

Prayer, Wisdom, and Data

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Calvary Fam,

I want to let you know that in making decisions, especially this year, first and foremost we want to be led by the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, with much prayer and wisdom. We also want to consider the data that we have access to, after all this is God's world and He is the foundation of all truth, consistency, math, induction, natural laws, uniformity, logic, and reason.

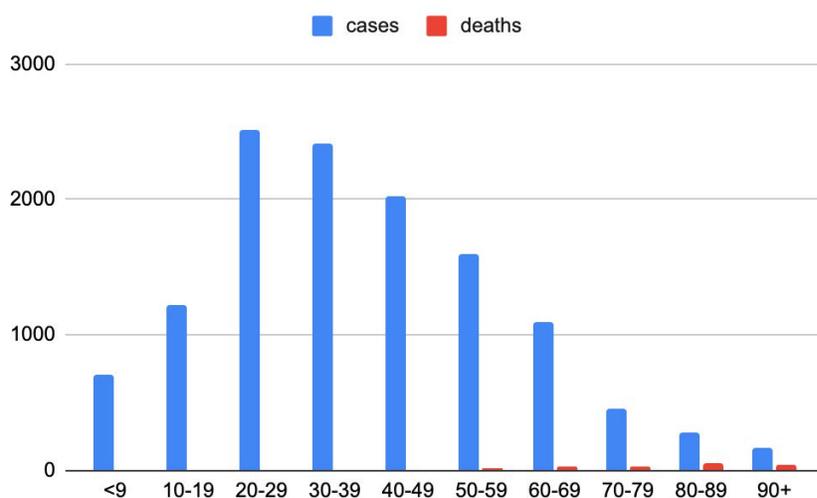
I have been keeping a close eye on the [Covid data that has been given by San Mateo County](#) since early March, and I want to share an update here (I have been meaning to share this for a while now):

- Data since March 8th - Nov 14th (251 days) shows a less than 1% death rate from Covid for everyone under 60 y.o.
- These #'s go up as age increases but it should be noted that 91/168 of the total deaths have been from long-term care/nursing facilities (54%).
- The CDC also states (article [HERE](#)) that, "*For 6% of the deaths, COVID-19 was the only cause mentioned. For deaths with conditions or causes in addition to COVID-19, on average, there were 2.6 additional conditions or causes per death.*" If we take this 6% x 168 = 10 people have died in SM County from Covid alone, and 158 had ~2.6 additional comorbidities. We are in **no way** trying to minimize the loss of 10 nor 158, nor 1 soul. We love people and want them to know Christ and considering that ~7,969 people die/day in the U.S., we do not take this lightly, and this has caused us to want to share the Gospel all the more!
- I have color-coded what we recommend with our gatherings, though I have spoken with many of you and there is nothing that will stop you from gathering with the church, and we respect your decision to gather or not during this time. We also want to provide as many options as possible to facilitate meeting together, and we think we have, though this is our first pandemic ;-)
- I will also add that I am a skeptic by nature so I am skeptical of this data (I think the "covid deaths" are exaggerated and the "cases" would actually be higher because so many can be asymptomatic), but it's better than any other data we have so we're using it ;-)
- Also, I'm not a big fan of it, but since it's often being touted the death% per capita for SM County is 0.02%
- See breakdown of data + graph below:

(Data breakdown)

SM County data link				
March 8	---through---		November 14, 2020	251 days
age group	cases	deaths	cases/death %	rec'd gathering
<9	709	0	0.00%	in-person
10-19	1221	0	0.00%	in-person
20-29	2521	0	0.00%	in-person
30-39	2410	1	0.04%	in-person
40-49	2026	2	0.10%	in-person
50-59	1594	13	0.82%	in-person
60-69	1093	25	2.29%	drive-in
70-79	454	28	6.17%	drive-in or online)
80-89	275	55	20.00%	at-home/online
90+	<u>162</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>27.16%</u>	at-home/online
	12,465	168	1.35%	(3-layer plan)
pop of SM County			765,935	(from 2018)
			0.02193398%	death % per capita (deaths / population)

(Graph):



We have also linked to the SM County data to our [Updates page](#) on our website.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

"See you" all tomorrow, one way or another ;-)

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For Such a Time as This,

Pastor Jason Frei

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