# The pandemic from a New Zealand perspective.

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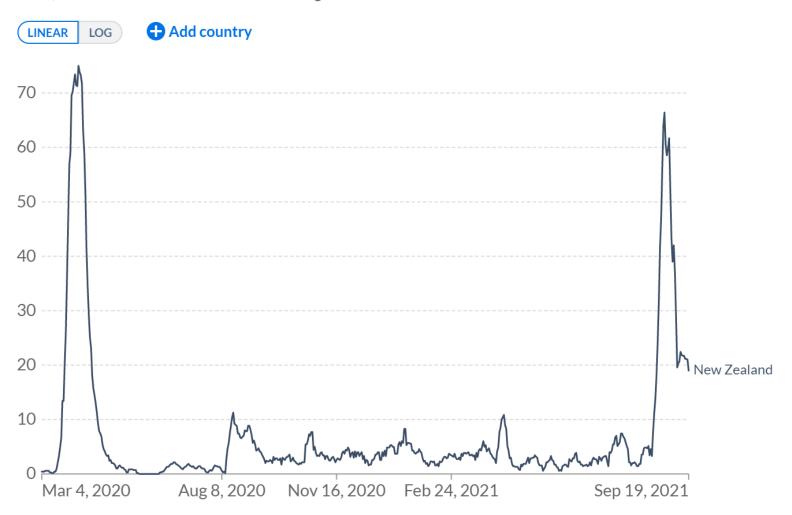




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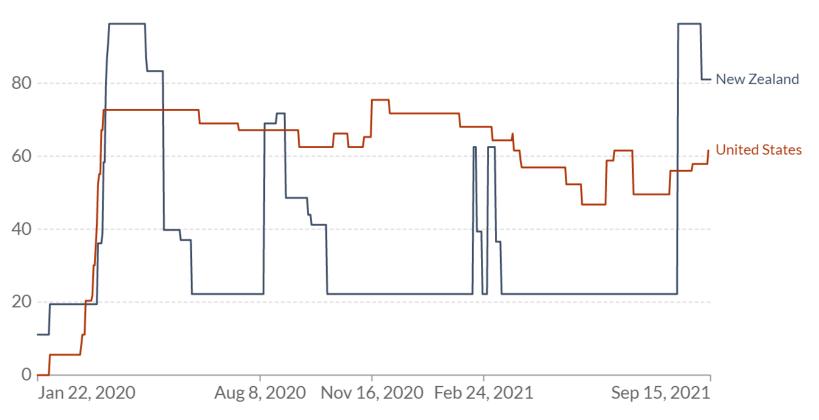


#### COVID-19: Stringency Index



This is a composite measure based on nine response indicators including school closures, workplace closures, and travel bans, rescaled to a value from 0 to 100 (100 = strictest). If policies vary at the subnational level, the index is shown as the response level of the strictest sub-region.

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Source: Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford – Last updated 20 September 2021, 03:50 (London time)
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### A human response to a health crisis

The world's best COVID-19 response

**Bloomberg** 

The most intelligently and sensitively designed public information programme in this pandemic

Wallpaper\*



Clear communication was the hallmark of New Zealand's response



A modern masterpiece of mass communication

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#### We weren't prepared

2019. NZ ranks 35" for pandemic preparedness. A large-scale outbreak would oripole our health system. Public compliance of government messaging was below 50%.

#### We needed a collective response

Unite Against COVID-19 gehanised Kinds around a central idea - one we could all rally behind, take pride in and own. An integrated platform of beauty, hope, humbur and heart, svery touchpoint reinforced our individual role in achieving our collective purpose, With clarky, Humanity, And sensitivity.

#### We overcame

No pandemic response has been so loved and cherished by its people: providing pride, thust and action. Unit of Agoinst has become ingrained within Nivi outure, won global hearts and praise, and become the text-book response to a health crisis. Acteanos's continued freedom and countless lives saived are testament to how we all railled behind Unite Agoinst. 97%

