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THREE MORE WEEKS?

■ Coronavirus lockdown to continue amid warnings of care home epidemics

Outbreaks in care homes are limiting Britain's scope to ease lockdown, the government acknowledged on Thursday as Boris Johnson said he would proceed with "maximum caution".

The prime minister told the cabinet that the government would not do anything that "risks a second peak" of coronavirus, with the main restrictions expected to be in place for another three weeks.

While some measures will be relaxed from Monday, such as allowing people to exercise more than once a day and sunbathe in parks, No 10 said that the changes would be "very limited".

The crucial "R" measure — the average number of people that each patient infects — is just below one, the point at which exponential growth in cases resumes.

Sir Ian Diamond, the national statistician, said "R has probably gone up just a little bit from last estimates. That is driven by the epidemic in care homes and . . . it is a real challenge to reduce the epidemic in care homes."

Dominic Raab, the first secretary of state, said that getting a grip on the crisis of care homes was

now the government's "top focus" over the next month. The admission is likely to raise more questions about whether too many patients were discharged from hospital to care homes in a rush to free up beds at the start of the epidemic.

care home outbreaks

Sir Ian was referring to modelling of R by John Edmunds of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who sits on the government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (Sage).

"The most recent estimate is the R is between about 0.75 and one, so just below one," Sir Ian said. "If you had asked me this question about two weeks ago I'd have given you lower numbers. I'd have said to you the reproduction number was about 0.6, 0.7, in that range, maybe up to 0.8."

Professor Edmunds said that this was because measurements of R were now "dominated by"



NO QUICK END IN SIGHT: the government confirmed the main lockdown restrictions will remain in place

outbreaks in care homes and hospitals that had not been brought under control in the same way as in the wider population. He said: "The lockdown has worked, breaking chains of transmission in the community. But what's left is a series of outbreaks in care homes and hospitals up and down the country that are ongoing."

'even worse'

Professor Edmunds said outbreaks had not worsened in care homes

Confirmed UK cases		New cases	UK deaths
206,715		5,614	30,615
England	Scotland	Wales	NI
131,932	12,924	10,851	3,984

Data from Public Health England at 23:03 BST 7 May 2020.

but that scientific advisers had told the government that uncertainty about whether they are being brought under control means lockdown needs to

be eased more gradually. "Data are not really good enough to give us any certainty about what the reproduction number is in hospitals . . . and in care

homes it's even worse," he told MPs on the science and technology committee.

Sir Ian told MPs that

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UK food banks face record demand in coronavirus crisis

■ Charities call for urgent boost to benefits, especially for families with children

The first two weeks of the coronavirus lockdown triggered an unprecedented rise in food bank use as the economy was hit and household incomes plunged, data from hundreds of emergency food aid charities reveals.

The Trussell Trust, the UK's biggest food bank network, said it experienced its busiest ever period after lockdown was announced on 23 March, when it issued 50,000 food parcels in the space of a week, almost double its usual volume.

A similar picture emerged from the Independent Food Aid Network (Ifan), which said its food banks recorded a 59% increase in demand for emergency food support between February and March – 17 times higher than the same period a year ago.

Labour called on the government to take urgent action through the benefits system to help families who had

fallen into hardship. Jonathan Reynolds, the shadow work and pensions secretary, said: "Food banks are doing an incredible job in tough circumstances with unprecedented demand, but the government should be ensuring that people have the resources they need to stop their families going hungry."

'emergency measures'

Food bank charities warned that the current high levels of demand for food parcels were unsustainable and called for new income support measures.

"We need emergency measures to ensure people can make ends meet during this crisis. We have the power to come together as a country and make sure support is there to stop any of us being swept into poverty during this emergency," said the Trussell Trust's chief executive, Emma Revie.

She said government measures to support

struggling families, such as the job retention scheme and a £20-a-week increase to universal credit, were welcome but not enough to prevent increasing numbers of people falling into hardship.

The trust called for a boost to benefit payments for families with children, and for the lifting of policies that limited the amount of benefit support families were entitled to, such as the two-child policy and the benefit cap.

Food banks across the UK – already working at maximum capacity – have struggled with food stocks as Covid-19 hit, with five Trussell Trust food banks and a handful of Ifan food banks forced to close. Staff numbers also plummeted as the predominantly older volunteer workforce self-isolated.

The Trussell Trust said overall food levels have stabilised, after help from major supermarkets. Stocks remain depleted, however, and there is concern that some



The Trussell Trust is the UK's biggest food bank network

volunteer teams may be close to burnout, and may face disruption again if lockdown is relaxed and volunteers return to their full-time jobs.

The dramatic recent increase in food bank reliance, which comes after years of gradually rising food bank use, were caused by people's income dropping – often because they had lost their job – or because their benefit payments failed to keep up with the cost of living, the trust said.

Its figures, based on returns from 70% of the network's 432 members, show demand starting to creep up in early March before exploding later in the month. The numbers of households with children helped by its food banks increased by 122%. There are as yet no April figures though the trust said food banks have been "very busy".

