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WHO Finally Admits COVID-19 PCR Test Has a 'Problem'

The WHO's new guidance, which includes lower PCR thresholds, almost guarantees COVID "case" numbers will automatically drop dramatically around the world.

By **Mercola**

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In an "inauguration" of its own while Joe Biden was being sworn into office, the World Health Organization (WHO) [initiated new rules](#) regarding the PCR assays used for testing for [COVID-19](#).

Even though they've been widely used across the U.S. and around the world to determine who has a positive case of [COVID](#), PCR assays are not designed to be used as diagnostic tools, as they can't distinguish between inactive viruses and "live" or reproductive ones.

Besides that, previously, the WHO had recommended 45 “amplification” cycles of the test to determine whether someone was positive for COVID or not.

The thing is, the more cycles that a test goes through, the more likely that a false positive will come up — anything over 30 cycles actually magnifies the samples so much that even insignificant sequences of viral DNA end up being magnified to the point that the test reads positive even if your viral load is extremely low or the virus is inactive and poses no threat to you or anyone else.

What that means in plain language is that the more cycles a test goes through, the more false positives that are reported.

Now, with the WHO's lower [PCR thresholds](#), it's practically guaranteed that COVID “case” numbers will automatically drop dramatically around the world.

Here's in-part what the WHO [notice says](#):

Users of IVDs must read and follow the IFU carefully to determine if manual adjustment of the PCR positivity threshold is recommended by the manufacturer.

WHO guidance Diagnostic testing for SARS-CoV-2 states that careful interpretation of weak positive results is needed (1). The cycle threshold (Ct) needed to detect virus is inversely proportional to the patient's viral load. Where test results do not correspond with the clinical presentation, a new specimen should be taken and retested using the same or different NAT technology.

WHO reminds IVD users that disease prevalence alters the predictive value of test results; as disease prevalence decreases, the risk of false positive increases (2). This means that the probability that a person who has a positive result (SARS-CoV-2 detected) is truly infected with SARS-CoV-2 decreases as prevalence decreases, irrespective of the claimed specificity.

Most PCR assays are indicated as an aid for diagnosis, therefore, health care providers must consider any result in combination with timing of sampling, specimen type, assay specifics, clinical observations, patient history, confirmed status of any contacts, and epidemiological information.

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OR SIGN UP WITH DISQUS [?](#)**tw** • a year ago • edited

a nice tidy start for Biden..he stopped the plague short in its tracks with this one simple remedy..stop testing so many times ..should be back to normal in no time...its a miracle

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**Rosanna S** ➔ tw • a year ago

Just wait. This is only the honeymoon phase. This is just to get everyone to think that Biden

saved the day, but eventually the lockdowns will start all over again when the vaccine-induced 2nd wave begins.

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CornPop ➔ tw • a year ago

Funny because that was what Trump said, maybe we should stop testing....yet, here we are.

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Mary Nelson ➔

CornPop • a year ago

They could not allow Trump to be right, could they?

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Stan Mrak ➔

Mary Nelson

• a year ago

Even a broken clock is right twice a day.

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Philly is a toilet ➔ Stan

Mrak

• a year ago •

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Yes, a broken

clock is only right
twice a day, but a
leftist is never
right!

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Emily Friend

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• a year ago

That's not what
Trump meant.
Trump didn't know
a thing about cycle
thresholds. If he
did...then he
should have
explained. But he
didn't.

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Herb Smith

➔ Emily Friend

• a year ago

Just because he
didn't explain it
doesn't mean he
didn't know. He
could/should have
fired Fauci for
saying the Rona
had 10x the
mortality rate of the

flu, yet he didn't

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Bill Rood →

Herb Smith

• a year ago

Ct is not that difficult of a concept, and as far as we know he never talked about it. The same is true of IFR (based on **estimated** cases) vs CFR (based on **confirmed** cases), which is the basis of confusion between 10x and about the same. Trump absolutely did not know. It's a wonder he knew about Zelensky. Politicians don't have the time to watch Ben Swann's March 16 video. Note that N/A indicates there was at the time **no estimate** of the

total number of Covid-19. Since they had only the CFR for Covid-19, that should have been compared to the know CFR for flu, which was a whopping 10%. Instead, they compared it to flu's IFR of 0.1%, making it seem like Covid-19 was 34 times as deadly as flu:



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Stan Mrak ➔

Herb Smith

• a year ago

Donald Trump
always has the
same motivation
for everything he
says and does —
whatever will
benefit him in the
moment. That's all
he cares about.
Stopping the
testing would make
him look good,
period. He's not a
deep thinker.

1 ^ | v 3 • Reply •



CornPop ➔

Stan Mrak

• a year ago

And apparently
neither are you.
Your TDS prevents
you from staying
on subject and
what this is really
about.

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**Philly is a toilet** → Stan

Mrak

• a year ago

And Biden is?

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**John Stone**

Mod → Stan

Mrak

• a year ago

But he is no longer
in office.

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**givelifeachance2** →

CornPop • a year ago

Maybe he should have
undeclared the national
emergency.

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**Dr. Love** → tw • a year agoWhen enough vaccines have
been delivered, they'll reduce the
testing to have data vaccines are
working. Actually the mRNA is
not. it is some synthesized
neucleotides.

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**Steve49** → Dr. Love

• a year ago

Its not a vaccine within the definition by law! Calling it that under the Nuremburg Code is illegal ...
persuading people to accept it under the lie as to what it is ... is coercion to accept medication ... illegal and a serious crime!

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**virginia** → tw

• a year ago • edited

This has nothing to do with Biden. It says the "WHO Finally Admits" they have known this all along but chose not to reveal it and used it as an excuse to take away rights and lockdown America, They are globalist like OBiden though.

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**julia_disqus** → tw • a year ago

Not really. He, actually, signed an executive order to increase testing right the next day after WHO admitted that the test had problems

problems.

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**Bill Hickock** ➔ tw • a year ago

And , you are shocked - - -
SHOCKED , I ask you ?

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**Nicholas Anthony
Covacevich Jr** ➔ tw

• a year ago

True

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**Seabreezes1** ➔ tw

• a year ago • edited

The U.S. PHS did the same thing
with the polio vaccine in the
1950s. There was more paralysis
after vaccination than from wild
polio, so they changed the
definition of polio from any
paralysis of over 24 hours to
paralysis with no reflexes lasting
over 60 days.

Similar things going on in third
world countries where polio is
being eliminated by vaccine while
more paralysis and mortality is
being noted from non-polio
paralysis.

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Bruno Bardorosso →

Seabreezes1

• a year ago

I'd love to have the source of that. Seriously.

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Moshe Mouse →

Bruno Bardorosso

• a year ago

Typical antagonistic, social media response...

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Bruno Bardorosso

→ Moshe Mouse

• a year ago

No bud, I'm really asking for the source.

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Phil Davis • a year ago

They can adjust the volume of positive cases at will. The vaccine is a success, not enough are taking it positive rates are rising, Joe's mask mandate is working. These are all the stories they

can tell by just adjusting the CT's. The PCR test is irrelevant in reality. The process is for research only.

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CATRYNA49 → Phil Davis

• a year ago

Yes, BS at it's best, because most people are totally ignorant of what is going on. It's easy to scam the uneducated and misinformed.

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