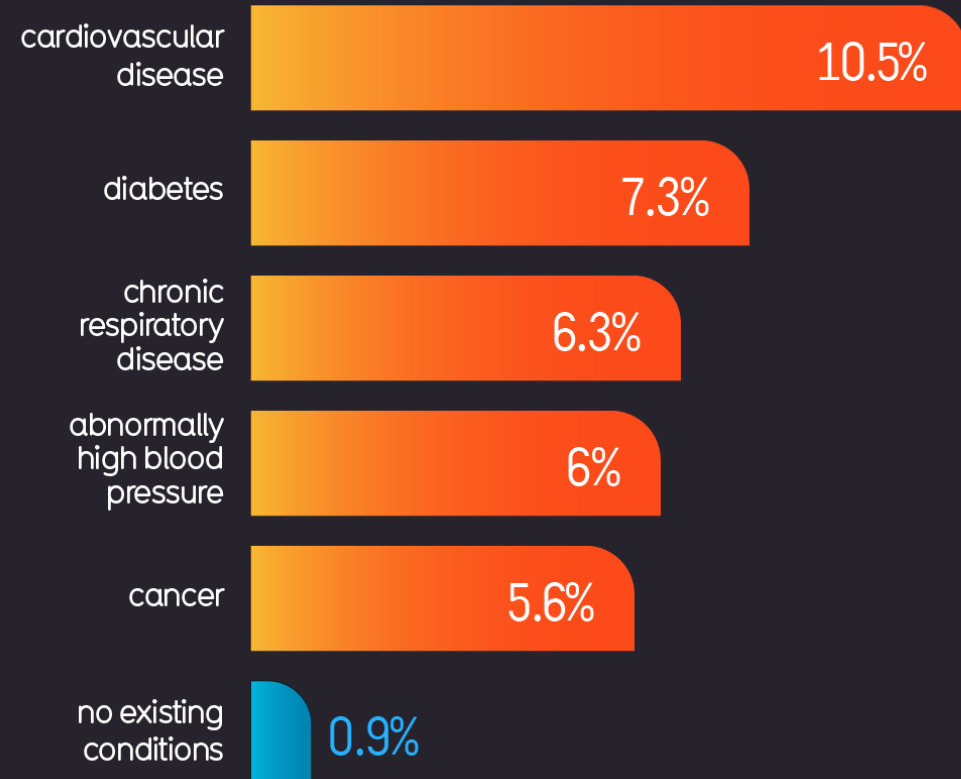
note

this data comes from the first wave of infections in Wuhan, China where lung health is **poor** and smoking rates are **high**. Coronavirus attacks **the lungs**.

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Especially Those with Existing Conditions

