

Do not open!



TONY'S DIARY

The Missing Pages: DEC 2021 - MAY 2022



ON COVID ORIGINS — "A CRITICAL FACT THAT SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE BOOK"

Dr. Fauci was already deciding how to present the COVID-origins controversy in his book. Under "****Very important issue to discuss in the book," he wrote that "the entire controversy with China as the source of the outbreak and the lab leak theory stems from the tension between Trump and China." He blamed President Trump's cancellation of EcoHealth Alliance's Wuhan grant for the "deomization of Peter Dascak" and "an emergence of the theory of a lab leak," reminding himself to "emphasize in the book" that it "really stemmed from Trump" and calling that "a critical fact that should be developed in the book" (March 21, 2022). He also flagged a Time article he described as explaining "why it is not important and it may take years to determine" the origin—"We need to incorporate this in the book" (February 24, 2022).

ON DEFUSE — "COULD LIKELY REQUIRE P3CO OVERSIGHT"

The night before his Senate testimony, and hours after Project Veritas released a Marine Corps major's memo to the Department of Defense Inspector General concerning EcoHealth Alliance's rejected DEFUSE proposal to DARPA, Dr. Fauci dismissed the release as a "smear campaign" and a "nothing burger" but wrote that the proposal "had stuff in it that could likely require P3CO oversight if it had been sent to us," while stressing that NIAID "never even saw the grant" (January 10, 2022).

ON THE CDC — "THE CDC IS TRULY A DYSFUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATION"

Dr. Fauci wrote that "it was I who recommended to the president again through Ron Klain and Jeff that Rochelle Walensky be made CDC director" (February 17, 2022). After recommending her for the position, he went on to privately question the science behind CDC and other agencies' policies. During a fight over testing after five days of isolation, he wrote that Jeff Zients was "adamant" they not say testing shortages were driving the policy: "We have to say that testing is required at 5 days and let the system work it out whether the tests are available or not" (December 31, 2021). Days later, Fauci called CDC "truly a dysfunctional organization," but wrote: "I do not want to make this explicit in writing of the book" (January 2, 2022 [diary entry mislabeled "Jan 2, 2021"]). On the pediatric vaccine, he wrote that "The data are not solid for A2 dose vaccine" for children 24 months to four years even as "the FDA wants to push to get approval for the two dose" while waiting for "confirm atory data for a 3 dose regimen" (February 1, 2022).

ON OPTICS — "WE ARE TRYING TO ACT LIKE WE'RE PULLING OUT OF THIS OUTBREAK"

When Ron Klain warned that special mask, vaccine, and testing requirements around President Biden could look like a "double standard," Dr. Fauci argued "that the special situation with the president warrants that." Biden agreed: "I'm the fucking President of the United states." Fauci wrote: "I totally agreed with him" (February 16, 2022). Two months later, Fauci wrote that CDC's 15-minute "close contact" rule was "really based on almost no science" and that Dr. Walensky "does want to change this guideline which she realizes is not based on any really solid science," but predicted White House resistance because officials "don't want the president to stop interacting with the public and to be walking around with a mask all the time since we are trying to act like we're pulling out of this outbreak" (April 13, 2022).

ON TRUMP — "THE MISINFORMATION THAT HE HELPED KINDLE"

Dr. Fauci wrote that Trump was "trying to have it both ways" on vaccines and that "the misinformation that he helped kindle is one of the reasons why people don't get vaccinate," while saying the Biden administration "does not try to interfere with or distort the science the way the trump administration did" (January 12, 2022). He later called Title 42 "obviously a pretext" and wrote that former CDC Director Robert Redfield had, "in typical fashion," "caved in to the Trump administration" (March 13, 2022). After a Trump-appointed federal judge struck down the transportation mask mandate, Fauci called it "Another egregious example of Trump appointed judges interfering with sound public health measures" (April 20, 2022).

Dec 31, 2021 – Continued from Part 4

Many conversations between Jeff and me and back and forth with Rochelle regarding the wording of the guidelines about people getting back to work after five days. Jeff is adamant that we don't say that one of the reasons we're not doing it is because we don't have enough tests. We have to say that testing is required at 5 days and let the system work it out whether the tests are available or not. Michelle is getting hung up on making recommendations which will not be able to be implemented because of logistic constraints. I emphasized to her that if she tries to do it any other way it will completely confuse people. She has to make a recommendation and if there are not enough tests then people will make a decision to proceed without getting tested at 5 days and we will allow that option, but we can't be talking about maybe, could, should, if, when we are trying to get succinct understandable public health recommendations. (see below)

Jan. 1, 2022

Important interchange between Rochelle and me regarding my wanting to be specific and clarify that if we want to get infected people back to work after 5 days we must get them tested with an Ag test after 45 days:

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Quarantine and Isolation documents

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are confident the content is safe.

Good morning, Tony,

Happy New Year. I'm actively working on this. Will have an update for you on next steps in a few hours.
Thanks,
Rochelle

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Quarantine and Isolation documents

Rochelle:

The only part that I read carefully is the part that you pointed out to me regarding testing or not at the 5 day time point. I still believe strongly that it should be a “recommendation” from the CDC and not a statement that “some people may decide they want to test at the end of the five day isolation period”. I recommend saying something such as: “It is recommended that individuals get tested at the end of the five day isolation period. The best approach is to use two antigen tests. Samples should be collected at least 24 hours apart (for example, on days 4 and 5). If both tests are negative, continue to mask around others at home and in public until day 10. If either test is positive, continue to isolate until day 10.”

The reason that I feel it is important to say “get tested” is that this is the exact language that you use in the section on quarantine even though admittedly these are somewhat different situations. However, the overall goal of both situations is to prevent people who are infected from spreading infection in the community. We must be consistent. If we feel that there are issues with availability of testing, cost of testing, or any other factors, they must apply to both those who are isolated and those who are quarantined. In fact, there will be many more people who will be quarantined than those who will actually be isolated.

On another note, upon consideration I do feel that Vivek and I should be part of that group that meets hopefully tomorrow. Since Vivek and I are going to be the ones together with you to defend but policy it is important that together we see how it evolves. Please let me know if you want to chat further. If not I will wait to hear from you about the upcoming meeting. Many thanks.

Best regards,

Tony

Through the evening today, I was back and forth on the phone with Jeff and with Rochelle. I convinced Rochelle to put together an ad hoc group of people to advise her and back her in being able to make an allowance for testing at day five. She got back to me and said that her people told her that she could not do that since it would require a FACA committee. And so she called up individual people including Mike Osterholm and Tom Frieden and she claims that they were OK

without the testing (touch to believe since the entire scientific community was for testing a few days ago; however, she did mention that they would compromise and have a two pathway approach which she would refer to as time related and test related. Time related means you go to five days and then put a mask on and go out. Test related means that if tests are available you get tested and if you are positive you go back to isolation if you're negative you put a mask on and go out into the community. This is not exactly what I wanted nor exactly what Jeff wanted but it is better than not mentioning testing at all. I will be on the Sunday shows tomorrow and it would be interesting to see the kinds of questions they ask me. Beneath all of this is a strong feeling on the part of the medical team including Vivek as well as the entire White House against the way CDC is doing things. Cliff Lane agrees completely with me as does Bruce Tromberg that we should have testing at day 5.

Jan 2, 2021 (Sunday)

Cases are around 400,000 per day, deaths at around 1200 a day, 822,000 people have already died. And there were about 54 million total cases. Evidence continues to come in from other countries as well as good in vitro data from several countries that omicron is less severe both as a clinical phenomenon as well as in animal studies of pathogenicity.

I did the morning shows this morning and walked a fine line successfully . I did not contradict the CDC explicitly but I made it clear that if tests were available I would take tests after five days of isolation and if negative go out with a mask and if positive continue to isolate for the remaining five days or until I'm asymptomatic.

Extremely stressful series of phone calls several with Rochelle, then with Jeff and the team, then with HHS (Ian Sams, Steve Cha, Dawn O'Connell, Vivek Murthy). It has become extremely clear that the CDC is truly a dysfunctional organization. It pains me to say this I do not want to make this explicit in writing of the book; however in many respects it is the truth. On multiple phone calls with Rachel , we decided that in fact we should be having a “lane” that would allow testing after five days. Even though there are not enough tests for everyone to get a test right now it does not make any sense if a person has access to a test to not take a test. If the test is positive there's a high likelihood that that person is transmissible and so one can ask the question why would you not want to know that as opposed to making the scientifically incorrect statement that testing whether it's positive or negative wouldn't predict anything that would change your decision about whether that person should go back into society. Although we agreed on it ,Rachel could not guarantee us that that's the way the upcoming amplification of the guidelines would read. She kept on saying she could not get it “cleared” . It was unclear whom she was talking about when she said “cleared” . Apparently, she is getting a lot of pushback from the testing working group at CDC. We had an extremely painful conversation among the medical team with Jeff when it was clear that she could not guarantee us that there would be a pathway

that we all agreed upon because she could not guarantee that the CDC or whomever she was saying would not clear it would allow this. Finally, the Vivek made it very clear that he could not defend the no testing approach and would refuse to go on the air to talk about it. This triggered a zoom with me, Steve Cha, Ian Sams, and Dawn O'Connell where it was very clear that HHS agreed 100% with me that the CDC policy made absolutely no sense and they really had to come up with a clarification saying that if a test was available to a person that they should take the test and if the test is positive they should stay out for the rest of the 10 day. If tests are not available, then go out but make sure you always wear a mask.

In the meantime all the right wing media particularly led by FOX is coming out and saying that "Fauci flip-flopped" (related to my TV appearances on the subject where I said the CDC is considering updating their guidelines) when in fact I have been saying what I said all along that we should do testing. Once again, I'm taking a hit for the incompetency and extraordinary dysfunction of the CDC.

PRESS: ABC "This Week with George Stephanopoulos"; CNN "State of the Union" with Dana Bash

Jan. 3, 2021 Global USA

White out snow storm today – 7 inches

I am refusing to go out in any press appearances today because I do not want to have to explain the difference between me and the CDC . They must come out today and clarify they're updating of the guidelines so it doesn't look like I'm out there contradicting them. They are taking forever to come up with this.

Had a very important conversation (confidential) with Seam Mccluskie and Dawn O'Connell about the CDC. Sean wanted my advice about how we can address the problem with the CDC. I explained to him and dawn agreed that the culture of the CDC is ingrained and has been that way for decades. I recommend this strongly that they walk the fine balance between not making it appear that they having political influence on the public health process, which they are not, but figure out a way how to get the CDC before they make major pronouncements and decisions and guidelines and recommendations that they consult with a group of people including representatives from the NIH, the FDA, the CDC , and other representatives from outside scientist to "kick the tires " and murder board their decisions before they actually make them public. This would have avoided the debacle that we are going through right now regarding testing at 5 days in individuals who are infected and isolated. Sean was very grateful for the conversation and said he would try and see if we can get Rochelle to agree to that. after that discussion I spoke with Cliff lane and Cliff feels that we should probably recommend a top to bottom mid view of the entire CDC structure and function , perhaps bringing in the National Academy of Sciences or the National Academy of medicine. I believe he is right since we have to examine why we have to rely on data from other countries to learn about the

epidemiology of diseases when we have interactions with the health departments and yet the CDC feels that they have to yield to the health departments with regard to their data. They don't share data in real time and that has become very clear in that we have to rely on Israel, South Africa, and the UK to get important information. Anybody who examines this has to realize how unacceptable this is.

Important back and forth between me and Ian Sams, the comms person for HHS. There have been a number of back and forth conversations between Ian Sams and me. Ian and HHS are totally in my corner and are completely frustrated by the **CDC's refusal to make a firm recommendation that people should be tested after five days** of isolation before they are let out into the community with masks. The CDC wants the language to be that if tests are available a person may decide on their own that they want to get tested and could do so by getting tested on day 5 and if they are positive to go back into isolation and if they are negative to mask up and go into the community. HHS and I think that that is too ambiguous and that we should say if testing are available one should get tested according to the description above. CDC came back and refused that and Ian and I tried to have a compromise and said that if testing is available and one "can get tested" that they should get tested in the following manner. Even though I do not like that I can live with it in order to get things moving. We tried to get Rochelle under discussion but apparently she was "out of pocket " for an hour and a half and when she finally came back she said that my version was not acceptable because she does not think that we should be tested and that they should say what they originally said that if people feel they would like to get tested if they decide to get tested , leaving it up to the person to decide whether or not they should get tested as opposed to a firm recommendation. **In order to break the log jam I told Ian that they should go ahead and do that but when I get out publicly I am going to say that I recommend that people to whom tests are available should get tested as opposed to leaving it up to them to decide if they feel like they want to get tested.** It should not be up to the individual; they need a recommendation. I am very surprised about Rochelle because I thought that she was on board with our decision There should be two options one of which is to recommend testing. Let us see how this plays out. I will discuss this with Vivek.

I am getting dozens of phone calls today and tonight from every media outlet wanting my comment about the confusion regarding the CDC's recommendations for the first time in a very long time I have not answered any of the press calls since I don't think it would do any good for me to talk about things until the CDC comes out with their revised guidelines and recommendations. I don't want to be commenting on something and then find out that they backtrack and say something that I did not think they were going to say.

Jeff dropped off the speech that the President is going to give tomorrow at my house for me to make any corrections and edits for accuracy. I made a few changes and then called him at his home a few blocks away and found in the changes , all of which he accepted.

PRESS: NYC PIX 11 TV interview;

Jan. 4, 2021 – Global – 290,959,019/5,446,753; USA – 56,310,718/825,106

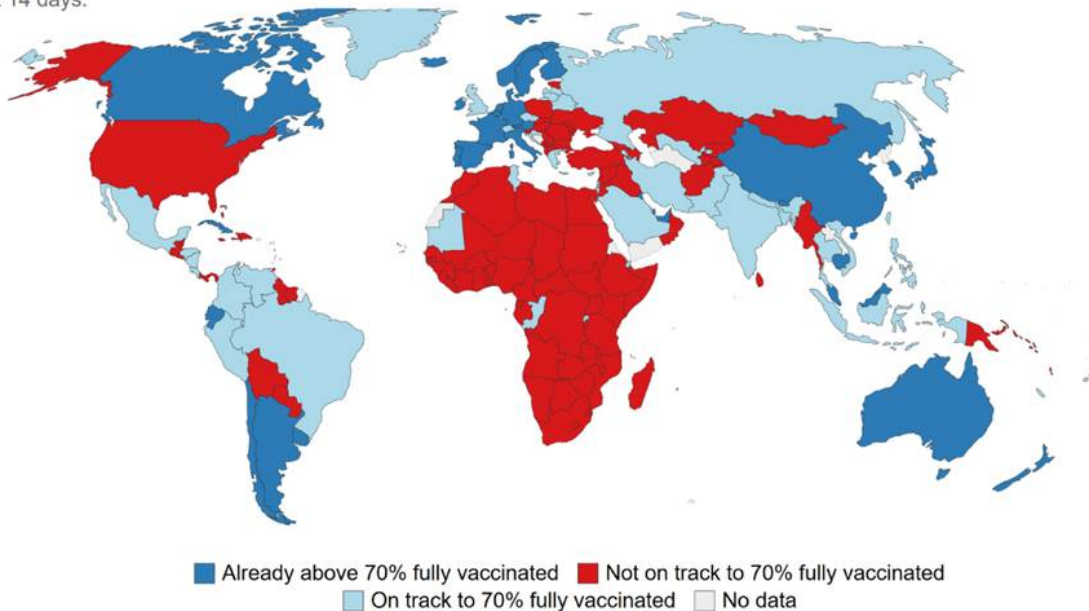
Gave an in person briefing in the White House at the South Court auditorium to the POTUS and the Vice President. I spoke about omicron and the fact that it's severity is less but that we should not be complacent since it is really a tsunami of infection that might still ultimately stress our health care system. The president was his usual warm and complimentary of me about the job that I am doing. As usual, the vice president asked probing questions at a granular level. The president was a little bit frustrated because he wanted to make sure that we erred on the side of ordering too many tests and too many other interventions such as drugs rather than ordering them on an as needed basis. He made that very clear to us.

The USA is not on track to be fully vaccinated by mid-2022. We are at 62% of the total population fully vaccinated. Shameful that this is the case:

COVID-19: which countries are on track to have fully vaccinated 70% of their population by mid-2022?

Our World
in Data

Projections are based on each country's last-reported vaccination coverage, and the number of people fully vaccinated in the last 14 days.



Source: Data collection and projections by Our World in Data, based on official sources. Last updated: January 4, 2022

Note: We exclude countries that have not reported data for more than 30 days. The global target of 70% by mid-2022 has been set by the World Health Organization.

OurWorldInData.org/coronavirus • CC BY

The CDC refuses to explicitly recommend testing; they say "...and wants to test":

If an individual has access to a test and wants to test, the best approach is to use an [antigen test](#)¹ towards the end of the 5-day isolation period. Collect the test sample only if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved (loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation). If your test result is positive, you should continue to isolate until day 10. If your test result is negative, you can end isolation, but continue to wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others at home and in

public until day 10. Follow additional recommendations for masking and restricting travel as described above.

I could not agree with using the words "...and wants to test" as opposed to recommending tests and I had to say that to the New York Times and the Washington Post. This was very painful for me since I know this is going to look like I'm being pitted against the CDC but I could not in good conscience agree with their recommendation based on what I know about what the test would show. It is going to be a tough time in the next day or two and maybe even irreparable damage between me and the CDC.

Letter to editor NY Times supporting me from Dabvid Baltimore and Bob Bazell:

Attacks and Threats Against Anthony Fauci



The Fox News host Jesse Watters said that activists should "ambush" Dr. Anthony S. Fauci with questions that he described as "the kill shot." Credit...Jeenah Moon for The New York Times

To the Editor:

Re "[Fox News Steps Up Its Anti-Fauci Drumbeat](#)" (Business, Dec. 24):

You describe the awful harassment and threats directed against Dr. Anthony Fauci, one of America's most honored investigators of infectious diseases. He has headed the federal agency that supports research on infectious agents for 37 years. He has wide appreciation from the community of scholars who study infectious agents. He has spoken thoughtfully to the executive branch and to the public about the complex issues that are posed by infectious agents.

Because of the [threats against him and his family](#), they have had to live in continual fear. He has bravely stood up to the attacks on his integrity and has spoken truth to the nation. We need his advice and counsel as we counter the terrible threat that coronaviruses pose to our health and livelihoods.

David Baltimore

Robert Bazell

Dr. Baltimore is president emeritus of the California Institute of Technology and a 1975 Nobel laureate in Physiology or Medicine. Mr. Bazell is an adjunct professor at Yale University and former chief science correspondent for NBC News.

To the Editor:

I'm confused: In 2008 President George W. Bush [awarded Dr. Anthony Fauci](#) the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, for his devotion to science and for his work to combat AIDS. Thirteen years later, why are stalwarts of the same Republican Party as Mr. Bush — individuals such as Ted Cruz, Ron DeSantis, Jim Jordan and Marjorie Taylor Greene, whom you quote in your article — now launching such horrific invectives toward him?

Gary A. Rendsburg

Highland Park, N.J.

Jan. 5, 2021 Global – 293,750,692/5,454,131; USA – 57,190,371/827,879

The press conference went very well and there was not any instigation of conflict between Rochelle and I. I had a very good conversation with Rachel after the press briefing and we agreed that we still “love each other” then we have to move on from this situation. I did explain to her why I feel that the science and the advice that she is getting from her multiple working groups is both incorrect and confusing . She seemed to agree with me about that but did not actually say it. Of note I mentioned to her something that I did do last night and that is recommend to Courtney Rowe that the best approach going forward would be when we have an important new guideline from the CDC that it get vetted with the Medical Group thoroughly , not just with a casual verbal alert. After that the CDC should be given the responsibility of announcing it in Atlanta with their own press conference. The reason why this has not worked in the past and likely will not work is that the CDC incessantly leaks things and they would likely leak what they want before they give it a chance to be vetted carefully by the Medical Group. Therefore, if there's any differences that come out of the vetting group it would look like a conflict. This is a major systemic defect in the CDC.

Interview with Peggy McGlone of the Washington Post in preparation of my portrait being chosen to be put in the National Portrait Gallery



Just a reminder that I still continually do two times per week press conferences, visit the president in person at least once a week, and every week brief the House and Senate (of late), the governors and the principals.

Email exchange between Walensky and me:

Thank you, Tony —

In solidarity with you — and all we face together.

Head down, North Star is working to use our collective experience, wisdom and counsel to do our best for each other and the world.

Sleep well and please stay safe.

R

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:16:36 PM

To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: NYT: For C.D.C.'s Walensky, a Steep Learning Curve on Messaging

Rochelle:

This bright shiny object for the press will pass rapidly and then we will move on to more important things. This will go away I promise you. Concomitant with this coming out, which also accused me of muddying the waters, I received another ugly death threat and my wife received an extremely obscene phone call tonight on her cell phone. Sometimes you are glad when the day ends. Let us hang in there together.

Warm regards,

Tony

PRESS: NY Times today: For C.D.C.'s Walensky, a Steep Learning Curve on Messaging

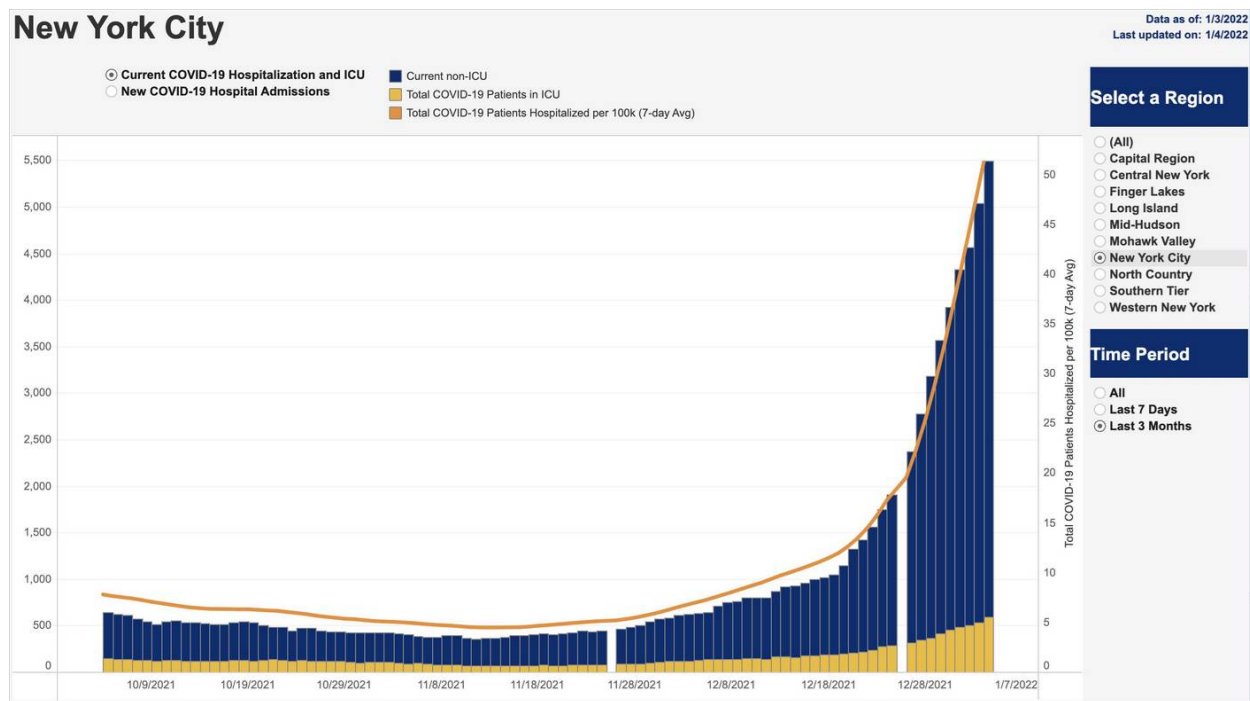
Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has stumbled in explaining her policy decisions.

AMA: CDC quarantine and isolation guidance is confusing, counterproductive

JAN 5, 2022

Jan. 6, 2022 Global USA

Truly a tsunami of cases over the last week. There were over 700,000 cases yesterday and the hospitalizations have increased by over 100%. There are now 110,000 people in the hospital with COVID and there are more than 1300 deaths per day. These are the highest numbers of cases per day since the beginning of COVID-19. Hospital systems are being greatly stressed and in a conversation with my “Tuesday night” group from different cities, it is clear that there is an explosion of cases (see below for NYC). It is clear that the omicron variant is less severe with regard to hospitalizations and deaths compared to delta. This is seen in South Africa as well as the UK and now here in the United States. In addition, animal studies show that the virus replicates extremely well in the upper airway but poorly in the lung which may explain why it's highly transmissible and yet not as severe. I have been warning that we should not be complacent since the sheer volume of number of cases might override the diminished severity and still a lot of people will require hospitalization even though the percent of hospitalized patients is lower. The sharp increase is starting to turn around in South Africa and we hope that over the next few weeks we'll see a peak and a turn around here in the United States.



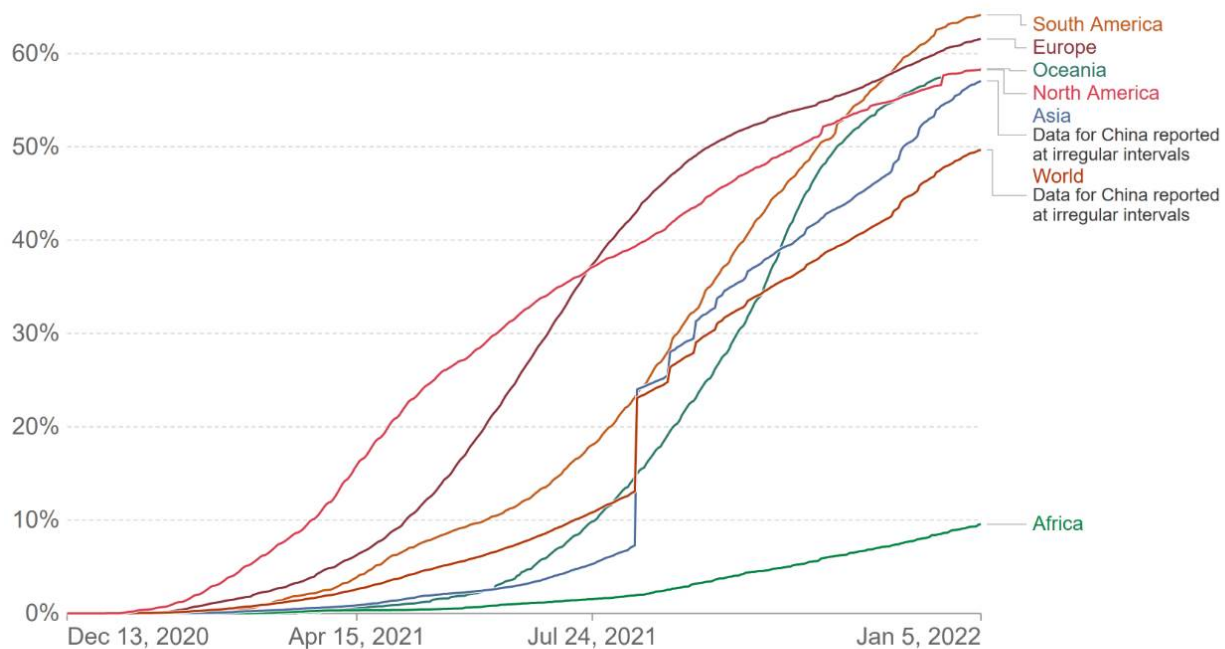
Had a very important zoom today organized by Vivek Murthy of the usual doctors; we would joined by Rachel Levine, Steve Cha and Eric Lander and David Kessler. Atul Gawande is a new member of the group serving as the medical advisor to USAID. There were 750,000 new cases yesterday and likely the real number was over 1,000,000. It is very clear that this virus seeks out everyone vaccinated and unvaccinated boosted or not boosted. The saving grace of it all is that clearly the vaccinated and boosted people have a very low chance of having a severe outcome. There is still a lot of delta around which is probably accounting for a lot of the hospitalizations. However, as I have been saying in my public appearances that the

sheer volume of new cases of a low pathogenic virus is still going to result in a very big strain on the hospital system. On the discussion today for the first time ever we were speaking about the possibility that society will be severely compromised by the number of workers who would be out due to infection. We began to dance around for the first time the issue of having people who are infected clearly go back to work wearing a mask in five days which is now the recommendation of the CDC (after much controversy). In fact, we may have to be even more drastic than that if we want the society to keep operating when we have over 1,000,000 infections per day.

About 50% of global population is vaccinated with Africa far behind:

Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19

Total number of people who received all doses prescribed by the initial vaccination protocol, divided by the total population of the country.



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data

Note: Alternative definitions of a full vaccination, e.g. having been infected with SARS-CoV-2 and having 1 dose of a 2-dose protocol, are ignored to maximize comparability between countries.

CC BY

PRESS:

The Show on Hot 105 (South Florida) - Interviewers: Big Lip and Shelby Rushin; Spectrum Reporter: Reuben Jones; WTVT (FOX Tampa) Reporter: Craig Patrick

Jan. 7, 2022 – Global USA

Turned down the requests to go on the Sunday shows (CBS and NBC) I do not want to be put in a position to be contradicting Rochelle regarding CDC statements about testing after five days. I will take a risk this weekend and go for the shows next weekend next weekend.

Margaret Brennan was annoyed at me since I turned her down last weekend because I did not want to get into a tip for tap with her since she is usually very harsh. She is OK this weekend since I am turning down everybody.

We prepped for the hearing today with the HHS team . The main topic of concern was making sure that Rochelle and I do not contradict each other regarding the testing at day five. Rochelle and I are good and we will work together so it's not to have open conflict.

PRESS: Regional Media - Outlet: Ahora con Oscar Haza (FL, NY, Houston)

Reporter: Oscar Haza **Outlet:** Midday's with Tambra (Mississippi); **Reporter:** Tambra Cherie; **Outlet:** WNBC (NBC New York) **Reporter:** David Ushery

Jan 8, 2022 – Global – 298,915,721/5,469,303; USA – 59,521,277/834,077

Cases now ~1,000,000;

Table 1. Vaccine effectiveness against hospitalisation for Omicron (all vaccine brands combined). OR = odds ratio, HR = hazard ratio, VE = vaccine effectiveness, (CI=Confidence interval).