A government spokesman said: "We're committed to supporting all those affected by

Covid-19 through these unprecedented times and we've implemented an enormous package of measures to do so, including income protection schemes and mortgage holidays.

"For those in most need, we've injected more than £6.5bn into the welfare system, including an increase to universal credit of up to £1,040 a year. No one has to wait five weeks for money as urgent payments are available."

Sturgeon again warns against early end to lockdown in Scotland

Nicola Sturgeon has warned it could be "catastrophic" to drop the stay at home message as she announced that the lockdown is to be extended in Scotland.

It has been suggested that Boris Johnson could scrap the slogan as part of moves to ease some lockdown rules.

Ms Sturgeon said the Scottish government may be prepared to allow people to spend more time outdoors.

But she said scrapping the "clear, well understood" stay at home message was "a potentially catastrophic mistake".

Ms Sturgeon said she would prefer all four nations to make changes together because that would help give consistent messages to

the public.

However, she said it was possible to go "different ways" if they were at different stages.

Following a call between Ms Sturgeon and the prime minister, a spokeswoman for Mr Johnson acknowledged that different parts of the UK could "move at slightly different speeds", with "decisions made based on the science for each nation".

Both the Scottish and UK governments formally extended their coronavirus lockdown measures on Thursday.

However Mr Johnson - who will make a televised address about the future on Sunday evening - has suggested some measures could start to be lifted from Monday.

Ms Sturgeon said she

was open to relaxing the rules around outdoor exercise, but said no other measures should be eased at this "critical juncture".

She said: "Extreme caution is required at this critical juncture to avoid a rapid resurgence of the virus.

"It is not an exaggeration to say decisions now are a matter of life and death.

"That is why they weigh so very, very heavily and why they must be taken with great care, and it is why as I take them I will continue to err on the side of caution."

Ms Sturgeon said it was thought that Scotland's infection rate might still be higher than in other parts of the UK, potentially because the first cases of Covid-19 north of the border came later than in England.



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PPE gowns bought for NHS from Turkey unusable

■ The Department of Health says it is “working night and day to source PPE”

Some 400,000 surgical gowns ordered from Turkey do not meet British safety standards, the UK government has said.

Up to half of the personal protective equipment (PPE) order was flown to the UK by the RAF last month, but has not been given to NHS workers and is now stuck in a warehouse.

The prime minister’s spokesperson said the NHS was speaking to the supplier about getting replacement gowns.

They said if replacements were not possible it would seek a refund.

But speaking earlier on Thursday morning, a spokesman for the Turkish company which supplied the goods said they had not received any complaints.

Mehmet Duzen, from Selegna Tekstil, said the company had not had any

communication from the NHS, the British embassy in Ankara, or British government officials complaining about the quality of its gowns.

“The fabric we supplied was certified. All the goods were certified,” he said, adding that they were ready to respond if there was a mistake.

The Department of Health said it was working “night and day to source PPE”.

large supply

During the past few months as the UK has tackled the coronavirus pandemic, healthcare workers including doctors and nurses have complained of a lack of adequate kit such as gowns, masks and gloves. PPE is essential for protecting front-line workers exposed to Covid-19, and without it workers are concerned they could catch or spread

the virus.

Amid a row over the procurement of PPE in April, the government announced it had managed to source a large supply from Turkey.

After several delays, the RAF was deployed to Istanbul to fly it back to RAF Brize Norton on 22 April.

It is not known how much PPE was on board but the aircraft which was used can carry about 40 tons of cargo, about half of the consignment.

But now the government has confirmed that all of the surgical gowns that were delivered were unusable because they did not meet the required criteria - as was first reported by the Daily Telegraph.

The chief executive of the NHS Confederation, representing health and care leaders, said the shipment from Turkey had been “sizeable” but



had only offered a few days supply.

Niall Dickson told the BBC Radio 4’s Today programme that NHS bosses understood that the quality of equipment was “not always what it says in the box” but warned that making promises that are not kept “undermines confidence” in the government among frontline staff.

He added that supplies

were now “generally better” in hospital but that care homes and GP surgeries still face “some difficulties”.

‘absolutely terrifying’

One paramedic, who wanted to remain anonymous, described the PPE shortage as like sending soldiers to fight in a war without guns.

“We are desperately short of gowns,” he told

BBC Radio 5 Live. “We have got enough aprons - which dinner ladies would use - but the actual gowns, we are definitely short of those.

“You’re walking through the door, you’re hearing these poor souls coughing and spluttering, and you’re thinking, ‘am I going to be catching that and taking it home to my wife and kids?’,” he said. “It’s absolutely terrifying.”

Families sue UK government over ‘little or no education’ for their children

Four families who say their children have received “little or no” education since schools in England were closed to most pupils have started legal action against the government.

Lawyers acting for the families say their intention is to sue the government over its failure to ensure access to the online learning that has largely replaced classroom teaching since March, because the four are unable to afford laptops or internet connections.

Clare Jennings, a solicitor at the law firm Matthew Gold, said the Department for Education’s scheme to provide laptops and internet access for some

was restricted to only a small number of pupils, leaving many others without reliable access to online lessons.