% with other **serious ailments** who die

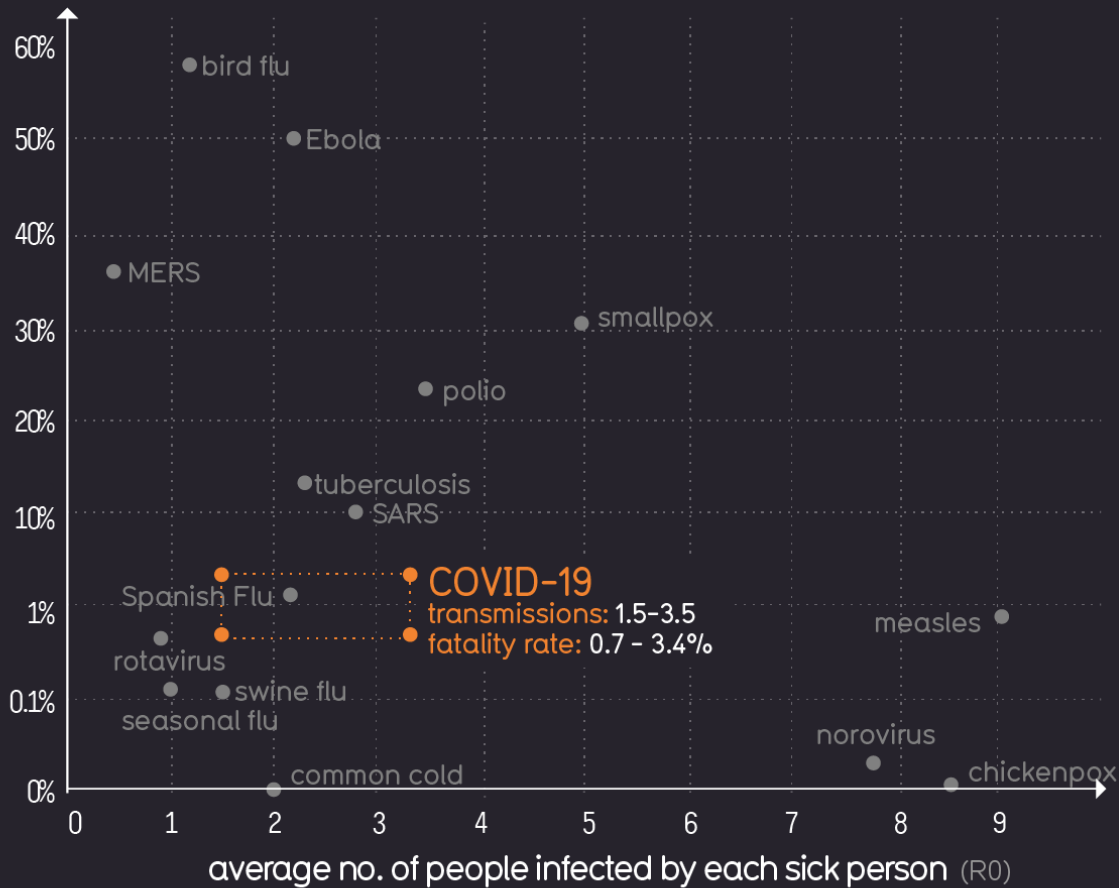


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How Contagious & Deadly is It?

We don't fully know yet but it's in **this range**

% who die (CASE FATALITY RATE)