Interval after dose	OR against symptomatic disease (95% CI)	HR against hospitalisation (95% CI)	VE against hospitalisation (95% CI)
2 to 9 weeks	0.51 (0.43-0.6)	0.11 (0.06-0.21)	94% (89-97)
10+ weeks	0.72 (0.61-0.85)	0.15 (0.08-0.27)	89% (80-95)

Jan 9, 2022 (Sunday) Global USA

We had our usual very helpful discussion with our colleagues from the Republic of South Africa including Shirley Colli, Alex Sigal, Penny Moore, Waasila Jassat, and Glenda Gray – all organized by Larry Corey. It is very clear that omicron has peaked and is coming way down in South Africa. Also , as more data accumulate it is very clear that omicron is less severe then delta in every aspect from hospitalization two duration of stay in hospital two use of oxygen. The thing that is still a little puzzling is that there are many more hospitalizations in children but this is confounded by a number of factors including the fact that many children are HIV infected. All in all , even though hospitalizations are increased in children the severity of their hospital stay is significantly lower. That seems paradoxical but that is what the data show.

Three articles (JAMA) came out online led by Zeke Emanuel and including people like Mike Osterholm and Rick Bright among others that called for a change and the approach toward COVID in the sense of learning to live with it rather than having it profoundly

influenced our lives. I have been talking about this in my slide in which I went through the various stages of pandemic, deceleration of outbreak, control, elimination, eradication. I emphasize that soon we must accept control and that this is not where we are right now since we still have over 100,000 people in the hospital, over 1200 deaths per day , and most recently a million cases per day. The government is being accused of not recognizing that we need to be accepting the outbreak as something we have to live with . I hope they do not forget that for months now I have been talking about the concept of “control “.

Rochelle was on Fox News with Brett Baier this morning and he grilled her on why we want to mandate vaccines and he pitted her against Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor who had said that there have been 100,000 hospitalizations of children when in fact Rochelle had to admit that there were only about 4000. Unfortunately, Sotomayor got it wrong and Rochelle was put in a tough position. Currently it looks like the Supreme Court will not back up the mandates of president Biden however the final decision has not been made.

PUBMED: Covid-19 AND "AI"[Grant Number] = 4,238 <https://bit.ly/34zlRcD>

LA Times did a nice article talking about violent extremism, particularly against:

Op-Ed: The newest variant of violent extremism? Using paranoia about the pandemic as a recruiting tool

(Irfan Khan / Los Angeles Times)

BY COLIN P. CLARKE

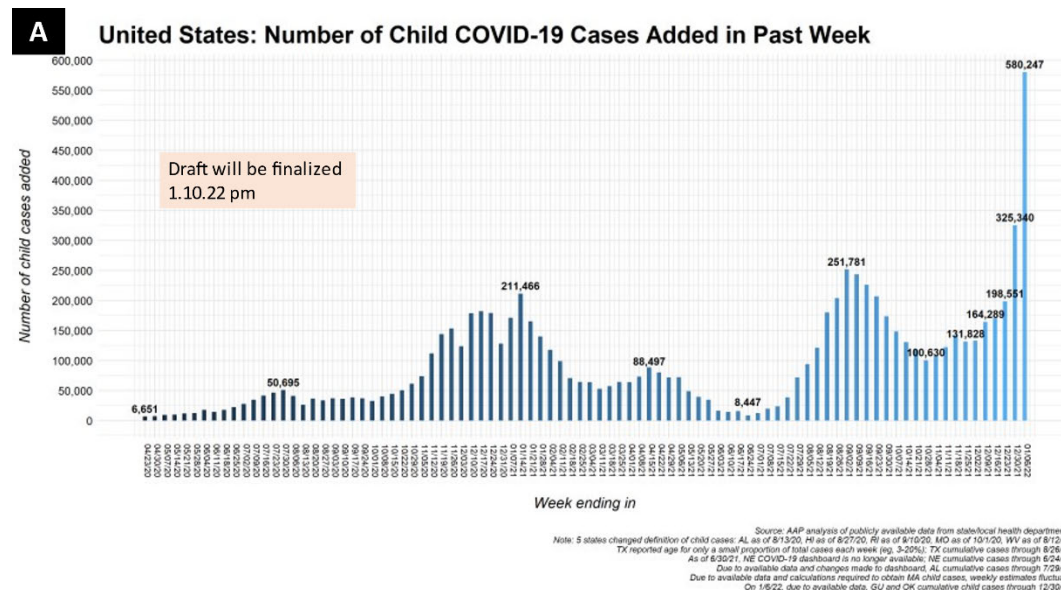
Had a difficult cold this evening with Jeff, Natalie, Rochelle, David Kessler, the Vivek Murthy, and Janet Woodcock centered around the problems that we are having in communicating in real time a cohesive message. This time one of the subject matters was what kind of recommendations are we going to make about using a higher quality of mask if possible during the omicron outbreak given it's extraordinary transmissibility. I came up with a simple solution of showing the graded degree of efficacy in protection that we know from the literature and then telling people that they should use the best mask that is either available and or able for them to wear with comfort. Again somehow or the other Rochelle was concerned about it because it would be an issue with equity and availability. We're getting into the same problem of trying to be too granular when we need to get a crisp message out knowing that the perfect should not be the enemy of the good.

Jan. 10, 2022 Global USA

Just heard that project Veritas will be coming out with a smear campaign against me tonight at 8:00 PM tonight before my Senate hearing tomorrow morning. Big secret as to what they're going to say but we shall see. This is just another example of the extraordinarily intense harassment at the far right is throwing at the virtually every day.

The project Veritas YouTube clip was really a nothing burger. They referred to the DARPA grant that was sent by ecohealth full consideration for funding. It had stuff in it that could likely require P3CO oversight if it had been sent to us. however it was never sent to us and DAR PA rejected it. Project Veritas claimed that DARPA rejected it but we, NIAID, funded it. This was absolutely untrue since we never even saw the grant , much less funded it

Hospitalizations for children surging with omicron:



Jan 11, 2022 – Global – 308,458,509/5,492,595; USA – 61,732,283/837,274

Very big day today at the Senate HELP Hearing, chaired by senator Murray with senator Burr as ranking minority. It was a very sharp criticism of the Biden administration particularly in the context of not having enough tests to go around as well as a criticism mostly of the CDC for not communicating very well. However as far as I am concerned it was very notable regarding the interaction between senator Rand Paul and me and senator Roger Marshall and me. Both of them began rambling on without giving me a chance to answer about gain of function research , about my feeling that I above everyone else knows what's going on and dictate to the rest of the country, the distortion of a note that Francis sent to me about what Francis called the fringe group of people who would suggesting that it was a lab leak. As usual he got everything wrong and ran build on and on. At which point when chairwoman Murray allowed me to respond

I once again told him that everything what he was saying is untrue and a lie and then they went on to pull out a sheet of paper from his website in which she criticizes me and then goes on to say fire Fauci and you can help me do this by donating to my campaign and there are a bunch of boxes that you could click to give varying amounts of money from \$5 two up to \$2500. That clearly threw him for a loop and I understand that the twittersphere went wild saying that I knocked him out of the park. After that senator Marshall made the absolutely stupid mistake of misinterpreting the project Veritas article and claimed that the NIH had funded the grant in question which as mentioned above was not even submitted to us much less reviewed or funded by us. The second time around senator Paul tried again to say that I should resign or be fired since I have been telling the American people incorrect things. I made it clear to him that everything that I have been saying is perfectly in line with what the CDC is recommending. When we got to senator Marshall again he insinuated that as the highest paid federal official and that someone who has control over the money that goes to drug trials and the fact that I might have inside information that he suspects that somewhere in my financial statement there's evidence against me and bemoaned the fact that I am hiding my financial statement. The fool did not realize that my financial statement has been publicly available for the last 37 years . He kept on pushing that he could not get it and he heard that I was holding it back until I finally in great frustration said that he clearly yet again has no idea what he's talking about. I got so frustrated that after it was over and I took my mask off I sat under my breath "what a moron ". however, the mic was hot and it was heard over the Airways that were tuned in. I plan to apologize publicly (maybe)for that but I he certainly deserved it because he was acting like a moron.

It is very interesting that's the overwhelming response to my push back against Rand Paul and Roger Marshall has been very positive . However, there still is that extraordinary group of emails of people attacking me online and still believing that nonsense of the far right. Some notable things have happened I received an extraordinarily encouraging text from just a little bit ago. Mitt was very critical of the administration's effort , however, he was very fair in asking for things that needed to be done. I really need to paint him in a very positive way in the book since he really is a man of high integrity who is a compassionate conservative and who wants to do the right thing. I am listing below his text to me:

"From the movie Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid: "Morons, I have morons on my team." You nailed it. "

In addition, I have received emails from so many people including people from the media such as Dana Bash of CNN who is in great solidarity with me. This could actually be a turning point since on the **CNN show with Anderson as well as my appearance on MSNBC** I was able to point out how all of this nonsense of attacking me is nothing but a distraction from the main goal of trying to contain this horrible pandemic. I know that my appearance at the hearing has triggered a lot of right wing blowback against me , but I suspect that because they were so egregiously inappropriate that the far right in this case manifested by Roger Marshall and Rand Paul are going to look like fools for what they are trying to do.

See e-mail from Sam Donaldson below as one example of many that I have received after the Hearing:

From: Sam Donaldson [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 5:24 AM

To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Donaldson Here

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are confident the content is safe.

Tony - Bravo, my friend, you've taken abuse from dangerously ignorant people like Rand Paul (a chip off the old Ron Paul Fantasy Block) long enough without forcefully answering back.

You are the top re-assuring presence of sanity and hope for millions of people and your advice is saving lives - disheartening as the "crazies" attacks are, I know your mettle. You will stay the course.

I'm proud of you, Tony!

Always my best to you and Christine - we will see happier days. The majority in our Country is not crazy.

Sam

PRESS: MSNBC “All In” with Chris Hayes; CNN 360 with Anderson Cooper;

NY Times: **Fauci accuses Senator Paul of fueling threats against him in the latest exchange.**

Washington Post - **Fauci fires back at Rand Paul, accusing him of using attacks for ‘political gain’**

He said distortions by the senator have led to death threats against him. He pointed to the arrest last month of a man with an AR-15 rifle who police said was driving to D.C. with a ‘hit list.’

[Satire from The Borowitz Report](#)

**Fauci Defends Calling G.O.P. Senator a Moron:
“I’m Just Following the Science”**



By [Andy Borowitz](#)

Bloomberg: In a Fiery Hearing, Fauci Accuses Senator Rand Paul of Fueling Threats Against His Life

Jan. 12, 2022 Global - 308,458,509/5,492,595; USA – 62,538,796/840,286

Over 1,000,000 cases today!!

Extremely positive responses to my confrontation with senators Paul and Marshall at yesterday's hearing. This has occurred in the form of countless emails and texts as well as many print articles as well as mention on virtually every network and cable show. In addition I did not get much blowback at all from my hot Mike mention that senator Marshall was “What a moron. Jesus Christ “

Really interesting things going on. Trump is now calling GOP leaders who refused to admit that they've been vaccinated and boosted as “gutless “. I believe he is trying to have it both ways : the people who fanatically follow him don't want to get vaccinated and they're not going to change their mind and yet he can now say that he's in favor of vaccination even though the misinformation that he helped kindle is one of the reasons why people don't get vaccinate.

Extremely important meeting that I lead the discussion of today during Vivek Murthy's doctors meeting. Present were: Atul Gawande, Vivek Murthy, Eric Lander, Janet Woodcock, Larry Tabak, Rochelle Walensky, Rachel Levine, David Kessler, Steve Cha, Tom Ingelsby. It has become very clear that we will not have a true pandemic preparedness and response plan if the money is continually being held at the level of HHS without distributing it 2 NIAID and other NIH institutes for the purpose of implementing our Prototype pandemic preparedness plan. It is astounding how it is analysis by paralysis in which the \$5 billion are still hung up at HHS and instead of distributing it to the real pandemic preparedness plan the administration , likely at the OMB level , is holding up the money in order to distribute it for the immediate purpose of buying more monoclonal antibodies and distributing more tests. This is very short sighted and I had to take the lead role in bringing this up to the group that we will be chasing after reactions rather than planning for what is ahead of us. It became very clear to me in the discussion that although this administration does not try to interfere with or distort the science the way the trump administration did, there really is a communication problem where they do not want to give any bad news. I have seen this in virtually all of the administrations with whom I have been involved. Whenever there is an election involved, there is the reluctance to say that we have a real problem here and we are trying our best to fix it. There always is a bit of happy talk and not facing reality. This is infinitely less so in this administration than the past administration , but since we are getting clobbered by something beyond our control, namely the omicron variant, the administration wants to give the public something to hope for as to telling them the cold reality that we may face yet again another variant and we must prepare for it. Janet Woodcock brought up during the discussion the cold fact that we really do not have a long range strategic plan how we want to get out of this pandemic . It is more a reaction of getting more tests getting more masks getting more monoclonal antibodies as opposed to a broader strategic plan. I will try very hard to set up a very frank and candid discussion with Jeff about what is becoming very clear to

me concerning a pivoting to a strategy of a more realistic leveling with the public. My sense is that President Biden fundamentally feels that way. I do not know as a fact but I suspect that Ron Klain whose job is to watch out for the president is very reluctant to give anything that looks pessimistic at this time. I do not blame them for this since even if you are totally honest and realistic, the divisiveness in this country and the crazy far right maniacs will jump up on anything, even a good will effort to get the truth out, as a weakness or failing on the part of the administration. It is pure politics and it stinks. I blame mostly the far right nut cakes for just jumping on anything and everything to discredit the administration. I have first hand knowledge of this and what I have gone through in the recent HELP hearing described above.

PRESS: Interview with Der Spiegel; RA1 TV interview from Italy;

Washington Post – Salvador Rizzo - **Fauci fires back at Rand Paul, accusing him of using attacks for ‘political gain’**

He said distortions by the senator have led to death threats against him. He pointed to the arrest last month of a man with an AR-15 rifle who police said was driving to D.C. with a ‘hit list.’

NY Times – Andres Martinez - **Fauci accuses Senator Paul of fueling threats against him in the latest exchange.**

Fauci Accuses Senator Paul of Attacking Him for ‘Political Gain’

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci refuted claims by Senator Rand Paul, Republican of Kentucky, that he was undermining scientists with opposing views.

Jan. 13, 2022 – Global – 315,345,967/5,510,174; USA – 63,397,935/842,873

A lot has happened today and is happening. 1) Senator Marshall wrote a letter saying that he wants my financial statement in an unredacted form. Even though I had a clash with him what

he is asking for is perfectly reasonable. The real frustrating thing for me and for others is that even though I send in my financial statement in an unredacted form somebody somewhere in building one or in the department or someplace else starts to redact things that I cannot find out why they need to be redacted . When I called up building 1 and spoke to Larry Tabak and Holli-Beckerman-Jaffe they told me that I have been over reporting my finances by giving too many details. And so , there was out there my financial statement with multiple redactions that don't hide anything at all that are just what I consider meaningless redactions . However it does give the impression that I'm hiding something . In his letter to me senator Marshall demanded an unredacted version of my financial statements since the pandemic began and he wanted it by close of business on January the 14th. He wrote me that letter yesterday. When I found out that there were redactions on my financial statement I went ballistic and wrote an email see below to people in the NIH that I listed demanding that my unredacted statement be sent to senator Marshall. Finally, in a meeting with Holli, Jill Harper , and Melinda haskins we agreed that we should send that completely unredacted statement to senator Marshall. He still will likely make some mischief of it, but he will not be able to say that I withheld any information.

Email to Melinda Haskins and PDF of letter from Sen. Marshall:

Melinda:

I want to be very clear and I am documenting it with this email that I want my financial disclosure sent to Senator Marshall with nothing redacted except the account numbers of my trusts and portfolio and any other personal information that should not be revealed. I do not want anything in my investment portfolio redacted. I do not want him to have to go through FOIA. I want it sent to him as quickly as possible, no later than Friday, January 14 which is the request in his letter. He is asking for the financial disclosures that cover the years of the pandemic. The only one that is available right now is the one for 2020 . It needs to be explained to him that the calendar year 2021 reports are not due for another few months. He will have to settle for the 2020 report. I said on public television that all he has to do is ask for it and he will get it. Therefore, he has asked for it and I want him to get it. Also, I want to see what goes out to him. Please get back to me confirming that this has taken place.

Thanks,

Tony



Letter Requesting
Fauci Financial Discl

In addition, Zeke Emanuel lead a group of scientists together with John Moore to get a letter published reflecting the support by a wide range of people from the scientific community including multiple Nobel laureates of me. I continued to get rave expressions of support for the interchange between Rand Paul and I and senator Marshall and I. Of note, Senator Paul as opposed to feeling shame for being outed for his fund raising has now upped the level of the fund raising based on the interchange with me. Amazing!

I received an honorary doctorate via zoom today from Sapienza University in Rome. In addition, I gave a lecture that the Italians put on YouTube as part of the ceremony.

For the first time, it looks like cases might be peaking in New York City and possibly even turning around. Hopefully that is the case and we will start seeing that along the East Coast and then later on in the South.

Jan. 14, 2022 Global - USA – 64,285,467/844,841

Weekly average of cases is 805,000 with the weekly average of people in the hospital at 150,000. For the last few days, the daily cases have been over 1,000,000 per day.

Med Rxv preprint from Larry Corey and South Africans showing extremely high asymptomatic spread of omicron:

High Rate of Asymptomatic Carriage Associated with Variant Strain Omicron

Nigel Garrett, Asa Tapley, Jessica Andriesen, Ishen Seocharan, Leigh H Fisher, Lisa Bunts, Nicole Espy, Carole Wallis, April Kaur Randhawa, Nzeera Ketter, Margaret Yacovone, Ameena Goga, **Linda-Gail Bekker, Glenda E Gray, Lawrence Corey**

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.12.20.21268130>

PRESS: Regional media - The Bakari Sellers Podcast - Reporter: Bakari Seller Q93 New Orleans - Wild Wayne Show Reporter: 7th Ward, Wayne “Wild Wayne” Benjamin

JAN 15, 2022 – Global – 318,648,834/5,518,343; USA – 65,159,554/847,577

My financial statement has now been sent to senator Marshall. However, in typical fashion, he put out a statement that I had been lying to the Congress by saying that my statements I readily available. In fact, there is a very small kernel of truth in that the NIH has asked people who make unreasonable demands about information to go through the FOIA process when in fact the financial statements are under the preview of the office of government ethics (OGE). that is a much more streamlined process . In addition I never ask for anything to be redacted

from my statement . However, when you go through the FOIA process , multiple layers of HHS and White House can redact things that I have no idea they are redacting. Having said all of this Marshall now has my unredacted statement that he got on the same day, Jan. 14, that he asked for it. Still, he is making statements that I lied to the Congress. In addition it is important to point out that in his comments about my financial statement at the hearing on January 11th he explicitly implied that I was in bed with the pharmaceutical companies and the pharmaceutical companies were preventing my financial statement from being seen publicly . Absolutely absurd accusation. In addition it should be pointed out that senator Marshall is likely in violation of the STOCK Act on his own finances.

to make matters worse, the GOP Congressmen are asking that the OIG investigate me for saying on Public TV that Jesse Watters be fired for his inflammatory statements against me. (see below). Apparently, they are referring to a law that says that federal officials cannot use their position to try and influence someone in the private sector. You really cannot make this stuff up !!! it is truly amazing:

<https://thefederalist.com/2022/01/14/exclusive-house-republicans-demand-hhs-inspector-general-launch-criminal-probe-into-anthony-fauci/>

EXCLUSIVE: House Republicans Demand HHS Inspector General Launch Criminal Probe Into Anthony Fauci

BY: TRISTAN JUSTICE

JANUARY 14, 2022

4 MIN READ

*****CRITICAL HISTORIC INFORMATION WELL DOCUMENTED BY GINA KOLATA AND BEJAMIN MUELLERIN THE NEW YORK TIMES. A MUST FOR THE BOOK:**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/15/health/mrna-vaccine.html>

Halting Progress and Happy Accidents: How mRNA Vaccines Were Made

The stunning Covid vaccines manufactured by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna drew upon long-buried discoveries made in the hopes of ending past epidemics.

FORBES has completely distorted the interpretation of my financial disclosure. For example, in commenting about the WAGs that I did virtually for Children's Inn, etc. where we have to give the price that would have been paid if we went on our own (remember, we did this virtually), they said I "collected" \$8100 for dinners. And was paid money for trips instead of realizing that these were reimbursements:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/adamandrzejewski/2022/01/15/disclosures-released-dr-fauci-household-profits-exceeded-17-million-in-2020--included-income-royalties-travel-perks-and-investment-gains/>

Have a wonderful dinner over Jeff and Mary Zients palatial mansion in Annapolis. Jeff is really an amazingly nice person. His house overlooks a Creek that leads into the Chesapeake Bay and he has his own dock with boats, a swimming pool, and outdoor and indoor basketball court as well as a tennis court. Wow ! he generously invited Chris and I to stay there any weekend we would like since they do not use the house very often.

Jan. 16, 2022 (Sunday) – Global USA

Glad that I am not on any of the Sunday shows since the hosts are asking tough questions. Vivek was on ABC (This Week) and CNN (SOTU). He was asked the obvious questions about the shortage of tests and the shortage of antiviral oral drugs. He answered them as best he could but it is still a difficult situation. Also there's a lot of pushback on the press about the poor communication coming from the CDC which as usual has been dreadful. Somehow they seem to lack the ability to do a reality check of what the public is feeling and thinking and doing. In addition they are almost always weeks and weeks behind on the availability of data that we are getting in real time from places like South Africa, the UK, and Israel.

Another example of why we feel that the SMEs at the CDC are frequently incorrect. See e-mail exchange below regarding time to vaccinate after infection. I check with Cliff, Mascola and Bo Seder and they all agree strongly with me:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]

Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 9:02 PM

To: Kessler, David (HHS/IOS) [REDACTED] Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [REDACTED]

Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH) [REDACTED]

Cc: Cha, Stephen (HHS/IOS) [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Timing of vaccination post infection

Team:

I realize it is a difficult situation, and it would seem that there are multiple types of data that could inform the decision. One important piece of information would be the risk of re-infection following acute infection. One way of looking at this is that one could view acute infection as the first exposure to antigen (similar to the first shot in an immunization series). From that perspective, one would not want to provide the next exposure until the immune response has had some time to “mature” – somewhere in the range of 4 weeks. Thus, waiting a minimum of 4 weeks post-acute infection to begin a vaccination regimen (next exposure to antigen) would seem to make sense. Assuming that there are few if any instances of re-infection within the first 6 weeks (time to the peak response following the vaccination at 4 weeks) there would seem to be little additional risk posed to the individual or those around them by waiting 4 weeks after acute infection to begin a vaccination series. The second shot (third exposure to antigen) 3 or 4 weeks later would then likely further increase the level of immunity and provide a higher degree of protection than a scenario where the individual began a vaccination series immediately following acute infection. That is my logic in proposing the minimum of 30 days and maximum of 90 days for vaccination following infection. Happy to discuss.

Best,

Tony

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]

Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 3:50 PM

To: Kessler, David (HHS/IOS) [REDACTED] Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [REDACTED]

Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH) [REDACTED]

Cc: Cha, Stephen (HHS/IOS) [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Timing of vaccination post infection

From a purely immunological standpoint, I do not believe that the CDC approach is well-founded. I believe that most immunologists will agree with me. I will provide a more detailed response later since I am tied up right now. Then, it might be a good idea for Rochelle and I to chat or even better for me and some of the NIH CMEs speak with Rochelle and some of the CDC SMEs. I will keep an entirely open mind on this. We just need to make sure that we keep these in good faith discussions among us.

From: Kessler, David (HHS/IOS) [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 3:09 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [REDACTED] Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH)
[REDACTED] Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Cc: Cha, Stephen (HHS/IOS) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Timing of vaccination post infection

Does this make sense from a immunological perspective?

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 2:39 PM
To: Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH) [REDACTED] Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
<afauci@niaid.nih.gov>; Kessler, David (HHS/IOS) [REDACTED]
Cc: Cha, Stephen (HHS/IOS) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Timing of vaccination post infection

Good afternoon, all,

Thank you for the feedback.

Since our initial discussion last weekend, the CDC SMEs have evaluated available information and their scientific recommendation is to leave the guidance as is at this time.

The rationale for this includes:

- People with known current SARS-CoV-2 infection should defer vaccination at least until recovery from the acute illness (if symptoms were present) has been achieved and [criteria](#) to discontinue isolation have been met.
- Current evidence demonstrates a robust immune response to vaccination after infection, but information about whether and how the amount time since infection affects the immune response to vaccination is lacking.
- This recommendation for vaccination applies to people who experience SARS-CoV-2 infection before receiving any vaccine dose and to those who experience SARS-CoV-2 infection after the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, but before receipt of subsequent doses.

These recommendations are better aligned with our evidence and with our public health goals than assigning any pre-set number of days that a person should wait after infection to seek vaccination. We believe that these recommendations, if followed, will decrease risk of transmission of COVID-19 in the clinical setting while also optimizing our opportunities to provide vaccination.

I have included Stephen on this email chain in an effort to keep IOS looped into discussions, like this, that have policy and/or operational implications for HHS, as well as other parts of the federal government.

Thank you,

Rochelle

Jan. 17, 2022 Global USA

Recent circulation of the *National Pulse* put out on March 24, 2021 (just brought out to my attention) a story after checking on donations to political causes found that Christine gave \$2450 to Hilary Clinton and other liberal causes and Alison gave \$375 dollars total ACTBLUE. The headline was: “EXC: While Fauci was giving bad advice to Trump he and his family were donating to Joe Biden”. But that the headline said “He” and his family, even though there is no record whatever that I have ever given any money to any political cause . Yet again another lie.

Did a Virtual Panel for the World Economic Forum at Davos Switzerland on the topic of COVID-19: What’s Next?” Other panelists were: Richard Hatchett – CEO of CEPI; Annelies Wilder-Smith – Prof of Emerging Infectious Diseases, London School of hygiene and tropical Medicine; Stephane Bancel – CEO Moderna; moderated by Francine Lacqua – Editor-at-Large at Bloomberg TV, UK (see press below)

Dr OZ spurs outrage from medical community by attacking me as a “petty tyrant” in his Senate campaign for PA:

<https://bit.ly/33rQXV>

Had important conversation with Rochelle today Regarding the difficulty she is facing with trying to get the right science out with the behavioral aspects of whether or not the science is going to be implementable and or whether the newer science contradicts policies that have been in place for some time . I can understand the difficulty she is in; however, I am not sure there is an easy solution . The predicament that we find ourselves in is that the press and the medical community ask me to explain the scientific rationale for what they are recommending and as I have been discussing above the scientific rationale is really flooded . This has to do with boosting people this has to do with the testing of people to come back to work and most recently it has to do when you vaccinate somebody following infection. She claims that when she tries to explain the complexity of this that the department pushes back because they don't want it to contradict

prior policies. Unfortunately, this argues against what we've all been saying that the science evolves and that sometimes you have to change what you put forth as policy based on the science. We have to be able to get the department and the White House to realize that things change rapidly and sometimes you have to modify previous policies based on new information as well as information that is newly applied to what we're doing. This gets back to the same original problem of whether or not people should be masked or not, the problem that I face back then and that still is haunting us now saying that first I said do not wear a mask because we didn't have enough masks and now we're telling everyone they need to wear a mask. The public and the politicians have to be able to accept that policies that looked good at one time are no longer operable when you have certain things like shortages of equipment, people not wanting to get vaccinated, and other confounding issues. If you go strictly by the science and can't implement it then the politicians look bad if you try and explain how you're implementing something it often looks like it is incompatible with what the science tells us. This is a set up for a lose/lose situation. I will have to explain this in more detail when I sit down to actually write this in a chapter

The exact words of Sen. Marshall at the Senate HELP Hearing virtually accusing me without any evidence of getting pay-offs from drug companies and the big Pharma does not want my financial statement made public.:

“Tech giants are doing an incredible job of keeping it from being public,” Marshall said, making no sense. “We’ll continue to look for it. Where would we find it?”

Read more at:

<https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/editorials/article257230727.html#storylink=cpy>

PRESS: Bloomberg Fauci Says It’s Too Soon to Say Omicron Heralds End of Pandemic;

Paul Begala on a CNN Opinion Piece said what I was prepared to say at the HELP Hearing but did not have time to:

The Senate has always had demagogues, liars and outliers who go too far. Fauci's measured but heartfelt takedown should have been a Joseph Welch moment. Welch was the lawyer for the US Army when the notorious Sen. Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin was spreading hysterical charges that communists [had infiltrated](#) the army, along with the State Department, Treasury and even the White House.

When McCarthy impugned a young lawyer from Welch's firm, the soft-spoken, bespectacled Welch could take it no more. "Until this moment, senator," [he said](#), "I think I never really gauged your cruelty or your recklessness." McCarthy was stunned into silence, as Welch continued, "Have you no sense of decency?"

Jan. 18, 2022 Global – 328,532,929/5,542,359; USA – 66,715,937/850,575

Cases continue to search throughout the country with early indication of Peking in New York City. Daily average over 800,000 cases per day with >150,000 hospitalized and ~2000 deaths per day.

Senator Roger Marshall is indeed a “moron “. since my financial statement has now been published and since Marshall has put it online , he is now accusing me of collusion with the Chinese by saying that my mutual funds of which I have no input into involves assets of Chinese banks I know that businesses. This implying did anything has to do with China must be criminal since they believed that I created the virus. However, when it is stupid reporter pointed out to Marshall that in his investment portfolio he has multiple times more investment in China than I do which seemed to surprise , if not completely embarrass the moron.

Note from Klaus Schwab re: the World Economic Conference:

Dear Dr Fauci, dear Tony,

It was a most fascinating and insightful session on Covid-19. Thank you for your great contribution. I hope that we can come together again in person in Davos, let's look with great optimism into the future.

With my best regards,

Klaus

Scoop: Lara Logan Dropped By UTA Over Fauci Nazi Doctor Comments

Had a meeting of the doctor group (Vivek) discussing what the broad strategic plan should be looking forward. I insisted that we need to go to 40,000 feet since they started talking about individual initiatives

The GOP leadership has just announced that when they take control of the Senate and house next year (they hope), they're going to launch a full investigation of me. Another example of the extraordinary ad hominem lies and attacks on me that have escalated over the last few weeks to months

PRESS: Regional TV: Telemundo Miami - with Harold Santana; AgDay TV with Dustin Hoffmann; Iowa Ag Radio Network with Clinton Griffiths; Interview with *Wall Street Journal* – Stephanie Armour; *Yahoo Finance* “COVID Special”

Jan. 19, 2020 Global – 332,617,707/5,551,314; USA – 67,903,759/853,230

Michael Daly writes in the Daily Beast:

Ron DeSantis Opens Antibody Centers That Are Useless Against Omicron

FALSE HOPE

Also, DeSantis is acting in a criminally despicable fashion spreading disinformation and he has a totally incompetent Surgeon General of Florida:

Last month, DeSantis held a press conference outside Ocala Medical Center with a sign reading “Early Treatment Saves Lives” and touted monoclonal antibodies as the answer to the COVID crisis. [His surgeon general, Joe Ladapo](#), described vaccines, masks, and testing as a “trifecta” of “lunacy.”

