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More from Zeke E.

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Yes probably worth it--lots of studies. Not as good as N95 but does really cut down on droplets spread and absorption, plus reminds people of public health.

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OK. Last Q: What's your case for a mask mandate, even with DIY masks? Is it that the masks themselves reduce spread or that wearing masks changes other behavior, and is there evidence on

the latter?

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YES. That is why social distancing is still necessary. And double down in minority communities. Also requiring masks would help.

April 30 is unlikely date

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Per day? We are miles above that even with below-average testing.

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20 new cases per million population is the level S korea is using. Seems about right

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Toward the end of the call, I think you threw out some numbers about the infection levels you'd want to see to loosen. If I got it right can you repeat?

Best,
Robert