

COVID
Emergency
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COVID Impacts

- Millions of Americans exposed & infected
- Hundreds of thousands dead
- Increase in suicides
- Economic shutdowns and hardship
- Curfew (martial law) in some places
- Some local businesses destroyed
- Some big national businesses greatly helped

COVID Fear & Crisis

- Argus Leader headlines:
- "South Dakota surpasses 100,000 COVID-19 cases"
- "COVID-19 herd immunity unlikely in 2021"
- "Sioux Falls man needs double lung transplant following complications from COVID-19"
- "Deaths in South Dakota surged to a record in first 11 months of 2020"
- "A crush of patients, dwindling supplies and the nurse who lost hope"

COVID Beneficiaries

- "The U.S. Response to Covid-19 Has Lavished Wealth on the Rich"
- "While the pandemic ravages American workers, the federal government has orchestrated a monumental transfer of wealth from the bottom of the economic ladder to the top."
- InTheseTimes.com May 6, 2020

Big Beneficiaries

- "More than half of emergency small-business funds went to larger businesses, new data shows"
- "The Trump administration has emphasized PPP loans to small firms, but most of the \$522 billion went to a tiny slice of borrowers"
- WashingtonPost.com December 1, 2020

Define Emergency

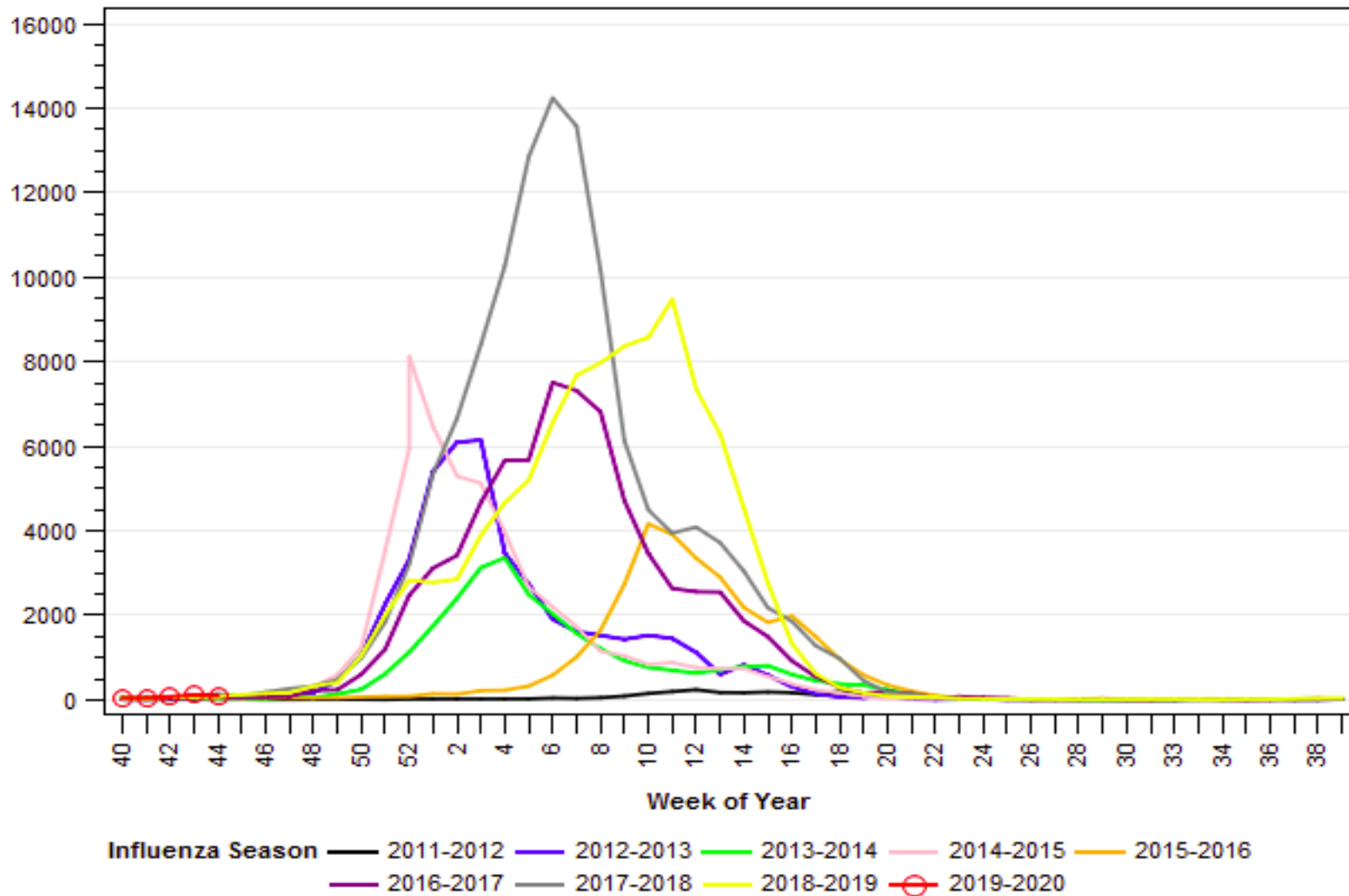
- Unexpected event
- Immediate danger to life or property
- Requires immediate action
- i.e. house fire, car crash, tornado
- Very short term