Campaign Awareness

86%

Understanding of Alert Levels

88%

Trust in Govt. Information

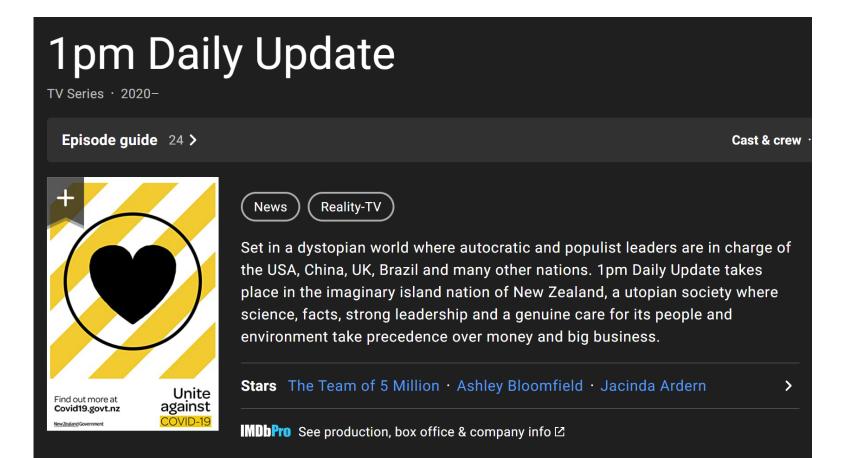
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Lowest Death Rate

New Zealand Government

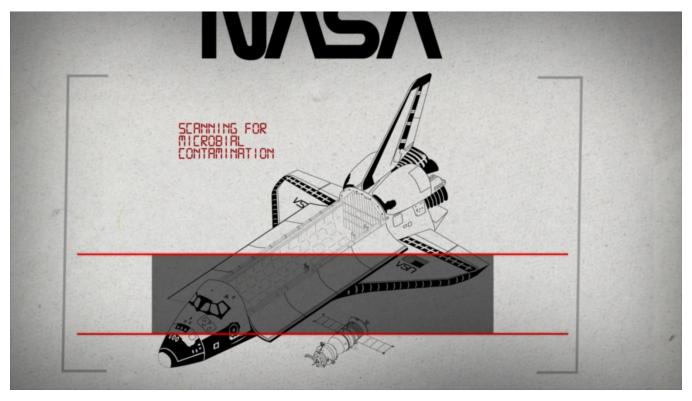


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## Covid-19 and kids: How to talk to children about the coronavirus

People have started asking me how they should talk to kids about the disease. So, here are some handy tips.

Read on.

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#### Covid-19: How do you contract the coronavirus, and who is most at risk?

A new report on the Covid-19 outbreak has some important insights into the way it has progressed, and underscores why we should take it seriously. SCIENCE FEB 28, 2020



#### A practical guide to dealing with the arrival of the coronavirus in New Zealand

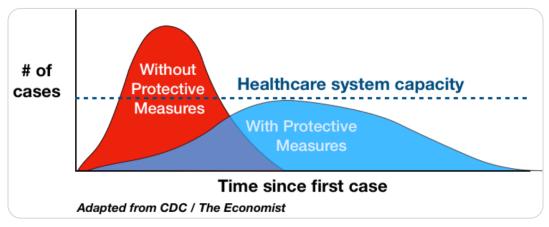
Do not panic. But do prepare. Here's what you need to do.

Read on.

Calm Transparent Accessible Explain the evidence Show my values Not stigmatise



Important to remember that #Covid-19 epidemic control measures may only delay cases, not prevent. However, this helps limit surge and gives hospitals time to prepare and manage. It's the difference between finding an ICU bed & ventilator or being treated in the parking lot tent.



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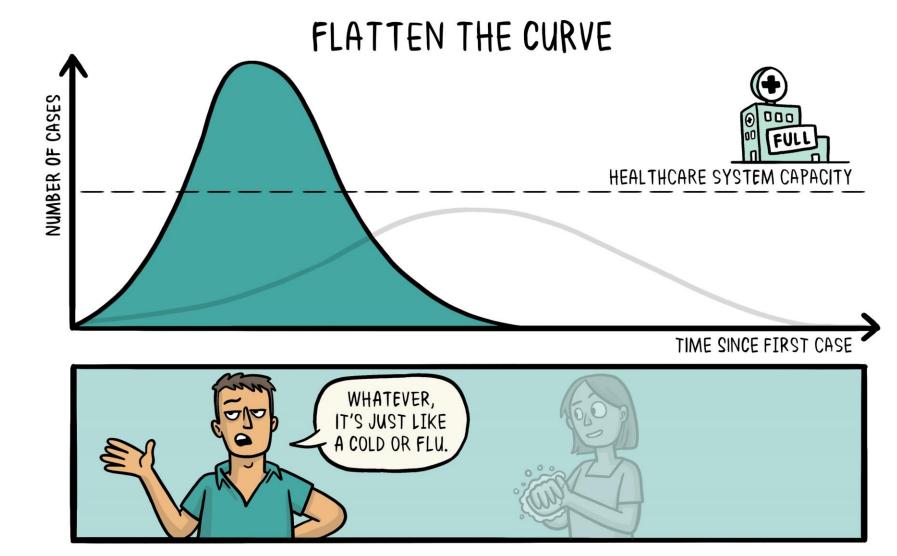


