

# Universal Health Organisation (UHO)

## Weekly Newsletter – 08 Dec 2023



*The weekly newsletters bring the updates on the science, battered and bruised during the pandemic, legal updates and impact of activism for a just society, across the world. These are small steps to promote Transparency, Empowerment and Accountability – the ethos of the UHO.*

**Announcement: Membership & endorsements to the UHO invited:** <https://uho.org.in/member.php>

### **Former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson deposes at a public enquiry on Covid-19 “mismanagement”**

Former British PM Boris Johnson was cross examined under oath for two days at a [public enquiry](#) on the Covid-19 measures implemented during the pandemic. He was criticized for dilly dallying in imposing a national lockdown early in the pandemic.

The public sentiment driven by propaganda, not science, seems to believe that more lives could have been saved had Boris Johnson been prompt in imposing lockdowns. Boris Johnson on his part appeared apologetic and defensive stating, “Inevitably, in the course of trying to handle a very, very difficult pandemic in which we had to balance appalling harms on either side of the decision, we may have made mistakes.”

UHO is of the opinion, that such stage-managed public enquiries are an attempt to reinforce the mainstream narrative that we had endured an existential crisis. More concerning, it will prepare the stage for prompt and harsher lockdowns during future “pandemics,” without any resistance from gullible populations.

Few countries, rather too few, namely, Sweden, Belarus and Japan did not impose strict lockdowns. Sweden kept schools open. While, initially Sweden had a high fatality mostly due to old age homes being affected [disproportionately](#) (this oversight their authorities gracefully accepted), in the course of the pandemic they did not fare badly compared to other European countries. In fact, their strategy of keeping schools open established that [children are not at risk from Covid](#) nor do they transmit the infections to adults and also they do not cause community outbreaks. Similarly Belarus in Europe did not have higher rates of infections and deaths compared to its neighbors Russia and Ukraine other countries which had imposed lockdowns. In Belarus, deaths from Covid per million was 755, compared to 2748 in Russia and 2603 in Ukraine, its neighbors.

The [Japan experience](#) is fascinating. It never had strict lockdowns. It had one of the lowest impacts from the pandemic in the world. What is intriguing is that it had far higher number of cases and also deaths after mass rollout of vaccination compared to pre-vaccination period.

An honest public enquiry should study and compare the experiences of the few countries who did not impose lockdowns and also the paradoxical rise of cases and deaths in many countries after the vaccine roll out instead of holding stage-managed enquiries to propagate the false propaganda of the benefits of restrictive measures like lockdowns which by all available evidence did have little, if any, impact on the course of the pandemic while causing immense collateral harm.

### **Study finds continuous mask use can increase Covid-19 rates by 40%**

It seems that the authorities the world over got everything wrong in this pandemic right down to the

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use of masks. A peer reviewed [study](#) found a higher incidence of Covid-19 among constant mask users, some to the extent of 40% opposing the narrative of mask mandates.

Those who held a neutral stand on “wear or not to wear” on grounds that it is no big deal to wear a mask to err on the side of safety should sit up and take notice. Masks can be harmful as this study shows. More concerning in Indian conditions is the risk of fungal and other infections during the hot and humid climate in most parts of the country. There have been concerns that the rise of [mucormycosis cases](#) in India during the second wave, in which many in the country lost their eyes and lives could have been due to growth of fungus thriving on soiled and moist masks.

UHO hopes that this should be kept in mind by our health advisers and authorities as in the post-covid era it has become a knee-jerk reaction to advocate and enforce face masks at the slightest rise in infections anywhere in the country. When science is suppressed, people die.

### **Reinventing a defective wheel: Large scale community trials on BCG vaccine for TB in 23 States**

In a surprising move, going against the advice of the ICMR and even the WHO, large scale community trials of BCG re-vaccination in adults is being [planned](#) in 23 States of the country. Earlier [trials](#) of BCG vaccine in the country found negligible efficacy. For a poor country investing hugely on a dubious vaccine is poor public health economics.

People should ask their elective representative by way of participatory democracy, on whose advice the government has planned this large scale exercise? Is it based on a [modeling exercise](#) funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation? These modeling exercises by laptop epidemiologists are far removed from ground realities as the pandemic proved once too often. By statistical gymnastics the modelers can prove or disprove anything depending on who is funding them.

### **Kerala Health Bill drafted on the lines of the WHO Pandemic Treaty & amendments to the IHR**

The Governor of Kerala has signed the Kerala Public Health Bill. This will adversely impact the decentralization of powers and action on health issues which was responsible for the improvement of the health status of the people of Kerala. The bill will give unlimited powers to public health officers to enforce harsh measures on occurrence or even on anticipation of a pandemic. Bureaucrats and the police would turn into local dictators. Houses and premises can be vacated or sealed and quarantine will be a matter of routine. All the ineffective Covid-19 protocols which caused immense collateral harm without any benefit during the pandemic would come in play if the authorities declare a pandemic or even on an apprehension of a pandemic. The Bill seems to be drafted to provide a platform for the implementation of the WHO Pandemic Treaty and amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR). Kerala State is keen to become the earliest “sycophant” of the WHO which is on a mission of ["global power grab."](#) Such sycophancy made us lose our independence to the British. We are again on the cusp of history approaching this time towards an infamous “tryst with destiny,” sadly. Our elected leaders are on the verge of betraying us, surrendering the nation’s sovereignty to an unelected and unaccountable body like the WHO. We are hurtling down towards [international fascism](#). Dr Maya Valecha, a member of the UHO core group has written a detailed [critique](#) of the Kerala Health Bill.

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