Teachers in England report pupils having to share laptops or tablets with family members, including with parents working from home. Many schools have distributed or bought their own devices to give to their pupils.

The four families living in the south-east of England are eligible for universal credit or local authority support, and include five children eligible for free school meals, aged between six and 13, attending local primary and secondary schools.

“The government

really hasn’t engaged with the number of children who need access to the internet.

They don’t seem to have really addressed how many children are missing out on their education because they don’t have a laptop,” Jennings said.

The DfE announced on 19 April it would provide devices to disadvantaged year 10 pupils, as well as pupils who had been in care or assigned a social worker. The education secretary, Gavin Williamson, told MPs that 200,000 laptops would be distributed at a cost of £85m. Internet access will be provided only to year 10 pupils.

But most of the devices will not be



HAVES AND HAVE NOTS: The Department for Education failed to ensure access to online learning by providing laptops and wifi, lawyers say

delivered until June, while an investigation by Schools Week found that schools were being allocated only a fraction of the devices for which they were eligible.

One school, Longdean school in Hertfordshire, said it had applied to the DfE for 66 devices for its year 10 pupils on free school meals but was told

it would only get 21.

Jennings said the families had sent a “letter of claim” to the DfE to start proceedings, but she hoped the department would instead “respond positively” and provide extra resources to allow all children to learn online.

Researchers at the London School of Economics have said the

schools closures could open a “chasm” between the education of low-income children and those from better-off families.

The work by the LSE’s Centre for Economic Performance found that previous unexpected shutdowns had a large impact on children’s education. It said a four-

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"the epidemic in care homes is not going to go away in the short term".

Speaking at the daily coronavirus briefing, Mr Raab said: "There's obviously a challenge that remains in care homes, although I just point to the CQC data, which shows that the number of deaths is down over 300 on this time last week. But the reality is that our top focus is on the hospital infections and on the care settings. We've got a very robust and rigorous plan to really drive down the infection rate in those two settings over the next month."

'biggest challenge'

He added that "the single biggest challenge we've got in care homes is the ebb and flow of people in and out of them, particularly when they're not showing signs of having the virus. So at least that's something we can control and really focus on with laser-like precision".

Mr Raab confirmed that lockdown restrictions would continue pending announcement on adjustments by Mr Johnson on Sunday. With Nicola Sturgeon, the Scottish first minister, saying that Mr Johnson must ease lockdown measures slowly if he wanted her to adopt the same approach, Mr Raab said the government

was committed to "a UK-wide approach to tackling the pandemic, even if different parts may move at slightly different speeds."

Earlier Ms Sturgeon said: "What we cannot have is any part of the UK or any area being forced to lift restrictions before the evidence says that it is safe to do so. I will continue to seek to be guided by the evidence and to apply best judgment to it."

"I would rather not be reading about UK government plans in the newspapers. I would rather not be seeing the front pages at midnight and that being the first I know about what they are planning."

Mr Johnson will give a speech to the nation on Sunday in which he will set out a "road map" for easing lockdown restrictions as long as the transmission rate of coronavirus remains low.

He is expected to say that people can take as much outdoor exercise as they like and to announce plans to restart open-air activities such as tennis, golf and fishing.

Businesses will be given guidance so that they can prepare workplaces with social-distancing measures for people to return to work.

However, the phased reopening of schools is not expected to begin until June and restrictions limiting people to contact with those in their households are likely to remain.

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week closure could be equivalent to moving an average child down into the bottom 30% band of achievement. "The effect is greater for children in low-income families," the centre said.

Andy Eyles, one of the authors, said: "It is clear that children from more advantaged backgrounds attending schools where technology is in place to substitute for classroom

teaching, and whose parents have both the time and skills to plug the deficit, are likely to be less adversely affected by the closures than others."

The report said options that could help overcome the lost learning included: having pupils repeat the entire year; schools opening over the summer holidays; extending the school week by two hours for every week of closure; and a funding injection of £1,350 per pupil to improve teaching.

Top UK rapper Ty dies aged 47 of coronavirus

■ Rapper, who recorded several acclaimed albums, died of pneumonia as he was being treated for coronavirus

Ty, the acclaimed UK hip-hop star who was nominated for the Mercury prize for his album *Upwards*, has died aged 47 after contracting coronavirus.

A fundraiser that was launched in early April said the rapper, born Ben Chijioke, was "admitted into the hospital with medical complications related to Covid-19. Shortly after, he was put in a medically induced coma to temporarily sedate to help his body receive the appropriate treatment".

His condition improved, however, and he was moved out of intensive care in mid-April. But in an update posted to his fundraising page, organiser Diane Laidlaw stated: "Ty's condition had been improving but last week while on a normal ward he had contracted pneumonia which worsened his recovery and ultimately Ty's body couldn't fight back



Born Ben Chijioke in London to Nigerian parents, Ty's most recent work was *A Work of Heart*, released in 2018,

anymore ... close friends, family and fans are devastated of his death."

