

OFFICIAL STATEMENT CORONAVIRUS/COVID19 #3

Accurate statistics are needed:

The HAP is clear that whatever its origin Covid19 is real, has caused millions of cases internationally, and many deaths. However, the internet and media contain misinformation from both official health authorities as well as people who have differing views.

Massive social and economic disruption is being caused here and internationally as a result of political decisions which will take generations to rectify. These decisions are based on government data, and so there is a massive responsibility for every Government to report accurate and honest information. A failure to do this will lead to more conspiracy theories, greater mistrust of official actions, and associated stress and anxiety of citizens.

Internationally, there have been claims that deaths due to Covid19 have been overstated in order to increase "Covid compliance". The most obvious example was from the USA where a healthy young man was killed in a motorcycle accident – the autopsy found he was carrying the Covid19 virus, and so his death was classified as a death from Covid19 – clearly misleading.

The HAP is concerned that we are not being given fully transparent information regarding Covid19 deaths in Victoria. The Victorian Chief Medical Officer recently stated "For deaths from coronavirus, anyone who is a confirmed case who dies is classified amongst coronavirus deaths. So, it doesn't have to be definitively from coronavirus, and in some instances in aged care there would have been some residents who were already receiving palliative care who became infected with coronavirus". This section of the press conference can be seen at 48:55 in the linked video.

This means that an infected person in palliative care or with stage 4 cancer etc and dies from the pre-existing condition or simply from old age, is being counted as a coronavirus death. This increases the reported deaths related to coronavirus, but should be reported as a death WITH Covid19 not a death FROM Covid19.

Every death has tragic consequences, especially for the relatives who see their loved one passing without their family being with them. However, these statistics are used in part to justify the continuing Stage 4 restrictions in Victoria.

What is the percentage of Covid19 deaths who have died FROM Covid19 as opposed to WITH Covid19? Is it 90%, 50% or only 10%? The HAP simply asks for accurate statistics so we can know which deaths are a direct result of Covid19.

The HAP believes that at least some of the anxiety surrounding Covid19 would be reduced if citizens could have complete confidence in what we are being told by politicians and health authorities.

To paraphrase the old saying - truth is the greatest disinfectant - truth is what has been missing in the health debate in Australia for decades, and it's needed even more now when it comes to Covid19.

Linked Press Conference Video:

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=405283963782980&ref=watch_permalink