The Incredible Vanishing Flu

Description

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Seasonal influenza, also known as "the flu," visits America every year, similar to tornados, thunderstorms, heat waves, and snowstorms. As <u>tracked</u> by the CDC, over the past decade symptomatic flu cases ranged from 9 to 45 million cases per year in the US.

Hospitalizations varied from 140 to 810 thousand, and deaths from 12 to 61 thousand, depending on the particular year, strain of influenza, and effectiveness of the vaccine.

This year, "flu activity is unusually low at this time" <u>according</u> to CDC surveillance. Since late September 2020, they recorded only about 2000 cases, a minute fraction of the tens of millions of cases in past years.

<u>Hospitalizations</u> this flu season are minimal with only 224 confirmed influenza hospitalizations from September 2020 to mid-April 202, nowhere near the hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations in past seasons.

Deaths are harder to measure since the CDC conveniently <u>changed</u> how deaths are characterized this past year. Instead of pneumonia, influenza, and COVID being in separate categories, now it's called PIC, lumping the three entities together.

For children, the CDC doesn't use PIC as COVID hospitalization or death in children is exceedingly rare, unless the child is immunocompromised. In each of the past three years, pediatric deaths ranged from 144 to 198 per year. This current flu season has seen only one single child die from the flu.

So what happened to the flu? From millions of cases to a few thousand. It would like having a winter with no snow, which despite predictions of NY Times climate experts, hasn't come close to happening.

Perhaps the flu cases are mysteriously lost, like Hillary Clinton's emails, Hunter Biden's laptop, or John Durham's sealed indictments.



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The <u>influenza</u> virus is 80-120 nanometers. <u>COVID</u> is similar in size, 50-140 nm. If, as we are incessantly told, masks work to save lives from COVID, then they should work similarly for influenza. Yet COVID cases are high and influenza cases are near zero. Why is that?

The <u>pore size</u> in standard surgical masks is 300 nm to 10,000 nm, far larger than either virus, meaning masks cannot explain the discrepancy. Masks don't stop either virus, which is why we never masked up during past flu pandemics. Unless the masks contain a pore bouncer, letting in only COVID but telling influenza to get lost.

In addition, if masks work, why the push for the vaccine? If the vaccine works, and it does far more effectively than the flu vaccine, why are we still masked up? It can't be both ways. [...]

Perhaps COVID numbers are artificially high due to PCR cycle thresholds, as I have <u>written about</u>. At cycle threshold of 35-40, "up to 90 percent of people testing positive carried barely any virus" <u>according</u> to the NY Times, meaning most positives are false positives. Deliberately <u>attributing</u> accidental deaths to COVID falsely inflates the death counts.

What if influenza cases were incorrectly labeled as COVID? After all, everything now is called PIC. Perhaps the influenza numbers are much higher and COVID numbers much lower based on misclassification.