Born in London in 1972, the son of Nigerian immigrants, Ty released his debut album *Awkward* in 2001, showcasing a tangibly British take on the US boom-bap style of hip-hop – witty tracks like *The Tale* showed off his talent for storytelling

and earned him a cult audience.

He broke through to wider attention with 2003's *Upwards*, a brighter, more commercial album that brought him a nomination alongside Amy Winehouse and the Streets for the Mercury prize the following year. The prize was eventually won by Franz Ferdinand.

Ty went on to record three further solo albums, the most recent being *A Work of Heart* in 2018. He was also a spoken word artist, and an associate of The Hip-Hop Shakespeare Company, founded in 2009 by rapper Akala, who tweeted: "Rest In Power brother. We gonna miss you big bro."

Low-key celebration of 75th anniversary of VE Day

The UK marked the 75th anniversary of VE Day on Friday, with the Royal Family leading tributes as the country remains in lockdown due to the coronavirus.

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall led a two-minute silence at 11:00 BST to honour servicemen and women during World War Two, and the Queen addressed the nation later.

The PM thanked the VE Day generation, saying "our gratitude will be eternal".

Events took place all day, but public gatherings have been cancelled.

Victory in Europe Day marks the day in 1945 when then-prime minister Sir Winston Churchill announced that the war in Europe had come to an end, after Nazi Germany unconditionally surrendered.

This year's celebration was limited as the lockdown prompted by the coronavirus pandemic means there will be no large scale street parties or parades.

A pre-recorded message from the Queen was broadcast on BBC One at 21:00 – the exact moment her father, King George VI, gave a radio address 75

years ago.

In a message, Prime Minister Mr Johnson referred to the virus outbreak, saying it "demands the same spirit of national endeavour" as shown during wartime.

"We can't hold the parades and street celebrations we enjoyed in the past, but all of us who were born since 1945 are acutely conscious that we owe everything we most value to the generation who won the Second World War," he said.

Mr Johnson said: "We survived and eventually triumphed thanks to the heroism of countless

ordinary people, who may be elderly today, but who once carried the fate of freedom itself on their shoulders.

"On the home front, women defended our cities against air raids, worked the factories, ran the hospitals and broke enemy codes. People of every age, race and background came together in one supreme effort."

Mr Johnson also wrote to surviving veterans and told them, despite the ongoing lockdown due to coronavirus, their efforts to topple a "ruthless enemy" would "always be remembered".

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
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In the Matter of the Petition of Jesus Gonzales Fuentes, an adult over the age of 18 years.

Date: 06/23/20. Time: 8:30am, in Dept. A Room: 904

It appearing that the following person whose name is to be changed is over 18 years of age: Jesus Gonzales Fuentes. And a petition for change of names having been duly filed with the clerk of this Court, and it appearing from said petition that said petitioner(s) desire to have their name changed from Jesus Gonzales Fuentes to Jesus Ramirez Fuentes Jr.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter of change of names appear before the above entitled court to show cause why the petition for change of name(s) should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described must file a written petition that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the British Weekly, a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles, for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of said petition.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2020069849. The following person(s) is/ are doing business as: Ortiz Glass & Mirror, 1473 E 52nd St, Los Angeles CA 90011. Jason Ortiz, 1473 E 52nd St, Los Angeles CA 90011; Maximino Ortiz Marin, 1473 E 52nd St, Los Angeles CA 90011. This business is conducted by: a general partnership. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: Jason Ortiz, general partner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 04/15/2020. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2020069853. The following person(s) is/ are doing business as: Protech Heating & Cooling, 404 Concord St, Apt 2, Glendale CA 91203. Edik Khodaverdian, 404 Concord St, Apt 2, Glendale CA 91203. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: Edik Khodaverdian, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 04/15/2020. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 04/25/2020, 05/02/2020, 05/09/2020 and 05/16/2020.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2020069855. The following person(s) is/ are doing business as: Anime Los Angeles, 16835 Lahey St., Granada Hills CA 91344/16835 Lahey St., Granada Hills CA 91344. California Anime Foundation, 16835 Lahey St., Granada Hills CA 91344. This business is conducted by: a corporation. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 01/2020. Signed: Elayne Frances Pelz, Treasurer. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 04/15/2020. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 04/25/2020, 05/02/2020, 05/09/2020 and 05/16/2020.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2020069857. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Z & T Maintenance, 905 E 33rd St, Los Angeles CA 90011. Zoraida Sanchez Gomez, 905 E 33rd St, Los Angeles CA 90011; Jose Trinidad Sanchez Gomez, 679 E. 43rd St, Los Angeles CA 90011; Macedonia Gomez de Sanchez, 9533 Bandera St, Los Angeles CA 90002. This business is conducted by: a general partnership. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: Zoraida Sanchez Gomez, General Partner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 04/15/2020. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 04/25/2020, 05/02/2020,

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2020069754. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Gamestop 3849, 15900 Crenshaw Boulevard Suite D, Gardena CA 90249/625 Westport Parkway, Grapevine, TX 76051. Gamestop, Inc., 625 Westport Parkway, Grapevine, TX 76051. This business is conducted by: a corporation. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 05/2007. Signed: James A. Bell, CFO. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 04/15/2020. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 05/02/2020, 05/09/2020, 05/16/2020 and 05/23/2020.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2020069756. The following person(s) is/ are doing business as: Gamestop 4072, 1815 Hawthorne Boulevard Suite 195, Redondo Beach CA 90278/625 Westport Parkway, Grapevine, TX 76051. Gamestop, Inc., 625 Westport Parkway, Grapevine, TX 76051. This business is conducted by: a



Why it's good to laugh in the lockdown

By Dr Jaspreet Dosanjh

You've probably heard the phrase "laughter is the best medicine."