Piece from “*The Nation*”: - absolutely terrific article – a must read for the book

Rand Paul Abandons His Hippocratic Oath to Play Politics During a Pandemic

The senator from Kentucky's "Fire Fauci" crusade is a crude scheme to exploit fears and raise campaign cash, and Dr. Anthony Fauci called him out on it.

By John Nichols

PRESS: Los Angeles Radio CBS/KNX;

Jan. 20, 2022 - Global -336,790,193/5,560,718; USA – 68,671,563/856,288

Continued evidence of peeking and turning around of cases in big cities such as New York City and Chicago. Nonetheless the sheer volume of cases continues with over 800,000 average per day , ~2000 deaths per day, and greater than 150,000 people in the hospital. Hopefully this will turn around, and we will have a lower level of less pathogenic omicron.

Yesterday the President gave a major speech in which the speech lasted for about 15 minutes and he took questions for over one hour and 50 minutes. He was very forthcoming and admitted what we need to do better but also called out the GOP for obstructing everything that he is trying to do.

PRESS: Gray TV – with Peter Zampa; Nexstar with Hannah Brandt; Politico with Erin Banco Online TV); BBC TV “Context Show” with Christian Fraser;

Jan. 21, 2022 Global – 340,543,962/5,570,163; USA – 69,437,067/858,909

Interesting discussion by Richard Horton in the *Lancet*. He talks about the battle between politicians like Rand Paul with me and the sometimes lack of understanding of the scientific community as to what is actually going on in the trenches. He points to the slow realization of the scientific community that Omicron is really a mild disease. In reality, Richard gets it partly right and partly wrong:

Comment

Offline: COVID-19 as culture war

Author links open overlay panel[Richard Horton](#)

[https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(22\)00093-9](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(22)00093-9)Get rights and content

PRESS: Radio – “Morning Hustle” with Lester Rufin “Headrack”; CNN “The Situation Room” with Wolf Blitzer;

Jan. 22, 2022 – Global -340,543,962/5,570.163; USA – 70,206,220/862,494

Cases continue to come down in 19 states including Washington DC and Puerto Rico. Obviously everyone is asking the question as to whether or not we are getting to the end of the pandemic phase and more into the endemic phase that we can accept as part of life. I keep pointing out that we should not be overconfident that although this could be the best case scenario. We must be prepared for the worst case scenario which would be the appearance of another variant that could actually have both the transmission advantage as well as hard degree of pathogenicity. Although I do not believe that this is likely and is probably very unlikely, we must be prepared for that eventuality were it to occur.

Cartoon in the Washington Post about the “characters in the White House world (including me):

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/interactive/2022/joe-biden-steve-brodner-year-one/>

Yesterday evening, I had an interesting discussion today with the Medical Group concerning the appearance of a new omicron sub-lineage variant – B.A2. This is a variant that has appeared in Scandinavia (mostly Denmark) and most recently in the UK. It seems to have a slight transmission advantage over the original omicron which is B.A1. it is occupying anywhere from 25 to 40% of isolates in Denmark as well as a lesser percentage in the UK. There only have been about 27 isolates in the United States and it occupies less than a fraction of the isolates. Since the mutations indicate that it might be more slightly invasive of the immune system, Jeff Zients had Cyrus Shahpar arrange a zoom call with me, Natalie, Jeff, Cyrus, and Rochelle. it was decided that we needed to do something right away about finding more information about this. I volunteered to call up Chris Whitty in the UK and David Ho in the United States to gather further information.

Today I did call up Chris and he informed me that they are keeping an eye on the new variant in the UK but that he does not think that it will necessarily be causing any additional problem over and above omicron. If it does have a transmission advantage it is only modest. And there was no indication, although the numbers of cases are small, that it is more pathogenic and severe than the original omicron. I called up David Ho to ask if he was already developing pseudo viruses to determine the impact on vaccine induced antibodies and monoclonal antibodies. David will have a pseudo virus set up by the end of next week and will keep me posted to determine what the degree of immune evasion is with this new variant. More to follow.

Jan. 23, 2022 Global USA

The anti-vaxxers led by Robert F Kennedy junior are holding a rally in Washington DC this weekend. Brett Rowland who is very careful about protecting me elected to bolster up my detail for the weekend. In addition, he slept in our guest room last night for fear that some of the

demonstrators who are coming to Washington might decide to demonstrate in front of my house. Fortunately, nothing came of this and always quiet. As I have indicated before, Robert F Kennedy wrote a book about me accusing me of being in bed with the Pharmaceutical industry in my quest to get people vaccinated. The propagation of lies these days about me is truly amazing. Nothing of note came of the anti-vaxxer rally except a litany of lies pronounced from the Mall.

Continued attacks by far-right elements, particularly the far right congressmen and senators who tweet lies on a daily basis about me. Among many of the lies about me come on Fox News continues to propagate them. They continue to harp on the original discussion then I had together with Francis Collins and Jeremy Farrar regarding our bringing together a group of molecular virologists to address the question of whether or not the molecular configuration of the virus might be suggestive of a lab leak. This is the conversation that took place at the end of January at the beginning of February of 2020. Clearly we were all acting in good faith as all of the emails and other discussions proved; however, the far right still is pushing the conspiracy that I try to suppress the issue of a lab leak. Totally preposterous but nonetheless the reality of where we are right now in society

PRESS: ABC “This Week” with Martha Raddetz

Jan. 24, 2022 Global USA

I had my regular weekly or every other week discussion with Chris Whitty the Science Advisor to the UK Government. These are extremely helpful to both of us since we get a feel of what is going on in the UK and they get a feel of what we're doing here. Chris is faced with the some of the same challenges that I face here. There's pushback among some segments of the society against him personally since he is for vaccines and boosters. In addition, they have a substantial segment of anti-vaxxers in the UK. Chris believes that it is not as strong a movement as here in the United States; however, it is still a factor and preventing people from getting vaccinated.

PRESS: Swedish TV “Vetenskapens Varld” (The World of Science) with Johan Bergendorff; MSNBC with Stephanie Ruhle; CNN with Ana Cabrera;

Jan. 25, 2022 Global – 352,796,704/5,600,434; USA – 71,818,876/866,968

I should point out that although I have not been documented every day, we continually have discussions with the doctors group and with Jeff and the team about where we're going with the outbreak. It appears that the net effect on the country is that it is diminishing in the context of the omicron surge. However, as I have been emphasizing although we hope for the best case scenario where by the virus will be integrated into the broader context of viral diseases that we have learned to live with such as RSV, parainfluenza, influenza and others, we must still be prepared for the worst case scenario which would be the emergence of another variant that markedly eludes the underlying level of immunity that has been

accumulated throughout the population over the last two years together with vaccination and boosting as well as those who have been already infected.

As expected the anti vax demonstration in Washington DC focused predominantly on bashing me among others who are promoting vaccinations. In addition tonight, Fox News with Brett Baier did an “expose” on me with the usual theme that I covered up the lab leak hypothesis by influencing the other scientists on the Feb. 1, 2020 phone call with the molecular virologists such as Christian Anderson, et al.

PRESS: MSNBC with Jose Diaz Balart; Marc Siegel – Doctor Radio;

Jan. 26, 2022 Global - 356,955,803/5.610,291; USA – 72,310,575/870,195

Still have >2000 deaths per day. Some cities/states peaked and coming down (Northeast and upper Midwest). Southern and Western states surging or starting to plateau. Looks like things are beginning to turn around, but we cannot be complacent since there is still a lot of activity particularly among the unvaccinated. The data showing the difference between unvaccinated versus vaccinated and boosted with regard to hospitalizations and deaths is stunning. There is a 40 to 50 times greater chance of dying from COVID if you are unvaccinated compared to a vaccinated and boosted person.

Kathleen Park wrote a ridiculous article in the Washington Post where commenters blasted her for attacking me:

<https://wapo.st/3IKLtCh> comments <https://wapo.st/3KEdXiC>

Opinion: Is it time for Fauci to exit the stage?

A different *Washington Post* article:

[Arts and Entertainment](#)

Portrait Gallery to honor Fauci, Serena and Venus Williams, José Andrés and others

After a pandemic delay, the honorees will be celebrated at a Nov. 12 gala and have their portraits added to the Smithsonian museum’s collection

Kimmel Calls Out New York Post Over Article Labeling Fauci a ‘Narcissist’

PRESS: 85 SOUTH Online Media interview with Karlous Miller

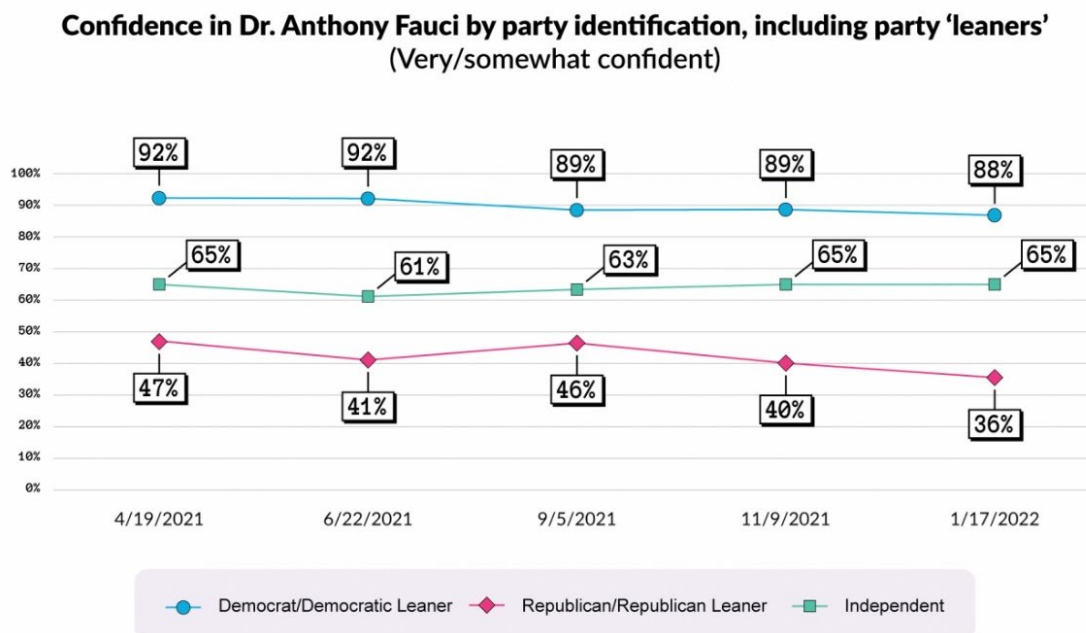
Jan 27, 2022 - Global – 360,578,392/5,620,865; USA – 72,874,041/873,957

Incredibly good article about me in the *Washington Post* by Dan Zak and Roxanne Roberts:

Anthony Fauci is up against more than a virus

Two years into the pandemic, the threats and vitriol have not stopped. And the many Americans who still trust him are exhausted.

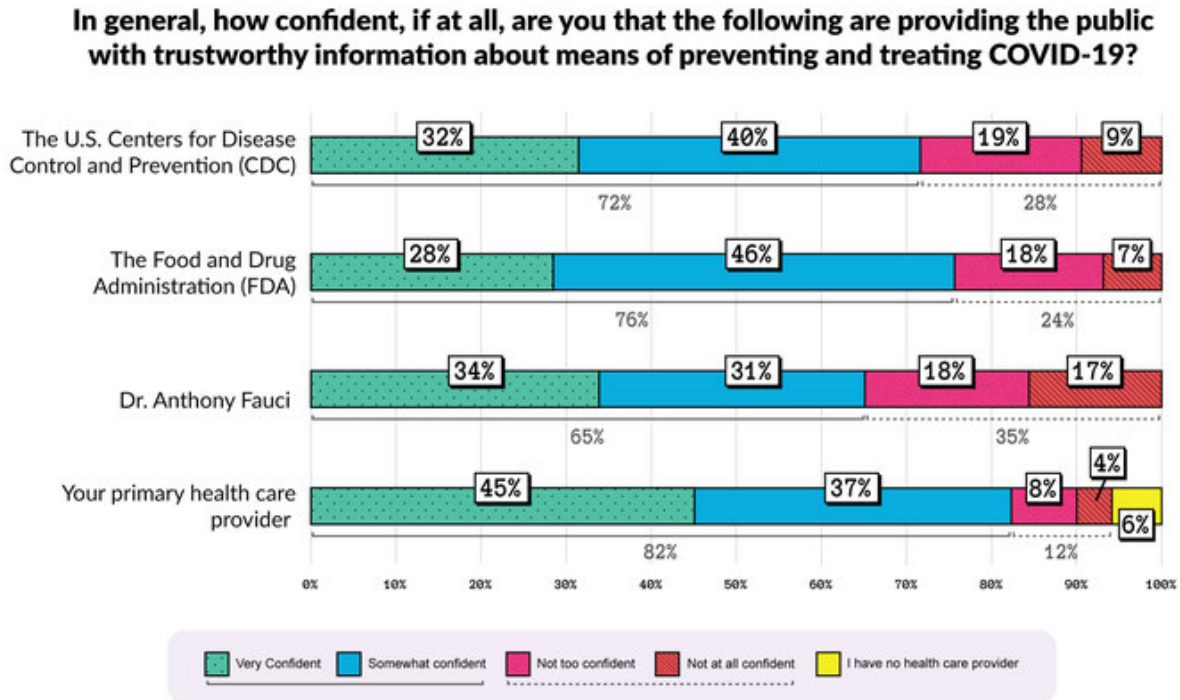
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2022/01/27/fauci-pandemic-threats/>



It is very clear that the issue of my being a “polarizing Figure” has crystalized. Hugh Hewitt wrote another opinion piece likening me to MacNamara during the Viet Nam War. Really nutty stuff.

PRESS: Voice of America TV with Anita Powell; CNN – AC360 with Anderson Cooper;

Jan. 28, 2022 - Global – 364,191,494/5,631,457; USA – 73,512,366/876,632



Annenberg Public Policy Center ASK survey, January 11-17, 2022.
© 2022 Annenberg Public Policy Center

This is the person who was apprehended in Iowa on his way to DC:

Sacramento man indicted on charges of plotting to kill or kidnap Biden, Harris, Fauci

BY SAM STANTON UPDATED JANUARY 27, 2022 11:50 AM

Read more at:

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/california/article257771643.html#storylink=cpy>

PRESS: MSNBC – “Meet the Press Daily” with Chuck Todd; NBC Nightly News with Miguel Almaguer

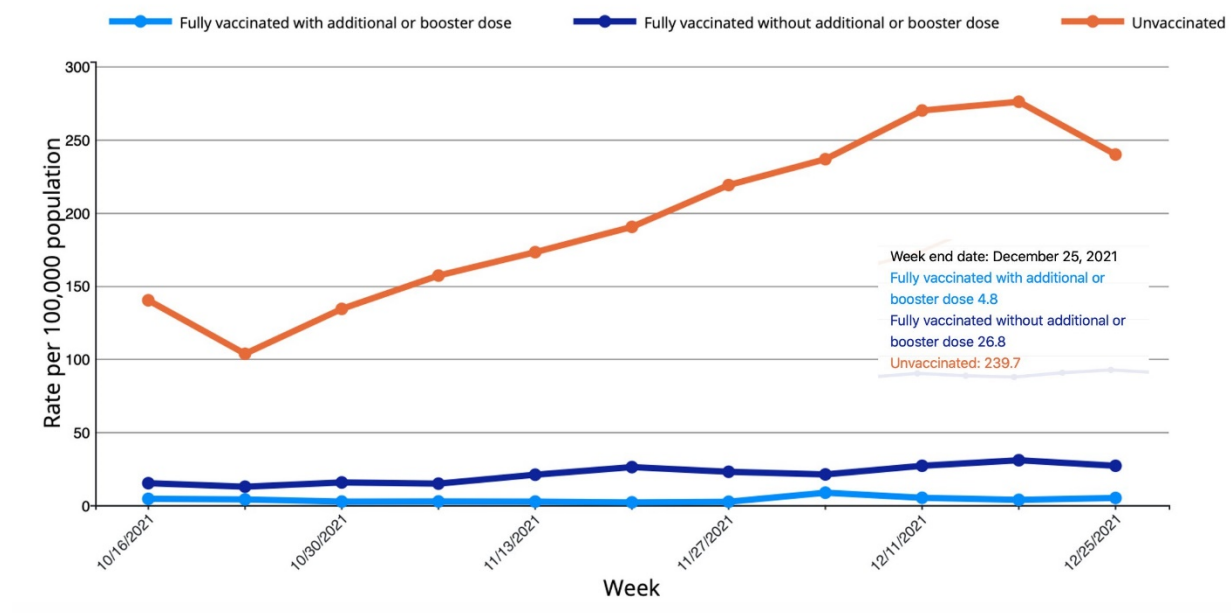
Jan. 29, 2022 Global – 364,191,494/5,631,457; USA – 74,037,216/879,971

Way back during the Trump administration (See notes above), Nancy Pelosi seemed to have gotten very angry with me because she thought I had gone along with Trump's blocking travel from Europe without blocking travel from the UK. She was very misguided on this since she was accusing him and indirectly me for going along with it of not wanting to interfere with his holdings particularly his golf course in Scotland at the same time as he was punishing the European Union. In fact, she called me up late one night and started screaming at me that I had gone over to Trump's side. That was very unfortunate as I had described in a previous note since I thought she was completely off base and out of line and getting angry with me. Unfortunately, our warm relationship over several decades seemed to have chilled after that event and she has not contacted me for anything ever since. Larry Horowitz who is one of her important consultants informs me that she is not upset with me, but I find it hard to believe that. In any event more than a full year later she has sent me a birthday greeting, which I received one month later than my birthday. It is still a puzzle to me if she is still upset with me for what I could see above as being no reason at all. See her birthday wish to me below.



Scanned from a
Xerox Multifunction

Rates of COVID-19-Associated Hospitalizations by Vaccination Status in Adults Ages ≥65 Years, October–December 2021



Variant B.2A is making me a bit anxious. It clearly has a transmission advantage over B.1A. This is manifested by the fact that it is now more than 80% in Denmark and increasing in percentage in the UK. It is said to have about a 50% transmission advantage over B.1A and according to Trevor Bedford, it may be more elusive of immune response. If that is the case it may cause another mini surge. Thus far it does not appear to cause more severe disease than B.1A. we will have to keep an eye out on it.

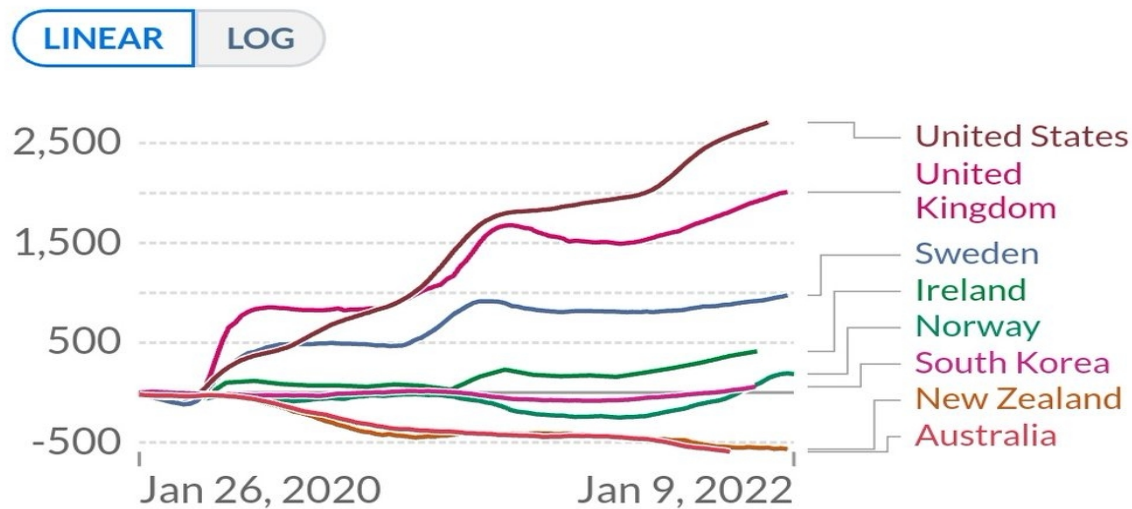
Again, the vitriole against me by the far right is staggering. In an interview with Sheryl Gay Stolberg of the New York Times who is writing a story to come out soon about the GOP attacks on me, she mentioned that in a Senate race in Ohio of candidate Jane Timken, her campaign slogan is “Fire Fauci”.

Jan. 30, 2022 GLONAL USA

Excess mortality: Cumulative number of deaths from all causes compared to projection based on previous years, per million people

Our World
in Data

The cumulative difference between the reported number of deaths since 1 January 2020 and the projected number of deaths for the same period based on previous years. The reported number might not count all deaths that occurred due to incomplete coverage and delays in reporting.



Source: Human Mortality Database (2021), World Mortality Dataset (2021)
CC BY

I had a couple of good conversations today with colleagues from South Africa as well as with Trevor Bedford from Seattle discussing the impact of the B.A2 variant. The discussions in South Africa involved Harry Moutrie and Waasila Jassat led by Glenda Gray. The real question is whether or not they are seeing reinfections with B.A2 And whether or not disease with B.A2 is more severe than that with B.A1. We will have to wait over the next couple of weeks to get that information both from South Africa as well as from the UK and Denmark. In conversations with Trevor Bedford, Trevor feels that given the 50% advantage for transmission that B.A2 has over B.A1, it is likely that in the next few weeks ultimately B.A2 will be the dominant variant in the US. It is unclear whether this will mean a longer tail in the current surge or a new surge. This all has important implications in our predictions and aspirations for when we will ultimately be able to return to some degree of normality. We will have to see how things roll out in the next couple of weeks which are critical time in the saga of this outbreak.

Jan. 31, 2022 Global USA

Hugh Hewitt is still at it. She wrote yet again another opinion piece in the Washington Post calling for me to step down as well as for Rochelle Walensky, Sec. Becerra and Jeff Zients to step down. He is on a right wing roll!

Feb.1, 2022 Global – 376,478,335/5,666.064; USA – 75,012,446/884,853

Cases continue to come down as do hospitalizations. Deaths are holding steady at around 2000 per day. We are all hoping that we continue to come down and reach a point of equilibrium where we can start to return to normal. However, B.2a maybe complicating the situation.

Tension continues with a lot of rumoring on the part of the press about replacing secretary Becerra and even questioning Jeff Zients. The right wing attack on me continues relentlessly literally every day with some far right publication blaming me for something or some congressman raising money on the anti- Fauci platform. a number of things are going on with regard to the actual outbreak. Omicron variant B.A2 is now replacing the original omicron. It appears that it is much more transmissible but not more severe in its manifestations. Obviously, everyone is concerned that this will either prolong the tailing off of cases that we were beginning to see with omicron. The country in the world is quite weary of COVID-19.

In addition we have an issue coming up soon about the EUA submission to the FDA regarding vaccines for children 24 months to four years. The data are not solid for A2 dose vaccine and the FDA wants to push to get approval for the two dose while we're waiting for confirm atory data for a 3 dose regimen for children of that age group. Undoubtedly, this is going to create a problem since it is conceivable that the FDA would approve it but that the CDC with the acip will not recommend it. More to come.

Feb. 2, 2022 – Global – 380,321,615/5,680,741; USA – 75,302,383/888,784

I was quoted in an article in Politico defending Jeff against some people who in the usual rumor mill of Washington were saying that he may not be doing a good job since he does not have a foundation in public health. I came out very strong in his favor in my quotes. Do you have texted me thanking me for my support.

New York State Governor Kathy Hochul called me today wanting to run a few things by me concerning how she's handled the situation in New York. She wants to know when it would be advisable to pull back a bit on the mask and other restriction mandates that they have in New York. She is left with a difficult problem is that the more liberal NYC folks are OK with keeping certain mandates in place like mask mandates whereas people in the upper state who are mostly conservatives but pushing back about the continuation of any mandates particularly since the

numbers look like they are turning around. This is the second time that the governor has called me and she seems to rely very much in my advice. This is similar in the situation some time ago with Governor Cuomo who frequently called me asking me for advice. I told her to strike a balance and as cases start to come down she could slowly pull back on the mandates since if she does not she will get a lot of pushback with people or just plain tired restrictions. She agreed with my recommendations and that is what she is going to do.

Vicious attacks against me continue unabated. Just a small example of what's going on in a much larger scale, Jesse Watters is now attacking the fact that I “own” a restaurant since the now public financial disclosure of mine shows that the Jackson – Fillmore is one of my assets, even though I make zero money on this for the last 20 years. Bud, here we go again fishing around and fishing around. The most recent study came out saying that lockdowns don't work in decreasing mortality in the far right has now come out with a quote from me saying that lockdowns in fact have saved millions of infections and thousands of lives. Now they want me to be fired because I gave him this statement. Quite frankly come I don't have time to debunk the recent paper, but clearly we know that lockdowns have stopped infections as is the situation in China.

Feb. 3, 2022 Global - 383,509,779/5,693,824; USA – 75,605,991/892,442

Great honor! I was just notified by Holy Cross President Vincent D. Rougeau that the college is going to name their Science Complex after me. This really took me by surprise since this is an extraordinary honor and is usually given to people who have donated enormous amounts of money to the college. I am deeply humbled by this honor. They are asking that I go up to my 60th reunion weekend on June 10th to 12, 2022 to celebrate the naming of the complex.

Met with Neal Katyal last night to talk about my retaining him in a number of areas including advice and decisions about my post NIH future, i.e. his advising me regarding negotiations with universities. Interestingly he suggested that Bob Barnett would be a better person although he himself would be happy to help. He would be involved however, very heavily in what will turn out to be a big onslaught of the far right GOP against me particularly if they take over the house and the Senate at the next election. In addition, Neil had some reservations about suing Bobby Kennedy junior since this might call more attention to this issue and it is very difficult to win such a defamation lawsuit.

Feb. 4, 2022 – Global USA

[REDACTED]

Cases continue to come down somewhat unevenly over the country. Now averaging 300,000 to 400,000 cases/day down from 800,000. Of note, daily deaths are still “stuck” around 2300/day for the past several weeks.

Daily Beast:

Obsessed Rand Paul Threatens to Investigate Fauci if GOP Takes Senate

What would Sen. Rand Paul's (R-KY) priority be if Republicans retake the Senate in November's midterm elections? Escalating his creepy and unsuccessful campaign to discredit Anthony Fauci, apparently.

PRESS: WMAQ TV – NBC Affiliate Chicago;

Feb. 5, 2022 - Global -386,548,962/5,705,754; USA – 75,937,801/894,810

Had a very interesting visit over Jeff's house this afternoon (Saturday – crisp, clear and very cold – 20s). Jeff asked me to come over and meet with him and Natalie about the plan that he is putting together to present to the President about how we are going to transition into a different mode in our response and recommendations to the country regarding our approach to COVID. This involves recommendations and mandates for masks, and other restrictions. Natalie had put together a flow sheet of things that they want to consider comparing what we are doing now with a gradual transition to where we might be shortly and then ultimately what the end game would be. I gave some critiques of their proposal and they were very grateful to me. This is another example of the confidence that Jeff has in me in that I am the first person that he is running this proposal by. As mentioned in other comments, my relationship with Jeff is very strong.

Of note, with all the other things going on regarding the Russian threat to invade Ukraine, the retirement of justice Breyer and discussions about his replacement, none of the medical team has been on the Sunday shows for at least the past couple of weeks.

Feb. 6, 2022 Global USA

Extraordinary craziness going on with the far-right wing GOP. In one of my press clips it showed that in multiple southern states a requirement for a person being on a primary ballot for the GOP would be to sign a pledge that if elected they would have me fully investigated and “defund” me. The country is going nuts! In the NY Times his AM was an article that a butterfly sanctuary on the Texas- Mexico border is being mobbed by Q-anon types who believe that it is being used as a cover for child sex trafficking similar to the Comet Pizza saga in DC

Feb. 7, 2022 - Global USA

Article in today's NY Times by Sheryl Stolberg and GOP attacks on me.

Eric Schultz put out a statement from his group defending me against the attacks by the far right GOP:

**STATEMENT: Republicans Have No Right to
Attack Dr. Anthony Fauci While Fighting to
Prolong the Pandemic**

***The GOP's Transparent Attacks on Anthony Fauci Are a Clear Attempt to
Divert the Blame From Where It Belongs***

PRESS: RAI Italian TV;

Feb. 8, 2022 - Global -396,558,032/5,745,032; USA – 76,782,002/903.038

I am getting a bit concerned that we are still having about 2500 deaths per day despite the fact that cases are going down and hospitalizations are going down. I am aware that deaths lag behind hospitalizations, but we have been stuck at around 2500 for several weeks now. Need to keep an eye on that.

Has Zoom call with Paula Darza the former Chilean Undersecretary for public health in Chile. She wanted to talk to me about where Chile is going with regard to the outbreak and what they should be doing any different than what they're doing now. This reminds me of the fact to include in the memoir and the story of how many different countries have relied on me for advice about how they should handle the outbreak in their own country. It is very humbling to realize that so many of these countries depend upon my judgment.

Also I just noticed in a press clip that **Brett Giroir has all argued strongly against having ARPA-H be housed at NIH and the reason that he gave is very critical of NIH. It is very clear that he has a thing about NIH and about me which is not surprising because quite frankly he is really a complete asshole and has always been throughout his tenure during the trump administration. I don't want to specifically blast him in the book but I definitely have to lean towards letting the audience know that he is not exactly a stellar personality.**

The daily attacks on me by the far right continue on so regularly that one hardly even notices them anymore it just is most extraordinary. I'm getting so many more notes and emails from people amazed at how well I am handling these continual attacks on me and giving me encouragement and shows a friendship to support me and what I'm going through.

PRESS: WJLA ABC DC Government Matters with Mimi Geerges

Feb. 9, 2022 - Global – 399,,600,607/5,757,562; USA – 76, 976,575/906,603

President Biden approval rating of going down now for the first time below 40%. The country is very tired of the pandemic and unfortunately they're blaming the administration. This is not helped by the fact that the CDC is really being vague about guidelines for masking in school. It is less the idea of their being vague as it is that the local authorities want more specific metrics about when they could pull back particularly regarding masking in school. All the CDC can say is that they still recommend that masks are mandatory in school. Note that they “recommend”, and this is not a mandate coming from the CDC; however, people are interpreting it that way.

Some people – Sen. Durbin see below – are expressing support for me and are pushing back of the attacks on me. Sen. Durbin made a statement on the Senate floor today:

**DURBIN: DR. FAUCI DESERVES TO BE LISTED ALONGSIDE WORLD'S
GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS**

In a speech on the Senate floor, Durbin decries baseless claims leveled against Dr. Fauci by some Republicans

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL) today took to the Senate floor to express his support for Dr. Anthony Fauci—Director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)—and praised him for using his expertise to see the United States through numerous public health crises like HIV/AIDS, SARS, avian flu, swine flu, Zika, Ebola, and COVID-19. In his speech, Durbin called out Dr. Fauci's Republican detractors for spreading lies about Dr. Fauci and his motivations.

