

I'm anxious.

It's been a weird week.

I'm concerned about the lack of knowing if that stomach thing I had last week was related to the pandemic.

My work (gun store) hasn't closed as it's the busiest week in Gun sales history (probably since the invention of gunpowder, I shit you not, every firearms distributor in the country is flat out of entire SKUs of firearms across the board, and gun stores around the country may be forced to close down as a result of a lack of an ability to restock... and that's to say nothing of the fact that the industry maybe just kicked up the number of arms in American's hands by 50%? 100%? IDK), and I'm kinda feeling like if I wasn't exposed before Friday (a co-worker of mine was home for a week with an unknown upper respiratory infection the other week) I've definitely been exposed since. I've been masked and gloved all weekend going the extra step of smearing loctite copper based anti seize compound

on my gloves in the recognition that the copper will kill virus particles within 4 hours, which is better than nothing. Just yesterday, seeing an elderly couple in the shop while it was full of about 15 people felt like seeing people condemned to be executed in the not too distant future. I don't expect them to be alive in six weeks.

I'm quitting my job today because it's irresponsible that they won't close down unless the State orders them to, and I need the time to address things closer to home. My wife is 9 weeks pregnant and after reading British and Federal analysis that has this crisis as likely to last 18 months, I need to both be taking care of myself, so that this baby has both parents around to help keep them safe in 7 months (their first 11 months of life living through and international health crisis). Crowds at gun stores are not socially distancing but rather cramming in to buy all of the guns and ammo they anxiously desire in the face to the triple whammy of the pandemic, the looming economic downturn, and the perceived spinelessness of government officials to actually do anything decisive to address these concerns. These, like other non-essential retail businesses must be ordered to shut down, if we are to expect social distancing policies to work.

That's why I'm urging you to take measures to enforce social distancing across the state, as well as to get test kits into the hands of health care providers by any means available to the state of Oregon. The lives of many thousands of Oregonians hang in the balance. Please help.