Well, as more and more studies by my fellow scientists show, that is proving to be an accurate statement.

Those of you who are spending this challenging time in lockdown streaming your favorite sitcoms should be applauded. When it's easy to be overwhelmed by the reality of news and paying attention to death tolls, it may become difficult to look for ways to laugh, but this is the most important time to keep your spirits up and seek out joy.

benefits

Just consider the physiological benefits: laughter allows stress, fear and sadness to be released in a cathartic manner. Sounds like a helpful antidote to me!

I've spent much of my career in virology and research laboratories but there are other scientists who work in the study of laughter, a field known as Gelotology. Much of that study, along with the use of laughter as therapy, has been influenced by the writing of Norman

Cousins, author of the bestselling *Anatomy of Illness*, who detailed how watching comedy helped him deal with the pain of inflammatory arthritis.

Doctors have been recommending laughter as a treatment based on mood elevation since the 1300s. But the laughter as medicine concept goes as far back as biblical times. The Book of Proverbs states: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Have you heard of laughter yoga? It's a real thing. Started 25 years ago by Dr Madam Kataria when he got a group of strangers together in a park just to laugh. He found that when it was difficult to find reasons to laugh, faking laughter achieved the same physiological and psychological benefits as if the laughter was real.

And get this, laughter is considered to be an aerobic exercise that burns calories.

If you are craving some solid scientific facts to show all this is not a joke, laughter has been proven to:

- increase the number of Natural Killer Cells, that destroy tumors and viruses.
- increase Gamma

Interferon, T-Cells, B-Cells which work to fight disease and help immune response.

- increase salivary Immunoglobulin A, which defends against infectious organisms entering the respiratory tract.

- improve the defense against respiratory infections.

- reduce the amount of stress hormones, such as cortisol, which contribute to suppressing the immune system and raising blood pressure.

- produce a discharge of endorphins with both euphoric and calming effects

what works for you

So what are you supposed to do with all this information? Please allow me to recommend some shows that work for me whenever I need a smile.

The American sitcoms I always chuckle at are *The Big Bang Theory*, *Mom*, *The Goldbergs*, and re-runs of *Frasier*. British humor tickles a different funny bone and I never tire from watching the shenanigans of the nerds in *The IT Crowd*. If you like cartoons there's *Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom*. That *Nanny Plum* is something else... obviously I watch this only because of my nieces and nephews. And then, by complete contrast, there is *'Killing Eve'* - a bit dark, but if you have a dark sense of humor it will suit your mood.

Just find what works for you - there is no judgement. Laughter is contagious, so let's all lead by example, spread some joy and laugh our way to a healthier, happier life.



HE'S ALWAYS GOOD FOR A LAUGH: Dr. Jaspreet with Stephen Fry

Each and every one of us can be part of the medicine that is needed to bring our communities together through positivity and love.

Misery might enjoy company, but laughter definitely is the best medicine. I personally

can't see anything but benefits....it is free, you don't need healthcare and it doesn't have any known negative side effects. Well, other than hiccups, but even they help to clear the respiratory tract.

And remember if you still have trouble

laughing.. just fake it. As science says...it will still be beneficial. We will make it through all this together - and we'll come out laughing.

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Flying in the time of coronavirus

■ Brits in LA member Gavin Cooper relates the good and bad when his mum flew back to England recently. Empty terminals, but crowded planes and NO mask enforcement

Hey everyone! I thought I'd share our experience of LAX and my mum's experience of flying during these crazy times, just in case anyone is curious!

My mum flew back to the UK on May 5th after staying here since March. She was meant to fly back on March 21st with Air New Zealand, but, y'know... Anyway, after a call to the British Embassy for any updates and advice, they suggested she flew back immediately because they couldn't guarantee that borders will remain open.

ghost town at LAX

My mum lives on her own in the UK as all family are in LA now. So we wanted to keep her here as long as possible. The airport was exactly what people said it was: a ghost town. I automatically drove at 10mph to the terminal. Force of habit! We pulled up outside Terminal B I left the car outside the terminal (Yes, I was having a mild panic attack at the thought) and I stood inside the doorway to take in the sight of a eerily empty terminal. The entire place was deserted. (It was like that feeling of stepping onto a broken escalator and your brain telling you to adjust to the movement, even though there isn't any. They're just steps now.)

zero enforcement

After pointing my mum in the direction of BA check-in, we said our third goodbye and I headed back to the car. Yep. No ticket. Nobody there. Maybe I was just lucky or maybe I was overthinking it. Either way, that was a strange feeling and I'll

probably never do that again!

