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Ramifications of the COVID events in the White House of the last week for the public: 1/x

Its not right to say that the pandemic is turning the corner. We continue to be in the dangerous middle of it. 2/x

There are average of 43,000 new COVID cases happening every day, That's 20% higher than 3 weeks ago. Cases are rising in >2/3rds of states.

<https://nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> Hospitalizations on the rise for first time in long time. An average of about 700 deaths a day. 3/x

Some states are seeing their all time high numbers of cases. 4/x

Based on the past week's events – the president and first lady's illness, the rose garden ceremony that may have been a superspreading event -- people should continue to do what they can on an individual level to reduce the risk of COVID transmission. 5/x

And leaders should recognize that substantial risks remain, and should communicate to the public the continued high importance of maintaining distance, wearing masks, and avoiding large gatherings as essential measures in trying to bring this pandemic under better control.
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