

We started with 15 days to slow the spread. At that time, we did not know what we were facing, how it would affect people and if it would overwhelm our hospitals. Then it went to 30 days. During this time, we all know that life shut down. BUT, also during this time, studies, tests were completed. Facilities were stocked and drugs became available. At this point, our state should have re-opened as we did what we were asked to do.

Influenza kills many more Americans annually and we never shut down. This has went from please help us to you must stay home. This is goes against our Constitutional rights.

We didn't elect a mother, or a doctor, but a governor and a legislature. We have protocols in place, we wash our hands. The immunocompromised stay home during flu season and so do the elderly. This is what needs to happen moving forward.

Let me ask you to take out influenza and pneumonia deaths from the Covid stats and then truly look at the picture! Have suicides went up here like they have now surpassed CV deaths in states like California?

To say we can open but wear masks makes no sense. Do we wear masks in flu season? No. To say masks work, but release prisoners from jail early due to virus, makes no sense. To say you can have 300 people at a wedding, but not 305 makes no sense. We did not elect Amy Acton. We are severely disappointed the legislation to restrict her did not pass.

We, the voters are angry. We complied in the beginning to figure out the unknown - but it is time to get back to living. WE can wash our hands and stay home when we are sick, but we can no longer and will no longer be mandated to live like criminals or children who cannot take care of themselves.

Thank you for your time and attention.  
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