What follows was my mum's experience at her gate and on the flight. She had to take her own food with her because there wasn't going to be any served during the 10 hour flight. She is gluten intolerant so my sister made her a gluten-free pizza which she took along with apples, crisps and snack bars. I never knew you could take your own food through security, I'd always assumed it'd be confiscated! When she got to her gate, however, she was amazed at the amount of people not wearing masks and not observing basic social distancing. This was a shock, because, it's an airport! She called me and took photos and I couldn't believe the attitude people were having. Not only that, but nobody was enforcing it! It really surprised me, being an international terminal, that the airport wasn't being strict on these things. But that was only the beginning. When we booked her flight with BA, we were under the assumption that there would only be a handful of people on the flight. Well, we all know what assuming does... The flight was packed. Not only were people squashed next to each other, alot weren't even wearing masks. My mum began to feel claustrophobic and told the flight attendant that she needed to move, otherwise she wouldn't be able to fly. (She is never usually fussy and has flown countless times in the past, but this would even give me palpitations) Giving them credit, she said the flight attendants

were astonished at the lack of masks and how many people were booked. They moved my mum to an empty row but there were still people in front and behind and we all know how cramped cattle class is. The attendants were all wearing masks and worked tirelessly. They told her that people have been more aggressive and rude since this happened and put it down to panic. I don't envy their job. It was only when they were in the air that announcement was made to say that masks were mandatory for the duration of the flight and if anyone didn't have one, they would supply them. Too little too late? Who knows?

complacency can kill

Passengers were offered orange juice, tea, coffee and water. They were also offered burritos and ham or cheese croissants later in the flight. Nothing gluten free. But the flight was still over \$750? Go figure. I know airlines are struggling at the moment, but still. Maybe this is how things will be from now on? She didn't have any headphones but they offered tiny earbuds in an envelope. I don't know how safe they are or how they recycle or disinfect them, but there would be no way I'd stick anything in my ears from a plane. Even before all of this kicked off! Needless to say, she only watched Blue Planet with no sound and tried to sleep as much as possible.

Once my mum landed at Heathrow, she said everyone was, typically, pushing each other and standing within centimetres of each other



ONCE IN A LIFETIME: the scene at LAX (above) and Heathrow (below)



as they left the plane. Then at baggage collection, there were spots on the ground to make sure people kept two metres apart. Like that matters now!? Luckily, we had an awesome friend come and pick her up who had disinfected his car (and was recently tested - negative), which was a HUGE relief for us over here. As a heads up, if you wanted to book a private car (I had to have a plan b) I just googled Heathrow taxis and all they need at the moment is two hours notice, as it's so quiet there. The cost of a car back to Northampton (Our home town) was £99. My friend took photos of Heathrow Terminal 5 which was also a ghost town. He also mentioned how he thought he had driven on a service road to the terminal because

everywhere was deserted!

Needless to say, mum got back home and is now starting her two week self quarantine (her own decision, nobody told the passengers to do that at the airport or on the flight.) I guess attitudes are changing now. I know they are over here. But that should warn us that we're now entering the most dangerous time. Complacency can kill and we need to be extra vigilant, especially at this time. This won't last forever and we will be able to hold our loved ones and family members again soon, but to not wear masks or observe social distancing at a time when we need to the most and at a place where the risk is high, can put us all at risk and see the numbers rise to staggering and tragic levels.

The fact that airlines and airports are not being tough on masks and distancing is shocking to me. They're letting international travellers land in the UK (And I'm assuming the US) with minimal screening and no care for protection or advice. This will only drag the lockdown even further. We've come so far and done so much to ensure we can survive this. To be complacent now will be destroying all our hard work and heartache. If you are or know anyone flying soon, use this as a heads up and stay safe! Knowledge is power and we need to look out for each other, now more than ever. I hope everyone is safe and well.

Love to all.
Gavin Cooper

Stargazing with Annie Shaw



ARIES: It's time to make way in your head for better days just around the corner. Mars is ready to enter watery Pisces so take heed of your dreams and watch overdoing any thing.

TAURUS: You have procrastinated a lot since the beginning of this situation and you have had plenty of downtime to catch up. Get going! It's not lasting forever and you have a lot to look forward to. Happy Birthday!

GEMINI: Being unable to move about your life and do everything with ease is not comfortable at the best of times. But Venus is visiting you currently and something good is on the way.

CANCER: The very recent full moon in your cousin sign of Scorpio has likely brought up relationship discussons. Not being heard by others could be all in your head, so know the difference.

LEO: You are probably planning ahead and already know what you will and will not do after this time is over. This is a time for you to mellow out somewhat. Look at how much you have relaxed of late.

VIRGO: Hopefully you have taken this time frame and made changes on your home front. It's also good to not worry about the future. There will be a future somewhat different than the past.

LIBRA: Your boss Venus is going backwards in your cousin sign of Gemini. You can expect something career-wise from the recent past to resurface. Find your second wind on this.