“Dr. Fauci has devoted his career, his life, to improving public health. He has saved countless lives here and around the world. These days, he's working 18 hour days, 7 days a week, shuttling from NIH to the White House and back home. He is a classic example of American excellence, a brilliant scientific mind, and yet despite all this, some members of today's Republican Party have chosen to make him a political target,” said Durbin.

Durbin went on to denounce the Republican Party's strategy of building distrust in Dr. Fauci in order to distract from the party's own neglect in handling the COVID-19 pandemic seriously.

“You see, the Republican Party has consistently failed the American people when it came to COVID. From President Trump refusing to take it seriously, to the discouraging of mask wearing and vaccines, to promoting horse tranquilizers and bleach as a cure. They have too little courage to face their communities and do the hard work of governing during this public health crisis, so they invited a convenient target to focus their blame,” Durbin continued. **“Why would they attack this public servant who has worked around the clock to keep us safe? Because it’s much easier to malign a person than it is to do the hard work of enacting policies to tackle the virus and keep communities healthy.”**

“Dr. Fauci’s name is – and deserves to be – listed alongside our world’s greatest scientific minds. History will reserve another place for those who lied about him for their own gain, inciting hatred, prolonging this pandemic, and contributing to needless pain and suffering,” Durbin concluded.

Feb. 10, 2022 - Global USA

Luc Montagnier, Nobel-winning virologist who co-discovered HIV, dies at 89

PRESS: Interview with *La Stampa*;

Feb. 11, 2022 - Global – 404,910,528/5,783,776; USA – 77,345,683/912,757

Much turmoil going on throughout the country in that everyone is very much fed up with going into the third year of COVID. People want to put aside the masks and get back to normal even though we still not yet at a low enough level to do that the CDC continues to recommend masks and indoor settings particularly in schools and they are getting a lot of pushback even by democratic governors and local authorities. I have been deliberately staying off TV and radio because I know that I'm going to get asked that question which is going to be putting me in conflict with CDC if I don't go along with their adherence to the mask recommendations. In many respects I agree with CDC. But they really need to give some metrics about when one can pull back on masking. In fact I had a long conversation with Rochelle last night by zoom and she is clearly working on some metrics to guide people as to when they can pull back on masking. Needless to say it is a really hot issue right now. The country is fed up with COVID.

Last night CNN ran a piece led by Jim Sciutto calling out the GOP for running ads for their primaries that are centered around attacking me and firing me. A couple of hours after the piece he texted me telling me how sorry he was that I was being harassed so much by the far right. I called him right back and we had a long conversation on the phone with him telling me how disgusted he is with the country that they're attacking me and my family when all I have Ben is a devoted public servant. He expressed some despair about the direction in which the country is going.

I briefed the POTUS in the Oval Office today. The arrangement was that we all sat around the resolute desk including Mike Donilin, Ron Klain, Jeff, Natalie, Bruce Reed, and Cedric Richmond. The subject matter was to bring him up to date as to the course of omicron variant which clearly was receding in numbers in a very sharp decline. In addition, I briefed him on the B.A.2 variance. The President was very worried about the possibility of having yet again another variant that would lead to a surge that would be a political disaster. Unfortunately, this concern was fueled by **Ron Klain who is always a bit pessimistic** about things and kept on questioning my statement that if we do get another variant there's enough background immunity and enough interventions involved that although there might be a large number of cases, it is unlikely that we will have a major surge in hospitalizations. Also, Ron was concerned about the fact that by continuing the vaccine mandate for the military and other government elements that we could keep be creating a problem if we continue to enforce it by firing people who do not comply. Apparently 3,000 members of the military have been removed because they did not want to get vaccinated and Ron was very concerned that they were going to form a movement to protest against the president and give us a lot of trouble. I think that he is incorrect since many of the people who hold out enough to get fired don't really want to be in their jobs to begin with. **Bottom line is that Ron is very negativistic and hyper concerned.** The president himself seemed very distracted and fatigued at first but then perked up during and towards the end of the presentation to him. When we finished he immediately got on marine one and went off for a trip somewhere.

It is interesting that I have not been very much in the press at all over the last two to three weeks in association with the heightened attacks on me by the far right. I used to be on TV 5 to 10 times per week on significant shows. There may be a relationship here or it may be just that there are other important issues in the media including the Russian potential invasion of Ukraine, the trouble with truckers at the Canadian border, and the investigation of the January 6th insurrection.

Feb.12, 2022 Global – 404,910,528/5,783,776; USA – 77,516,009/915,425

Had an interesting outreach to me from John Moore from Cornell who was saying that the group led by Zeke Immanuel who is putting together a proposed plan looking forward to where we want to be with the outbreak somehow is being met with some degree of antagonism by the White House team. See e-mail below:

From: John P Moore [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 12:14 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Cc: Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED] Offit, Pau [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Group wide Covid advisory document

Tony,

You will be well aware that, several weeks ago, a set of JAMA editorials offered advice to the Administration on various Covid-19 related topics. The writers included Zeke Emanuel and several other members of the "Covid-19 Transition Team". Since then, Zeke has chaired a group of about 30 people tasked with writing a series of position papers offering detailed input to the Administration on possible future Covid-19 strategies. Paul Offit and I members of that group, weighing in mostly but not exclusively, on the Vaccines chapter. Everyone's intentions are to provide insightful input that might be useful

But it seems that there are personality clashes with the White House team, arising from the original JAMA articles and the media coverage thereof. Perhaps understandably, those articles were seen as criticism, and it's human nature for people who are criticized to take exception. Our writing teams have become increasingly concerned about what's now happening, and fear that the honest efforts of many of us will go to waste. We're not interested in criticizing past policies or actions, we seek only to perhaps guide future ones. We're also not interested in media coverage, and thereby adding to the (often unfair) criticism of the Administration.

We wonder if we could discuss all of this with you, with the goal of finding a way past the inter-personal issues and instead focus on the contents of the document chapters we're trying hard to make as constructive as possible?

Best,

John

I met with Zeke for another reason today and spoke to him about this issue. According to Zeke, Jeff is very concerned about the group putting out their white paper before the president comes out with the government's plan which might take place during the state of the Union address on March 1. Zeke insists that he wants to share the document with Jeff, but he says that Jeff's only concern is the timing of when they put it out. Strange dynamics here. I am aware of Jeff's appropriate concern about protecting the President and not having it look like were being led by the outside group as opposed to leading the outside group. I don't see it that way. I think we should absolutely bring them in and incorporate their suggestions since they are a group of independent people who are very smart led by a very smart guy, Zeke.

The president is in a very tough situation since he does not want to pull back on recommendations and mandates for restrictions like masks and indoor places in schools as recommended by the CDC because he does not want to appear to declare victory and then find himself in the embarrassing situation he was in when he declared the country "independent of

COVID” by the 4th of July when we then got hit with the delta variant. A very touchy situation of trying to do the right thing from a public health standpoint at the same time as addressing the enormous need for people wanting to get back to normal.

Christine and I went to an extraordinary performance at the Kennedy Senate last night celebrating **50 years of Broadway** as seen through the Kennedy Center. The program featured representative songs from multiple plays that had been on Broadway but that had passed through the Kennedy Center. Our friend Tony Award-winner Stephanie block who is married to Sebastian Arcelus (TV actor) Play the major role in the performances. On my way in two hour seating I ran into **Steny Hoyer** who commiserated with me and told me how outraged he was about how I was being treated by the far right Republicans. He reminisced with me about how it was when he and I first met 38 years ago when he was on the appropriations subcommittee. He told Christine that I was an American hero and that everybody was proud of me as well as of her for all we're doing for the country. The performance was breathtaking and it really made me feel elated and yet somewhat sad because it reminded me of what things were like before all of this mess started. Note below from Stephanie Block to Chris after chris wrote her asn e-mail praising her performance:

From: Stephanie J. Block [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 12:34 PM
To: Grady, Christine (NIH/CC/BEP) [E] [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Invitation to The Kennedy Center’s 50 Years of Music

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are confident the content is safe.

Dear Christine and Tony.

The entire cast, team, orchestra were overwhelmed with respect and awe knowing you both were in the audience. Many performances were personally dedicated to The Fauci family and all you have done, given and sacrificed for the health of our nation.

I could go on and on... bottom line... because of science and medicine, we could finally make live music and we are GRATEFUL.

Thank you for making time on your Saturday night to attend.

Until next time... stay well,

Stephanie

Feb. 13, 2022

Cases continue to come down but the deaths still lag and are over 2000 per day and only coming down very very slowly. This indicates to me that there are still many vulnerable people out there even though omicron appears to be a less virulent virus. As we know from prior experience in other countries, omicron is so highly transmissible that by sheer volume of number infections alone it is going to ultimately seek out and cause severe disease and the vulnerables particularly the unvaccinated.

Of note, none of the medical team who are on any of the Sunday shows today. The news is dominated by Ukraine and the issues of trump tearing up important documents and the outrageous statement by the **Republican National Committee** that January 6 represented normal political discourse. It is amazing that only 8 republican senators including Mitch McConnell spoke out that this was not an accurate portrayal which means that all of the rest of them of going along with that preposterous position by the Republican National Committee. Again, I fear the direction our country is already in and is going. **Rand Paul** continues to rant that when the Republicans take over he's going to thoroughly investigate me.

I am a little bit concerned after a phone call with Jeff today (Sunday) about what they want me to present at the press conference three days from now on Wednesday is that they are shying away from the possibility that we may in the context of omicron have to give almost everybody a 4th dose since, as John Mascola has said, omicron is so different from the other variants that it is infecting vaccinated as well as unvaccinated people. Clearly, if you are vaccinated it protects somewhat against hospitalization and if you are boosted it protects pretty well against hospitalization. However, possibly as a function of mRNA vaccines, the durability of protection even against hospitalization does wane.

Feb. 14, 2022 – Global USA

Got a call today from Kevin O'Connor, physician to the POTUS. Kevin was asking my advice as to whether or not to give a fourth dose boost to the president. The president received his third shot about six months ago. Given the waning immunity following third doses that are just now becoming apparent from studies throughout the country in the world, I strongly suggested to Kevin that he give president Biden the 4th dose as soon as possible. Right now at four months following the third dose the protection against hospitalization is about 78%. I believe that that is much too low for the president given the fact that he is even a couple of months past that four month measure.

Press: Interview with Bloomberg News with Bob Langreth on universal coronavirus vaccines and 4th doses; CNN “Situation Room” with Wolf Blitzer;

Feb. 15, 2022 Global – 412,351,270/5,821,004; USA – 77,837,693/920,097

I had a briefing before the Energy and Commerce oversight committee chaired by congresswoman Diana DeGette with ranking minorities McMorris Rodgers and Griffith. Except for a few of the Republicans who played the gain a function issue with me, the briefing

went extremely well. I was able to articulate several points that I had not been able to in prior hearings/briefings where I kept getting interrupted. Clearly, there are Republicans who have a political motivation behind this, but there are also some who really have been swayed by false information that I think can be turned around. I finally broke out from the restraints of the department and said that I would be happy to give them all of my emails completely unredacted. I did this in response to congresswomen McMorris Rodgers question that in the emails that they have gotten by FOIA, they are often heavily redacted. I told her something that she did not know and I'm glad I had the opportunity to say it, and that is that I do not do any redacting. The redacting occurs beyond me at the level of the department and the White House. I told her that I would be happy to defend every single word in every single one of my emails. She was very glad to hear that. They also pushed me about not testifying before the committee when they asked me to. I explained to them that I am not allowed to testify unless the chair of the majority asks me to. Diana DeGette was very good in defending me in that saying that she would be calling further hearings and that she would be definitely having me testify.

PRESS: WOR Radio.TV Healthcare Show; MSNBC with Hallie Jackson; MSNBC "All In" with Chris Hayes;

Feb. 16, 2022 Global USA

Cases and hospitalizations continued to come down sharply. Deaths lagging a little bit but are starting to come down also. There was a lot of discussion and the CDC is preparing to create new metrics for mask wearing. For example, instead of focusing on cases they will lean much more towards focusing on hospitalizations. They likely will come out with a new plan within the next couple of weeks.

With regard to the above, I met in the Oval Office today with President Biden together with the usual group from last week including Jeff, Natalie, Mike Donilon, Bruce Reed, and Ron Klain. We presented to him the options of what he might do with regard to the evolving change in recommendations by the CDC. This would relate to what he would be saying in the State of the Union address on March 1st. It was a lively discussion and I recommended that he go along with the CDC recommendations and support it but also leave open the possibility that people will be making a personal choice. In the course of the discussion the subject came up that if we go by the CDC guidance that is proposed and the District of Columbia gets to that critical metric where they no longer need to wear masks would we still require masks in the White House and would we still require vaccinations. Ron Klain was concerned that if the President wears a mask or requires vaccination for people to see him as well as testing that the world would see that as a double standard and other agencies would ask for these requirements. I argued against this saying that the special situation with the president warrants that. In fact, the president agreed with me and at one point when the question was asked why should we make these special considerations

for the White House, the president used the first profane word that I ever heard when he answered the question of Ron by saying because “I’m the fucking President of the United states”. I totally agreed with him. All in all that was a good briefing.

PRESS: Reuters TV with Julie Steenhuysen; ABC Prime Time News with Linsey Davis;

Feb. 17, 2022 Global – 416,614,051/5,844,097; USA – 78,060,327/926,497

I received a nice email from Bono (see e-mail below from pdh = Paul David Hewson) informing me that one of the segments that I participated in with Julia Roberts is actually won and important award:

From: pdh [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 6:01 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Anthem awards !!👁

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are confident the content is safe.

Dr Fauci, Tony !

ONE just picked up a couple gold medals for Pass the Mic at the inaugural Anthem awards.. that's basically you and Julia Roberts getting Oscars in the world of social impact!!!

tanks again for doing it !

Bono

It was announced last night right before Francis Collins and I received the Elliot Richardson award from the National Academy of Public Administration that Francis Collins was appointed by Biden as Acting Science Advisor to the President. The **It is very interesting the value and importance that the President, Ron Klain, and Jeff signs put on my opinion** since I was the one who recommended to the president through Jeff that Francis be named as the science adviser to the president. Thinking back one full year, it was I who recommended to the president again through Ron Klain and Jeff that Rochelle Walensky be made CDC director and that Ned Sharpless be retained as the director of the NCI and Francis be retained as the director of NIH. I believe I did some good in those recommendations.

Email from Henry Richardson, the son of Elliot Richardson, to Christine on his reaction to the interview that Chuck Todd did of Francis and I receiving the ElliotRichardson Award from the American Academy of Public Administration (see above):

From: Henry Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:27 PM
To: Grady, Christine (NIH/CC/BEP) [E] [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ELR prize followup

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are confident the content is safe.

Dear Christine,

I hope you don't mind my conveying a message to Tony via you. I just assume that his email is overwhelmed and has to have people sorting through it for him, etc. And this gives me a chance to pass along my warm greetings to you, as well. I very much enjoyed your joint Stubing Memorial Lecture, which was full of wisdom and showed a beautiful coming together of your different but harmonized approaches.

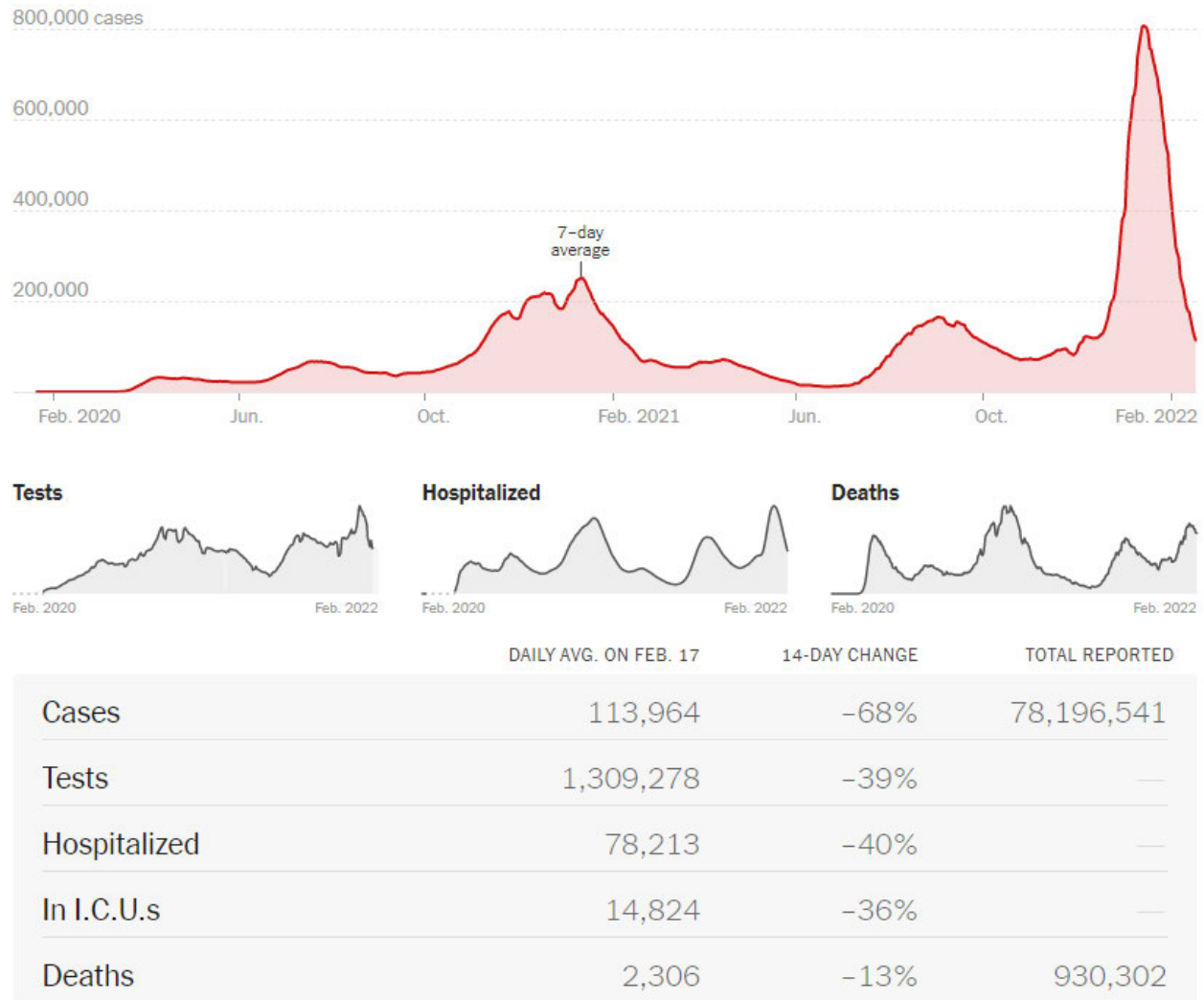
And now what I'd like to convey to Tony is how deeply gratified, honored, and proud I feel that he and Francis Collins agreed to accept the prize named after my father--I don't mean that his name would have been a deterrent; but neither of these guys really needs another prize. Yet the discussion that followed the awarding of the prizes was priceless. It was both inspiring in its modeling of commitment and passion in public service and troubling in its unsparing description of our nation's troubles; but the intelligence and spirit of the two of them left me with hope. I worried about how this virtual ceremony might go; but this was by far the most important and moving discussion we've ever had after one of these ceremonies. My late father would be so angry to have missed it!

Warm regards,

Henry

PRESS: PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff; CNN "A/C 360" with John Berman

Feb 18, 2022 Global – 418,650,474/5,856,224; USA – 78,161,630/928,723



I had a very good conversation with the vice president of Ecuador, Dr. Alfredo Borrero, together with the Ecuadorean Ambassador to the USA Ivonne A-Baki and Health Minister Ximena Garzon. Ecuador has done extremely well in getting about 80% of their population vaccinated. They had the same patterns of omicron spike and decline as we have. They were very gracious and extremely excited but having had the opportunity to speak to me.

Typical example of the amazing disinformation going on about me by the far-right:

Real Raw News: [Fauci Endorses Abolishing 2nd Amendment](#)

By **Michael Baxter**

February 17, 2022

... Last Friday a cabal of freedom hating despots that included the likes of Fauci, Kamala Harris, Rochelle Walensky, and Alejandro Mayorkas met clandestinely in a conference room at the Four Seasons Hotel in Baltimore ... The meeting, our source said, lasted approximately two hours and ended with Fauci giving what must have been a 10-minute lecture on the merits of aggressive firearms legislation. His homily was akin to an invocation. In the midst of soaring hyperbole, with a period or semi-colon nowhere in sight, Fauci exhorted, beseeched and finally begged his comrades to endorse abolishing the 2nd Amendment, all in the name of "saving people from killing themselves with guns during the pandemic."

PRESS: NBC6 & Telemundo 51; regional media - Hearst with Christopher Salas; Televisa (Latino outlet) with Ariel Moutsatsos; Betches Sup' (women's outlet) with Amanda Duberman

Feb. 19, 2022 - Global USA

Feb. 20, 2022 - Global USA

NY Times came out with an important article today by Apoorva Mandavilli severely criticizing the CDC for withholding data that they have until they are absolutely ready to almost publish it. This is a complaint that I have had about them for several years and finally it is becoming apparent to everyone that their system is outdated and antiquated and not at all up to snuff to handle a global pandemic. I don't mean to severely criticize the CDC, but this is really a problem. I know that Rochelle is trying to update the system, but the CDC has received billions of dollars in the past and have still not done so. Hopefully things will change in the future, and pretty quickly in the future.

The C.D.C. Isn't Publishing Large Portions of the Covid Data It Collects

The agency has withheld critical data on boosters, hospitalizations and, until recently, wastewater analyses.

I had a very important meeting with the President today together with the same group that met with him a few days ago (see above – Jeff, Ron, et al). We wanted to bring him up to date about the dynamics of the outbreak leading up to the release by the CDC next week of their new method of metrics to guide restrictions such as masking. The President was one hour late for the meeting since he was being briefed by the National Security Council regarding the imminent threat of Russia invading Ukraine. He went straight from that meeting to our meeting. The

President was very adamant that he did not want to get out at the State of the Union address and say that we now have a system where the locals can get on a website to find out whether the county that they live in is either blue, yellow, or red, which will guide them as to recommendations for masking and then find out that it is a difficult website for the ordinary American to use. Natalie said that it was only a B- website, which got the POTUS annoyed. Natalie did not want to throw the CDC under the bus but is it typical of all CDC website entries. They are mediocre regarding ease of use. She promised that they would get it to A+ in a few weeks. Also, Bruce Reed brought up as we were waiting outside the Oval to enter that we should not use the color “blue” for low infection and “red” for high infection since FOX news and the GOP would say that we did it to take a jab at blue state/red state. Good point. We will change the blue to green. It was anticipated that within a week or so that uh much of the country would be in a blue or yellow zone. The president was very clear that he did not want to get out there promising something that turns out to be a computer difficult process IE not user friendly.

[REDACTED] it is clear that the president and Ron and Jeff are going to want my input into certain aspects of the rollout of the CDC metrics as well as the delivery of the state of the Union address. [REDACTED]

██████████ Hopefully, the dynamics of the infections will continue to come down as we go through the next few months. The president was his usual gentlemanly self and at the end of the meeting he said again that my greatest fan is Jill Biden. Right after our meeting, the president had to get up and take a phone call from president Macron of France regarding the imminent invasion of Ukraine by the Russians.

Natalie wants me to carefully go over the plan for the future which the White House has put together. I have to have my comments to her by tomorrow (Monday) at 1:00 PM. By the way, today as has been over the past days, and absolutely crystal clear sunny day but very cold.

Also today, we had our Sunday zoom meeting with our South African colleagues who confirmed that the omicron variant B.A2 is not more severe than B.A1. However it is clear that despite the fact that hospitalizations are less, they are now starting to plateau instead of going straight down. We must keep an eye on this. Of note, there are several individuals that they are following who have been infected two and three times. Clearly omicron is so transmissible that it easily infects people who have been infected before as well as people who have been vaccinated. We are seeing the same thing in our own country. This underscores the importance of getting people vaccinated and boosted and so protecting them against severe disease leading to hospitalizations as well as having people wear masks when they are at high risk.

Interesting point. I went over the National COVID-19 Strategy that the administration is getting ready to put out. Natalie gave it to me to read and comment on. It really was very, very poorly written with many, many repetitions as if it had virtually no editing. I do not want to be the messenger they gets shot; however, I'm going to have to tell Natalie and Jeff how bad this is. They really need to do a major rewriting.

Feb. 21, 2022 - Global USA

Russia has begun their invasion of Ukraine. Crazy world!

I had an interesting conversation today with Barbra Streisand. She called me because she wanted advice about when she and her husband Jim should get her 4th dose of her mRNA vaccine. She is 79 years old and she got her third shot in October. I explained to her about waning immunity and told her that she should call me in another couple of months to see whether the level of protection has waned below the 78% that it is right now for hospitalizations. She then went on to tell me how upset she was that I have been attacked by the far right. She said to me that she has been attacked all her professional life and that's one of the unfortunate aspects of being famous. However, she said that the level of attacks now are really worse than what she has seen previously. She said that all the people who are her friends in Hollywood are pulling for me and are very much admiring me. I told her I love her and she answered I love you too Tony.

Terrible Tragedy today. My good friend Paul Farmer was found dead in his sleep in his home in Butaro, Rwanda. he was 62 years old and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He was truly an icon in global health and a good friend to Christine, my daughters (particularly Jenny who know him when she was at Harvard), And beloved by almost everyone who comes into contact with him. He always told me that I was his inspiration from the first time he was a medical student at Harvard in the audience as I was giving a lecture up at Harvard. That must have been about 38-40 years ago 37 years ago. I am terribly saddened by this and as **Sheryl Stolberg reported in the New York Times**, I broke down in tears during the interview when she asked me about him right after his death.

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, President Biden's top medical adviser, broke down in tears during an interview, in which he said he and Dr. Farmer had been like "soul brothers."

"When you talk about iconic giants in the field of public health, he stands pretty much among a very, very short list of people," said Dr. Fauci, who first met Dr. Farmer decades ago, when Dr. Farmer was a medical student. He added, "He called me his mentor, but in reality he was more of a mentor to me."

I was asked by Natalie and Jeff to review the 96 page long U.S. government strategy for COVID-19 that will be released in the next week. I went over it carefully and it took several hours. I believe the content is fine but it was extraordinarily poorly written. I am listing below an email that I sent to Jeff and Natalie describing my concern about the document:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Quillian, Natalie H. EOP/WHO [REDACTED]
Cc: Zients, Jeffrey D. EOP/WHO [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Close Hold - Draft Strategy for Your Review

Natalie:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review the national COVID-19 strategy. I have gone over it very carefully, particularly in those areas that relate more closely to what I do. Although the content issues are excellent, there is a problem with the presentation. Please do

not shoot the messenger, but this document requires very serious editing. I have made my comments directly in the document so that you can see them. However, the overall issue is that it is not a “tight” document. There is an extraordinary amount of repetitiveness, in some cases saying exactly the same thing with exactly the same words over and over. It is a good idea as you have done to break up the discussion into: 1) what America (USG) has already done; and 2) what the US government will do. However, you repeat very often under #2 exactly what you said under #1. In other words, after you have said what the US government has done, when you get to what we will do, do not repeat what you said before in #1 and very succinctly say in #2 what we are going to do. I know that it is not easy to do this in every instance since sometimes the element in #2 is merely continuing something that we have already done very well as described in #1. And so it is understandable how we may need to refer to what we said in #1 in order to orient the audience as to what we are going to continue or improve on. However, very often repetition of elements in #1 is not necessary since you are proposing something that is entirely new.

Also, I would try to stay away from saying how bad things were before we got here. We just need to focus on what we have done since we got here. Sometimes you have to do a comparison with what went before, but we should not overdo it since that would distract attention away from this being a forward-looking strategic plan and might have some think it is more of a political statement, which it is absolutely not. I hope that you find these comments constructive because that is the sense in which they are given. Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to see it. Happy to discuss further if you wish.

Best regards,

Tony

PRESS

Feb. 22, 2022 Global USA

Had another great conversation which I have been having on a regular basis with my UK colleagues – Chris Whitty and Patrick Valance. The UK is not seen an increase in severity with B.A2 which is increasing in Northern Ireland but it's still at a low level in the rest of the UK. As for the United States it is still overwhelmingly omicron (B.A1).

PRESS: Fox TV NYC – “Good Day” with Rosanna Scotto; CBC Canada Radio “As It Happens” with Katie Geleff

Feb. 23, 2022 Global – 426,624,859/5,899,578 USA – 78,518,045/936,162

I still am under the very constant strain vicious attacks from the far right led by Fox News, Breitbart, and the constant tweeting and increase from far right members of the house and the Senate. I am very frustrated about the fact that I am never given the opportunity to fully explain

Cases and hospitalizations continue to come down and for the first time, deaths look like they are coming down in a meaningful way. Yesterday for the first time the number of cases were below 100,000 and the number of deaths were below 1000 with a seven day average of less than 2000. There is going to be of considerable amount of tension when the States and cities pull back on the mass requirements in schools, which is the direction in which we are heading. The reason is that **many of the teachers will not show up if the kids are not required to wear masks** if they are not vaccinated. And only about 1/3 of the children from 5 to 11 who are eligible to be vaccinated have actually been vaccinated and only about 50% of the adolescents from 12 to 17 have been vaccinated. Again, it is a shame and tragic, but we are one of the more under vaccinated countries in the developed world. The anti-vaxx movement and all of the misinformation and disinformation that is being spread on social media including by many politicians is in fact losing lives and killing people. This must be emphasized in my writings.

Key Metrics

	Total to date	Most recent day*	7-day daily average	Week-on-week change
Cases	78,389,155	61,359	78,306	-46.3%
Conf. COVID hosp. admits	4,495,892	4,586	6,568	-31.8%
Deaths	932,894	833	1,598	-28.3%
NAATs reported**	806,887,260	omitted due to reporting lag	1,061,381**	-21.3%**
Test positivity**	9.5%		6.5%	-2.8 pct. pts.
Vaccine doses administered	550,924,900	+985,477	+425,178	-21.9%
Persons fully vaccinated	215,006,201	+261,128	+128,865	-13.5%
Persons 5-11 w/ 1+ doses	9,348,213	+56,385	+21,403	-25.9%
Persons 12+ w/ 1+ doses	243,637,308	+205,877	+89,083	-17.7%
Booster doses administered	93,240,194	+432,474	+180,316	-27.4%



PRESS: Bloomberg “Balance of Power” with David Westin;

Feb. 24, 2022 – Global USA

Russia now in full scale invasion of Ukraine. Ukrainians fighting back hard, but the Russians are surrounding the capital of Kyiv. very tenuous situation with all of Europe condemning Russia. Putin, who is likely truly insane, does not seem to care what the world opinion is.

