

## Don't forget Covid

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A week ago, [I reported](#) that I was feeling very fatigued and needed to take the weekend off.

A week on, I feel a bit better and now understand what I had last weekend. The fatigue, it turns out, was caused by Covid. It seems almost certain that I have now had my fourth out of this. I have not had a positive Covid test. This, however, is not unusual. Apparently, 38% of people with the latest variant never get a positive test, so its absence proves nothing.

From my perspective, the particularly worrying aspect of this variant, apart from the fatigue (which, as usual, was not fun), was that it affected some muscle control. Typing became hard for a few days, but more significantly, so did speaking.

If any of you have watched the videos over the last week, you will have noticed that they appear to have taken more effort on my part than usual. That, in particular, is because I was forced to script more because fatigue made it difficult to improvise, as I usually do to a large degree, and simultaneously, simply forming my words proved to be hard on occasion.

This was quite worrying until Jacqueline completed research to find out what the cause might be, and ended up with the latest Covid variant as an explanation for what was happening . Temporary speech impediment is a recognised side effect.

I am pleased that I now appear to be getting better and that this symptom is reducing in its impact. That said, I am still not flowing quite as usual, and as a result, we are, for the first time ever, re-issuing some old videos that were quite successful when first published this weekend. If television channels can do repeats, so can we. I hope to be back in the groove of making videos again next week. I have lots of ideas.

I also hope that the fatigue finally disappears because I would be pleased if it does .

The plans for changes in moderation are not being put on hold, though. Andy Moyle is still trialling the new system, but that is taking time because it is a major rewrite of the

one embedded in WordPress.