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THERE SHOULD BE A LAW AGAINST THAT!

I cannot count the times I have heard people say that after seeing someone do something that is very unusual, and in many cases, unacceptable actions. Most of the time we just brush it off. But when the same or similar action continues to happen, we get concerned.

This is where we are today with the actions, within a certain sect, of our law enforcement personnel. It is as if there's a target on the backs of Black Americans throughout the entire country. It is so prevalent, that it appears to be a course taught in the academy: All Blacks are criminals! And that includes males and females; young and old.

In the past few years, Black citizens have been murdered at the hands of the police all over the country for no apparent reason other than they were Black. Meanwhile, the officers go uncharged for their actions. They go unpunished for their actions even when there is evidence of their wrongdoing.

And while the Black Lives Matter movement has expanded all over the country, nothing seems to change. The Police are now attacking the participants in Peaceful Demonstrations. "THERE AUGHT TO BE A LAW AGAINST THAT."

One of the most unusual reports of Police Over Action was the case of the officer who stopped a driver for having dirty license plates. During the stop, the driver was tazed, handcuffed and taken to jail. When the case went to court all charges were dropped against the driver and the Officer was allowed to resign with no further action.

THERE SHOULD BE A LAW AGAINST THAT.

This kind of action will continue as long as there is no law against Police Brutality and/or murder.

Texas Reports Over 1 million COVID Cases While State Officials Are Slow To Act

BY SHAWN MULCAHY | THE TEXAS TRIBUNE



(TXT) - Texas surpassed 1 million cases of COVID-19, according to state data, eight months after the first case was recorded in the state.

Texas joins California, which has 10 million more residents than Texas, as the nation's leaders in coronavirus cases.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues a late-year surge in Texas, state officials have not imposed additional restrictions to curb the virus' spread. Some local officials complain that they're hamstrung by the governor's executive orders, which override any city or county actions aimed at slowing COVID-19.

The Texas Tribune counts only confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, following methodology used by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The state agency does not include probable cases in its total case count.

Cases surged in June and July in Texas, fueled in part by the reopening of restaurants and businesses. Gov. Greg Abbott later walked back reopening plans, required Texans to wear masks in public spaces and ordered bars to close, while holding regular press conferences to update the public on the state's pandemic response.

New cases of the virus began to fall, then plateaued in late summer.

Now the coronavirus is surging again. Hospital beds in West Texas are scarce, and area morgues are overflowing with bodies.

"Seeing the good data [in late summer] seemed to send a signal that we were in the right direction and we were in the clear," said Angela Clendenin, an epidemiologist and biostatistician at the Texas A&M University School of Public Health. "And I think people lost their vigilance."

Even as the number of people hospitalized statewide with COVID-19 reaches a level last seen in July, Abbott has shown little appetite to give more authority to local governments or announce new measures to slow the virus' spread.

In October, he announced bars could reopen if local governments approved and expanded restaurant capacity to 75%. As part of his October order, stricter limits on businesses are permitted only when patients with COVID-19 comprise 15% of hospital beds in a region. Even then, restaurants can still operate at 50% capacity.

More than 19,000 Texans have died from COVID-19.

CDC: Wearing A Mask Could Keep You From Catching Virus

By MIKE STOBBE AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. health officials are taking a new tack to encourage Americans to wear masks: They're emphasizing recent research that a mask protects the person who wears it.

Previously, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised people to wear masks because of evidence that it stops people who are infected with coronavirus — whether they know it or not — from spreading it to others.

But this week the CDC posted a new scientific brief discussing recent studies finding that a wearer gets some protection.

The agency's guidance didn't change. It continues to advise Americans to wear masks to stop the virus from spreading.

"But now we're saying here's another reason" to do it, said Dr. John Brooks, chief medical officer for the CDC's COVID-19 emergency response.

Agency officials were influenced by a recent study led by Japanese researchers who used mannequin heads and artificial respirators to simulate the spread of coronavirus particles through the air, and assess how well masks blocked transmission.

It confirmed earlier research that masks work best when worn by an infected person who might spread it by coughing, sneezing or talking. Masks block about 60% of the amount of virus that comes out of an infected person, the study found.

But the researchers also found there was benefit when an uninfected person wearing a mask



was unlucky enough to be near an infected person who wasn't wearing one. In that scenario, the amount of virus the uninfected person inhaled fell by 37% — to 50% — if they wore a mask.

When both people were wearing masks, the decline in virus particles reaching the second person was largest — close to 70%.

The study didn't perfectly mimic most real-world situations. For example, the heads were closer together than six feet, and the exhaling mannequin head was doing more of a constant cough than regular breathing.

But Brooks said the value of everyone wearing masks is suggested by several other studies of real-world situations — including one of customers in a Missouri hair salon, another on a U.S. aircraft carrier, and several others that tracked infections and deaths in places that adopted mask mandates.

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