It is very important to read a thoughtful article in *Time* magazine by Bob Gallo and Dean Jamison on why it is not important and it may take years to determine but the actual origin of solace Kobe two is. We need to incorporate this in the book:

By [Robert C. Gallo and Dean T. Jamison](#)

February 23, 2022 2:39 PM EST

Another very important article in *Scientific American* that argues against the lab-leak.engineered virus claim:

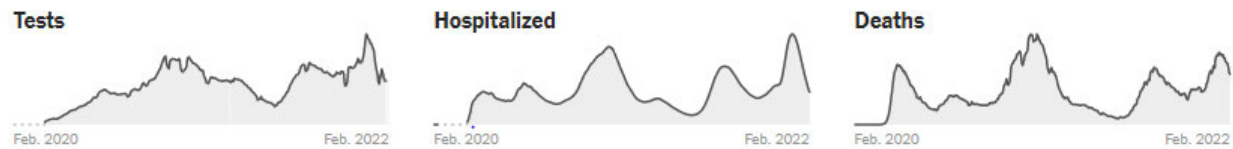
The Lab-Leak Hypothesis Made It Harder for Scientists to Seek the Truth

Virus origin stories have always been prone to conspiracy theories. COVID disinformation has threatened research—and lives

March 1, 2022

PRESS: interview with Politico Europe on TB;

Feb. 25, 2022 - Cases continue to fall as do hospitalizations and even deaths starting to come down:



	DAILY AVG. ON FEB. 24	14-DAY CHANGE	TOTAL REPORTED
Cases	72,754	-65%	78,714,648
Tests	1,217,592	+1%	—
Hospitalized	57,544	-44%	—
In I.C.U.s	10,976	-43%	—
Deaths	1,868	-27%	943,312

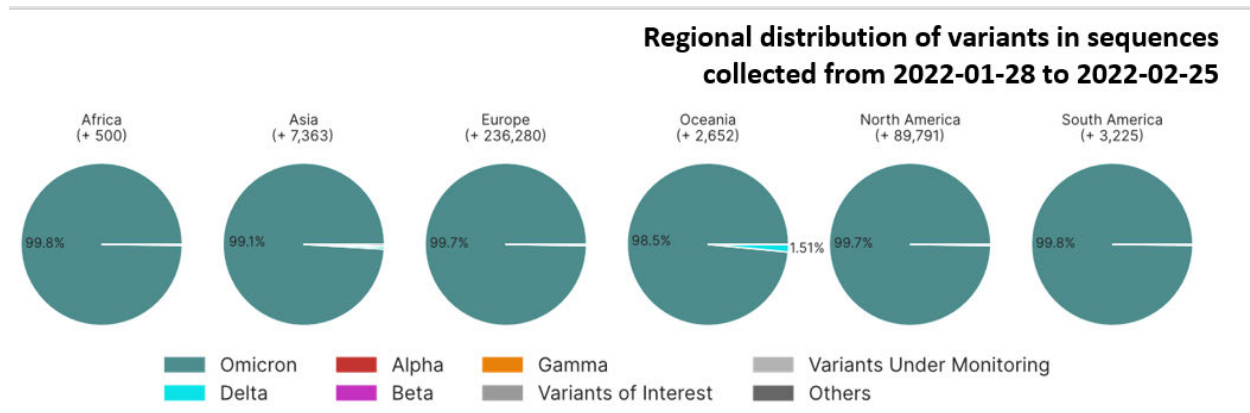
[About this data](#)

CDC came out with new guidelines based on the metrics that we lie heavily on **hospitalizations and hospital capacity as opposed to the number of cases.** This would then have the country immediately go from 97% of states fully under the guidelines of masking indoor and at schools whereas now with the new guidelines, 70% of the country falls within the guideline of not wearing masks in indoor settings. It will be interesting to see how the country reacts to this.

Absolutely critical article to read for the book by Joel Achenbach posted online for the Washington Post on Feb. 24. He says in that article what I would have been saying were I writing the book now:

The Hard Lessons We Learned — and Didn't — From Two Years in Pandemic School

Omicron (including B.A.2) is dominating the world:



Some press (also see Yasmeeen Abutaleb story above) starting to push back on the misinformation campaign against me. See *Daily Beast*:

Anti-Fauci Animal Rights Group Accused of Illegal Donations

Dog With Fleas

A group that spread misinformation about Anthony Fauci is now facing accusations that it violated multiple tax laws and illegally coordinated with a political group.

Dr. Ladapo spreading dangerously false information – Orlando Sentinel:

DeSantis, Ladapo urge Floridians to ‘buck’ the CDC on COVID guidelines

There are some interesting paradoxes that need to go into the book. An example is the fact that Ron DeSantis, Florida governor, talks about getting rid of “Fauci-ism” Which stands for government telling you what you can and cannot do. He says this at the same time that he, the state government is mandating that you cannot require masks in school and public places even though the teachers, the school boards, and the owners of the private establishments might want to require masks in their venues. It is similar to the people who do not want to require vaccines when they say “my body, my choice” at the same time is that they are anti choice with regard to

women's right to have an abortion. It is stunning how the irony is lost on the people who listen to them. I was recently asked on one of the regional Miami stations about what I thought about what government DeSantis was doing particularly with regard to his wanting to use unproven drugs such as hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin. I was very kind in that I said the CDC provides guidelines and the locals can do what they want; However, this is risky to the health of the citizens of Florida. In addition I said that the recommendation of unproven drugs that might also have toxicity is ill advised and dangerous.

PRESS: Regional press -Telemundo Miami with Ari Odzer; Univision National with Luis Megid; Cox with Kirstin Gariss

Feb. 26, 2022 Global - 430,257.564/5,922,049; USA – 78,644,344/942.301

NY Times article by Adam Nagourney on RFK, Jr. describes well his attacks on e and others:

A Kennedy's Crusade Against Covid Vaccines Anguishes Family and Friends

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has risen to become a major figure in the vaccine resistance movement. Those close to him say it's "heartbreaking."

The "Fire Fauci" meme is central at the CPAC meeting in Florida:

<https://bit.ly/3hkaNTE> - Todd Starnes, Dr. Peter McCullough, Sebastian Gorka, and Rep. Matt Gaetz

New "preprint papers" coming out from Kristian Andersen and Chinese investigators strongly indicating that the virus came from animals, not lab leak:



v1_covered.pdf



2022.02.26_worobe
y_preprint.pdf



v1_covered.pdf

February 26, 2022 Preprint Open Access

SARS-CoV-2 emergence very likely resulted from at least two zoonotic events

Pekar, Jonathan E.; Magee, Andrew; Parker, Edyth; Moshiri, Niema; Izhikevich, Katherine; Havens, Jennifer L.; Gangavarapu, Karthik; Malpica Serrano, Lorena M.; Crits-Christoph, Alexander; Matteson, Nathaniel L.; Zeller, Mark; Levy, Joshua I.; Wang, Jade C.; Hughes, Scott; Lee, Jungmin; Park, Heedo; Park, Man-Seong; Ching Zi Yan, Katherine; Tzer Pin Lin, Raymond; Mat Isa, Mohd Noor; Muhammad Noor, Yusuf; Vasylyeva, Tetyana I.; Garry, Robert F.; Holmes, Edward C.; Rambaut, Andrew; Suchard, Marc A.; Andersen, Kristian G.; Worobey, Michael; Wertheim, Joel O.

Abstract: Understanding the circumstances that lead to pandemics is critical to their prevention. Here, we analyze the pattern and origin of genomic diversity of SARS-CoV-2 early in the COVID-19 pandemic. We show that the SARS-CoV-2 genomic diversity prior to February 2020 comprised only two distinct viral lineages—denoted A and B—with no transitional haplotypes. Novel phylodynamic rooting methods, coupled with epidemic simulations, indicate that these two lineages were the result of at least two separate cross-species transmission events into humans. The first zoonotic transmission likely involved lineage B viruses and occurred in late-November/early-December 2019 and no earlier than the beginning of November 2019, while the introduction of lineage A likely occurred within weeks of the first event. These findings define the narrow window between when SARS-CoV-2 first jumped into humans and when the first cases of COVID-19 were reported. Hence, as with SARS-CoV-1 in 2002 and 2003, SARS-CoV-2 emergence likely resulted from multiple zoonotic events.

One sentence summary: SARS-CoV-2 genomic diversity early in the COVID-19 pandemic points to emergence via repeated zoonotic events.

Biological Sciences – Article

Surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 in the environment and animal samples of the Huanan Seafood Market

George Gao, William Liu, Peipei Liu, Wenwen Lei, Zhiyuan Jia, Xiaozhou He, Lin-Lin Liu, Weifeng Shi, Yun Tan, Shumei Zou, Xiang Zhao, Gary Wong, Ji Wang, Feng Wang, Gang Wang, Kun Qin, Rongbao Gao, Jie Zhang, Min Li, Wenling Xiao, Yuanyuan Guo, Ziqian Xu, Yingze Zhao, Jingdong Song, Jing Zhang, Wei Zhen, Wenting Zhou,

Beiwei Ye, Juan Song, Mengjie Yang, Weimin Zhou, Yuhai Bi, Kun Cai, Dayan Wang, Wenjie Tan, Jun Han, Wenbo Xu, Guizhen Wu

DOI:

[10.21203/rs.3.rs-1370392/v1](https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-1370392/v1)

[Download PDF](#)

License:

This work is licensed under a CC BY 4.0 License. [Read Full License](#)

Emerging in December 2019, coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) eventually became a pandemic and has posed a tremendous threat to global public health. However, the origins of SARS-CoV-2, the causative agent of COVID-19, remain to be determined. It has reported that a certain number of the early case clusters had a contact history with Huanan Seafood Market. Therefore, surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 within the market is of vital importance. Herein, we presented the SARS-CoV-2 detection results of 1380 samples collected from the environment and the animals within the market in early 2020. By SARS-CoV-2-specific RT-qPCR, 73 environmental samples tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 and three live viruses were successfully isolated. The viruses from the market shared nucleotide identity of 99.980% to 99.993% with the human isolate HCoV/Wuhan/IVDC-HB-01. In contrast, no virus was detected in the animal swabs covering 18 species of animals in the market. The SARS-COV-2 nucleic acids in the positive environmental samples showed significant correlation of abundance of Homo sapiens with SARS-CoV-2. In summary, this study provided convincing evidence of the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 in the Huanan Seafood Market during the early stage of COVID-19 outbreak.

Another less compelling paper, but nonetheless “suggestive:

February 27, 2022 Preprint Open Access

SARS-CoV-2 infection at the Huanan seafood market



Courtier-Orgogozo, Virginie;



de Ribera, Francisco A.

The Huanan market harbored many of the early COVID-19 cases in 2019 and is a key element to understanding the origin of the pandemic. Whether the initial animal-to-human transmission did occur at this market is still debated. Here we do not examine how SARS-CoV-2 virus was introduced at the market, but focus on how early cases may have been infected at the market. Based on available evidence, we suggest that several early infections at the Huanan market may have occurred via human-to-human transmission in closed spaces such as canteens, Mahjong rooms or toilets. We advocate for further studies to investigate this hypothesis.

NY Times:

New Research Points to Wuhan Market as Pandemic Origin

By [Carl Zimmer](#) and [Benjamin Mueller](#) Feb. 26, 2022

Scientists released a [pair](#) of extensive [studies](#) on Saturday that point to a market in Wuhan, China, as the origin of the coronavirus pandemic. The two reports, totalling about 150 pages, have not yet been published in a scientific journal.

Hilarious SNL skit with me declaring that the new variant actually makes you feel great. Very funny: <https://bit.ly/3IrrtF1>

PRESS: Even Newsweek that was very much anti Fauci has now come around (see below):

Wuhan Lab Leak Theory Undermined as New Research Points to Wet Market

By [Andrew Stanton](#) On 2/26/22 at 5:02 PM EST

New research points to a Wuhan market in China as the origin of the pandemic, further undermining claims that the coronavirus originated in a lab.

The idea that the virus originated in a market has long been the leading theory among the scientific community, but some have still insisted the virus was man-made and leaked from the [Wuhan Institute of Virology](#). Two new research studies released on Saturday further backs up the market theory.

One of the studies used spatial analysis to show that the earliest known cases of COVID-19 were located near the market. It found that positive environmental samples were "strongly associated" with vendors selling live animals including raccoon dogs.

"Together, these analyses provide dispositive evidence for the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 via the live wildlife trade and identify the Huanan market as the unambiguous epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic," the study said.

The other study analyzed the pattern of genomic diversity of the virus early in the pandemic, finding that the disease was likely transmitted to people from an animal.

Read more

- [Fauci Thought COVID Lab Leak Theory Was 'Shiny Object' That Would Go Away](#)
- [Joe Rogan Pushes Back on Spotify, Citing Newsweek Coverage of Wuhan Lab](#)
- [Scientists React to COVID Study Suggesting New Date for First Known Case](#)

Michael Worobey, who is a co-author on both studies, tweeted: "We found that cases in December were both nearer to, and more centered on, the Huanan market than could be expected given either the population density distribution of Wuhan, or the spatial distribution of COVID cases later in the the epidemic. Its epicenter was at the market."

The origin of the virus has become highly debated since the beginning of the pandemic. Many health experts including Dr. [Anthony Fauci](#) have long promoted the theory that the market as the origin—[though he has said he would be open to an investigation into the origin](#)—while others have pushed the lab leak theory as definitive while calling on greater scrutiny and investigations into the lab.

"There was a study recently that we can make available to you, where a group of highly qualified evolutionary virologists looked at the sequences [of the novel coronavirus] and the sequences in bats as they evolve. And the mutations that it took to get to the point where it is now is totally consistent with a jump of a species from an animal to a human," [Fauci said](#) in April 2020, just weeks after the pandemic began prompting widespread shutdowns across the United States.

A [WHO report from last year](#) found that the virus likely originated in the market, but officials at the time declined to completely rule out the possibility that the virus originated in a lab. The Chinese government has also refuted the lab leak theory, [dismissing calls for an investigation](#) into its origin.

Same with the *New York Post* (See title below):

New study finds Wuhan market likely origin source of COVID-19

By

[Rich Calder](#)

And *CNN*:

Studies offer further evidence that the coronavirus pandemic began in animals in Wuhan market

By Katherine Dillinger, CNN

And *NY Times*: (of note, Jesse Bloom was again quoted as disagreeing with the findings. There is no doubt that he is totally convinced that a lab leak hypothesis is equally as likely as a natural occurrence and he refuses to accept the fact that there are zero data so the lab leak hypothesis and much accumulating data for the natural occurrence. He is an immature person who most people believe likes the idea that he is now in the newspapers a lot because of his contrary opinion.)

New Research Points to Wuhan Market as Pandemic Origin

By [Carl Zimmer](#) and [Benjamin Mueller](#) Feb. 26, 2022

And *Nature*:

Wuhan market was epicentre of pandemic's start, studies suggest

Report authors say that the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 jumped from animals sold at the market into people twice in late 2019 — but some scientists want more definitive evidence.

[Amy Maxmen](#)

And *Nature*:

Nature: Wuhan market was epicentre of pandemic's start, studies suggest
<https://go.nature.com/3M4O0JL>

Very important Tweet thread from Michael Worobey: <https://bit.ly/3BUjXig>

and from Andrew Rambaut: <https://bit.ly/3HmosnT>

Feb. 27, 2022 Global - 430,257,564/5,922,049 USA – 78,732,221/944,517

Daily cases/hospitalizations/ deaths continue to come down. Critical to see what happens now that CDC has issued new guidelines based on hospitalization and hospital capacity by county.

The Ukrainians are fighting back fiercely against the Russians who are circling Kyiv. the entire world is pushing back with heavy sanctions against the Russians. This is a very tense time and could actually lead to an even further escalation.

Feb. 28, 2022 Global USA

The Republican insanity about me continues (*Washington Examiner*):

Nathan Dahm joins race to replace Oklahoma Sen. Jim Inhofe, says Fauci belongs in prison

by [Emily Brooks, Political Reporter](#) |

| February 28, 2022 07:00 AM

EXCLUSIVE — Oklahoma Republican state Sen. Nathan Dahm is jumping into the special Senate race to replace Republican Sen. Jim Inhofe, shifting direction after originally embarking in a primary challenge to junior Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford.

He announced the move with a fiery take: Dr. Anthony Fauci “belongs in federal prison,” Dahm told the *Washington Examiner* in an interview over the weekend at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida, pointing to his denials of knowing about gain-of-function research in a Wuhan, China, lab before the coronavirus pandemic.

“He is the prime poster child for government bureaucrats not being held accountable for their actions. I believe he has caused deaths,” said Dahm, 39. “If you look at his record, during the AIDS epidemic, he was wrong about almost everything that caused that epidemic to grow even worse, caused even more deaths, And I think he's actually caused deaths in America, and I think he should be held accountable for that and he should go and he should rot in a federal prison for the rest of his life.”

PRESS: Interview with the *Financial Times* – Donato Mancini re: mRNA hubs in the developing world;

March 1, 2022 – Global USA

40 mile convoy of Russian troops and tanks heading towards Kyiv. the Ukrainians are putting up a fierce battle and the Russians are not making much headway. Putin has put his nuclear apparatus on high alert.

As expected the usual suspects (Richard Ebright – total asshole and Alina Chan – Harvard post doc) are trashing the recent studies about the Wuhan market being the epicenter and indicated in the *Washington Examiner*:

Wash Examiner: ‘Pimping spin, not science’: Skeptics question COVID-19 starting at wet market <https://washex.am/3td2Ghe> By Heather Hamilton

Salon:

Jim Jordan promises to "investigate" Dr. Fauci if GOP retakes the House this year

Jordan has claimed that Fauci sponsored research that launched the pandemic, then covered it up. Experts say nope

By [Jon Skolnik](#)

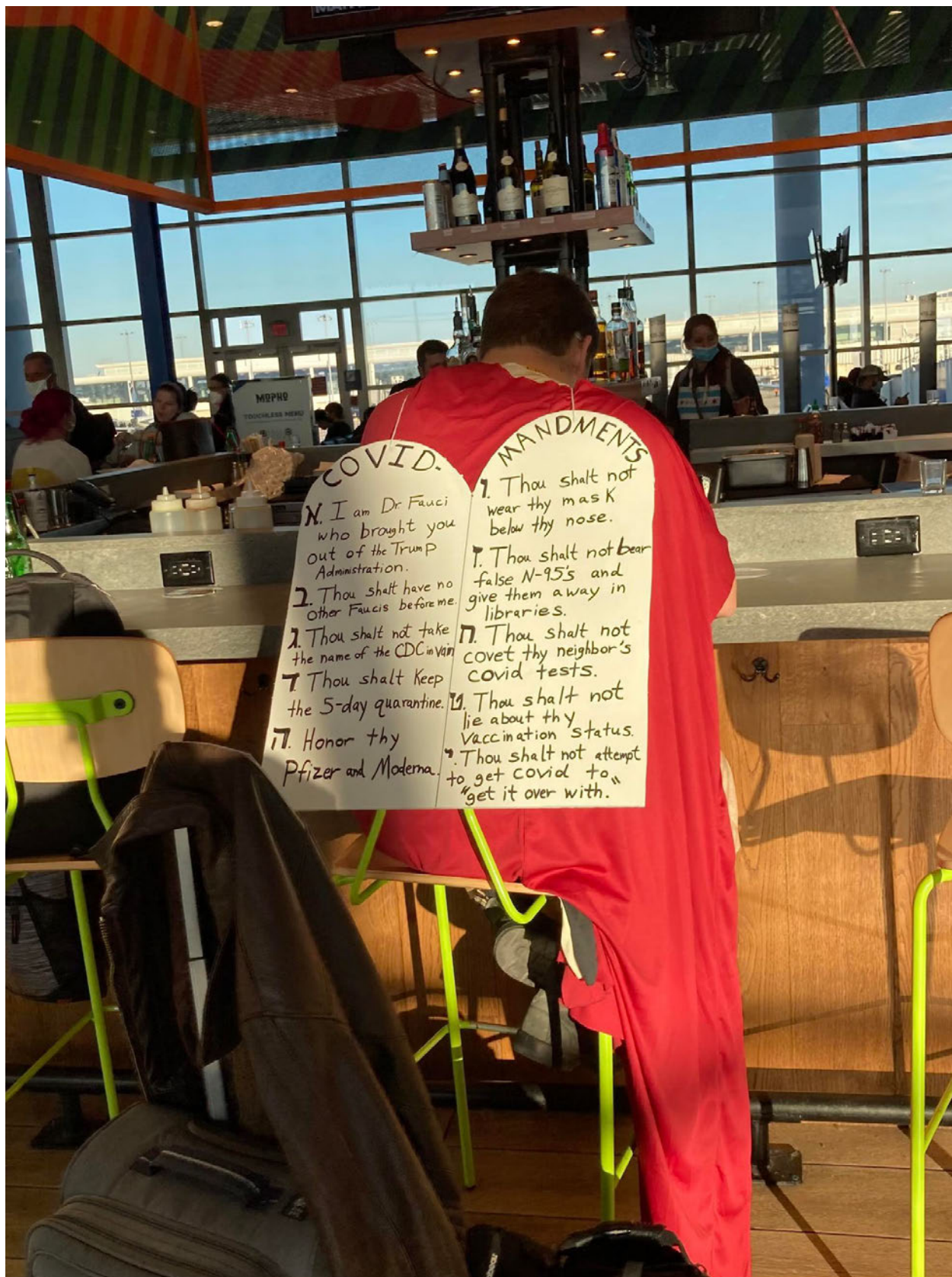
Last minute preparations for both the President's **State of the Union** address as well as the national COVID-19 preparedness plan which we will roll out the day after the SOTU address which is tonight. Jeff and Natalie called me during the day to run a couple of sentences that are in the address that they wanted to make sure was totally accurate regarding COVID-19. I had played, together with Rochelle, a major role in editing the **National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan**. The original version that we got last week was very sloppily prepared and I spent a lot of time helping them to rewrite it. Tomorrow, we will have a press conference at the White House South court auditorium to make a brief presentation regarding the plan and to answer questions from the press.

Last night the president gave what I believe was an excellent **State of the Union address**. Given his difficulty with stuttering, he messed up a few words, which I am sure the far right will jump

all over. However, the content of his speech or superb as he laid out plans of how we get out of the COVID situation as well as our strong response against the Russians who are currently invading in a vicious way the Ukraine.

March 2, 2022 – Global -435,626,514/5,952,215; USA – 78,855,000/947,882

In New Orleans airport:



COVID.

1. I am Dr. Fauci who brought you out of the Trump Administration.
2. Thou shalt have no other Faucis before me.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the CDC in vain.
4. Thou shalt keep the 5-day quarantine.
5. Honor thy Pfizer and Moderna.

MANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt not wear thy mask below thy nose.
2. Thou shalt not bear false N-95s and give them away in libraries.
3. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's covid tests.
4. Thou shalt not lie about thy vaccination status.
5. Thou shalt not attempt to get covid to "get it over with."

We had the big rollout today of the National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan with a major press briefing at the South Court Auditorium of the White House. It was the first time we had one of these without masks on with all of us in person as opposed to on a screen. It was the night after the state of the Union address in which the president mentioned that we would be rolling out the plan today. the presenters were myself, secretary Becerra, Rochelle, and Jeff. It was well received and we answered a whole bunch of questions. The critical issue is that we are hopefully approaching some form of the new normal, whereby we live with the virus at a very low level but we do not allow it to disrupt our lives. This is not so easy to do since we still have the threat of new variants that we must be able to respond to. And with the removal of mask guidelines for those areas and counties where the hospitalization rate are in a low to medium zone, people who are vulnerable such as the elderly and those with underlying conditions justifiably have some concerns that when everyone takes the masks off it might put them at a greater risk of getting infected, and even though they are vaccinated and boosted they still could go onto a serious outcome. There is a justification in their concern; however, wearing of a good fitted N95 mask could go a long way to protect them. Another example of no solution to a problem of this magnitude is perfect.

The person who threatened to kill me is:

Mr. Anthony Fauci, Dr.

Re: United States v. Defendant(s) Thomas Patrick Connally, Jr.
Case Number 2021R00344 and Court Docket Number 21-MJ-02170

PRESS: Regional media: Nexstar with Jessi Turnure; Gray with David Ade; Cox with Samantha Manning; Midday Flavor – Dothan, Alabama with Jimmie Doctrie; WokeAF – National with Danielle Moodie; Ryan Cameron Uncensored – Atlanta, GA with Ryan Cameron

March 3, 2022 Global – 438,968,263/5,969,439; USA - 78,977,146/952,223;

GOP candidates in their primaries continue to mount vicious attacks against me making up absolutely unbelievable conspiracy theories and demanding that when they get in power they will prosecute me to the fullest and put me in jail. This is truly an example of the dystopian nature of our society. They have completely normalized fabrication and lies. At this point it has become clear to me that I will have to lead the NIH while I am still vigorous passionate and energetic to begin to tell my story with books and with lectures about how what is happening in the scientific community is representative of what will happen in the entire country when we are overcome by a normalization of fabrication and lies. I believe that my decision has

now been made on this day that I will have to leave this year well I am still energetic enough to tell the story to the American people

Secretary Becerra asked me to join him on a massive zoom call with virtually all of the ministers of health of the different countries throughout the world. He wanted to connect with them telling them what we've been doing and how we might help them. He asked me to give a scene setter that would outline literally in 5 minutes what we have done. I did that and I understand that the ministers of health were very grateful that I took the time to join them. This was followed by a press conference with the domestic press.

Our (Becerra and I) announcement about the C-TAP and the MPP is a BIG DEAL! -
The New York Times: [Top U.S. health officials say they intend to offer other nations tech that might be used against Covid.](#)

Dr. Fauci said the negotiations are ongoing, but both he and Mr. Becerra strongly suggested that if the government wins that dispute and gains ownership of the crucial patent, it would work to include the Moderna technology in its offerings. "President Biden has made it very clear that he wishes to assert all his authorities to make sure that we use everything at our disposal" to make medicines available to those who need them, Mr. Becerra said, adding that "it should be no surprise" that "we're going to push the envelope where the law allows us." Dr. Fauci said, "I just would repeat, in principle — and you can take from it what you will — that in principle we have offered to license N.I.H.-owned technologies to the C-TAP for the purposes of the Medicines Patents Pool. So whatever it is that we can do, we will do."

I had an important telephone conference with senator Patty Murray who is the chair of the Senate appropriations subcommittee for NIH. I explained to her what our needs were for the next generation COVID vaccine as well as for the next generation of antiviral drugs she relied very heavily on me and it became clear that she will use what I tell her to try and get a supplement to carry us through this fiscal year as well as to put money into the omnibus bill for the fiscal 2023 budget. See below for WH talking points on the supplemental:

TPs on COVID SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

- We have reached a new moment in our fight against COVID-19. Two years ago, we had very limited ways to protect ourselves from this virus. Now we have tools like vaccines, treatments, tests, and high-quality masks widely available to all Americans. And because of this, we can start to move forward safely and get back to our more normal routines.
- That means visiting family across the country, going to a restaurant, arranging that playdate for your kids, taking off the masks.
- To get to this moment required us to make really smart investments over the past 14 months. We spent all of the funding that Congress gave us and we spent it well. Now we need additional funding from Congress. Funding to ensure we have vaccines, treatments and tests moving forward. And, because we know this virus can mutate, funding to prepare for new variants and keep ourselves safe and our economy and schools open.

- Here's what's at stake:
 - We need additional money for vaccines and boosters. These are the most effective tools that we have to protect people. This means funding for boosters for kids and adults in case one is ever needed. And variant specific vaccines in case they are needed as well.
 - We have highly-effective treatments now, including a pill that can reduce your chance of going to the hospital by 90%. We need additional funding if we want to continue providing those treatments for free to the American people. And to continue to improve them so that we have a lot of different ways to attack the virus no matter how it evolves.
 - We also have other treatments that prevent infection among the immune compromised or monoclonal antibodies that work to treat people who can't take the pills. Those are essential so that everyone is protected – especially the most vulnerable – and that requires more funding too, or those treatments will run out in a few months.
 - We now have enough tests and we must make sure that we continue to have enough on hand for when we need them. That requires additional money.
- This money is both an investment in a return to normalcy and an insurance policy – so the scientists fighting the virus can worry about it day and night, but you don't have to.
- Given how costly COVID has been – with so many of our fellow Americans hospitalized or dying and our daily lives disrupted – making these additional investments is just common sense.
- We have reached a turning point in our fight against COVID-19. We can't go backwards.

Total distortion of the FDA's vaccine adverse events reporting system (VAERS). This will feed very much into the conspiracy theories then vaccines do more harm than good. This will create yet again another platform for anti vaxxers to claim that we scientists are killing people and making billions of dollars:

CHD Says Pfizer and FDA Dropped Data Bombshell on COVID Vaccine Consumers

Clinical trial data contradicts 'safe and effective' government/industry mantra



PRESS: Gave press conference with Secretary Becerra immediately after the Ministers call. I explained that the NIH will participate in the WHO-led COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) and Medicines Patent Pool (MPP); White House Black Press Roundtable;

Mar. 4, 2022 Global USA

I had a very interesting epiphany last evening on my walk which I did alone since Chris is in New Orleans with Megan. I listened to an **AXE Files podcast of an interview between David Axelrod and Marc Short**. it was truly revealing since I had the opportunity to get to know mark and among all the people in the trump White House I liked him the most. It is very clear that he is a deeply religious person and truly believes from a ideological standpoint the far right but not crazy conservative movement. He is an example of someone who lets his “faith” guide him which really makes me very nervous. He is not a bad person but he has allowed and has not fought against the absolute crazies in the GOP. Importantly, and to his credit, he condemned the January 6th insurrection in the podcast, but they did not see him or pence condemn it at the time. I feel like and I might actually reach out to Marc and see if we can talk a little bit about what he sees for the future of the GOP.

Mar. 5, 2022 – Global – 440,807,756/5,978,096; USA – 79,078,932/955,135

7-Day daily averages continue to come down: 15,000 cases and 1400 deaths

The GOP candidates in the primary are really going off the deep end. Their new issue is that I am not so much on TV since the Dems are keeping me off for political reasons since I am a liability. From the Daily Beast:

GOP Congressman Decries Fauci’s ‘Crimes Against Humanity’ in Same Breath as Ukraine

COME AGAIN?

Texas Rep. Chip Roy brought up the war in Eastern Europe on Fox News—then quickly moved on to put the nation’s top infectious diseases doctor in the same category as war criminals.

QAnon News:

QAnon Theory Says Trump, Putin Working Together to Destroy Fauci Labs

By [Aila Slisco](#) On 3/4/22 at 6:49 PM EST

NPR (Michaelen Doucleff) gives really good description with interview with Michael Worobey regarding origin of SARS-CoV-2. As mentioned above, as usual the “usual suspects” will ignore these compelling studies: <https://n.pr/3CaiUMq>

Striking new evidence points to seafood market in Wuhan as pandemic origin point

An Article in MIT Technology Review is an absolute MUST to read carefully for the book. It is about Shi Zhengli and effectively addresses all the issues of origin: <https://bit.ly/3uIM4QW>

Meet the scientist at the center of the covid lab leak controversy

Shi Zhengli has spent years at the Wuhan Institute of Virology researching coronaviruses that live in bats. Her work has come under fire as the world tries to understand where covid-19 came from.



