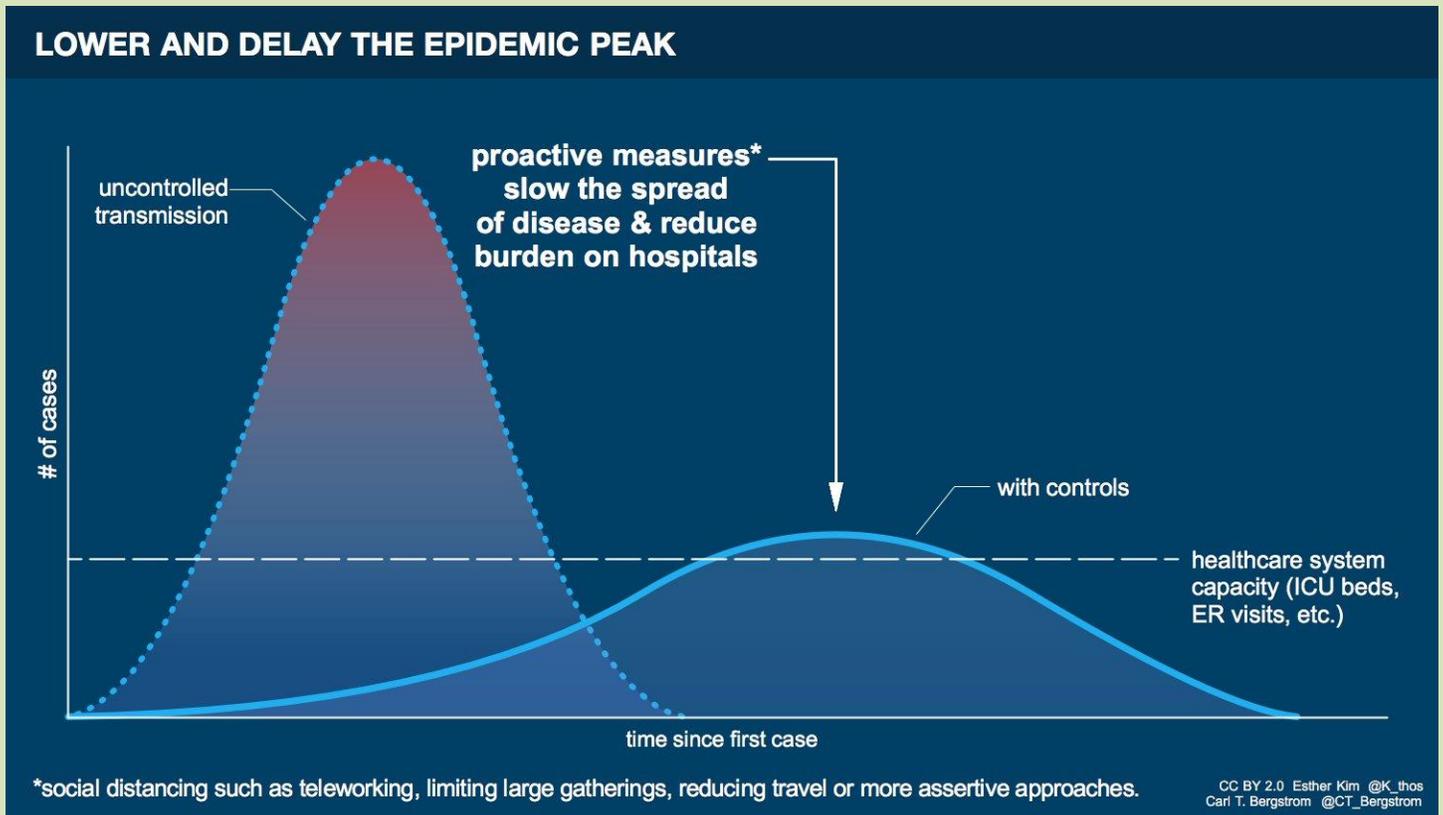


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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We are in the midst of a coronavirus pandemic and very challenging times are upon us. COVID-19 is highly contagious and appears to be more deadly than most influenza strains, especially for individuals of distinguished age and those currently with significant health conditions.

From the experiences we gained with successfully eradicating wild polio infections throughout 99.9% of the world, we understand the importance of taking appropriate actions to combat infectious diseases. At this moment, the most appropriate action we can take to combat COVID-19 is to aggressively avoid community exposure and help flatten the time rate of infection curve:



Flattening the curve will save lives. Hospitals and health care providers will be in a better position to handle the large numbers of infected individuals at any given time; and there will be more time to test and develop new forms of treatments for COVID-19. As Rotarians, we must take appropriate actions to limit our exposure and help flatten the curve!

In addition, I am assembling a task force to provide emergency assistance for Harris Askins House residents and our members if the need arises. We have allocated \$1,500 to support emergency needs of the Harris Askins House residents. Task force duties are focused on delivering emergency medicines, provisions and providing transportation for medical appointments. Our goal is to have 10 members on the task force. If you would like to volunteer for the task force, please email Wendell McCurdy, as soon as possible: wencaptain@msn.com

To minimize risk, you must be under 60 years of age, be a non-smoker and have no existing health conditions to volunteer for the task force.

Our Rotary Hotline is available 24/7 if you are in need of emergency assistance: 614-895-1700. Please do not hesitate to call. Our goal is to promptly return all calls, however if your call has not been addressed within 6 hours, please call my mobile phone 614-747-5577 at any hour.

Our Board will hold a weekly conference call to assess the overall situation and will update all members accordingly, via email.

I appreciate your support in doing your part to help flatten the curve, and look forward to continuing our normal activities and fellowship soon.

Best regards,

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