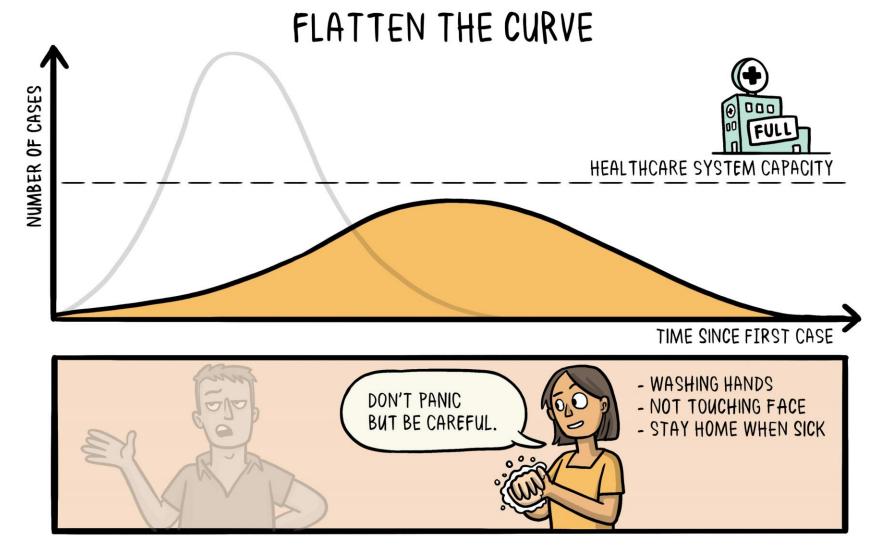
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Toby Morris (@XTOTL)

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#### Here's Why Everybody's Talking About 'Flattening The Curve'



The coronavirus is now officially a pandemic. It's going to require everybody's help to control its impact.



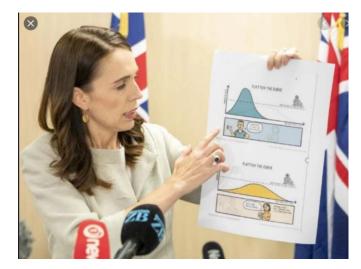
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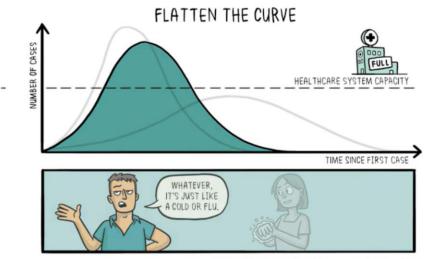


Now that coronavirus cases in the U.S. have ticked up to four figures, the big question is how many people may ultimately become infected and how quickly it will happen.

With everyone wondering the same thing, there's a phrase you might have seen in a hashtag: Flatten the curve.

The curve, in this context, is simply the number of people who contract COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, over time. It's easiest to understand if you see it drawn out:

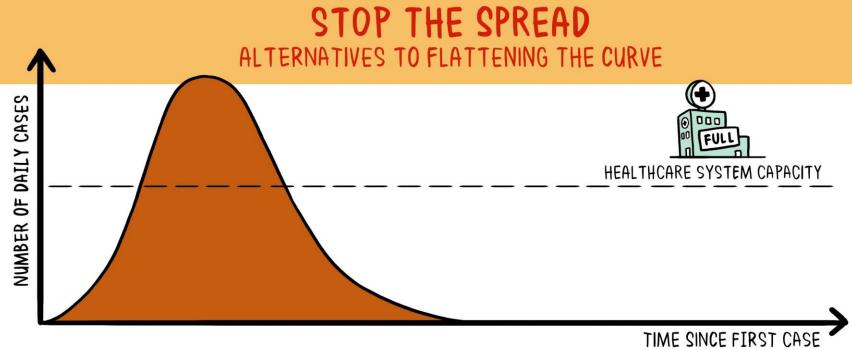




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## 14th March





### STOP THE SPREAD

ALTERNATIVES TO FLATTENING THE CURVE



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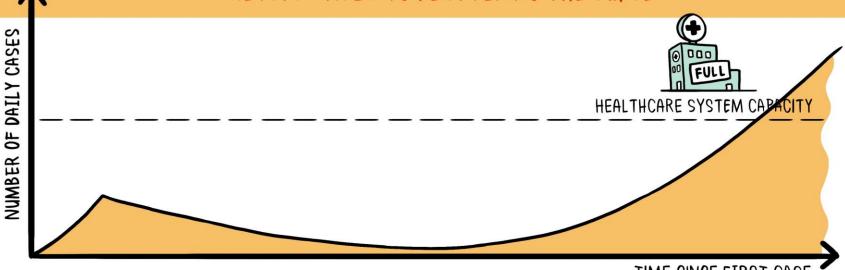
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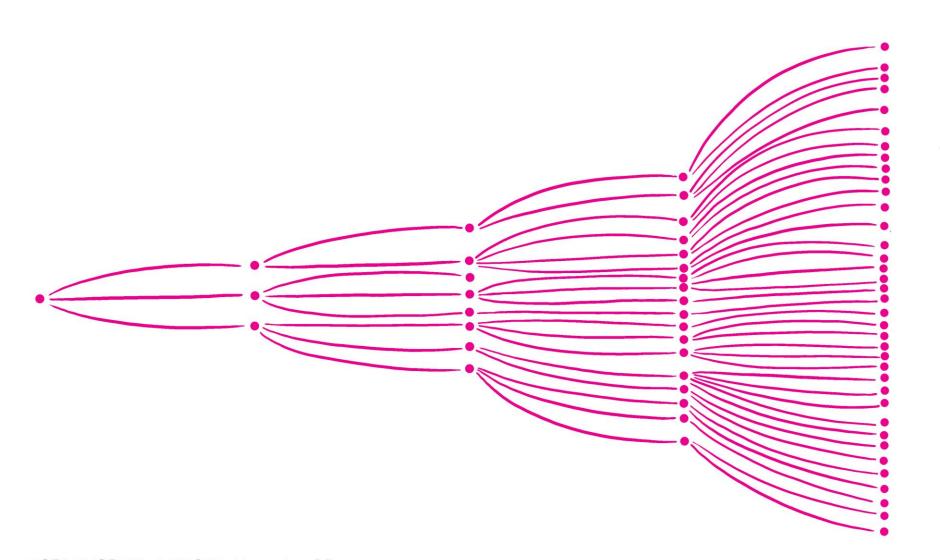
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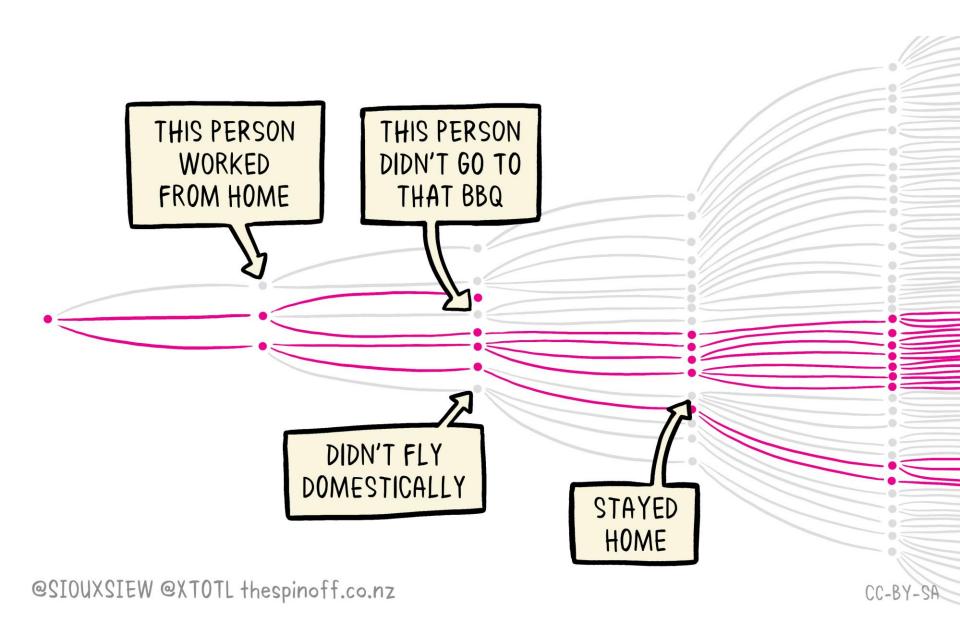