Nhung Le

by [Jane Qiu archive page](#)

February 9, 2022

March 6, 2022 Global USA

Cases continued to come down. We had discussions with the FDA last week concerning the options of getting the elderly a 4th shot boost with mRNA in April since it is likely that the protection against hospitalization will wane. This would go along with a plan to anticipate giving everyone a 4th shot boost sometime in October coincident with the campaign to vaccinate people with influenza vaccine for the upcoming winter.

The Russians continue to hammer the Ukraine in a relentless barrage. The entire world this is against Russia right now. They are getting stiff resistance from the Ukrainians and Putin is threatening to alert nuclear strike readiness in Russia. he is stating that severe sanctions against Russia would be considered an act of war. The man is truly insane and for the first time in my lifetime there is **a real danger of a nuclear war.**

March 7, 2022 – Global USA

It is hard to believe this stuff but it is true. Please see below from Foreign Policy:

False Claims of U.S. Biowarfare Labs in Ukraine Grip QAnon

The conspiracy theory has been boosted by Russian and Chinese media and diplomats.

By Justin Ling, a journalist based in Toronto.

-----OK you wanna come in

MARCH 2, 2022, 1:50 PM

Pro-Russian channels and QAnon conspiracy theorists think Moscow is launching airstrikes on Ukraine to destroy bioweapon-manufacturing labs in order to prevent the American infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci from creating a sequel to the COVID-19 virus.

I believe that the AMA is being unfair in their criticism of this program. They do not take into account the fact that many people, particularly minorities, do not have access to a physician. Pharmacists are entirely capable of appreciating drug to drug interactions in the safe administration of drugs to needy patients. See below:

MAJOR DOCTOR GROUP BLASTS TEST TO TREAT — The American Medical Association late Friday criticized a key component of the president's next-phase plan: a program that would let pharmacists dole out coronavirus antivirals in a bid to boost swift and equitable access to the relatively new drugs.

Tampa Bay Times – Florida Surgeon General Dr. Ladapo now saying children should not be vaccinated with COVID vaccines. The craziness continues:

Florida says healthy kids shouldn't get COVID vaccine, contradicting CDC

March 8, 2022 Global USA

***Washington Post* by Philip Bump. Florida's Dr. Ladapo going off the rails. After saying that we should not vaccinate children against COVID, he is blaming public health officials, i.e. me for malicious intent:**

"I think one thing that's very important at this point is to not let these people get away with it, is just the best way to put it, because there are — the people that have led us to the point that we are, they want us to forget how we got here and they want us to forget that their choices, that they made for everyone, were the wrong choices that basically led to no appreciable benefit," he said. "And we cannot let them forget. We have to hold them accountable. We have to let our country, let the world know what the truth is because it's the right thing to do and because it can happen again if we don't."

When I insisted on boosters months and months ago and several people pushed back such as Who and individual investigators such as Paul Offit and others, I was convinced that I was correct. History has shown me to be correct. See below announcement from WHO:

WHO says COVID boosters needed, reversing previous call

By Associated Press

Today at 7:47 a.m. EST

A healthcare worker administers an AstraZeneca booster shot for COVID 19 at a vaccination center in Guatemala City, Tuesday, March 1, 2022. (AP Photo/Moises Castillo)

GENEVA —

An expert group convened by the World Health Organization said Tuesday it "strongly supports urgent and broad access" to booster doses, in a reversal of the U.N. agency's previous insistence that boosters weren't necessary and contributed to vaccine inequity.

Went to Italian Embassy – to celebrate International Women's Day. Cristina Cassetti together with Isabella Rosellini and other Italian accomplished women were honored in a film "One of Us" produced and directed by Chiara Tilesi. Nancy Pelosi and Ukrainian Ambassador to USA Oksana Markarova were there. Strong support expressed for Ukraine and the Ambassador.

PRESS: Fiasco Podcast with Leon Neyfakh; CNBC with Meg Tirrell;

March 9, 2022 Global – 448,313,293/6,011,482; USA – 79,198,539/959,533

Despite all the clamor for getting more money for COVID research, we had a big disappointment today with the Congress trying to put together an omnibus bill for 2022 which will incorporate the supplemental that we need for COVID vaccine research. In the omnibus package it was \$15 billion for COVID that was supposed to come from unexpended balances. As soon as some of the governors, mostly Democrats, heard that the unexpended balances will come from the states that you saved COVID money for, they decided they would not support the omnibus bill. And so, it is likely that they will pull out the \$15 billion of which we were to get \$750 million for vaccine trials. If they do that, we will have virtually no additional money for COVID research until the end of this Fiscal year. And so here we are in the middle of a historic pandemic and because the budget constraints to make better vaccines let's prepare for future pandemics. Welcome to Washington!!

Note from Nancy Pelosi to the Democratic Caucus:

March 9, 2022

Press Release

Dear Democratic Colleague,

As you know, the Administration has requested that we include in our omnibus package additional funding to continue our battle against COVID. The funding requested will protect against potential new variants and help vaccinate the world.

Republicans resisted this deeply needed funding, demanding that every cent requested by the Administration be offset, including through state and local funds scheduled to be released this spring. Democrats fought to ensure that no localities saw their funding cuts, while negotiating that only half of the Administration's \$15 billion request be offset through remaining funds from expired programs.

Because of Republican insistence — and the resistance by a number of our Members to making those offsets — we will go back to the Rules Committee to remove COVID funding and accommodate the revised bill. We must proceed with the omnibus today, which includes emergency funding for Ukraine and urgent funding to meet the needs of America's families.

It is heartbreaking to remove the COVID funding, and we must continue to fight for urgently needed COVID assistance, but unfortunately that will not be included in this bill.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

NANCY

PRESS: Interview with Brittany Shammass of *Washington Post* on 4th booster

March 10, 2022 Global – 450,229,635/6,019,085; USA – 79,248,406/961,620

More and more FOIA's are coming in for my emails, calendar, and other material from the usual right wing organizations but notably also from the Republican National Committee (RNC) in the person of Nicholas Erickson.

In light of the vicious attacks on me by the “far right” including members of Congress, several friendly members of Congress (mostly Dems but including some like Republican Mitt Romney) have expressed their outrage about how I have been treated. I'm listing below a handwritten note that I received from Senator Richard Durbin:



Note from Senator
Richard Durbin - 03-

Continue to have close communication with my UK colleagues, particularly **Chris Whitty** and Patrick Vallance. It is becoming clear that the **UK is starting to see an increase** in hospitalizations. This has worried us, particularly Jeff, and Jeff has asked me to contact Chris to see what is going on in the UK since we very often follow them by a few weeks. **I called Chris on his cell phone** and asked him what his impression was regarding the increase in hospitalizations in the UK. He feels that it is a combination of pulling back on restrictions, the slight transmission advantage of the B.A.2 variant, and waning immunity among those who have been vaccinated and/or infected. He also feels that many of the hospitalizations are people who have been hospitalized with COVID as opposed to because of COVID. In this regard, there has not been any increase in ICU admissions. In this context, they have decided that they will start boosting with a fourth mRNA boost elderly individuals and anyone who has any indication of underlying immune deficiencies. They believe that this minor surge will peak in the Spring as the weather gets warmer and they are not particularly worried about it.

China is doing “pay back” for the accusations against them about creating the virus. They are now picking up on the Q-Anon issue that the USA was doing bioterror research in Ukraine and that is why the Russians have invaded:

What has US done with bat coronavirus in Ukraine?

World deserves explanation

By Global Times (China) Published: Mar 10, 2022 09:42 PM

March 11, 2022 – Global USA

hospitalizations; 1200 weekly average deaths

Article in *Salon* indicates that many people have died of COVID in the USA because of the “culture wars” led by Trump:

COVID politics seeded during Trump's last year in office have shown Americans an ugly side of our culture

By [Heather Digby Parton](#)

March 12, 2022 - Global - 452,201,564/6,029,852; USA – 79,329,689/964,774

Big day for me. I went to Boston to give one of the eulogies for Paul Farmer’s memorial service. Others who made comments were Jim Yong Kim, Catherine Farmer (Paul’s daughter), Orphelia Dahl. The ceremony took place in the historic Trinity Church on Copley Square. Present in the audience with former President Bill Clinton, speaker of the house Nancy Pelosi, multiple members of Congress, and a variety of other luminaries. The text of my speech is given in the attachment below:



Paul Farmer Eulogy
- FINAL FINAL FINAL

Cases are increasing throughout Europe due to the relaxation of masking and other restrictions.

March 13, 2022 – GLOBAL USA

Ukrainians putting up a heroic resistance to Russian advances. Critical issues is whether we will push in helping Ukraine to the point of World War III with nuclear threats.

Got an important call from Rochelle Walenski this morning (Sunday). She is very concerned about the pressure that is putting upon her to **reauthorize title 42** which prohibits the entry of immigrants from Mexico. This is a law that was passed during the trump administration in the very early months of the COVID outbreak whereby the CDC is the enforcer in keeping immigrants from Mexico out of the country on the basis of a “public health emergency”. It was obviously a pretext to keep infected immigrants from crossing the border. Since then, it has been reauthorized multiple times by the CDC. Right now, she is being asked to request a reauthorization on the basis again of a public health emergency. She cannot in good conscience do this since 90+% of the states are “green” according to the new metrics. Hence, no “emergency”. She is damned if she does and damned if she does not. The GOP want her to reauthorize and redeclare a public health emergency in order to keep immigrants out. On the other hand the Dems are very concerned about not doing it since the GOP will use it against

them in the election. She feels she cannot do this and sleep at night. In addition, all her CDC colleagues would go in an uproar if she did this. It was originally put into place by Bob Redfield when he was the CDC director and in typical fashion, Bob caved in to the Trump administration. She is asking for my support when she pushes back on this. I obviously will support her.

March 14, 2022 - Global USA

I do not often report on this in my daily notes, but today I had another very fruitful zoom meeting with my UK colleagues Chris Whitty and Patrick Vallance in which we compare notes about what is going on in the UK versus what is going on here in the United States. It proves very helpful to both of us. I look forward to continuing these discussions. Right now, as has been in the past, the UK is about 3 to four weeks ahead of us in what happens to them and subsequently happens to us. Right now, they are going through a mini-blip in cases without seeing a significant increase in hospitalizations, ICU visits, and certainly not any increase in all cause mortality. They attribute this to the combination of a slight to modest increased transmissibility of B.A.2, opening up of social interactions, and waning immunity.

March 15, 2022 – Global - 458,479,635/6,047,653; USA - &9,418,377/963,244

Lack of congressional funding for the COVID effort in the Omnibus bill could cause critical challenges. The White House is publicly pushing the Congress to come through with the \$22.5 billion that we originally asked for COVID

Although our cases continued to come down as well as our hospitalizations and our deaths, it is very clear that all the countries in Europe are starting to rebound with cases and we are very concerned that in the next couple of weeks we're going to see that here in the United states. More to come.

PRESS: NPR 1A Radio WAMU;

March 16, 2022 –

Interesting situation with Jeff Zients. jeff called me yesterday and asked if he could come over for a glass of wine last night or have breakfast this morning. I thought he was just trying to be friendly. Chris with suspicious that he was going to announce to me that he was leaving. Of course, Chris was correct and over a cup of coffee at 7:00 AM in my house **Jeff mentioned to me that he was going to step down** since he had told the President that he would do this for about six months and it has already been 15 months. In addition, he mentioned that Natalie will also be stepping down. That is a big double loss. They will be **asking Ashish Jha** to take Jeff's

place. Over my kitchen Table, Jeff and I had a serious talk that included Chris about what this means for the duration of my stay. Jeff strongly suggested that if I am going to leave that I announce it very soon, in the next month or two, and plan on leaving in the summer to avoid getting into the Fall season with all the complication of the upcoming mid-term election. I believe that this is good advice, and I will give it serious consideration. I am very sorry to see Jeff leave since my interaction and relationship with him over the past year and three months has been one of the most enjoyable and fruitful relationships that I have had with any professional partner; in addition, he has become quite a good friend.

The White House is putting me out there to give press interviews about Jeff which I gladly am doing. I am praising him to the hilt which he deserves.

PRESS: KGTV – San Diego TV – ABC;

March 17, 2022 - Global -462,758,117/6,056,725; USA – 79,486,762/965,575

– (Cold and cloudy day today after a sunny and warm 70 degrees yesterday)

There is much concern on the part of the press leading to multiple interviews with me about the possibility that we may see another surge based on the uptick in cases throughout the rest of the world. I have been giving caveats that we follow the UK usually by about 2-3 weeks.

The Far-Right has claimed that since “I am no longer popular or trusted”, I have been taken off the airways. Politifact debunked that today:

Fauci Continues Making Public Appearances and Hasn’t ‘Disappeared’

By [Saranac Hale Spencer](#)

I pleaded for including COVID money in the 2022 Omnibus budget package today down at the Capitol together with Secretary Becerra. In the negotiations for the budget, the Republicans and even some of the Democrats cut out the \$15 billion for COVID of which \$750 million was slated for the NIH. I was asked by the Administration to go down to the Capitol together with Secretary Becerra and make the case to the Democratic caucus of why we need the money. The caucus was led by chairman James Clyburn and speaker Pelosi was there and gave an impassioned plea and expression of frustration that the Republicans will blocking the process by voting against a “rule” which would not allow negotiations. I got up and gave presentation of

why it is so important to continue support for the work that is ongoing and for the important work that we have planned in order to address future variants as well as the possibility of another pandemic outbreak. I was extremely well received by all the democratic congressman whom I know well including Steny Hoyer, Frank Pallone, Raul Ruiz, etc. See tweet below:



PRESS: ABC News Podcast with Brad Mielke; PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff; NBC Nightly News; NBC Today Show; CNN “The Lead” with Jake Tapper;

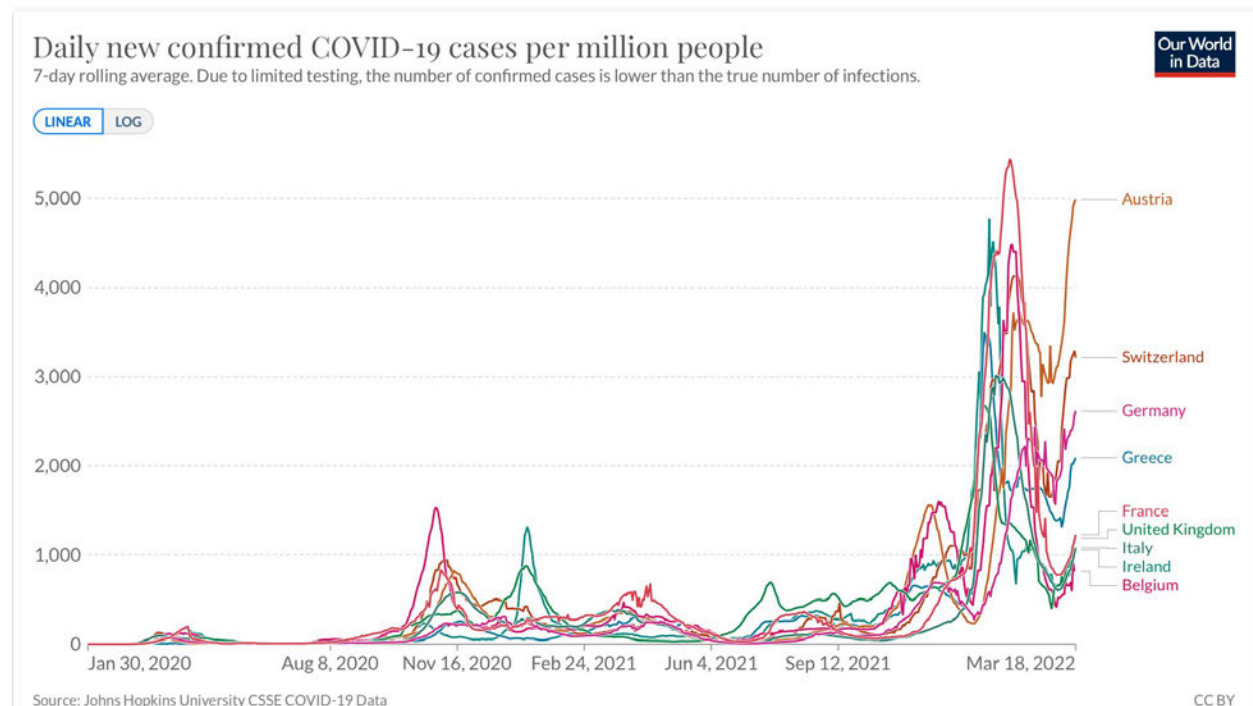
March 18, 2022 Global USA

PRESS: ABC – GMA3 with TJ Holmes and Amy Robach (Amy referred to me as “a humble hero”); NPR with Rob Stein; WCBS Radio NYC;

March 19, 2022 (Saturday) Global – 464,809,377/6,062,536; USA – 79,555,007/968,839

Big ruckus at my house today. A group of 20 demonstrators came to my house early afternoon with bullhorns shouting “Fauci, you are a murderer”. I was at work at the time and the neighbors (Ellen Perry) gave me a call to let me know that a crowd was assembling in front of my house. Interestingly, before this all happened Yasmeen Abutaleb from the Post texted me and said she had heard from a reporter that there was going to be a demonstration in front of my house. I texted her back and said that nothing was going on, but soon it became clear that there was a demonstration. Brent pulled it up on the screen from the NIH office and called the DC Metropolitan Police and the Secret Service who arrived on the scene. By the time they got there, the crowd was actually breaking up. Another example of the fake news about me stirring up ridiculous incidents like this. I put the blame right at the feet of people like Rand Paul and others in the Congress who lie about me.

Cases continue to accelerate throughout the world, yet they are very stable coming down here in the United states. We expect that within the next week or so we will start to see an uptick in cases since we have recently opened up with regard to indoor masking.



March 20, 2022

Of note, on several media interviews, many of the interviews or asking me how long am I going to stay on the job and when would I be thinking of retirement. I believe that this is related to the fact that the outbreak seems to be calming down and people want to be rid of COVID. They juxtapose that with the logic of time that I might be thinking of stepping down. However, it is noteworthy that they are talking more about this then in the past.

PRESS: ABC “This Week” with George Stephanopoulos;

March 21, 2022 Global USA

******Very important issue to discuss in the book. The entire controversy with China as the source of the outbreak and the lab leak theory stems from the tension between Trump and China.** Please remember that when it was brought to the attention of Trump that the NIH was funding a grant at Wuhan where the outbreak was first recognized, Trump ordered, with no evidence to support any suspicion, that we cancel the grant. As it turns out it is illegal to do that without cause and we had to re institute the grant and put conditions on it that they essentially were not able to meet. This led both to the deomization of Peter Dascak of EcoHealth and to an emergence of the theory of a lab leak and clouded the picture of our ability to further investigate the very likely cause of the outbreak which was a natural jumping of virus from an animal species to human. Because I am the director of NIAID and was involved in somewhat of a conflict publicly with Trump, I then became the focal point of the building conspiracy theory that somehow or other NIH played a role in the outbreak. This led to the preposterous accusations on the part of people like Rand Paul that I was responsible for the death of 5 million people. This led to my pushing back publicly against people like Senator Paul which among many other issues made me a “polarizing figure”. However, remember to emphasize in the book that a lot of this really stemmed from Trump inappropriately ordering the cancelling of the Wuhan grant. This is a critical fact that should be developed in the book.

Fauci Denies Rumors Of Retirement. The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (3/20, Talbot, 4.11M) reports, “Fauci has rowed back on hints that he will soon retire, with 81 year-old saying he thinks the COVID pandemic is still far from over.” He “appeared determined to stay when asked on ABC’s This Week if he really was thinking of quitting.” Fauci said, “I want to make sure we’re really out of this before I really seriously consider doing anything different. We’re still in this.”

The White House has put me together with Francis Collins as the leads in making recommendations to the President as to who the next NIH director is. Frances and I have interviewed a bunch of candidates and we've just made our recommendation today to Jeff Zients, Bruce Reed, and White House personnel people – Gautam Raghavan and Corina Corte. as to the top two candidates: Mary Klotman of Duke University and Brendan Lee of Baylor. It is interesting and a bit unusual for the White House to get two people like Francis and I to be

essentially the sole search committee for the NIH director's job. I consider this an honor and I hope it works out well.

I just went over with my legislative staff our response to a bunch of questions that predominantly Senator Rand Paul asked associated with a recent Senate hearing. He keeps probing with questions trying to box me in in what he thinks is my perjuring myself in front of the committee when I stated under oath that we did not fund “gain of function research and one period in fact according to the definition of quote gain of function research” at Wuhan, which in fact we did not. However, he insists that we did and he's trying to make a case that I lied. Therefore, he's asking a bunch of circuitous and clearly trapping-type questions for written responses. I will likely get this letter which we're going to send back to the Senate and run it by Neal Katyal to just let him know that they're trying to box me in and entrap me.

PRESS: Interview with *The Economist* with Ed Carr;

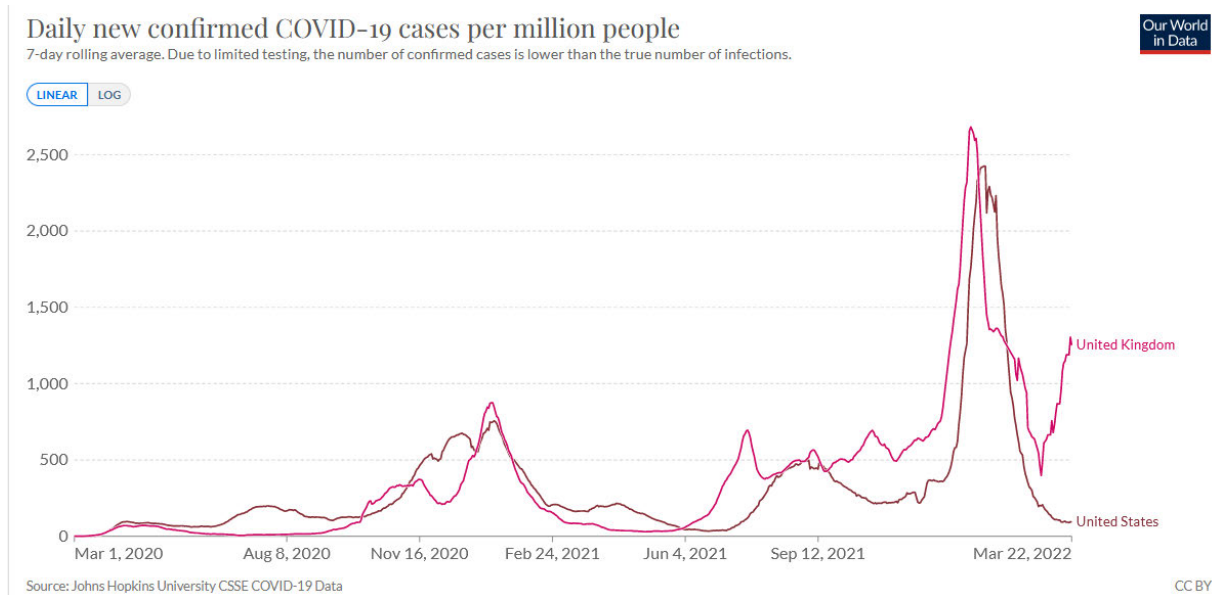
March 22, 2022 Global USA

Just heard from Melinda Haskins that the GOP members of the house Energy and Commerce committee want to talk to me and ask me specific questions since I had said that I had nothing to hide and I would give him whatever they want that I am capable of giving to them. It is obvious that they are fishing for things just to see if they can trap me. This is a disgraceful hassling of me.

March 23, 2022 – Global -472,816,657/6,099,380; USA – 79,648,566/971,212

We had our usual weekly **White House press briefing today**. Of note is the fact that the administration is trying to get Secretary Becerra more visibly involved in the COVID seen. Jeff wanted me to come down to the White House to be physically present for the press briefing because secretary Becerra was going to be there. Jeff wanted to make it appear that we are part of one single team which I think is a very good idea. The discussion at the press conference centered around the possibility of a fourth booster shot as well as what the implications of the increased transmissibility of B.A2 variant.

Note increase in cases in the UK. Concern is that we are only weeks beyond and will follow them:



It should be pointed out that the **truckers are in town protesting** a variety of things and since several of them demonstrated in front of my house last week, Brett has engaged the DC Metropolitan Police department to participate in surveillance of my house. And so when I came back from work this afternoon there were two panel trucks with two Metropolitan Police officers in each truck parked right in front of my house and down the block a bit. What a sorry state of affairs this is.

March 24, 2022 – Global – 474,659,674/6,103,355; USA – 79,696,994/972,550

We find ourselves in a very difficult situation. From the very beginning of the work that we have done with COVID, we have gotten much of our funds through Operation Warp Speed with regard to the performance of clinical trials as well as a number of other activities. We were always concerned that that money came directly from HHS to us and never went into our base. This created a lot of anxiety on my part in the part of others in that if we are given money to initiate things that require several years of commitment and we are only given money on a year by year basis there is a real danger that that money will then all of a sudden be discontinued and since we do not have it in our base we may have things like clinical trials and other activities that will have to be suspended and or stopped. **This creates ethical problems** when it relates to clinical trials where we have put people on trials and are not able to finish the trial. Right now we are in a very difficult situation where we have been informed that we now have commitments for approximately \$700 million and we were told by HHS that there is no money forthcoming to us. More later on how we are going to sort this out.

Rand Paul continues his relentless attacks on me: Saying on FOX that I have been wrong on everything I have said or done except for the COVID vaccines

[Fox News](#) (3/23, 23.99M) reports, “Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., told ‘America Reports’ Wednesday that Dr. Anthony Fauci has been wrong about everything on [the] coronavirus pandemic since the beginning except for the vaccine.”

PRESS: WUSA Channel 9 local TV with Jess Arnold;

March 25, 2022 – Global – 476,374,234/6,108,976; USA – 79,736,014/973,515

I had breakfast at their invitation at The Four Seasons in Washington DC with Klaus Schwab, the founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum and Borge Brende, the President of the World Economic Forum. They are here in Washington for a number of other reasons including visiting the White House and they wanted to have breakfast with me to get to know me better since as Mr. Brende, who is the former minister of foreign affairs of Norway, said that if I ran for president of any European country I would win the election. Also, the real reason for the meeting was to put some pressure on me to accept the invitation to be a major speaker at the upcoming Davos meeting of the World Economic Forum in May. My schedule is extremely tight and I doubt whether or not I will be able to do that. However, I will give it a second look.

FOIA'd e-mails continue to stoke nonsense by the far right. Recent FOX news:

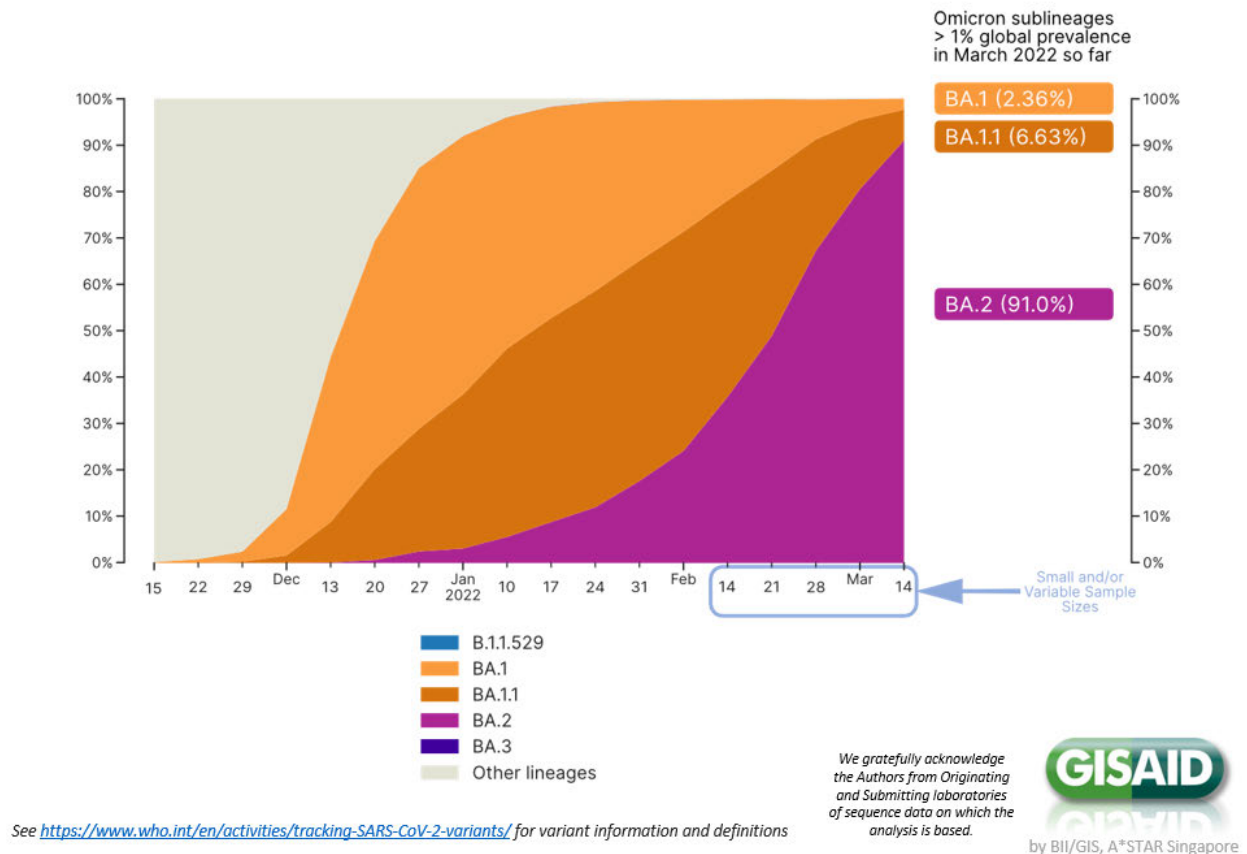
Biden admin operated with missing data as CDC issued pandemic guidance, emails show

Dr. Anthony Fauci sent CDC Director Rochelle Walensky an article scientifically tearing down the 6-foot rule, emails show

By [Joe Schoffstall](#) | [Fox News](#)

B.A2 becoming increasingly dominant globally:

Timecourse of Omicron variant sublineage distribution
2022-03-25



PRESS: BBC TV; WTOP Radio; FOX News with Neil Cavuto

March 26, 2022 - Global - 476,374,234/6,108,976; USA – 79,766,087/974,277

It is noteworthy the attention that people are putting on the fact that the **Republicans will very clearly target me** and come after me if they take over the Congress this coming year. Neil Cavuto specifically brought this up in an interview with me yesterday on Fox News. He was very good about it unlike other Fox News commentators, but he made it very clear that he expected that I would be an even bigger target as the election approaches. He was asking me how I felt about that and am I willing to go through this.