COVID Timeline

- China alerted World Health Organization Dec 2019
- Mayor declared emergency March 12, 2020 via order 218
- Various emergency council meetings
- Council passed mask mandate Nov 17, 2020
- Mandate extended Dec 15, 2020
- Jan 12, 2021 council approved emergency COVID funding
- COVID is a year long event

Infection Rate Pattern

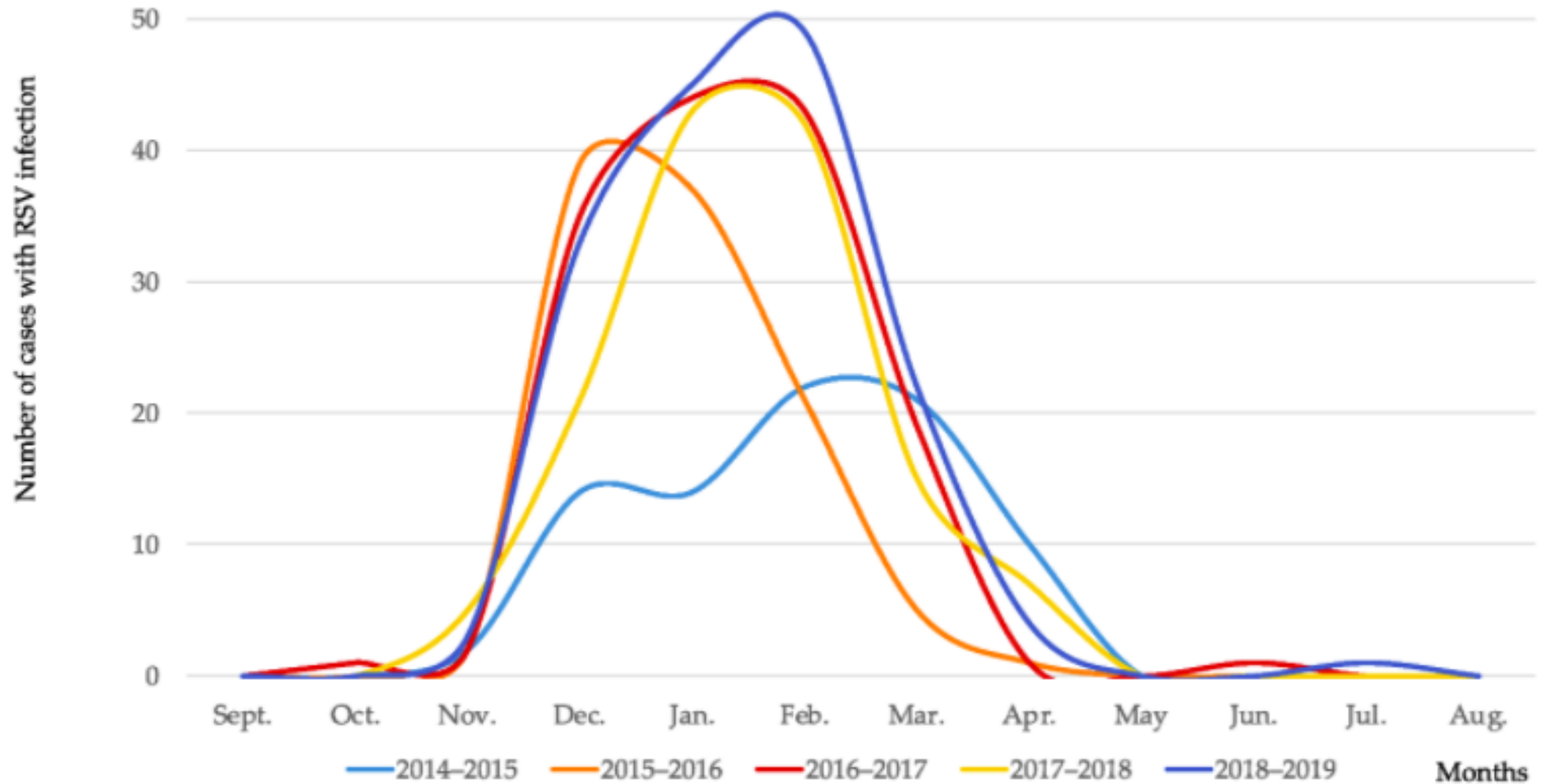
Number of Cases



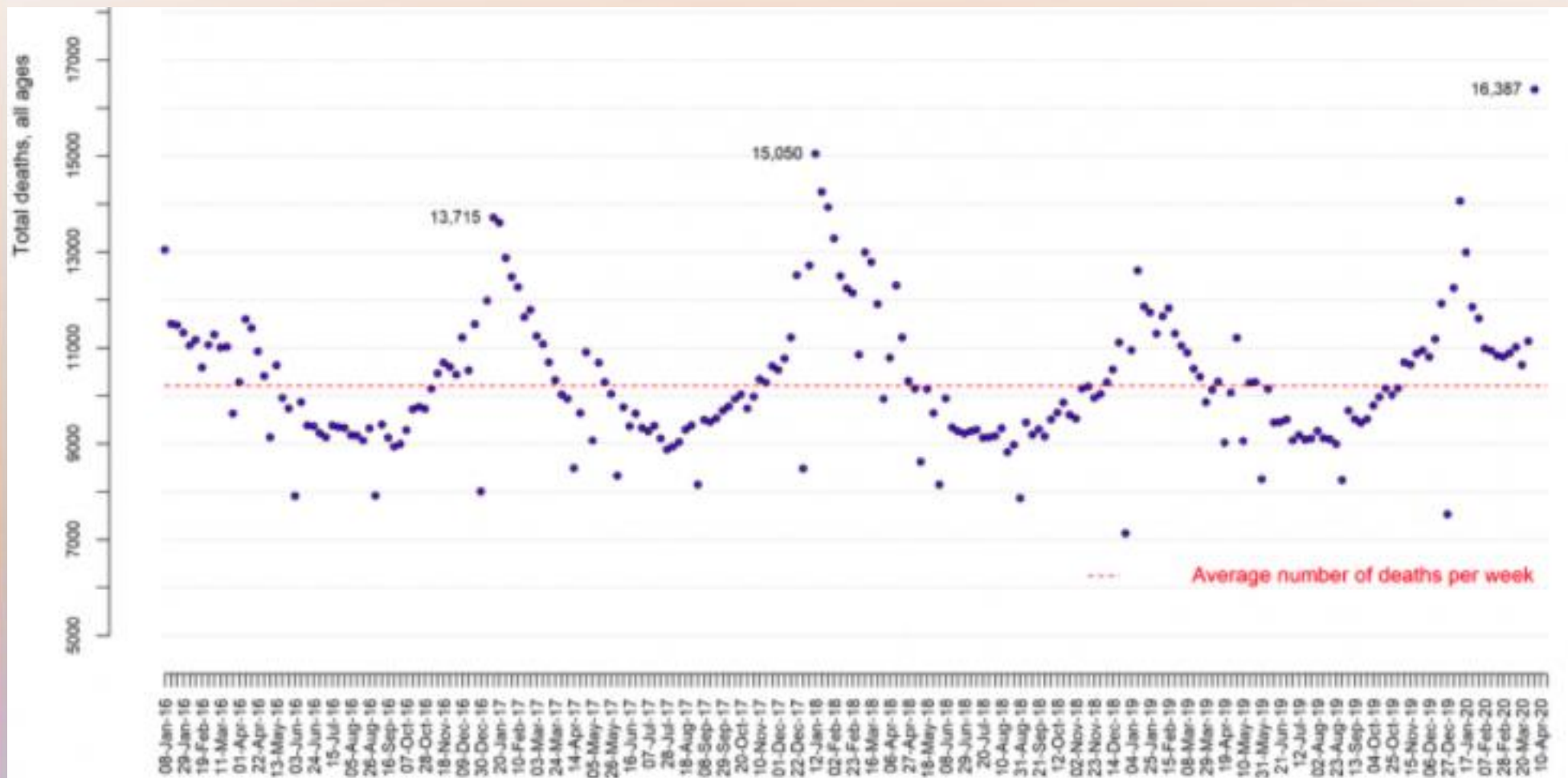
"Flu season has started" LancasterOnline.com Jan 14, 2021

