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**Subject:** Re: For Quick Review: Draft op-ed by Dr. Scott Atlas

A couple of points : first, is this a piece directed solely to the NE as the statements are not consistent with what is actually occurring across most of the country? Secondly it implies this is a new approach - we have been specifically doing what is noted about LTCF and vulnerable individuals in communities – it has been in all posted guidance and in all Governor’s reports – the difficulty is with asymptomatic spread and the vulnerable don’t know which family members are infected and become infected when there is high community spread. The current mitigation methods outside of the NE and CA do not involve “lock downs” it solely involved early closures of food/drink at 11 pm in many states, the Sunbelt states in mitigation did not close restaurants or restrict retail in any way. They did require masks in malls and in retail establishments but throughout the South they remained fully open. Bars were closed in AZ but not indoor dining but restricted to 50% but at full opening times. Data matters and a clear understanding of what is happening State by State is important. What is noted in this piece is only seen in the NE and some areas of CA. This did not happen in the South – we were able to thread a needle maximizing the economy while maximizing public health – you can have both if you are data driven and willing to work directly with each state and use data to inform decision making. We have worked hard together with State and Local governments to bring down cases that directly correlates with the declines in hospitalizations and the decline we will see deaths. What is not discussed is the economic impact of prolonged morbidities from COVID survivors that transcend age but related to co-morbidities. The long term economic impact of long term disabilities or long term recoveries are not noted. Deb

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**From:** Staff Secretary <[REDACTED]>

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Attached for your quick review is a draft op-ed by Dr. Scott Atlas re: reopening in the wake of COVID-19.

Please review and send any feedback to Staff Sec **by 8:00pm tonight**. Reach out directly with questions.

Thanks,  
Staff Sec.