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Thank you Bob Plecas for pointing to the economic problems thus harm to people of the BC government's harsh actions against people in the name of stopping COVID-19 infections. Individuals are dying on wait lists for surgery, from not going to ER until too late to save their child or themselves, committing suicide, getting ill from working harder to make ends meet. Those deaths may exceed losses from COVID-19 infection.

What's needed is a second medical opinion. Several already exist but the BC government is not listening – experienced epidemiologists saying that 'lockdowns' are counterproductive, and 'modelling' exaggerates risk.

The calculations called 'models' depend on input data and on knowledge of key factors. I don't see input data ever being accurate, because not all people will every be tested for the infection or antibodies. I ask Ms. Henry if she predicted factors such as care aides working in more than one facility.

Information from the afflicted region of Italy explained why there were so many deaths there. If supposed health authorities here thought it through they'd have seen a parallel in risk here - care residences whose occupants are by definition in quite poor health thus vulnerable.

Waiting for vaccine is a fool's game, at least a year away and possibly not fully effective – consider for example that the vaccine against INFLUENZA was only 66% effective against one strain circulating a year ago, less for older people as we do not respond to vaccines as strongly. The government of BC cannot even get vaccine to us until five weeks after the US, in a typical year – even later last fall. Just as it failed to plan for the inevitability of another pandemic like the corona virus Hong Kong flu, swine flu, and SARS. Months after panicking it still has not provide medical people with enough protective equipment. Politicians blather on like 'talking heads', obscuring the education that people need repeated and clarified. They scare people so much that Ms. Henry had to remind people that getting outdoors for fresh air and exercise is good for health. The government does not have credibility with me.

Bonnie Henry has been pointed to those evaluations and to history, including her own earlier report that lockdowns weren't very effective in a past pandemic. She should answer those concerns.

PS: 'Economics' is just people activity – producing and trading, to support life.

PPS: The afflicted are of Italy has a high proportion of elderly, and a high rate of smoking tobacco thus of reduced lung ability. Italy also made the dumb move of pushing people with the infection into hospitals thus eliminating space for critical cases.

Humans are inherently good, but to thrive

need protection against coercion by those who err.

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