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Some Good News About Coronavirus

A study done by five researchers from Harvard and three from the University of Hong Kong that was [published by Nature Research](#) on Thursday concluded that the risk of dying from the COVID-19/coronavirus was about 60-percent lower than previously reported. They wrote, “The probability of dying from the infection, after developing symptoms ... was 0.5% ... for those [aged 15 to 64] and 2.7 percent for those [over 64].” The study was based on the best available information from the city of Wuhan, the epicenter of the outbreak.



This is far lower than that estimated by the World Health Organization (WHO) earlier this month, at 3.4 percent.

And even those lower numbers might still be too high, said the researchers. Other areas now being exposed to the virus may be better prepared because of the experiences gained from those exposed early to the virus, and the consequent availability of better treatment options as time passes.

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Evidence that the virility and length of the virus may be much lower and shorter continues to build. As *The New American* reported on Wednesday, S&P Global Ratings’s worst case scenario is the outbreak is expected to end in late May, and likely sooner. We reported also that analysts at the financial and investment advisory company Jeffries Group studied the impact of warmer weather on the spread of the virus and concluded that “high temperature and high humidity significantly reduce the transmission of influenza.” This bodes well as the U.S. is on the cusp of Spring (today being officially the first day of Spring).

A Facebook post noted some positive developments, just to put things in perspective:

How about some good news?

- China has closed down its last coronavirus hospital. Not enough new cases to support them.
- Doctors in India have been successful in treating Coronavirus. Combination of drugs used: Lopinavir, Retonovir, Oseltamivir along with Chlorphenamine. They are going to suggest same medicine, globally.
- Researchers of the Erasmus Medical Center claim to have found an antibody against coronavirus.
- A 103-year-old Chinese grandmother has made a full recovery from COVID-19 after being treated for 6 days in Wuhan, China.
- Apple reopens all 42 china stores.
- Cleveland Clinic developed a COVID-19 test that gives results in hours, not days.
- Good news from South Korea, where the number of new cases is declining.



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- Italy is hit hard, experts say, only because they have the oldest population in Europe.
 - Scientists in Israel likely to announce the development of a coronavirus vaccine.
 - 3 Maryland coronavirus patients fully recovered; able to return to everyday life.
 - A network of Canadian scientists are making excellent progress in Covid-19 research.
 - A San Diego biotech company is developing a Covid-19 vaccine in collaboration with Duke University and National University of Singapore.
 - Tulsa County's first positive COVID-19 case has recovered. This individual has had two negative tests, which is the indicator of recovery.
 - All 7 patients who were getting treated for at Safdarjung hospital in New Delhi have recovered.
 - Plasma from newly recovered patients from Covid -19 can treat others infected by Covid-19.
- So it's not all bad news. Let's care for each other and stay focused on safety of those most vulnerable.

There's more good news: Thanks to the virus, more and more American companies are revisiting their contractual commitments to China, and many of them are ending their relationships there and bringing their manufacturing facilities back to the states.

The virus is accelerating the collapse of the move toward globalization and its end point of a one-world global government.

And as the president exhibits his statesmanlike performance over the threat of the virus, even Democrats are applauding it, at least for the moment.

That above-mentioned Facebook post is right; "It's not all bad news." In fact, more and more of the news about the virus is getting better.

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