It is clearly obvious that states/countries that have not gone into total lockdowns, have fared better than those who have. Florida, Sweden, etc. have lower rates of people contracting Covid-19 as well as per capita death rates; and Florida has quite a large population over age 65. The leading states, such as New Jersey and New York have been in lockdown for a year, and they still have a higher rate than other states.

Oregon is ranking in the bottom 10 for states with cases or deaths from this disease; so easing restrictions should be feasible.

But I would like to comment on the ignorance that too many people - health "authorities" included - do not seem to grasp the way this works. First, the concept of immunity. Once a person has a disease like the measles, chicken pox, etc., they are immune for their lifetime. They no longer are at risk or a threat. Period. Same as the innoculated - they should be able to go mask-free. They cannot give the disease - they cannot get the disease. Period. The word "contagious" means that you are a carrier and can spead illness. Such is not the case when you become immune. So why isn't this information being broadcast as many times as it takes for people to be educated on this matter? I consider this a gross injustice, and quite a deliberate oversight. Or is it just to maintain control?

People will not get a vaccine if they cannot remove their masks. What's the point?

Meanwhile, businesses - and lives - are being destroyed. These charts and graphs do not include the number of suicides, domestic abuse, crime rate increase, etc. Factor those in and you would get an entirely different (and ugly) picture of what's being done to people around the world.

So, tell everyone who has had Covid-19 and recovered that they can go back to their normal lives. And tell everyone who gets the vaccines, that they can go back to their normal lives. Period.