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## 34 REFERENCES TO SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES OR TO EXPERTS CONCERNING COVID-19

Please find below 34 references to scientific articles or to experts concerning COVID-19. These references were compiled by Mr. Peter St. Onge, Ph.D. Econ, and Senior Fellow at the Montreal Economic Institute. He can be reached if needed at: [pstonge@iedm.org](mailto:pstonge@iedm.org).

### EXPERTS ARGUING AGAINST LOCKDOWNS

1) Detailed 91-page WHO report from last year declared that contact tracing, travel restrictions, border closure, quarantine "not recommended under any circumstances" in a respiratory pandemic. Did the science change, or did the politics change? <https://bit.ly/3m4zOnh>

2) Respected UK epidemiologist and senior government advisor: lockdowns were a "monumental mistake on a global scale" that "must never happen again," a "panic measure" because "we couldn't think of anything better to do." <https://bit.ly/2Zj7C6q>

3) Nobel Laureate structural biologist: lockdowns were "huge mistake" because Covid is less deadly to young than the flu, so overall Covid harm is similar to annual flu, while lockdowns themselves are killing many. <https://bit.ly/32bL8pD>

4) Stanford University Professor of Medicine: Covid far less deadly than early models predicted, likely comparable to seasonal flu. <https://bit.ly/3bDNlx1>

5) Dozens of Israeli doctors and scientists warn against lockdowns, urge focusing support for vulnerable groups, rather than one-size-fits-all lockdowns. <https://bit.ly/32bPwoB>

6) March, 2020 paper co-authored by Dr Anthony Fauci: the "overall clinical consequences" of Covid may be closer to flu than to SARS or MERS. <https://bit.ly/3m49KZe>

### EXPERTS SAYING COVID IS LESS DANGEROUS THAN FEARED

7) As early as March, the World Health Organization was already reporting that 80% of Covid infections resulted in "mild illness" that did not require medical care. <https://bit.ly/2ZinOEF>

8) By April, Stanford antibody study had calculated case fatality rate of Covid at 0.17%, close to the seasonal flu. <https://bit.ly/3k3LRzr>

9) Latest statistics from hard-hit NYC: 99.2% of Covid cases below age 45 are non-fatal – 90% of under-45's aren't even hospitalized. Meanwhile, 99.94% of cases below age 18 are non-fatal. <https://on.nyc.gov/2Zlj6pP>

10) April study from NYU hospital found Covid does not affect randomly, rather most important predictors for hospitalization were simply obesity and age (>65). <https://bit.ly/2F3FxZU>

11) UCLA study: Americans overestimating their risk, true odds of catching Covid from a random stranger in are one in 40,000. Canada has 5 times fewer cases so one in 200,000 if similarly distributed. <https://bit.ly/3hfRFnj>

12) Recent Centers for Disease Control study: 9 out of 10 Covid cases in US are either false-positives or noncommunicable. Suggesting far lower rates of danger. <https://nyti.ms/328FCE8>

### EXPERTS SAYING LOCKDOWN CURE IS WORSE THAN THE DISEASE

13) Swiss research estimates just 3 months of lockdown causes 10 years of life lost for the 2% of population most vulnerable to suicide, depression, alcohol and drugs, childhood abuse, social isolation. That is 91 times Covid deaths. <https://bit.ly/3h8hF45>

14) UK study estimates that a mere 6.4% drop in economic output would cost more lives from "diseases of despair" including suicides and drug overdoses than Covid itself. <https://bit.ly/2R4wQk6>

### EXPERTS REPORTING COLLATERAL HARMS FROM LOCKDOWNS ALONE

15) More costs of lockdowns as "hundreds" of clinical trials halted amid lockdown disruptions, jeopardizing years of medical progress that could have saved millions of lives. <https://n.pr/2ZdRwef>

16) Study from University of Toronto predicts 418 excess suicides from a mild lockdown recession, but 2,114 excess suicides from a severe drop in GDP.

