This Virus is Deadly
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It’s not safe to leave your home.
To go to the park, jogging, parties, church, the grocery store, or school.
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Daily news of innocent lives lost.
Photos, videos, and memorials flood our screens.
Tears in our eyes for those beautiful lives that have been taken.
A collective mourn at yet another death.
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A plea to find a cure.
Too many innocent lives have already been lost.
Brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, partners, grandparents, children, neighbors, coworkers.
We can’t endure another death.
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People have tired of this destructive virus.
Across the world, protests in the streets and outside government buildings.
Signs demanding freedom, justice, action.
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There’s only one way to destroy this virus.
We must stand united. Raise your hand.
Raise your voice.
Shout your demands. Systemic change, accountability, zero tolerance, justice, reform.

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