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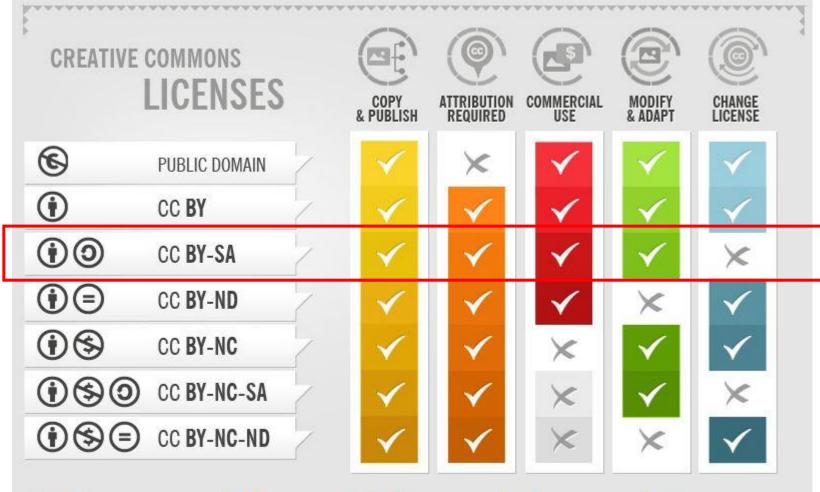
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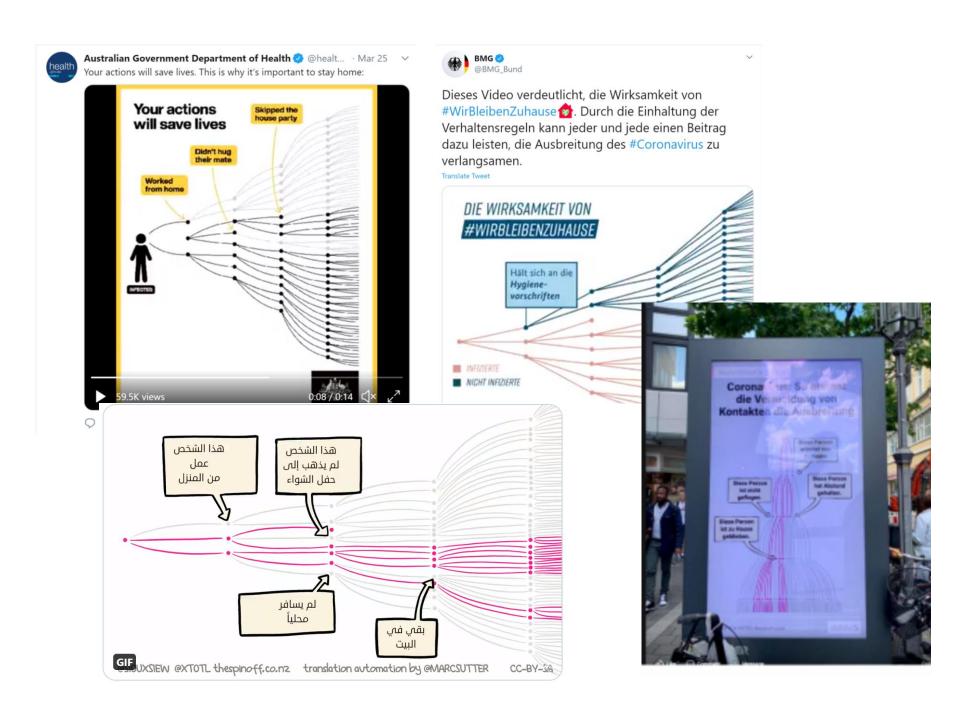
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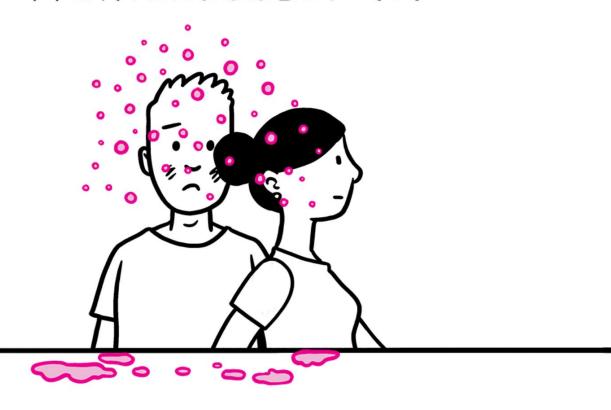
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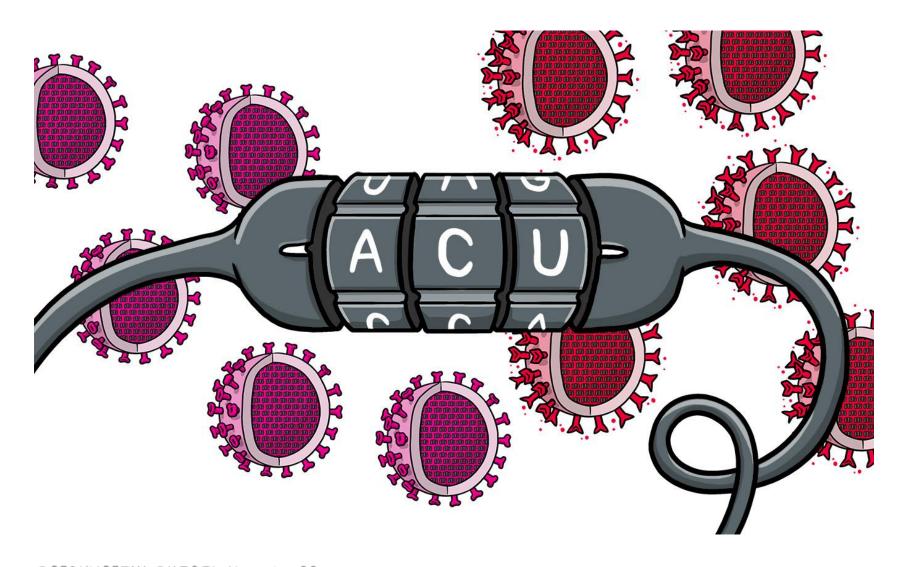