<https://bit.ly/3m2FmyE>

17) In April, the American Cancer Society sounded the alarm that Covid over-reaction could delay treatment for 1.8 million new cases of cancer, potentially past their chance of surviving. <https://bit.ly/30mQuNk>

18) Unicef warns of possible 1.2 million excess child deaths from Covid lockdowns – 6,000 children per day under age five. <https://uni.cf/3bKv5IN>

19) In April, the UN Security Council was warned of “global famines” from Covid-related lockdowns, potentially pushing 130 million people worldwide to the brink of starvation. <https://bit.ly/3hbtQ06>

20) Professor Ferguson, of lockdown projection fame, admitted in March that “Two thirds of coronavirus victims may have died this year anyway.”

<https://bit.ly/34aq56B>

21) With schools opening, new study in JAMA finds no difference in hospitalization rates, ICU admission, ventilator use between children who had covid-19 versus the flu. <https://bit.ly/3herZaL>

22) US study finds clinical depression in adults has tripled since lockdowns began, rising from 8.5% pre-Covid to 27.8% in early September. StatsCanada says 4,000 Canadians commit suicide in a normal year.

<https://bit.ly/3icQ2s8>

23) Lancet study projects Covid fears will cause 700,000 additional childhood deaths in Africa versus just 8,300 lives saved, as delayed immunizations leave children exposed to routine diphtheria, polio, smallpox.

<https://bit.ly/2GEHKva>

24) April study of Austrian resort found Covid antibodies in 42% of the population (antibodies suggest past infection). Yet by August just one in 12,000 Austrians had actually died from Covid, implying one in 5,000 of those with antibodies. <https://bit.ly/334x9Rz>

25) Months after Switzerland reopened restaurants, bars, even nightclubs, public health authorities report just 1.6% of new infections came from restaurants and bars, 1.9% from nightclubs. The biggest source of new infection was simply between family-members.

<https://bit.ly/3bwOvdP>

26) World Bank now predicting 70 to 100 million people worldwide could be plunged into extreme poverty as a result of Covid-19 lockdowns. Up from the 40 to 60 million they predicted in April. <https://bit.ly/2GEFsfX>

27) UN report finds Covid lockdowns “reversing decades of progress on poverty” in the world’s poorest countries. They estimate 71 million have already been pushed into extreme poverty, and 1.6 billion (!) poor workers have already lost more than half of their income. <https://bit.ly/338iEFE>

28) May analysis found strictness of lockdown in Europe did not reduce Covid-19 deaths. Strict-lockdown UK, Belgium, Spain, Italy all had higher deaths than low-lockdown Germany and no-lockdown Sweden.

<https://bloom.bg/35a1Pne>

29) A May study in The Lancet found full lockdowns did not reduce Covid-19 deaths. And yet we have discovered lockdowns themselves kill via delayed surgeries, unemployment and suicide, drug overdose and depression. <https://bit.ly/2R28is1>

30) New statistical analysis of real-world cellphone location data finds lockdowns didn’t reduce cases, and reopening didn’t increase them. Suggesting, at least for cases, lockdowns were for nothing.

<https://on.wsj.com/3by0ojD>

31) Swedish region reports only 15% of Covid deaths were directly caused by Covid, the rest caused by life-threatening comorbidities including diabetes, stroke, obesity and advanced cancer. <https://bit.ly/2Fb1BBv> / <https://bit.ly/35f87lx>

### **AND THREE MORE REFERENCES BASED ON EVEN MORE RECENT DATA:**

32) Statistics Sweden: since mid-June excess deaths have been lower than a normal year. It’s long been over, and Sweden did almost nothing. <https://bit.ly/2ResUO3>

33) Taking apart that biker super spreader “study” that wasn’t peer reviewed yet super spread in the media. In short, torture statistics long enough and they’ll tell you anything. <https://bit.ly/3mehUOM>

34) 2009 Swine Flu killed 10x more under-18’s (1229) in the US than Covid (103), which is 2.5x more deadly in US than Canada. <https://bit.ly/3cJ2bTs>