I am in the process of preparing a number of my upcoming commencement addresses for the Spring. A major underlying theme that will permeate most of the commencement addresses will be the warning on my part to the young people to **not** give in to the normalization of untruths. I see this all around me and the most recent example of egregious behavior by the GOP is how the

Republicans are treating nominee for Supreme Court Justice Ketangi Brown Jackson. the overt expression of racism on the part of Senators Lindsey Graham, Ted Cruz, and Thomas Cotton is disgraceful. This is very similar in many respects to the total lies that are being thrown around about me by the far right including several of these senators and congressmen.

March 27, 2022 –

Far right idiocy continues to say that they will “get me” and punish me for “crimes against humanity” when the GOP takes over. Every once in a while you hear this in the far right wing media. It is a chronic persistent chorus of right wing radicals stating this almost on a daily basis.

March 28, 2022 - Global USA

Cases continue to come down as do deaths with no indication of any rebound yet despite significant surges in Europe and in the UK. Will watch closely.

The same situation arises as did arise before. It relates to the fact that the CDC is always behind the times when it comes to making recommendations. The point in question is whether or not we should make a recommendation for people 60 years of age or older to get a fourth shot of the mRNA vaccine. It is very clear from the Israeli data that there is a benefit with regard to hospitalization and death if you compare people who received a fourth dose with those who received a third dose. However, the CDC is just not ready to make a recommendation of what “should” be done as opposed to what “may” be done. Secretary Becerra is very concerned that there is disagreement among his own people. Clearly Rob Califf, Vivek, and I feel that we should be more proscriptive in what we say. Jeff is very, very adamant that we make a definitive statement one way or another. It is really strange how the CDC tends to waffle on things and never come out with a clear message. Rochelle is in a compromised position is that she's trying to abide by her people, but what I don't think she fully realizes yet is that they are often very incorrect as has been shown in multiple situations over the years.

March 29, 2022 – Global -481,76,671/6,127,981; USA – 79,827.918/975,505

Participated in the Kumpuris Distinguished Lecture Series - It was a celebration of the eight years of the **Clinton administration** and the impact that that administration had on the NIH. It was my role to discuss in the panel the progress that was made during the Clinton administration in the context of HIV aids. I spoke about the major advances in therapy that transformed the lives of persons living with HIV, and I told the story of how we brought up the concept of a vaccine Research Center on December the 3rd 1996 in the Oval Office with President Clinton. Participants included former secretary of HHS Donna Shalala, Harold Varmus, Francis Collins,

John Gallin, Gary Nabel. The Arkansas Democrat Gazette reported on this event and quoted Clinton talking about me:

Clinton said he's amazed to see Fauci still standing after all he's been through.

"I was always grateful to you for your hard work, and never more grateful than to see you try to talk common sense in the middle of nonsense. You have been great," he said.

Deaths in the USA are lower than they have been in several months. They are now consistently below 1000 and the latest number was around 800 per day.

Eric Topol had a nice table comparing B.A1 with B.A2:

Feature	BA.1	BA.2
Transmission (infectiousness)	Reference	30% higher
Viral Load	Reference	Nearly 2-fold
Mutations in Spike	Reference	8 different, not shared
Neutralizing antibodies median titer	Reference	Lower level, ~70%
Disease-causing potential (virulence)	Reference	Same, but infects many more people
2-shot effectiveness vs hospitalizations*		
Up to 6 months	63% (95% CI 47,75)	69% (95% CI 27,87)
Past 6 months	32% (95% CI 11, 49)	50% (95% CI 7,73)
3-shot effectiveness vs hospitalizations *		
Up to 70-days	81% (95% 75,85)	83% (95% CI 71,91)
Past 70-days	73% (95% 65,79)	70% (95% CI 50,82)

*data from UKHSA March 24 report using Emergence Care dataset, includes "for" and "with" Covid so under-estimates effectiveness

@erictopol

PRESS: NPR with Rob Stein;

March 30, 2022 – Global - \$83,556,595/6,132,461; USA – 79,853,683/976,229

Following my meeting with Klaus Schwab of the World Economic Forum, they really want me to go to Davos in May (See letter below) to attend their meeting in person. I just have so many Commencement Addresses at that time; it will be very difficult:



Fauci.pdf

PRESS: MSNBC Peacock Show with Zerlina Maxwell; Regional Media: Spectrum with Reena Diamante; Gray with Natalie Grim; Nexstar with Reshad Hudson; ABC Streaming with Lindsey Davis

March 31, 2022 Global – 485,243,022/6,137,553; USA – 79,904,464/977,495

Had a very notable night tonight. Bono was in town to receive the Fullbright Prize at the Omni Shoreham hotel. I was invited to sit at his table. It was an extraordinary evening. I got completely mobbed by the large crowd in the ballroom at the Omni as much or even more so than did Bono. This is really strange And somewhat unnerving. I was concerned that I'd get infected since there were people hovering all over me wanting to take pictures with me. Bono gave an absolutely magnificent poetic speech. I have developed a warm friendship with him over the years, and we reminisced that it was 20 years since he came to my home and we discussed my working with President G.W. Bush with my actually telling him about PEPFAR. He clearly loves America, and his speech was about America. There were many senators and congressmen there then I had the opportunity to chat a lot with senator Chris Coons of Delaware. There's a lot of back and forth going on in the Congress about COVID money. Apparently as a last minute they pulled out the \$5 billion for international COVID much to the dismay of the people involved in the international distribution of vaccines to low and middle income countries. Bono had met the POTUS at the White House and several Senators and Congressmen and tried to lobby to keep that money in. The White House wants to keep the money in but several senators and Congressmen want pull it out since they feel there is a lot of money in unexpended balances still able to be tapped.

PRESS: Newshub Nation – New Zealand TV;

April 1, 2022 Global - USA

Christine and I had an amazing evening last night at Adrienne Asht's new mansion on Chevy Chase circle in celebration of her 80th birthday. She has actually converted part of the mansion into a nightclub and a full entertainment space. She had told Chris and I previously but that is the reason why she bought the new house. Her regional house on 30th St was an amazing mansion in and of itself, with the most amazing highly expensive and creative artwork throughout the house. The function at her new mansion was amazing. All the glitterati in Washington were there and that was only one day of a three day celebration. In a typical fashion

of late which actually worried me a lot was that everyone was gathering around me asking for handshakes and selfies and essentially nobody had a mask on. I took mine off in order to eat and drink as well as to chat with some people. At one point in the evening the maitre-de announced that I was in the room where everyone was sitting watching the show and everyone got up and gave me a standing ovation. It was really rather embarrassing. However, many people came over to me with the same theme saying how sorry they were that I was being attacked by the radical right, but that every attack on me makes me look even better to the people who love me because of the highly dignified way but I continue to do my job despite major attacks and threats from the far right. I began to think that maybe I should stick this out even a bit longer if I can be a representative of what the truth and dignified behavior is in the context of the craziness that's going on in the world. I will have to think about this a lot pull over the next several weeks to months. Of note, Brett Baier of FOX was there and since I was on good relations with him before FOX started a full blown attack on me. I went up to him and said that I was sorry that relations between me and FOX are so bad and that I still consider him a friend since he has not attacked me on TV. He said something interesting when I said that. He said, "It is not me (Brett), it is the network and that I am always welcome on his show".

PRESS: CNN+ interview with Sanjay Gupta; Buzzfeed interview with Dan Vergano; WCBS TV New York City with Jessica Moore; Yahoo Finance with Anjalee Khemlani

April 2, 2022 Global - 486,761,597/6,142,735; USA – 79,947,165/978,254

Gridiron Dinner - went to the 135th black tie dinner of the Gridiron Club held at the Renaissance hotel on 9th St NW. It is the first Gridiron Club dinner that I went to since the early years of the George W Bush administration. It was a typical galer affair; however, it was very similar to the night before where everyone crowded around me wanting selfies and expressing sincere thanks for what they say I am doing for the country. It was much more of a Washington DC diplomatic crowd and journalism people than last night. However, the sentiment was the same. One typical example of what happened among several people was that Jane Pauley came up to me to express her admiration for what I am doing and tears came to her eyes and she almost could not speak. She said she was embarrassed that she was "tone-tied" since this never happens to her and she has interviewed presidents and Kings. **I am starting to realize now with these rather emotional reactions to me that it is not totally at all about me, but about what I represent to the country that has been severely negatively impacted by this pandemic.** People are hungry for someone that represents hope and truth in an arena of misinformation and fear. And for that reason, I have become somewhat of a cult figure or even a "saint" to some when in fact I am just a simple person trying to do a job that I actually have been doing over the decades of my career. It is the circumstances of what is going on in our country and the world that has brought upon me stardom and sainthood for some and the epitome of evil for others.

April 3, 2022

Had very nice farewell brunch for John Mascola over Bob Seder's home in Bethesda. John is leaving as director of the VRC to become chief scientific officer for a company started by Gary Nabel and Elias Zerhouni. John is really one of the most outstanding scientists and leaders in medicine that I have known. He is brilliant, collaborative, unselfish, and has not only very

granular scientific knowledge, but also as a very good perspective from 40,000 feet. I had relied on him for counsel many times over the last several years. I am very sorry to see him leave.

The New Yorker – Andy Borowitz satire:

WASHINGTON (The Borowitz Report)—Adding his voice to the movement to legalize cannabis at the federal level, Dr. Anthony Fauci testified that marijuana could be helpful to people who have to listen to Senator Ted Cruz speak.

“Medically speaking, there is no way to completely alleviate the pain of hearing Ted Cruz’s voice,” Fauci told the Senate. “But, anecdotally, I can tell you that marijuana helps.”

April 4, 2022 – Global USA

New York Times – April 4, 2022: NYT: Holy Cross is renaming its science complex for Fauci.

April 5, 2022 Global – 490,853, 129/6.155.344; USA – 80,031,627/ 979,610

Cases, deaths, and hospitalizations continue to come down on the country average. However, some counties in upstate New York and in Texas are starting to see a mini surge in cases. Hopefully, this is not the forewarner of something bad to come.

Sad day since it is the last Press Conference to be led by Jeff Zients. Jeff is stepping down as the head of the White House coronavirus team. Very likely he will come back within the next year or so either as chief of staff to the president or as a cabinet secretary, likely treasury.

Jeff arranged a call today between me and Patrick Collison who is a billionaire entrepreneur Irishman – CEO and Co-founder of STRIPE - who has been funding some of our investigators including Pamela Bjorkson, Akiko Iwasaki and David Veesler. He would like to hasten the process of developing a pan coronavirus vaccine and feels that there are obstacles that they have spoken to him about that they need help with. They have never developed a product before and it's a combination of getting them connected to the right people in the development and regulatory arena as well as his willingness to get them more money. I will meet with them by zoom in the near future and see if I can help them out.

I was the guest of honor at the German ambassador's home tonight. Ambassador Emily Haber hosted the dinner. I made some opening remarks and we discussed predominantly COVID but also the role of the G7 in the coming year since Germany is now the presidency of the G7. Present at the dinner was the French Ambassador Philippe Etienne, Italian Ambassador Mariangela Zappia, Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL). Interesting that whenever I talk to foreign people they mention that I am one of the best known people in their country. I have heard this at other receptions from Norwegians, Swedes, Australians, and now Italians and French and Germans. Good discussions.

PRESS: CNN+ with Chris Wallace; Remember – we do 1 or 2 White House press Conferences per week.

April 6, 2022 Global – 492,189,439/6,159,474; USA – 80,066,744/980,220

It gets crazier and crazier – From the *Daily Beast*:

Anti-Vaxxers Charge Followers to Join Fake Fauci ‘Grand Jury’

FEVER DREAMS

For \$2,500, you can vote for Fauci’s inevitable conviction as part of a mock grand jury convened by an Elvis impersonator, and hobnob with “VIPs.”

I met today with Jeremy Farrar, Director of the Wellcome Trust in the UK. We discussed what are plans will be for addressing the next pandemic. We specifically discussed the “100 day mission” of getting interventions in the form of diagnostics, therapies, and vaccines deployable to people within 100 days of recognizing a new micro and getting it fully operational in the 2nd 100 days. I explained to Jeremy And his colleagues Alex Harris and Jagmeet Sra that I had discussed this in detail with German Ambassador Emily Haber at dinner last night at her home. Jeremy and I agree to stay in close touch and our mutual plans for these activities.

PRESS: Bloomberg Radio with David Westin;

April 7, 2022 Global - 493,392,853/6,165,833; USA – 80,111,065/981,197

Christina and I had a wonderful dinner over the home of Jeff and Mary Zients. Jeff will be leaving the White House COVID response team next week. This was a combination of a farewell dinner and a confirmation of what we hope will be a very long and dear friendship. They have become very close to us over the past year and three months and I consider Jeff one of my truly good friends. He has been advising me and we had a very good conversation tonight about what my future would be and what the best time for me to step down and get on with writing my books and getting to the next phase of my efforts at promoting public health. Jeff favors my stepping down sooner rather than later because he feels that I should get on with enjoying life as well as writing the books. It was a great conversation - good food and good wine and terrific friendship.

April 8, 2022 – Global – 494,587,638/6,170,283; USA – 80,146,451/981,748

Cases beginning to creep up with have the States having increases, even though small, but nonetheless increases. You can expect a surge similar to what we are seeing UK and Europe; hopefully, this will not result in an increase in severe illness, hospitalization and death.

PRESS: CNBC with Meg Tirrell; NPR “All Things Considered” with Alisa Chang; CNN “the Lead” with Jake Tapper

April 9, 2022 Global – 494,587,638/6,170,283; USA – 80,191,020/982,663

53 people have thus far tested positive who went to the Gridiron Dinner last Saturday. That is almost 10 percent (8%) of the people who attended. Included are Merrick Garland, Adam Schiff, Sen. Susan Collins

April 10, 2022 Global USA

The uptick is starting in earnest! 21 states have now shown an increase in cases based on one week average. It is almost all B.A2. we have not yet seen an increase in hospitalizations; however this was the pattern in the UK and in Europe before hospitalizations began to increase. We are now just waiting to see the extent of this uptick in cases and whether it will result in increases in hospitalizations and death.

<i>policies, 3, 2022</i>	Total to date	Most recent day*	7-day daily average	Week-on-week change
Cases	80,191,020	41,096	28,170	+9.6%
p. admits	4,606,650	1,328	1,394	-6.2%
Deaths	982,663	891	516	-11.1%

We had our usual intermittent phone call with our South African colleagues including Glenda Gray, Alex Sigal, and Tulio deOliveira. The South Africans starting to see a bit of an uptick in a new sub variant of omicron B.A4/B.A5. It is just barely showing an increase preference over be a 2 however the totality of new cases has not significantly increased at all yet. We need to wait and see what happens over the next couple of weeks. We will keep an eye on it.

Ashish Jha is now on the job. We had the first of what will likely be many phone calls in the future this evening (Sunday). the question he wanted my opinion on was whether we should lift the requirement from masks on planes and public transportation. The requirement runs out on April the 18th, and it is now being discussed whether to continue the requirement. I agree with Rachel and Ashish agrees with me that we should probably delay the lifting of the requirement for a few weeks after April 18th since we clearly are going into a surge in cases. It would look very foolish if we lifted the requirement and then had to re institute it soon thereafter.

PRESS: ABC “This Week” with Jonathan Karl

April 11, 2022 – Global USA

GOP far-righters still agitating about putting me in jail for “perjury”:

Madison Cawthorn Says Trump Backers Would Send Anthony Fauci To Jail And Impeach Biden.

The [Raleigh \(NC\) News & Observer](#) (4/10, Hui, Bajpai, Dolder, 396K) reports Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) “called for sending Dr. Anthony Fauci to jail and impeaching President Joe Biden during a rally Saturday with former President Donald Trump. Cawthorn spoke to the conservative Republican base at the rally in Selma about fighting the ‘dark forces’ that he said now control the federal government.” Cawthorn stated, “We will investigate Anthony Fauci and send him to jail for lying to Congress.” He “was repeating the claim that Fauci, the chief medical adviser to Biden, has lied to Congress.” Certain GOP lawmakers “have accused Fauci of having lied to Congress about whether the National Institutes of Health may have funded research that led to COVID-19 being created in a lab in China.”

Additional Source. [Insider](#) (4/10, 2.74M) reports.

Cases continue to creep up. There are now at least 80 documented cases from the gridiron dinner. In addition, Philadelphia has now reinstituted the mask mandate due to increasing number of cases in that city. It appears that some of the cities will now be jumping ahead of the CDC recommendations and not waiting for green to turn to yellow and red but they will likely be reinstituting mask mandates knowing that the trend is going up. I believe that that is a very prudent approach.

I gave the Packard lecture at the uniformed services university. It was very well received and I was completely **mobbed by all the uniform medical students**, physicians, and other workers at Walter Reed. That lasted for 25 minutes people who wanted to take pictures with me. It was the first time that I had actually given a lecture in person and it's still really good.

PRESS: Taped the CNN series “The 2010s”; MSNBC “The Reid Out” with Joy Reid;

April 12, 2022 Global – 497,960,492/6,181,850; USA – 80,146,451/981,748

Two important events today that worked out very well. I gave a fireside chat to the National Academy of medicine fellows form For emerging leaders in health. It was a fireside chat on the stage of the National Academy medicine headquarters on C St and 23rd, northwest. The moderator was Victor Dzau. I'm beginning to see at the best forum that I'm quite good at all these fireside chats and when I leave the NIH and do speaking tours I believe that I will favor this medium for communication. The second important events was a fireside chat like gave at the Duke-Margolis Health Policy Institute dinner in Washington DC. Again it was a fireside chat this time with my old friend Mark McClellan, former commissioner of the FDA and the director of CMS. It was a wonderful discussion and again it is becoming clear to me that the fireside chat approach is the way I want to go in the future.

PRESS: NBC Nightly News with Miguel Almaguer; CNN Blog with Brenda Goodman;

April 13, 2022 - Global – 499,119,316/6,185,242; USA – 80,289,105/984,018

An example of innocent politics complicating a public health issue. The press has been concerned and asking a lot of questions about the president getting exposed and possibly infected because he greets people without a mask in the White House. The White House responds by saying that following the CDC guidelines of a contact being somebody who is in close contact for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour. Therefore since people go by the president one or two minutes at a time that he is not really your contact. Quite frankly even the CDC admits that their data about 15 minutes is really based on almost no science particularly when you're dealing with a situation in which you have an aerosolized virus like omicron that has a great degree of transmissibility. Rochelle called me up and he asked for my help in bringing this up because she does want to change this guideline which she realizes is not based on any really solid science, and she just wants to say we should avoid crowded places and close contacts. I brought this up at one of our first meetings with Ashish. He seemed amenable to re examining this whole issue. The White House will likely push back on this because they don't want the president to stop interacting with the public and to be walking around with a mask all the time since we are trying to act like we're pulling out of this outbreak. It isn't pure political but it does have a political connotation to it.

Cases continue to increase without any increase in hospitalization....yet. Philadelphia on their own has decided that they were going to re institute indoor mask mandates. What we are seeing now is what is to be expected that the CDC is still having everybody in the Green Zone which means masks are optional and not necessarily recommended for indoor activity. However, since they are basing their metrics on increases in hospitalizations, the hospitalization increase is always at least four weeks following the increase in cases and so by the time the hospitalization goes up, it is already too late to optimally contain the rate of infection. **The system is really broken** as far as I am concerned and although I don't want to be openly critical of the CDC, they need to be out there explaining to the public that the cases are going up and if they feel that they want to diminish the risk as much as possible there was nothing at all wrong with continuing to wear a mask.

Craziness continues on social media:

[Instagram posts](#)

stated on April 11, 2022 in a post:

"Special Forces arrest Deep State Dr. Anthony Fauci."



PRESS: CNN with Kate Bolduan; Interview with Erin Banco of Politico; MSNBC with Andrea Mitchell;

April 14, 2022 - Global - 500,186,525/6,190,349; USA – 80,341,159/984,744

The Scourge of COVID is now being realized See below:

US Life Expectancy Fell By Two Years In 2020, Study Finds.

[Reuters](#) (4/13, Roy) reports, "Life expectancy in the United States fell by nearly two years in 2020 to about 77 years amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the sharpest drop compared to 21 other high-income countries, according to a global study." On average, Americans "are now expected to live for 76.99 years from 78.86 years in 2019, according to the study, which looked at national death and population counts in 2019 and 2020 to calculate the mortality rate ratio."

[The Hill](#) (4/13, Wilson, 5.69M) reports, "New data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows that more Americans died in 2021 than in any other year in the nation's history, as the coronavirus pandemic raged and death rates attributed to cancer, diabetes and strokes rose."

New variants now in upstate NY (88% of isolates) – B.A2.12 and B.A2.12.1. It spreads about 27 percent more efficiently than does B.A2. this has led to certain counties in New York state going from the green to yellow and even red with increased hospitalizations. That part of the state is under vaccinated compared to New York City and so there is a concern that when this new variant inevitably gets to the southern states that are under vaccinated, we may start to see an increase in hospitalizations as well as deaths.

April 15, 2022 Global USA

There is a very important blog by Gregg Gonsalves shown below that absolutely needs to be analyzed and scrutinized and described in the book.

Gregg can sometimes get a bit melodramatic about things; however, in this case he has a really good point. There is some political connotation to the fact that we need to get back to normal and so we are acting like getting infected is just one of the things that we have to accept. Given the fact that the vaccines do not give any prolonged and durable protection against infection but seems to do well in protection against severe disease, to shut things down merely to prevent infections even among those who are not at high risk would mean a prolonged shutdown of society. However, now that we have readily accessible vaccines as well as therapies (for those who have access) it is unlikely that there will be a major surge in hospitalizations that would stress the system. However, this does not take into account the fact that the vulnerables including the elderly and those with underlying conditions will clearly be at risk if the virus continues to spread. This is especially true for underserved populations who don't have health care and who don't have ready access two boosters or who even know that boosters are available or for those who refuse to get vaccinated. They are the ones that are going to suffer disproportionately. And so the real social, political, public health, and ethical questions get all mixed up. We cannot keep society shut down until the virus goes away, since it is not going away. If we accept that, then we must do everything we can to protect the vulnerables and inform people that it is quite risky if you are a vulnerable person to go to a big closed event like the White House correspondents dinner. I believe that the CDC needs to be much more proactive and warning people who are at risk not to go to closed indoor events that are unmasked and that have no proof of vaccination or testing.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/society/covid-media-gridiron-dinner/>

Laughing Ourselves to Death at the Gridiron Dinner

As Democrats embrace rugged individualism, the pundit class leans into public health apartheid.

April 14th, 2022

By Gregg Gonsalves

Very clear now that cases are increasing in many jurisdictions. Here is about a 20% increase in cases on the seven-day average. Hospitalization still staying steady. However, they are usually lagging by a few weeks. It appears that the UK has peaked in their surge and they are now starting to slightly come back down again. David Morens, Jeff Taubenberger and I wrote a very timely article on why herd immunity is unlikely given: 1) variants arising unlike measles and

polio; 2) waning immunity to infection and vaccination (unlike measles and polio, and 3) lack of universal acceptance of the vaccine. See JID article below:

The Concept of Classical Herd Immunity May Not Apply to COVID-19

[David M Morens¹](#), [Gregory K Folkers¹](#), [Anthony S Fauci¹](#)

Affiliations expand

April 17, 2022 (Sunday) Global – 500,186,525/6,190,349; USA – 80,440,151/986,042

Last night on SNL, Kate McKinnon played me yet again. She is brilliant. This time it was me talking about Easter. It also was a major spoof on former president Trump. The person who plays him has his voice down absolutely brilliantly

Cases continue to surge up throughout the country. Still waiting to see if it has an impact on hospitalizations.

I have a breakfast meeting with Jeff tomorrow morning and a dinner meeting with Bob and Neil on Wednesday. I have just about come to a firm decision that I will be leaving the NIH to work full time from a different venue on my books.

April 18, 2022 Global USA

PRESS: CNBC with Meg Tirrell (by phone)

April 19, 2022 Global – 503,131,834/6,200,571; USA – 80,526,422/986,545

Cases continue to surge without any noticeable increase in hospitalization thus far.

However, in the northeast, particularly in upstate New York, we are starting to see an increase in hospitalizations and deaths. There is a considerable concern that as the southern states get the wave of the BA.2 or the new variants BA.2.12/BA.2.21.1 then they will start to see hospitalizations and deaths. The CDC metric once again needs to be adjusted to take into account the trajectory of increase as opposed to where we are right now since everything looks green and we know it is going to turn yellow and orange very quickly.

The country is going to the dogs in some respects. The GOP and the far right radicals are doing everything they can to sway the election at the midterms and the interaction by suppressing voters rights and other nefarious activities. In addition they're instituting policies that are extreme such as a "non say gay" policy in schools, suppressing the right to abortion in certain states, and doing things as crazy as criminalizing Paris who have their children who are transgender pursue medical interventions period.

I have decided to cancel my commitment to attend the White House correspondents' Association Dinner on Saturday April 30. There is clearly the beginning of a surge of cases, and given the high percentage of infections that occurred at the Gridiron dinner, I have decided to pull out both for my concern about a severe outcome of an infection but also even if I got infected without any symptoms I still would have to isolate for 10 days which would overlap with several of my commitments including the University of Michigan commencement address on May 7th. I was going to write an email to the ABC folks and tell them about my decision, but I wisely called Courtney Row and Ben Wakana to inform them that I was going to send the email. They told me that that would not be a good idea since the email would be leaked and then there would be the question of whether or not the President should be attending. **They said that they would let Kate Bedingfield know about this so that she could tell the President and he will not be surprised if someone asks him about what I have decided and about how that impacts his decision.**

Argument against those who say it is OK for children to get infected:



Scalise and GOP continue to go after Peter Daszak:

Press Release Published: Apr 19, 2022

Scalise, Comer Call for Investigation of EcoHealth's Unethical Conduct

PRESS: RTL German TV; Tblisi Georgia TV;

April 20, 2022 Global USA

A couple of days ago, Trump appointed judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle just overruled the CDC and struck down the extension of the airplane mask mandate for 15 days until May 3 following April 18. Another egregious example of Trump appointed judges interfering with sound public health measures. Public health officials uniformly criticizing this 34 year old Florida judge whose appointment was controversial since the ABA judged her as unqualified at the time of her appointment:

***Daily Beast* – Larry Gostin:**

Trump's Worst Judge Just Made Travel a MAGA Nightmare

LET IT ALL BURN

Getting on an airplane or train has been scary and miserable for 2 years now. Things are about to get even worse.

Had a great meeting tonight with Neal Katyal and Bob Barnett. We discussed the broad strategy of what I will do when I step down from the NIH and go to the next phase of my life particularly with regard to writing books. They have met with the OGC of HHS (Barbara McGarey) and the NIH Ethics person Gretchen Weaver To make sure that everything I do during my remaining time at NIH and immediately after is absolutely unassailable. It is very clear that the far right GOP will be attacking me before I leave and certainly after I leave. Neil feels that it very likely will turn out to be uh Benghazi type of a seen for me. They are very enthusiastic about the things that I can do once I leave and I'm going put my faith and their ability to keep me on the right track and maximizing my impact.

Mallory McMorrow, A Democrat state senator from Michigan gave an incredible speech that went viral throughout the world in which she attacked the far right GOP for marginalizing kids who are not straight white and Christian and by pushing back on the idea that teaching children about sexual identity is somehow harming them. She was extremely eloquent and her speech was viewed by literally 10s of millions of people throughout the world.

PRESS: Tennessean/USA Today Interview (herd immunity paper); Peter Aldous – *Politico* – discussing the White Coat waste Project’s attacks on me;

April 21, 2022 Global - 505,0335,185/6,20,719; USA – 80,648,481/987,601

Interesting media thing happened today. 20 minutes after I gave a terrific 30 minute interview with Kacie Hunt from CNN+, the newly formed company announced that they were shutting down the very recently formed company due to a merger between Warner Brothers (original owners) and Discovery with a new CEO coming in who did not like CNN+. WOW.... I quickly sent a text message to both Kacie and Chris Wallace who would be severely impacted by this move of shutting down CNN+. I expressed my concern for them and my empathy with them. They both wrote back to me and Chris Wallace said: “Tony – you are such a mensch”

Had a SCIF meeting today with NSC and Kevin Barstow, Larry Tabak, and Tara Schwetz. Discussion involving Dr. Tedros – listening device

PRESS: CNN+ with Kacie Hunt; CBS Streamline with Robert Costa;

April 22 – Global – 505,817,953/6,213,876; USA – 80,700,973/988,287

Deb Birx’s book “Silent Invasion” is out. I have not read it yet but I understand that it hits pretty hard at the trump administration for interfering with the proper response to the COVID outbreak. She will be doing some of the morning shows to promote the book over the next few days. Will follow up later with commentary.