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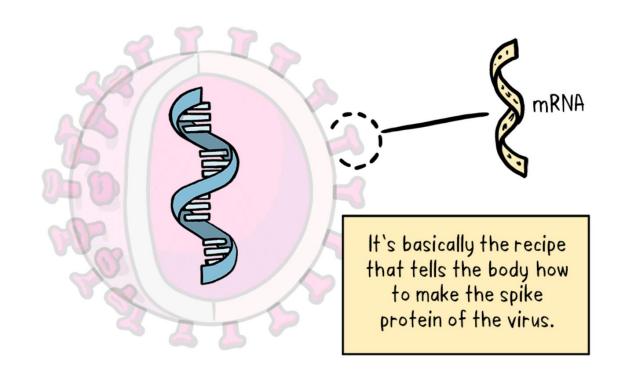
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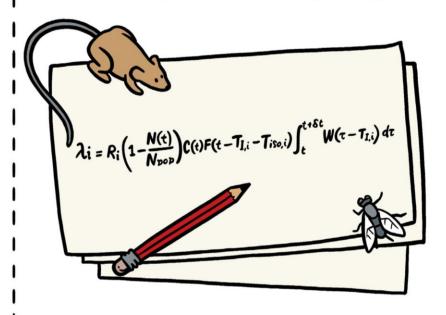


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a small replica, or a person who demonstrates clothes

