

Hello,

I am writing to you as not only a parent of a 4th grader and spouse of a high school teacher, but the stepdaughter and sister of nurses.

What I am hearing from medical personnel and the scientific literature is that schools should NOT be opening. We have ample evidence that children DO get the virus, they do transmit it, and even when asymptomatic, doctors are seeing damage to their bodies. I do not want my child to get this virus because it could permanently damage his organs, or even kill him. Additionally we are going to see an acceleration of spread, whether testing ties it to schools or not. We've already had waves of outbreaks overwhelm our hospitals, and now there are new variants that may make these waves much worse.

In short, I would like you to take action to protect our children, our education staff, and our broader communities. Under the current conditions, we should not be reopening schools.

Thank you,
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