Infection Rate Pattern 2

Seasonal trend of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection in Tuscany



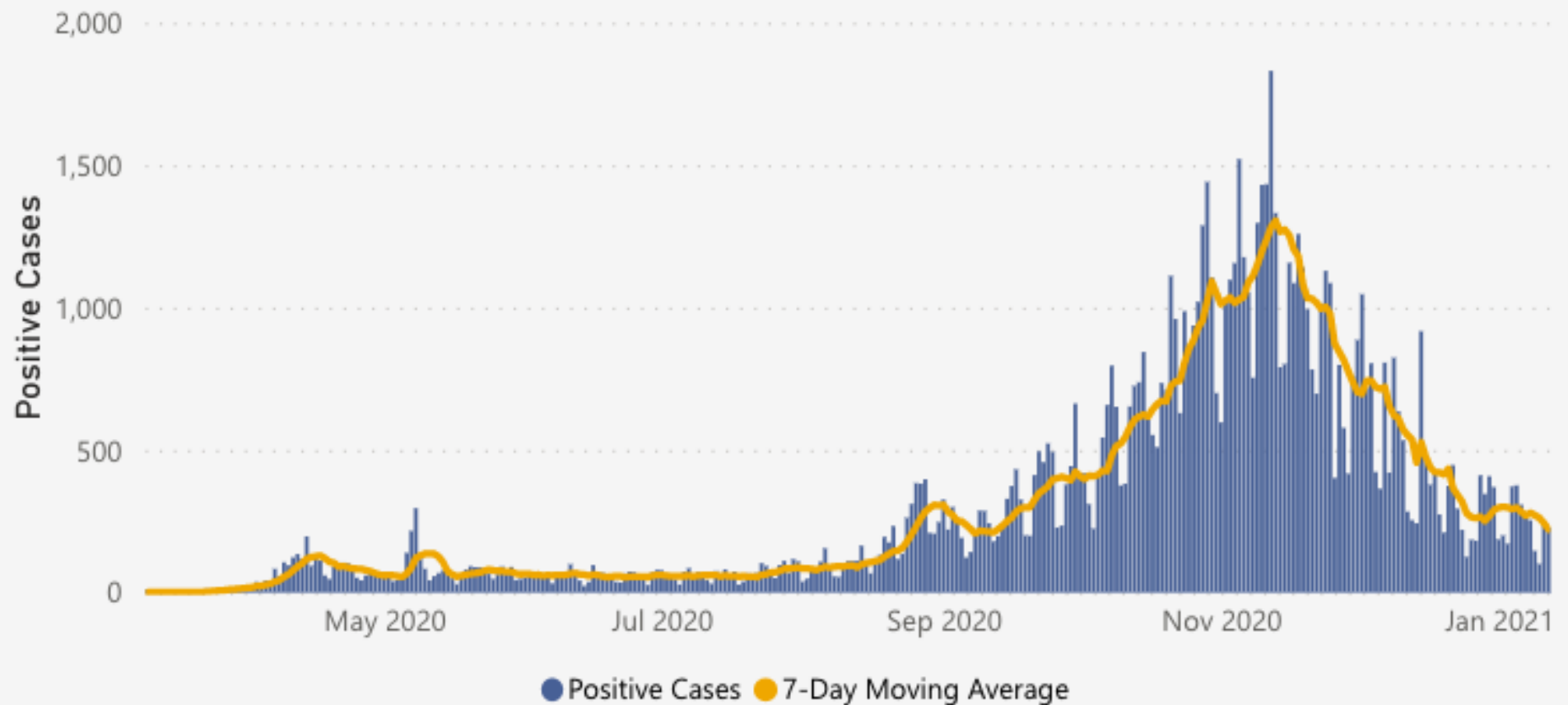
Seasonal Mortality



From <https://www.cebm.net/covid-19/tracking-mortality-over-time/>

COVID Crisis Looks Over

Positive Cases by Date Reported to SD-DOH



<https://doh.sd.gov/COVID/Dashboard.aspx>

Recommendations

- COVID problems are no longer an emergency (they should have been expected)
- COVID is now hardly even a crisis
- Retract executive order 218
- Go back to rule of conventional law
- Use planning to minimize crisis even during a pandemic

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