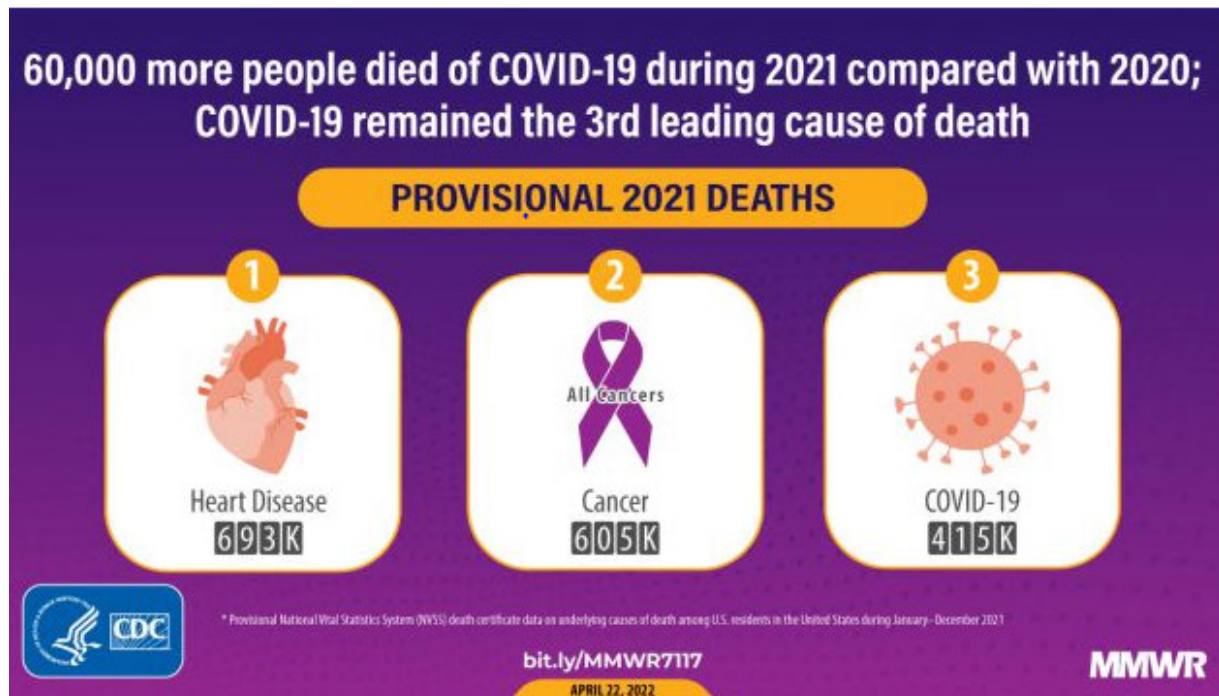
The far right GOP has already indicated that they are going to come after me if they take over the house and or the Senate in the upcoming midterm elections. See Washington Post story from today below:

stop

White House readies for tough probes that would follow a GOP takeover

Facing a possible Republican capture of Congress, the White House is repositioning to beef up its legal and press operations

By Tyler Pager



April 23, 2022 - Global - 505,817,953/6,213,876; USA – 80,768,446/988,589

I had a very good and fair interview with Neil Cavuto a Fox News. the question at hand was the overruling of the CDC's mandate on planes by a Florida judge (see above). I maintained that this is a public health issue that should be decided by public health officials and not by a judge or other authorities. Neal pushed back a bit, however he was very fair and non combative with me. He also asked a highly political question even though we started off by saying he knew I stayed out of politics. He asked if I would stay on if trump won the presidency in 2024. Without telling him that I'm going to step down within the next several months I went on to say that my decisions about my public health and scientific career have been always and are now completely unrelated to who is in the Oval Office and who is running the Congress.

More GOP conspiracy theories regarding the initial phone call among a number of scientists including Christian Andersen with me and Francis Collins:

Scalise, Comer, Jordan Call on Top Scientist to Clarify Response to Congress

New report calls into question Dr. Andersen's assertion he never suppressed lab leak theory

PRESS: Fox News with Neil Cavuto

April 24, 2022 - Global USA

Far right GOP people as well as Fox News is now criticizing Neil Cavuto for being “too nice to me” on his show.

PRESS: WGN Radio (Chicago) with Steve Dale

April 25 – Global USA

Had a zoom meeting with Mikael Dolsten and Pfizer people Regarding the anecdotal reports that treating people with Paxlovid during acute infection suppresses virus temporarily but when the drug is discontinued many people rebound and viruses isolated for several days longer than expected following resolution of symptoms. The Pfizer people present the data indicate that this is not the case when one looks at real-world evidence. We will have to follow up on this to see what the right answer is.

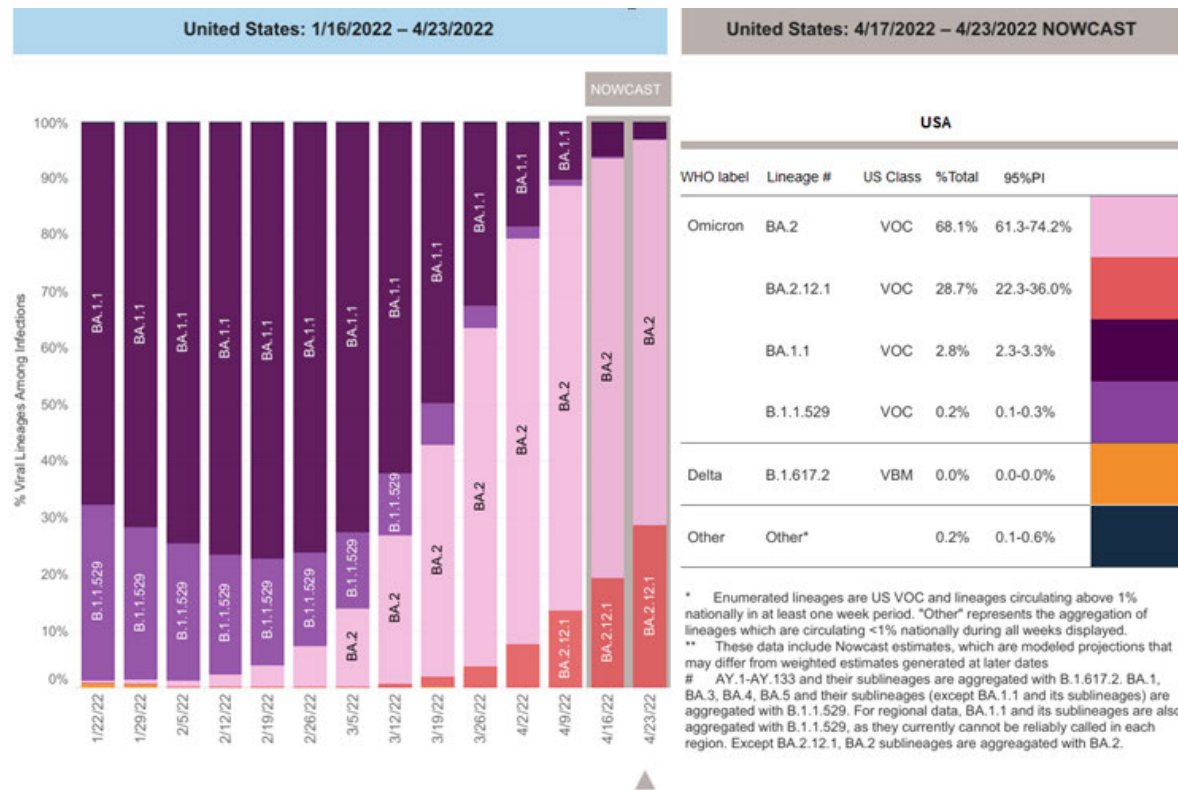
PRESS: Globo Brazil Radio Interview;

April 26, 2022 Global – 508,041,253/6,224,220; USA – 80,874,929/988,991

VP Harris tested positive for COVID-19.

Many people who we know of are getting infected all around us. Most of the time it's a mild illness but several people have spent several days in bed; none have required hospitalization. It appears that in the United states as well as throughout the world infections are surging but hospitalizations have remained very low. Question is will that be sustained or will hospitalizations also surge. If the outbreak stays as an omicron outbreak even with sub lineages of Omicron, we should be OK, i.e. it is unlikely that there will be major increases in hospitalizations

Variant distribution in the USA:



PRESS: WINS 101 Radio – New York City; NPR Interview with Judy Woodruff for the “Crosscut Festival”

April 27, 2022 Global – 508,827,830/6,227,291; USA – 80,938,963/989,408

Very big Kerfuffle today regarding misinterpretation of a statement that I made to Judy Woodruff in an NPR interview. I had said that we were out of the pandemic phase of the outbreak. However a longer version of the int indicated that I said there are multiple phases of the pandemic and we are no longer in the acute fulminant phase and that we are transitioning into a more of a control phase. I also went on to talk about why we won't multiple media as indicating that I said the pandemic was over in the United states. And so I spent most of the day trying to rectify the situation and do damage control about a misinterpreted headline that came out in the New York Times in the Washington Post. I think we did a pretty good job of cleaning up the mess. However, it is another example of how every single word I say is watched with great intensity by everybody in the United States and throughout the world. Again, lesson learned!

Met with Member of EU Parliament Dr. Cristian-Silviu Busoi (Romania) to discuss collaborations between EU and NIAID/USA on COVID and emerging infections

As we approach the White House correspondents dinner the press is starting to buzz around about why I am not going to attend and the president is given the fact that we are about the same age. It's a reasonable question to ask. I am responding by saying that it is a personal individual choice based on my own personal risk and that my individual choice should not influence anyone else's individual choice.

AXIOS: Gave a list of all of my predictions over more than 2 years and they all turned out to be 100% correct:

A timeline of Fauci's predictions about the COVID pandemic



- [Erin Doherty](#)



Anthony Fauci testifies at on Capitol Hill on Jan. 11. Photo: Greg Nash-Pool/Getty Images

Biden's chief medical adviser and NIAID director Anthony Fauci said this week that the U.S. is now out of the "full-blown explosive pandemic phase" — more than two years after COVID-19 was first identified in the U.S.

The big picture: Fauci, an ever-present government representative on cable news over the last two-plus years, has regularly given his predictions, expectations and analysis on the COVID-19 pandemic. Here's a timeline of his remarks, consolidated for brevity's sake.

2020



Fauci

with former President Trump and former Vice President Mike Pence in February 2020. Photo: Roberto Schmidt/AFP via Getty Images

March 15, 2020: Fauci [says](#) that the U.S. "should be overly aggressive and get criticized for overreacting" to COVID-19.

- "For a while, life is not going to be how it used to be in the United States," he said. "We have to just accept that if we want to do what's best for the American public."

March 29, 2020: Fauci [warns](#) that models suggest that coronavirus may infect millions of Americans and could kill 100,000–200,000 people.

April 2, 2020: Fauci [urges](#) all U.S. states to implement stay-at-home orders to curb the virus, standing in stark contrast to then-President Trump's calls for "flexibility."

April 12, 2020: Fauci [says](#) that "no one is going to deny" that lives could have been saved during the pandemic if Trump had put in place social distancing measures before March.

- "But it is what it is. We are where we are right now," he added.

May 12, 2020: Fauci says [unequivocally](#) that the U.S. will "without a doubt" have more infections and deaths in the fall and winter if testing, contact tracing and social distancing measures are not ramped up.

June 6, 2020: Fauci says he's "[very concerned](#)" about the protests that followed George Floyd's death resulting in a surge in COVID-19 cases.

June 28, 2020: Fauci [says](#) that the efficacy of vaccinations and Americans' opposition to the shots make herd immunity "unlikely."

June 30, 2020: Fauci [testifies](#) that he would "not be surprised" if the U.S. begins to report as many as 100,000 new coronavirus cases per day.

- "I'm very concerned and not satisfied with what's going on because we're going in the wrong direction," he said.

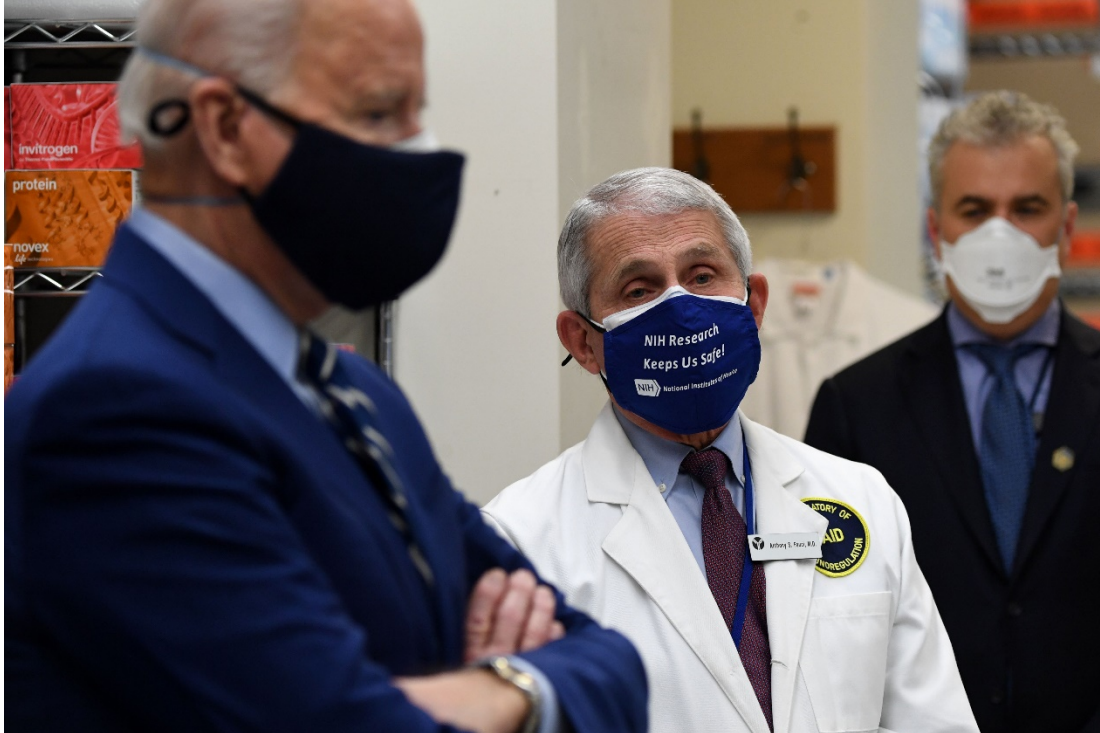
Sep. 11, 2020: Fauci warns that it's unlikely that daily life in the U.S. will [go back to normal](#) by the end of 2020, saying pre-coronavirus conditions may not return until "well into 2021, maybe even toward the end of 2021."

Oct. 9, 2020: Fauci says that there was "a [superspreader](#) event at the White House," referring to the celebration in the White House's Rose Garden for the introduction of then-Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett.

Oct. 18, 2020: Fauci tells CBS' "60 Minutes" that he's "[absolutely](#) not" surprised that [Trump contracted COVID-19](#) after seeing him on TV in a crowded place with "almost nobody wearing a mask."

Oct. 28, 2020: Fauci [cautions](#) that a COVID-19 vaccine will likely not be ready until at least January 2021. He adds that the U.S. is in a "bad position" after failing to keep case numbers low after summer.

2021



Fauci and

President Joe Biden in February 2021, at the National Institutes of Health. Photo: Saul Loeb/AFP via Getty Images

Jan. 17, 2021: Fauci [commends](#) then-President-elect Joe Biden's plan to administer 100 million COVID-19 vaccines in 100 days as "absolutely ... doable."

Feb. 15, 2021: Fauci [tells](#) "Axios on HBO" that despite the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines, emerging variants could pose a "stumbling block."

- "You don't want people to become complacent. We still have a long way to go," he said.

May 20, 2021: Fauci [pleads](#) with Americans to get vaccinated against the virus, saying if 70% of Americans receive one dose of the vaccine by July 4, "there will be enough protection in the community that I really don't foresee there being the risk of a surge."

June 9, 2021: Fauci [urges](#) Americans to get vaccinated to halt the spread of the Delta variant.

- "We don't want to let happen in the United States what is happening currently in the U.K., where you have a troublesome variant essentially taking over as the dominant variant."

Aug. 4, 2021: Fauci fears that a deadlier [strain](#) than the one caused by Delta could be around the corner.

- "If another [variant] comes along that has an equally high capability of transmitting but also is much more severe, then we could really be in trouble," he said.

Aug. 12, 2021: Fauci [predicts](#) that it is "likely" that everyone will need a vaccine booster shot in the future.

Aug. 24, 2021: Fauci [says](#) that the U.S. could return to a "degree of normality" by spring of 2022 if more Americans are vaccinated against COVID-19.

Sep. 9, 2021: Fauci [tells](#) Axios that Americans are getting infected with COVID-19 at 10 times the rate needed to end the pandemic.

- "The endgame is to suppress the virus. Right now, we're still in pandemic mode, because we have 160,000 new infections a day. That's not even modestly good control ... which means it's a public health threat," he said.

Nov. 17, 2021: Fauci [predicts](#) that COVID-19 could reach endemic levels in the U.S. by 2022, but added that increased vaccinations are necessary to reach this.

Nov. 28, 2021: Fauci cautions that the Omicron variant will "[inevitably](#)" be found in the United States and urges the country ramps up precautionary measures, including vaccinations, to halt the spread.

- "If and when, and it's going to be *when*, it comes here, hopefully we will be ready for it by enhancing our capabilities via vaccine, masking — all the things that we do, and should be doing," Fauci says.

Dec. 19, 2021: Fauci predicts that the U.S. will see [record](#) numbers of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths in the coming weeks ahead due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

- "We are going to see a significant stress in some regions of the country on the hospital system, particularly in those areas where you have a low level of vaccination."

Dec. 23, 2021: Fauci [warns](#) that large gatherings during the holiday season are unsafe even for fully vaccinated people due to the Omicron variant surge. Fully vaccinated families should be safe to attend smaller gatherings, he said.

Dec. 27, 2021: Fauci [encourages](#) a COVID vaccine requirement for domestic air travel in response to the Omicron variant. "When you make vaccination a requirement, that's another incentive to get more people vaccinated," he said.

Dec. 29, 2021: Fauci cites preliminary data showing that "all indications point to a lesser [severity](#) of Omicron versus Delta" during a White House COVID-19 briefing.

Dec. 30, 2021: Fauci [pleads](#) with parents to get their children vaccinated against COVID-19 to prevent "avoidable" hospitalization.

2022



Fauci testifies on Capitol Hill in

January 2021. Photo: Greg Nash-Pool/Getty Images.

Jan. 23, 2022: Fauci says that he is "confident as you can be" that most U.S. states will reach a [peak](#) in Omicron coronavirus cases by mid-February.

Feb. 9, 2022: Fauci says that COVID-19 pandemic [restrictions](#) could end "soon" as he believes the virus will reach an "equilibrium."

- Fauci also says that the U.S. is "certainly heading out" of a particularly difficult phase of the pandemic driven largely by Omicron.

March 18, 2022: Fauci is [optimistic](#) that the BA.2 Omicron variant will likely cause an uptick in cases, but not necessarily an increase in hospitalizations or deaths.

April 27, 2022: Fauci [says now the U.S](#) was out of a "full-blown explosive pandemic phase" and into a "transitional phase" that should lead to a "more controlled phase and endemicity."

- However, he cautioned: "The world is still in a pandemic," he told the [Washington Post](#). "There's no doubt about that. Don't anybody get any misinterpretation of that. We are still experiencing a pandemic."

Go deeper ... [COVID-19 dashboard](#)

PRESS: Bloomberg News interview with Jeanne Baumann; NPR 1A Radio with Jen White; Interview with Lauran Neergaard of AP and Weijia Jiang of CBS; NPR Detroit Radio; NPR with Rob Stein;

April 28, 2022 Global – 509,531,232/6,230,357; USA – 81,028,797/990,208

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch wrote a very favorable editorial about me:

Editorial: As the pandemic wanes, heeding experts like Fauci is more urgent than ever

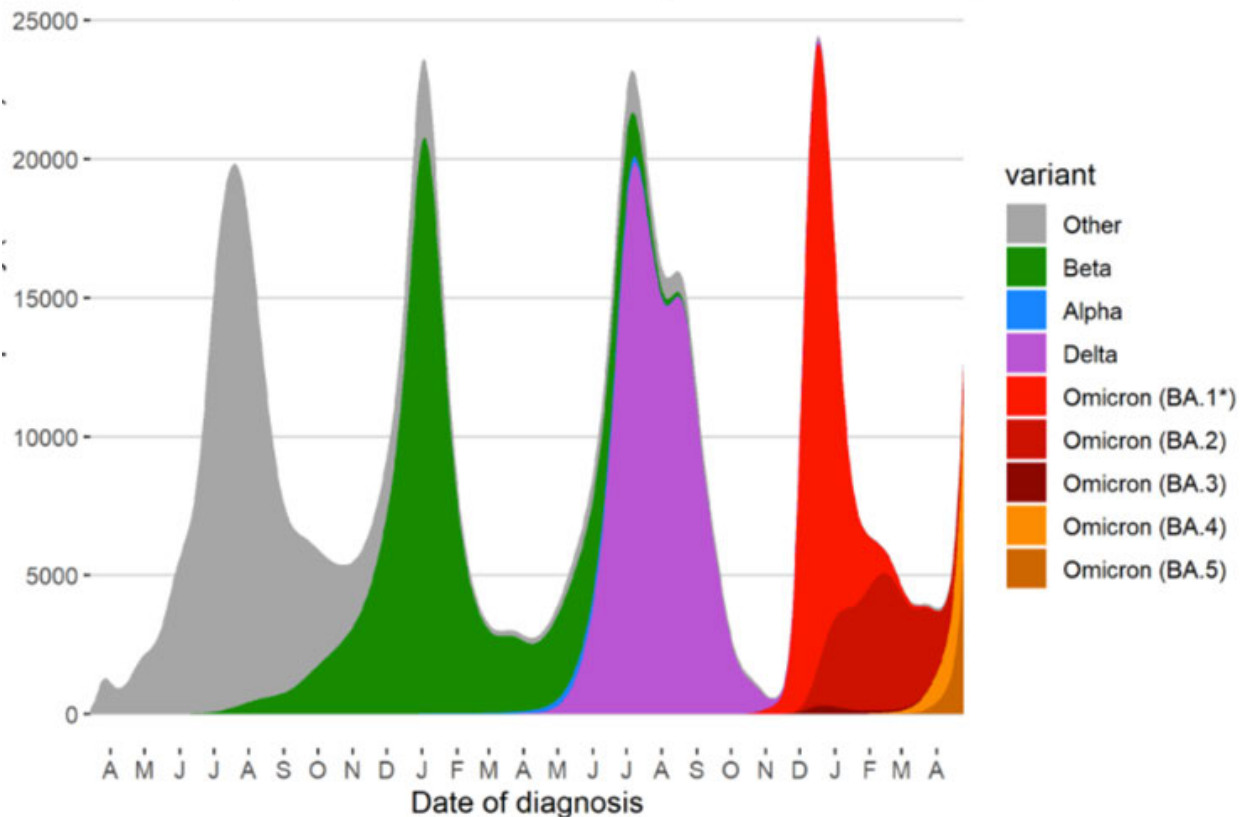
- By the Editorial Board
- 2 hrs ago

In USA, cases continue to go up with slight increase in hospitalizations (still at very low level). Deaths at around 300/day (lowest since March 2020).

Early signs in RSA of potential new surg with B4/B5:

NEW CONFIRMED SARS-CoV2 CASES PER DAY BY VARIANT IN SOUTH AFRICA

(negative binomial fit to NICD case data, with correction for weekday effects & variable testing intensity; marginal means calculated at constant, maximal testing effort variant frequencies based on multinomial spline fit to GISAID data)



Still a little blowback about my statement regarding end of the pandemic phase; however, my clarifications and multiple media seem to have settled things down a bit.

Magic Johnson was on “The View” on April 27 and thanked me for helping him with his HIV. He also joked that when we see each other we recall the 30 years ago time. He called us “Mutt and Jeff” since he is so tall and I am “so small”. He said it in a very warm and endearing way. Story by Robert Marvi:

Magic Johnson says Dr. Fauci and Dr. Ho helped him overcome HIV

April 29, 2022 Global USA

Sad times! Chris and I visited our dear friend Rob Stein last night in the Hospice portion of Sibley hospital. He is on his last few days. Luckily, he was able to give his terrific speech virtually to the Democratic conference in Colorado.

Joan Baez called me up last night just to check up on me and to see how I was doing. She does that intermittently and always expresses how pissed off she is at the far right radicals because of their attacks on me.

I had sent Barbra Streisand happy birthday video a few weeks ago and she just sent me the following response via her assistant Joan Rosen:

Dear Tony,

Thank you so much for taking the time to send me your Birthday greetings. It was delightful!

Sending love,
Barbra

Along the line of misrepresentation in the press, the *New York Times* is still emphasizing that I've said that the FDA is waiting on the approval or children's vaccines so that they can align the Moderna with the Pfizer approval. In fact, that is not what I said. There was a story in *Politico* saying that this was the case about delaying approval of one to wait for the other and I was asked what I thought and I said I don't know exactly what is going on, but if they were going to align the release it likely was so that people do not get confused concerning one vaccine coming out before another. Yet, they made it seem like I was the originator of that statement. In fact, I have been saying all along that the FDA cannot approve an intervention or make a determination until they get all the data from the company and have time to analyze the data. The latter is the truth and what I said, but the press seems to like to distort things. **It is what it is!!**

April 30, 2022 Global – 510,270,667/6,233,526; USA – 81,094,164/990,527

Chairman James Clyburn's C & E oversight committee on the pandemic is now investigating the Trump administration interfering with good public health practices:

[washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com)

Trump officials muzzled CDC on church covid guidance, emails confirm

Went to the pre-dinner garden party for the White House Correspondents Dinner at 2920 – R Street, NW (the usual place) hosted by Tammy Haddad among others. As usual it was the Triple A list of Hollywood stars, television stars, media stars, etc. As has been the case recently, **I got completely swarmed by everybody wanting to take pictures with me.** Even though it's outdoors, I was concerned about getting infected since people were all over me hugging and taking selfies. This is such an unusual situation of this fame that I have that after a while becomes uncomfortable. However, I did get to meet a bunch of really nice people who were excited about meeting me and taking pictures with me. Besides all the media people that I know in Washington there were also movie stars like Sophia Bush and Mario van Peebles who were delighted to chat and take photos. As mentioned above, I have decided not to go to the White House correspondents dinner because of the fact that there will be 2600 people in a crowded ballroom at the Hilton Hotel. Too much of a risk for me right now.

Trevor Noah made a couple of jokes tonight about my not attending the White House Correspondents Dinner during his comedic monologue at the event. He also joked that Trump claimed that he, not Fauci, developed the vaccine.

May 1, 2022 (Sunday)

Had usual call with colleagues from RSA (Alex Siegal, Glenda Gray, etc.) Looks like RSA is seeing upsurge of BA.4 (Gauteng) and BA.5 (KZN). It appears that people who had been prior infected with omicron who are unvaccinated are very susceptible to being reinfected with BA.4 or BA.5. People are getting more ill but I'm not requiring hospitalization. We do not have much BA.4/5 in the USA since we are having a growing amount of BA.1.12.1 which may be preventing BA.4/5 from becoming dominant. We just need to wait and see. However, this ominously predicts successive waves that we may be experiencing over the coming several months. It seems that we get a new wave about every four months or so even though the hospitalizations seem to be less than in the prior wave.

The *New York Times* had a front page story on Tucker Carlson in which they described how Carlson has stoked “white fear” in his cable news ramblings. They describe his concept of “American nationalism” and show that he has picked out multiple prominent figures on the American scene who are encroaching upon the rights of the common people. He listed me prominently among those people along with Joe Biden, AOC, Nancy Pelosi, Kamala Harris, among others.

My life is really now changed forever with regard to my notoriety. I went to the **National Academy of Sciences garden party** this afternoon and I thought that the situation would be somewhat different than the standard garden parties that I go to. Specifically, I thought that there

would be less people swarming me for my picture. Unfortunately that was not the case with the NAS garden party. As soon as one or two people recognize me that everyone came around wanting selfies. I left within 15 minutes of entering without even saying hello to my immunology and infectious diseases colleagues who are in the Academy. This is getting to be a bit too much.

May 2, 2022 Global US

Had a nice visit today at the Italian embassy with Italian Minister of Health Roberto Speranza followed by dinner with him and Sec. Becerra at the home of the Italian ambassador Zappia.

Jonathan Karl (ABC TV) called me tonight informing me that he has COVID. I advised him about taking Paxlovid. He attended the White House Correspondence Dinner. I wonder how many other people got infected there.

PRESS: Interview with “Foreign Policy” TV air on “FP Live”

May 3, 2022

PRESS: Interview with CNN Health Blog – Brenda Goodman;

May 4, 2022 – Global - 512,607,587/6,243,038; USA – 81,391,274/993,341

Cases continue to trend upwards with 77,000 cases yesterday and slight increase in hospitalizations. Mostly BA.2 and some BA.2.12.1. Big question is what is the level of surge will we see over the next couple of weeks.

	Total to date	Most recent day*	7-day daily average	Week-on-week change
Cases	81,391,274	73,720	61,713	+22.1%
Conf. COVID hosp. admits	4,650,380	2,260	2,214	+20.0%
Deaths	993,341	347	326	+4.5%
NAATs reported**	865,375,095	<i>omitted due to reporting lag</i>	679,027**	+8.9%**
Test positivity**	9.1%		7.8%	+2.2 pct. pts.

PRESS: German ARD TV (Marschberger); BBC World TV “The Context” with Christian Fraser; ABC Providence TV

May 5, 2022 Global USA

Cases creeping up:

	Total to date	Most recent day*	7-day daily average	Week-on-week change
Cases	81,492,170	100,839	64,781	+21.4%
U.S. admits	4,652,617	2,504	2,219	+16.6%
Deaths	994,187	812	334	-2.5%
Reported**	866,705,723	<i>omitted due to reporting lag</i>	754,129**	+22.3%**
Sensitivity**	9.1%		7.4%	+1.6 pct. pts.

Had a visit today with Takayuki Kobayashi, Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy of Japan. Bright young guy. We discussed potential collaborations with Japan. Reminded me of the close interactions I used to have with Japanese scientists when I was full-time in my lab many years ago with several Japanese scientists doing fellowships in my lab.

May 6, 2022 Global USA

An example of people's uncontrollable desire to leak things. Yesterday, we had an off the record conversation with the so-called TV docs to fill them in on what is going on. It was me, Ashish, and Cameron Webb. I had mentioned in the discussion something about the importance of not declaring the pandemic as being over and making sure that we protect the vulnerable. I said that an example of society acting as if the pandemic was over was the fact that we had the White House correspondents dinner with over 2600 people in an indoor enclosed space. The discussion was absolutely supposed to be off the record and Marissa mentioned that multiple times during the discussion that this was all off the record. Sure enough, someone leaked that I had been criticizing the administration and the organizers of the White House correspondents dinner for holding it, when in fact that's not at all what I said. *Politico* wrote an article about it which was misleading. Kevin Munoz tried to straighten it out and actually did a pretty good job of helping them get the story right. But it just goes to show you that you really can't trust anyone other than the press when you say something is off the record.

May 7, 2022 (Saturday) Bright sunny but cold day in Ann Arbor.

I gave the Commencement address belatedly to the 2020 class of the University of Michigan. It was the most extraordinary experience. The commencement was held in the University of Michigan football stadium. The enthusiasm over my presence was absolutely amazing. As we made the processional into the stadium the students as soon as some of them saw me started waving and screaming out "Hello Dr. Fauci, Hi Fauci, we love you

Fauci.” As soon as the rest of the stadium saw what was going on 10s of thousands of people started chanting “Fauci, Fauci, Fauci”. Then, when I got on the stage and they introduced me to give the commencement address I got a prolonged ovation that just went on and on. In addition, my commencement address was punctuated and then interrupted with rounds of applause when I said something that struck them. Another amazing part of the ceremony was when everyone came up on stage in a very quick fashion to get the opportunity to wave to the audience, many of them stopped and came over to me wanting to take selfies and wanting to shake my hand. This created a considerable amount of disruption and dismay for the Deans who were trying to keep the process orderly. The students would have nothing of it and kept on coming over to me wanting to say hi, shake my hand, take a selfie, etc. It was an amazing experience and it made me fully realize what is meant by Rockstar status. I don't think my life is ever going to be the same as I mentioned several times before. However, in the big picture it was a wonderful experience and a show of great warmth and affection towards me. This is obviously contrasted with the venom and the hate that the far right have towards me.