#### BUT SCIENTISTS MEAN...



a simulation or representation of the real world



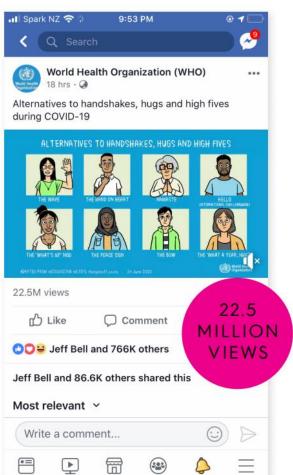


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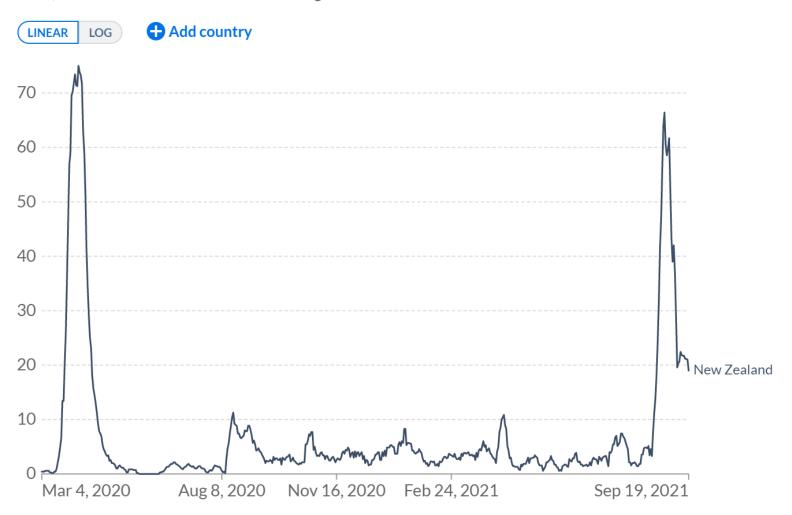




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## A balanced response to COVID-19

Covid Plan B represents the point of view that Covid19 does not warrant the extreme 'elimination' and lockdown strategy of the NZ Government.

Covid Plan B started as a multi-disciplinary group of expert and passionate people set up in April 2020 to examine, argue and posit evidence and perspectives on how and why New Zealand should modify its

We said New Zealand's attempt in 2020-21 to eliminate Sars-Cov2 was unnecessary, and would cause more health, social and economic harm than the virus itself.

> This is a record of our stand against the Government and medical advisors who tried to eliminate the virus using lockdowns and other social control measures, and then vaccines.

## Ivermectin now a proven Covid treatment



In this piece I'm interview about New Zealand's nonsustainable abstinence only approach to #COVID19 which I think is and was the wrong way to approach what was alway to be an endemic respiratory infection



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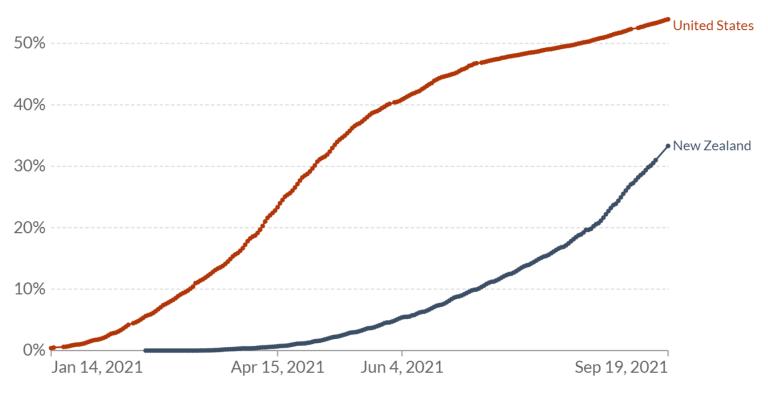


#### Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19



Total number of people who received all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol, divided by the total population of the country.

#### Add country



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data – Last updated 20 September 2021, 18:00 (London time)

Note: Alternative definitions of a full vaccination, e.g. having been infected with SARS-CoV-2 and having 1 dose of a 2-dose protocol, are ignored to maximize comparability between countries.

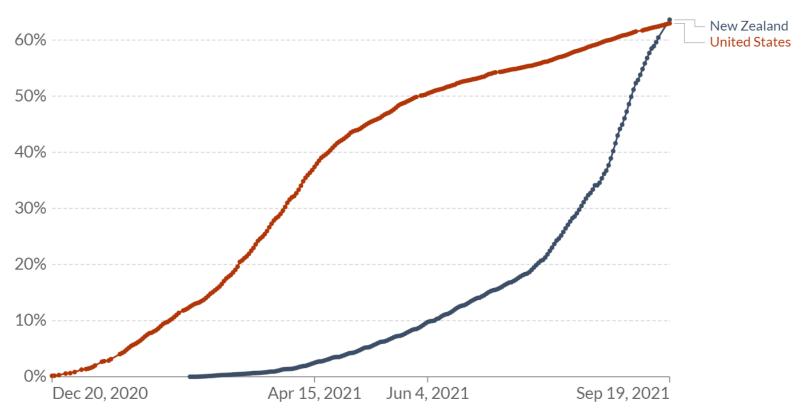
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## Share of people who received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine



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