

Covid is an ongoing threat to the well being of million...

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As the [Guardian noted](#) last night:

No 10 is drawing up plans to phase out England's remaining pandemic restrictions from as early as March as a beleaguered [Boris Johnson](#) signals to his backbenchers that he is prepared to let the UK live with the virus.

The message, designed solely for consumption by the Tory backbenchers, is that we will now have to live with Covid.

This is an act of the upmost irresponsibility. As the Covide data from yesterday shows, there 84,429 positive cases yesterday. In the last week, there have been 700,366 positive cases, down 501,197 on the previous week. There were 85 deaths within 28 days of a positive test. In the last week 1,845 deaths have been reported, an increase of 515 on the previous week. As of the latest data 19,345 COVID patients are in hospital, or about one in six of all people in hospital.

So, it would seem as though omicron has peaked, which is not to say that Covid is over. It is just that this variant has peaked. There will very likely be another along soon.

And despite all the claims that this version is mild deaths are still rising, even as hospital admissions are falling and ICU cases have been level. That's because it so happens that this version does not hit the lungs as badly as previous versions did. But as [the Guardian notes](#), this version kills in different ways:

It's far more likely that Covid exacerbates another condition or causes a different illness to rise to the forefront: complications from diabetes, renal failure, strokes, heart inflammation or failure, asthma, emphysema, pulmonary embolisms.

Cases of diabetes in children are rising. And have you noticed how many people with apparently unknown heart conditions are dying? This may well be Covid. No other respiratory diseases creates that list of issues, but Covid is doing so. And that is also a reason why deaths are increasing whilst hospitals are not as overwhelmed as expected (and they are still overwhelmed). People are dying at home instead. That is the

explanation for that.

But to appease the mad members of the Tory party restrictions are to be removed and public health concern about Covid is to be scaled back when it is apparent that the incidence of long Covid is rising and other causes of fatality, right across age ranges, are rising as a result.

And it is not as if it has gone away. As one teacher told me at the weekend, she started the week with 26 in her class. At the end of the week she had 12 and one in hospital with dangerously low blood pressure. And this is primary school.

Covid is not going away.

Omicron is not mild.

There will be other variants, inevitably.

And yet the government is washing its hands of all measures when this is an issue requiring attention for the long term, like all diseases that have yet to become endemic, and even those that have.

You literally cannot make irresponsibility on this level up. And all to save one man and his job.