SCORPIO: The best way to work things out (past or present) is to listen to your powerful inner voice. The Budhha full moon in your sign these last few days is helping you to connect the dots. Change is coming for the better.

SAGITTARIUS: Make the most of the your downtime to get rid of stuff (mental or physical) for better days ahead. They will come, be sure of this and your boss Jupiter in Aquarius is looking forward to helping.

CAPRICORN: The trying times are nearly over and especially for you keeping busy is important. Just know you are not alone and thinking that is false.

AQUARIUS: We have fully entered into Jupiter living with you now. Fear of the unknown is rare with you folks and you of all signs will find a way to make plans for changes coming in the near future changes.

PISCES: The full moon in your cousin sign of Scorpio these last few days affects your emotions. Your boss Neptune is also visiting you and it's quite a party in your head. Do not overdo anything in this time.

The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #439

Across

1 Bookstore section (6)

4 Without (6)

9 Old car (7)

10 Browning's Ben Ezra, e.g. (5)

11 Anticipate (5)

12 Put down (7)

13 Box (5)

15 Note (4)

20 One in a boxing ring (7)

22 Kind of space (5)

24 The Axis to the Allies (5)

25 Ad focus (7)

26 Like some salads (6)

27 Logo for example (6)

Down

1 Pay homage (6)

2 Satisfied (5)

3 Petition (7)

5 Done too well (5)

6 Sanction (7)

7 Glutton's helping, possibly (6)

8 What a thermometer may measure (5)

14 RSVP option (7)

16 Car rental choice (7)

17 Cause partner (6)

18 Eye washes (5)

19 Savage (6)

21 Herb (5)

23 Hand digit (5)

Solution to Puzzle #438

1	D	P	H	4	B	5	M	6	B						
7	M	A	R	I	N	A	8	R	A	I	S	I	N		
9	T	R	R	U	N	R									
9	P	A	P	A	10	R	E	S	P	O	N	D	S		
11	D	E	F	E	N	D	S	13	A	S	I	A	N		
11	Q						14	S					W		G
15	P	U	L	S	E	16	C	H	E	L	S	E	A		
	A	U				17	K	E							
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	I	P	Y												
23	A	Z	A	L	E	A	24	E	M	E	R	G	E		
	E	Y													

The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #439

SUDOKU by Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium


			3					4	
					7	2		9	
6	7	1							
			6	8	4				2
	3	5	6	2	1	8	7		
4				5	7	6			
							2	8	1
	6			2	8				
	4					5			


Solution to Sudoku 438

9	3	4	1	8	7	2	6	5
1	7	2	5	3	6	4	9	8
8	6	5	9	2	4	1	3	7
7	5	6	2	1	9	3	8	4
2	4	9	8	7	3	5	1	6
3	8	1	6	4	5	9	7	2
4	9	8	7	5	1	6	2	3
5	1	7	3	6	2	8	4	9
6	2	3	4	9	8	7	5	1

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Meet a Member: Charles Cockerton

Not all Brits in LA Members live in Los Angeles: in fact a fair number are scattered around the globe. Meet Charles Cockerton from London, who lives in Marin County in the Bay Area, who last year became President of a charity founded in 1858 during the Gold Rush called the British Benevolent Society of California (www.bbsofca.org).

Seeing as you don't live in Los Angeles how did you end up joining Brits in LA?

I was introduced to Brits in LA by fellow Brits in LA member, Barbara, who works at the British Consulate in Los Angeles. The BBS's key objective right now is to raise awareness that we are a charity here to provide aid and relief to British citizens in need across the Western States of the USA. On being introduced Craig and Eileen, they immediately and very kindly invited me to join them for the Brits in LA Breakfast at Cecconis. This was last May. I had a thoroughly enjoyable time at the breakfast. Everyone that I met that day was really friendly and welcoming to me. I joined Brits in LA there and then! I can't wait to head back for breakfast when I am next in LA.

What was your first impression of LA?

My first visit to the US was as a young teenager staying with family friends in Santa Monica. I fell in love with the beach, Los Angeles and California during that summer stay. I always enjoy my trips to LA whatever takes me there, work or to see friends. California

remains my favorite part of the USA, LA and San Francisco my two favorite cities. Maybe it is because I just like the sunshine and big skies.

Do you think you could ever see yourself moving to LA, if not tell us what keeps you in the Bay Area?

We did consider moving to LA at the outset, but chose Marin County as the family friends I had stayed with in Santa Monica as a teenager had since moved up to Northern California. Not having any family in the US they really helped us to land successfully in CA and start our life here. That being said, I "never say never" and feel fortunate that I am able to visit LA for work or pleasure. However, our children, new friends and the life that we have created for ourselves is here in the Bay Area, and will I expect most likely keep us here.

Do you have a hidden gem in Marin that you would share with us?

I have always enjoyed a quality "dive bar" or "earthy" British pub back home. There are some good ones across California, but my favorite in the Bay Area has to be "Ernie's Tin Bar" found tucked away on the road to Sonoma. Just don't be seen making a phone call in there. I also like taking in a sunset with a nice picnic at Limantour Beach, West Marin.