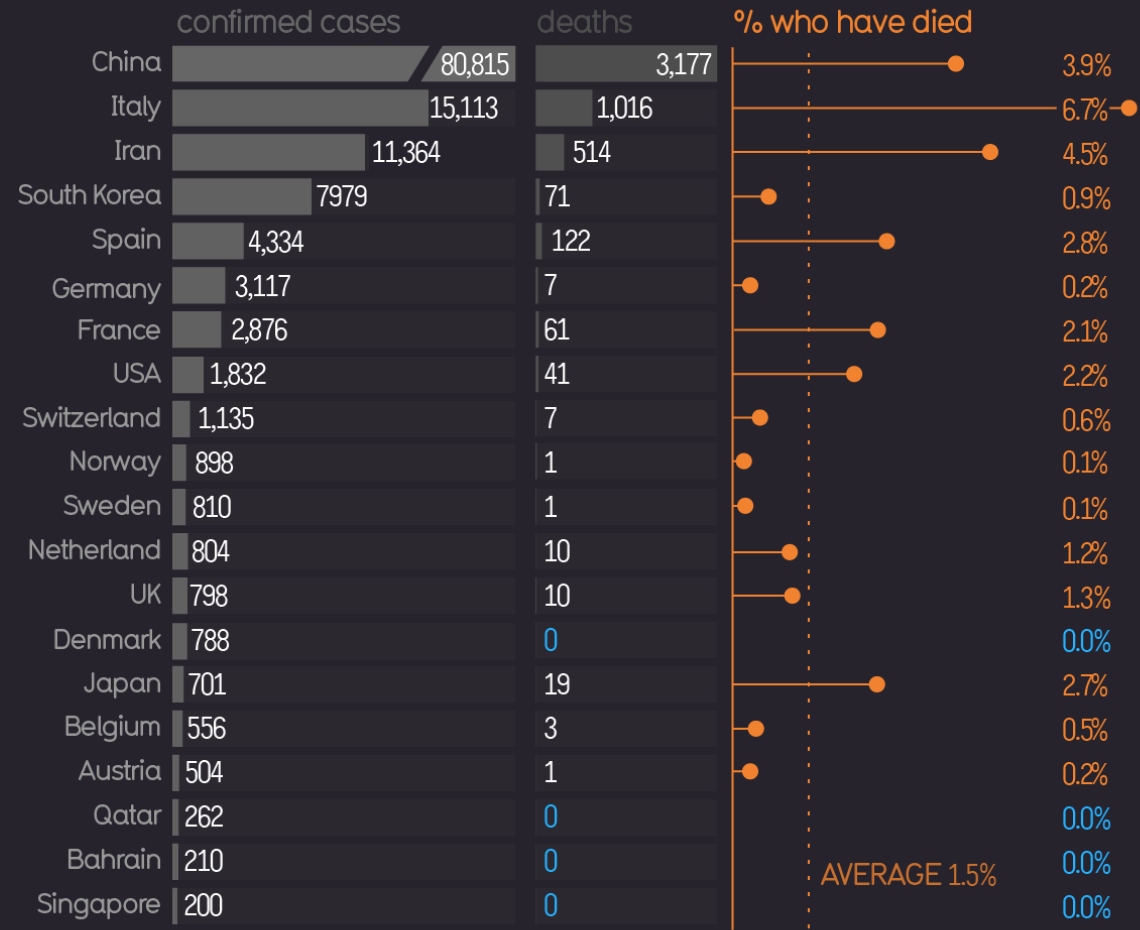


sources: Centres for Disease Control, WHO, New York Times

updated 13th Mar 2020

The Fatality Rate Varies by Country

Quality of healthcare, average age of population – both factors



sources: Johns Hopkins University, multiple media reports. top 20 infected nations

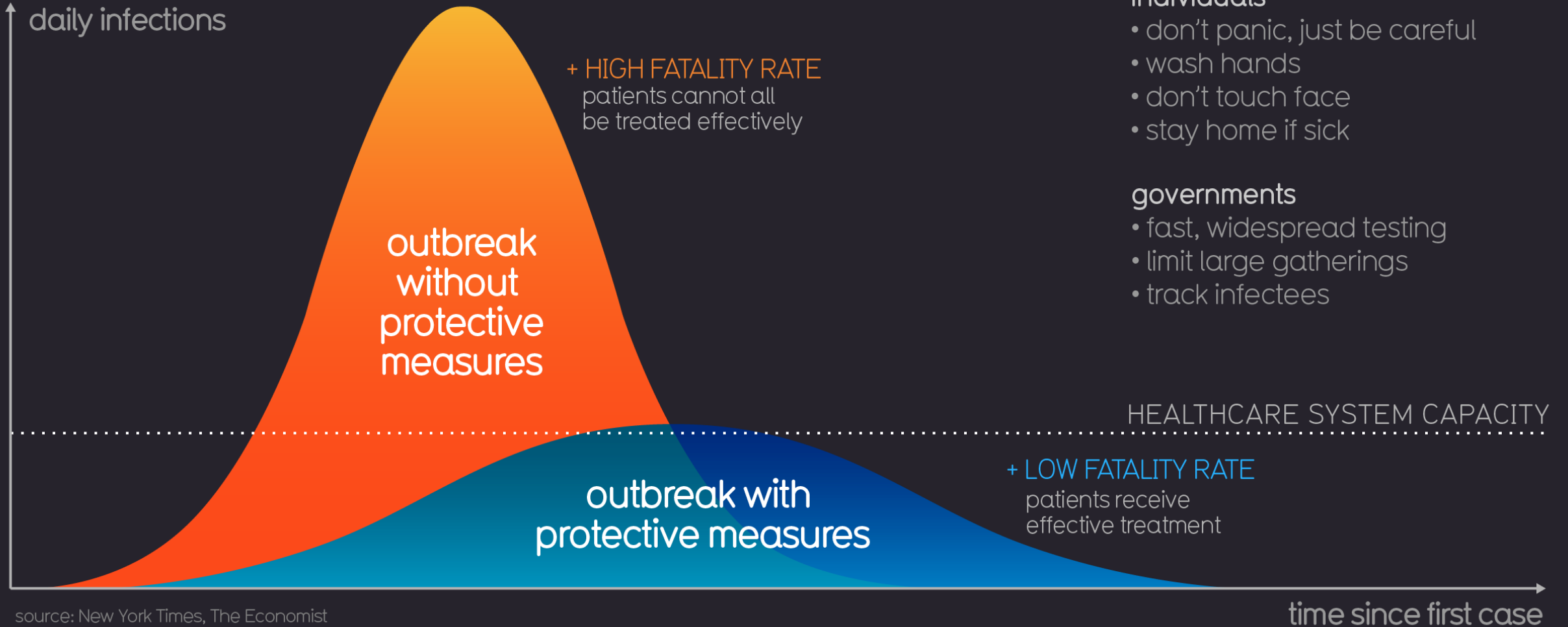
BURLESON EXAMPLE

- 47,282 population – 4,893 65+
 - Assume 50% of people infected
- 23,641 infections – 2,446 65+ infected
 - 5% require critical care
- 1,182 critical care patients – 122 65+

