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Letter to the Editor

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**To the Editor:**

I agree with the points made in the Star Tribune’s Feb. 26 editorial, “Straight talk on coronavirus risks is welcome and necessary.” This is a very concerning issue, especially as the number of cases grow each day making it closer to becoming a pandemic.

The editorial pointed out that “straight talk” is vital from experts. I agree with this point because as the media are spreading this story, information can become confused.

Some do not realize that most people who are infected actually recover. Another point is that the majority of people who are dying from the virus in the U.S. are elderly who had underlying health concerns.

Another aspect of this issue is that while accuracy and tracking of this virus is important, prevention is something that needs to be more prominently addressed. While this virus is contagious and worrisome, it is like the flu.

The symptoms are very similar and so is the prevention. Normal safety precautions, such as washing your hands, going to the doctor when you start to feel sick and covering your mouth when you cough are simple ways people can protect themselves from getting the virus.

It is important for our nation to properly prepare for the outbreak of this virus. Just as Ebola and SARS ran its course and eventually became controlled, hopefully the same will happen soon with this virus.

Sincerely,

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