

My position on this pandemic can be broken into five main bullets

- Emergency Management. Emergency Management is the discipline that we use in Canada to respond to emergencies. A Pandemic is one of the biggest emergencies, short of war, that a country can experience. The PM and Premiers threw away the EM process, placed MOH in charge, and we now live with the unneeded death of our seniors and the massive collateral damage. People need to know what we did is wrong, why it was wrong and hold our leaders accountable.
- Protection of those most at Risk. COVID-19 is a very age and comorbidity related virus. We knew this in February 2020. We did nothing to protect our seniors, and those with comorbidities. We ranked last in the OECD for protection of our seniors in all waves. 95% of deaths in Canada were people over 60 with multiple comorbidities. In fact, the average age of death in Canada was 84. Lockdowns did not save one of them. Conversely, under the age of 60, Canadians are 50% more likely to be a traffic fatality than a Covid casualty. The infection fatality rate for COVID for folk under 60 as a group is less than the seasonal flu. (See many more actual and proven facts in my Position Paper)
- NPIs for COVID-19 do not Significantly control the spread of this virus in a country like Canada. Lockdowns (the inappropriate use of Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions which we now call lockdowns) do NOT control the spread of a virus like COVID-19 in a country like Canada. We knew this before the pandemic (60 page WHO NPI document updated and released September 2019), we re-learned it from many peer reviewed studies after the first wave and second wave, and we ignored the evidence and science and continued to use lockdowns as the sole overarching response in Canada.
- NPI Collateral Deaths and Damage. We knew that the use of NPIs come with many collateral damages (see WHO document in my Position Paper) - Mental Health, Societal Health, Education / Socialization of our youth, impacts on other severe illnesses and disease, and to our economy (doubling the National debt will crush our country for decades, not to mention the destruction of small and medium business and those families). All these impacts have been completely ignored, as only a COVID death counts. It is estimated that lockdowns do a minimum of 10 times the harm as they may do good, and yet they were continuously used, with no plan to deal with the collateral damage and deaths.
- Erosion of Democracy based on the use of Fear. The use of fear in an emergency is the exact opposite of what should be done. Confidence in government is paramount. When I led the development and implementation of the cross government / private sector Alberta Crisis Management Counter Terrorism Crisis Plan in 2001 this fact was always on my mind. that the PM, Premiers and MOH have used this tool daily is unconscionable. Denial of Charter Rights and freedoms with no demonstrable justification (meeting or even attempting to meet the Oakes Test) is simply put illegal. The damage to our democracy will last at least a generation. (See my Position paper)