

COVID-19 Information

In 2020 there were 76,669 “Deaths involving COVID-19” recorded by the Office of National Statistics (ONS). Of these, 96% were in the 55 and over age group. In fact, 84% of all recorded “Deaths involving COVID-19” occurred in the 70 and over age group. This was the case, week on week, throughout 2020.

Under 55 year olds represent around 70% of the 60 Million people of the UK, among whom there were 2,672 “Deaths involving COVID-19”. So, if you were among this 42 Million people, your risk of death to Covid-19 was around 0.006%, about twice that of dying in a car accident. Contrast this with people over 55 who represent 31% of the population. If you were over 55 in 2020 your risk of death to Covid-19 was 0.4%, about 67 times that of dying in a car accident. There were around 7,800,000 people over 70 representing just 13% of the UK population, so if you were over 70 in 2020 your risk of death to Covid-19 rose to 0.8%, about 133 times that of dying in a car accident. Over a third of all “Deaths involving COVID-19” were in Care Homes (that’s around 25,556). The number of people in Care Homes is roughly 418,000. So, if you were over 55 and in a Care Home in the UK in 2020, your risk of death to Covid-19 rose to 6.1%, about 1016 times that of dying in a car accident.

If the government’s responsibility during a pandemic was to minimise the number of deaths and provide protection for those most vulnerable this represents a monumental failure at cost of £400bn. This failure has been in not planning and providing protection for those most vulnerable; i.e. the elderly and those with existing conditions, and it has been an appalling disregard for the facts, and for the science.

Testing for the virus has shown that for over a third of positive tests the infected person shows no symptoms. This confirms what many have already said; a thing that some in the media have suggested it should be illegal to say: *“that for most of us Covid-19 is no worse than the Flu”*. Indeed **UK Research and Innovation** state that *“The majority (around 80%) of people who become infected with the new coronavirus will only suffer from minor illness.”*. They nevertheless point out that *“the fatality rate following infection is still high compared to other pandemic diseases”* but this is because, a fact they elude but as the WHO stated in February 2020, the risk is dramatically higher among the elderly and those with existing conditions (see <https://coronavirusexplained.ukri.org/en/article/cad0002>).

The deceitful obsession by media and government with infection rates and numbers of cases, which the statistics confirm have little relevance for around 80% of the population, has had incalculable cost to the community. There has been a vast expense selectively dispensed to specific groups of “those affected” while in fact some have benefited enormously, thereby creating a treacherous landscape of winners and losers in an already extreme wealth divide. There have been futile, often corrupt expenditures, principal among which have been PPE, the Track and Trace programme and, most outrageously, the Vaccine itself given that herd immunity could have been achieved within three months had the vulnerable been properly protected, at their own volition and with meaningful government support, while the virus passed unimpeded through the younger, healthier, more resistant population and became extinct.

The real cost of this calamity, with increasing fear, anxiety and distrust, government authoritarianism and belligerence, the loss of social cohesion and mental well-being, eroded education and economic health, will be felt for a century to come. The worst of all outcomes however, is the growth in power of irresponsibly deceitful media and government and the loss of capacity of a community to think and assess the facts for itself based on trustworthy, reliable sources of information.

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