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Anyone in close contact w president in time in which he was deemed to be contagious should be quarantined and tested. 1/x

If president's symptoms started Thursday, anyone he was in close contact with on Tuesday onward should quarantine for 2 wks. From this account that includes VICE President Pence <https://nytimes.com/2020/10/02/us/politics/pence-coronavirus-debate.html> 2/x

Given Vice President Pence's close proximity to the president - as per the NYT - the VP debate should be virtual. This debate could be done easily by a videolink and it would reduce risks to all concerned. 3/x

In addition to the VP's potential exposure to the president (or other people at the White House, given the substantial WH related outbreak), there are other reasons it would pose less risk to have virtual format. 4/x

11 workers who worked at the Cleveland debate developed COVID attributable to their work there. 5/x

Also in first debate, members of president's family didn't wear masks as required for all audience members by Cleveland Clinic team and Commission on Presidential debates. The possibility that kind of thing could occur again is another reason to move the debates to virtual. 6/x

If there are going to be more presidential debates, they should be virtual as well, for similar reasons. 7/x