Why would you recommend other overseas/ out of town readers joining Brits in LA?

You will meet at an

instant group of friendly and welcoming people who have in most cases at some point in their lives shared the common experience of boarding the airplane to try life in America and at some point when in the air, thought to themselves, what am I doing, is this the right thing? But once you land you just throw yourself into life here. I think that experience binds us, as well as where we came from obviously. That is why I joined and support Brits in LA. Brits in LA genuinely look out for each other. I do my best where I can to encourage people to get involved.

What can you tell us about the British Benevolent Society?

With the unexpected lockdown we are all now under due to Covid-19 and the hardship that this is sadly causing for many Brits, this has made the mission of



CHARLES COCKERTON: 'make sure you have a very good number two...'

the British Benevolent Society more relevant today than ever. We recognized early on that we really needed to up the speed of our outreach program and look to make as many Brits living in California right now aware that we exist as a charity to help Brits during times of hardship. Please contact us if you might need assistance or would like to join or support us.

www.bbsofca.org

Lots of our members join our group Brits in LA seeking out words of wisdom - what is the best piece of advice you've been given?

An influential teacher I was very fortunate to have been taught by at high school in England said to me, "if you ever find yourself in a position of leadership make sure you that

you have a very good number two who is prepared to question you and to be open to this and be prepared to listen to them"....

The same applies to having good people around you. This has really helped me at the BBS, particularly at this time.

For more information visit bbsofca.org or my company florinpensions.com

CINCO DE QUIZZO?

The Brits in LA community always know how to party - even during lockdown - and found a unique way to celebrate Cinco De Mayo.

They gathered online via Zoom to play Cinco De Quizzo - a special edition of Virtual Pub Quiz - on May 5, drinking toasts, singing songs and answering trivia questions.

Adding to the spirit of generosity and togetherness, the winners of both the \$40 Cat and Fiddle gift card for winning the quiz (Varun Bhuchar) and the @Teekco designer face mask for best background image (Eileen Lee) donated their prizes to other players.

Join quizmaster Sandro Monetti and the in-crowd next Tuesday, May 12, just before 8pm (on Zoom ID: 960-556-148) for another night of brains, banter and Britishness.



YOUR HOST: the indefatigable Sandro Monetti

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Toon fans: We will hold Saudis to account

■ Controversial takeover of Magpies edges closer to completion

Newcastle United fans say they will raise issues about Saudi Arabia's human rights record even if they support the prospective takeover of the club.

The country's Public Investment Fund is expected to finance 80% of the £300m takeover, which is understood to be close to completion.

But in an online forum, which involved over 2,000 fans, Newcastle United Supporters Trust (NUST) chair Alex Hurst said: "We exist to be a critical friend of the club, and hold them to account."

Human rights groups and the fiancée of murdered journalist Jamal Khashoggi, Hatice Cengiz, have opposed the takeover.

The debate on the issue has been framed by supporters' overwhelming desire to get rid of current owner Mike Ashley, who has been in charge of the club for 13 years.

A survey published last week by NUST, which has more than 10,000 members, showed that 96.7% of fans said they were in favour of the

takeover.

But during the two-hour discussion, in which a statement by Khashoggi's fiancée was read out and contributions came from fans and Amnesty International, local MP Chi Onwurah said the issues were a lot more "nuanced" than some fans had been given credit for on social media.

Supporter Greg Morrison said: "I do feel quite conflicted. While we are not responsible for what goes on [in Saudi Arabia], we have to accept we are attached to Saudi Arabia and the issues attached to that."

"My plea is that fans don't resort to allowing our club be used to justify or defend what goes on in Saudi Arabia, but accept and acknowledge that there are issues and encourage debate."

NUST board member Greg Tomlinson added: "It's not impossible to be excited about Mike Ashley's departure and still feel concerned about the [human rights] issues."

"Those feelings are not mutually exclusive."

Cengiz's statement said fans should "stand

together and block" the takeover because the PIF was chaired by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who she said was responsible for her fiancée's murder in October 2018.

Bin Salman has denied ordering the killing of Khashoggi, with Saudi authorities blaming a "rogue operation".



Prince Mohammed bin Salman heads Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund

F1 prepares for no racing in 2020

Formula 1 chairman Chase Carey has admitted that the sport's owners are preparing for "the remote possibility of no racing in 2020".

He said they discussed with lenders how to handle the loss of income involved in not being able to run a season.

But he emphasised: "We are increasingly confident - although there are no guarantees - that we will have a 2020 championship season."

F1 released figures showing income fell by 84% in the first quarter of 2020.

Owner Liberty Media

said F1's revenue in the first quarter of 2020 was \$39m (£31.6m) compared to \$246m (£199m) in the same period in 2019.

The records do not include any income received for the two races called off in that period in Australia and Bahrain, or any revenue from broadcasting rights.

Carey, who was speaking on a conference call with investors after the release of the first-quarter results, said the coronavirus crisis had had "a significant impact on F1 and we are adjusting in numerous ways".

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