Flattening the Curve

Fast, intelligent action slows pandemic effects, stops the overwhelm of healthcare systems

↑ daily infections



PROTECTIVE MEASURES

individuals

- don't panic, just be careful
- wash hands
- don't touch face
- stay home if sick

governments

- fast, widespread testing
- limit large gatherings
- track infectees

CURRENT EMS MEASURES

- 911 call screening
- Patients under monitoring address flagging
- In-person screening
- Full PPE response
- Currently no positive cases in Burleson – but that won't last

FUTURE EMS MEASURES

- Low-acuity non-transport
- Transport to testing mobile/drive-through testing facilities
- Threats: PPE, hospital space
- North Texas Regional Mass Critical Care Task Force recommendations

YOUR NEXT STEPS

- MITIGATE, MITIGATE, MITIGATE
- Prepare, but don't panic
- Local, State, National – Public Health Emergency Declarations
- Social distancing / isolation
- Reschedule events
- Ban mass gatherings
- Cancel non-essential travel
- For essential services, maintain 6+ feet of separation
- For high-risk groups, limit outside contact



QUESTIONS?

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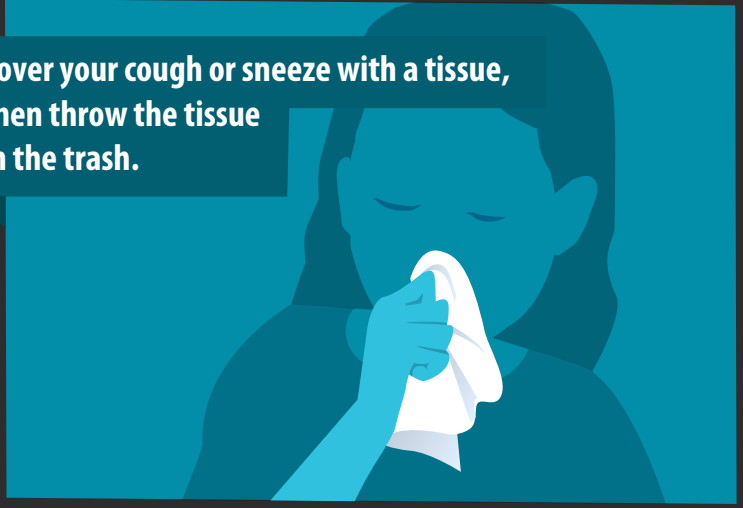
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

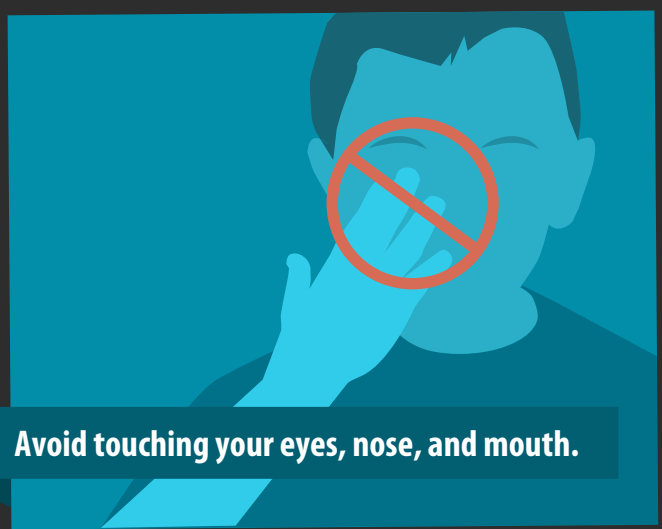
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

CDC is aggressively responding to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and preparing for the potential of community spread in the U.S.

Travel

- Conducts outreach to travelers
- Issues travel notices



Businesses

- Provides business guidance including recommendations for sick leave policies and continuity of operations

Schools

- Provides guidance for schools including school closures and online education options



Community members

- Shares information on symptoms and prevention
- Provides information on home care
- Encourages social distancing

Laboratory and diagnostics

- Develops diagnostic tests
- Confirms all positive test results submitted by states



Health departments

- Assesses state and local readiness to implement community mitigation measures
- Links public health agencies and healthcare systems



Healthcare professionals

- Develops guidance for healthcare professionals
- Conducts clinical outreach and education



Healthcare systems

- Develops preparedness checklists for health systems
- Provides guidance for PPE supply planning, healthcare system screening, and infection control
- Leverages existing telehealth tools to redirect persons to the right level of care

