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COVID-19 Update from Dr Carol Grigg

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The CORONA VIRUS-19 has been in this country for a year now. In that time, it has spiked in numbers, first in March of 2020, again in July and then a huge jump in January, 2021, which should continue for a couple of months longer.

**Herd Immunity:** Define. 85% is thought to be how many of us must be immune to prevent epidemic spread.

**Pandemic** means all around the world.

**WORLD-WIDE** there are almost 100 million active cases and over 2 million deaths !

To explain the **situation here in the US**, you may already know that we have a population of 330 million people.

Of those 330 million, we have 25 million active cases, and 11 million recovering, which is about 10% of the population. Even if we believed that having the disease gave people long-lasting immunity, which we do not believe, only 10% of the population has developed some immunity, and if you remember, HERD IMMUNITY must be at 85% for this to no longer easily spread.

Right now, in our country, as of this morning, there have been 425,000 deaths, currently at about 5000 per day!

**IN FLORIDA, as of this morning:**

1. Just under 2 million active cases
2. Over 25,000 deaths total so far
3. 274 deaths on Friday in FL and 156 more so far this morning

**BIDEN:**

1. Assigned someone to lead the Corona Virus Taskforce
2. Signed a law mandating masks/safe distancing in and on all federal property and buildings
3. Initiated a 100 day challenge for mask usage with campaigns for safety.
4. Eliminated eviction for 2 more months for non-payment of rent.

**WALK AWAY with these 3 points:**

1. Right now is the most dangerous time ever for contracting the virus.
2. Mutations and new variants which are more contagious and **more deadly** are making predictions “iffy” but for now, most vaccines appear to be safe and working for all strains of the virus.
3. Get vaccinated if you can.