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Surgeon General Urges Americans to Take Coronavirus More Seriously

On Monday, March 23, 2020, Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams said that not enough Americans were taking the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) risk seriously.

In an interview on the “Today” show, Adams warned that the pandemic will worsen before it gets better.

Despite the mounting cases of infection and death in the United States, people are still breaking quarantine to go to the beach or congregate in parks.

The surgeon general called out young people and others who don’t fear for their own safety and continue to act as if nothing is wrong. Adams said that *everyone* needs to understand that they could be hospitalized and potentially die from COVID-19, regardless of age.

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“ Everyone needs to act as if they have the virus right now. So, test or no test, we need you to understand you could be spreading it to someone else.”

- Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams

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Adams stressed that increasing the production of medical equipment is not what will solve this pandemic. He said the way it ends is through mitigation efforts so that people don’t contract the illness in the first place. The only way this can happen

is if people observe the self-isolation quarantine and quit pretending like COVID-19 doesn’t exist.

What’s next?

All businesses and individuals should follow official guidance from their states. Nearly one-third of Americans have been ordered to shelter in place by their governors.

Even if you and your employees haven’t been officially ordered to self-isolate yet, it’s strongly encouraged you do so anyway.

If employees must still come into work, be sure to provide guidance on how they can stay safe amid this pandemic, especially through proper hand-washing and limiting nonessential travel.

Speak with Rick Bailey & Company for more guidance to help your business and employees stay safe during this uncertain period.

