**Week 3 Assignment**

You are welcome to work in groups on this assignment, but you should submit your own essay.

Your homework will consist of three parts.

**Part 1:** Start by plotting your predicted line from last week in Excel along with the updated data points from your location. (If you’d like, you can rerun your regressions and see if the parameter estimates are the same). Do you want to update your predictions? 1-2 paragraphs.

**Part 2:** Find someone who is not in the class, and preferably is not an economist, and explain to them how economists determine the benefits and costs of lockdowns. What did they think about that? Ask them what criteria authorities should use to detrmine when to loosen restrictions. What did they say? 1-2 paragraphs.

**Part 3, Alternative A: This part should be a thesis-driven essay, 4-5 paragraphs.** What is happening in your locality (either your current locality or the locality where you are from) with respect to lockdowns or social distancing protocols? What criteria do you think authorities should use to loosen restrictions / end the lockdown. How is this similar to / different than what you read in the Greenstone & Nigam / Thunstrom, Newbold, Finnoff, Ashworth, and Shogren papers? Be very specific as to when we will know it’s time to move back toward normalcy.

**Part 3, Alternative B:** **This part should be a thesis-driven essay, 4-5 paragraphs.** What is happening in your locality (either your current locality or the locality where you are from) with respect to lockdowns or social distancing protocols? Compare and contrast these three readings in the context of our course readings;

* Ed Yong, "[Our Pandemic Summer](https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/04/pandemic-summer-coronavirus-reopening-back-normal/609940/)," *Atlantic Monthly,*April 14, 2020
* Danielle Allen et al., [*Roadmap to Pandemic Resilience: Massive Scale Testing, Tracing, and Supported Isolation (TTSI) as the Path to Pandemic Resilience for a Free Society*](https://ethics.harvard.edu/files/center-for-ethics/files/roadmaptopandemicresilience_updated_4.20.20.pdf), Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University, April 20, 2020
* Scott Gottleib et al., [*National Coronavirus Response:  A Road Map to Reopening*](https://www.aei.org/research-products/report/national-coronavirus-response-a-road-map-to-reopening/), American Enterprise Institute, March 28, 2020

To what extent, if any do these works incorporate the reasoning of the Greenstone & Nigam / Thunstrom, Newbold, Finnoff, Ashworth, and Shogren papers? If they don’t incorporate this reasoning, what do they use instead?

This is both a little less and a little more work from the past two weeks. Please submit your answers in a PDF on Moodle.