



Social distancing

Everything you need to know about it

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The world has come to an agreement that the pandemic of COVID-19 is quite frightening and is very real. Most colleges, universities and schools are closing either permanently or temporarily for the remainder of the semester so they don't risk or increase the spread of the virus.

Many health officials are advising social distancing. Yes, it sounds pretty self explanatory but what does it actually mean?

Social distancing means staying home if you feel under the weather, not shaking hands, avoiding crowds and staying six feet away from other people. It means staying away from people in public as best as you possibly can.

Many people are opting to stay home and are self-quarantining as best they can. This means they are hunkering down at their house and are not having any physical interactions with

the outside world or anyone that is not directly with them in their living spaces. This is hard for many individuals because no one knows how long this is going to last and there are so many unanswered questions.

But, many people are having fun with it online. Musicians are having mini-concerts on their social media or teaching fans how to play their songs on social media as well. Many yoga studios are also opting to teach their daily classes either on Zoom or Instagram live for free to keep their regulars (or newbies) in shape and occupied during this hard time.

As humans, we owe it to each other to look out for others and be selfless. Think about the elderly and others in society with auto-immune disorders that are at a much higher risk of contracting the virus. If you stay home and social-distance/self-quarantine, you help flatten the curve and help slow the spread of Covid-19. You are one less person to get the virus and spread it to others in your community. Please stay home.

16 temporary coronavirus hospitals closed in Wuhan

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These days it is hard to find anything positive in the news, especially in regards to the coronavirus. It is of the utmost importance that the good news continue to be shared and made known to the public so there is not constant negativity floating around. Constant negativity leads to feelings of despair, but good news can lead to more hopeful attitudes.

In Wuhan, where the coronavirus originated, 16 temporary hospitals sprung up in an effort to contain and control the illness from spreading like wildfire. In a wonderful turn of events, the last two of these emergency hospitals have been closed down, due to the lack of need. It is said that the patients are now in the single digits.

A hospital in the capital of the Hubei province, that was constructed from a stadium, saw its final 49 recovered patients out and they were met with cheers and clapping. This hospital was erected quickly to house 784 and opened on February 5. By the time this hospital closed, it had seen a total of 1,124 patients. 833 of these patients were discharged, with 291 being transferred to other hospitals.

Another hospital in Wuhan, in the Jiangxia district, shut its doors as well, after 26 days of operation. It received a total of 564 patients, 392 of which were discharged. In total, Wuhan treated 13 thousand patients in the 16 hospitals that were erected. Despite these closures, Wuhan still remains on lockdown, as they have for 50 days. It is, however, a ray of hope that maybe this epidemic needs, and may be a sign that it will be slowing down soon, since there are less patients to treat.

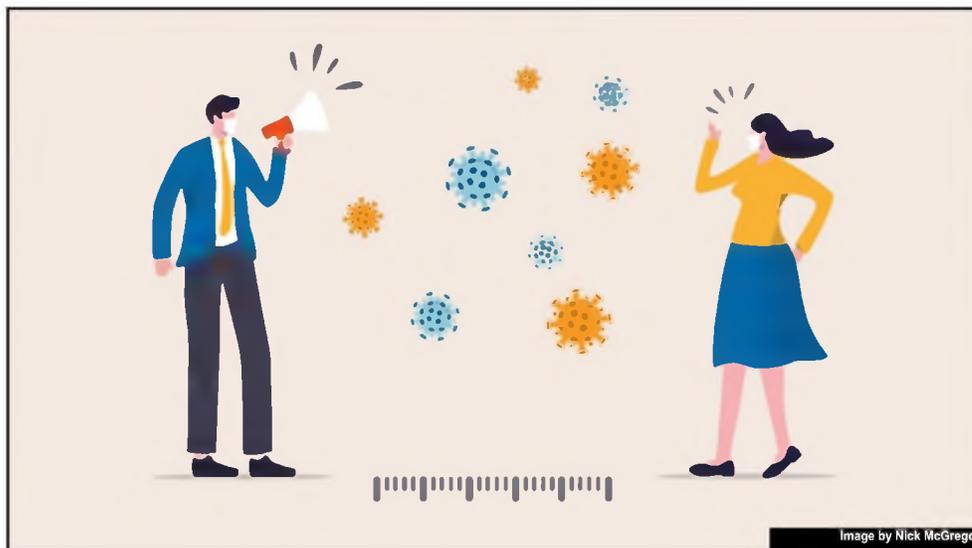


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