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WHO says young people also at risk from COVID-19 – 24th March, 2020

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The WHO told young people they are at risk from COVID-19. Young people can catch the virus. Not just older people catch it. Many young people are getting ill or dying. They are also spreading the disease to grandparents. The White House told young people to not meet in large groups. This will help slow the spread of the virus.

Coronavirus can put young people in hospital for weeks. Many patients in hospital are under 50. It can also kill them. The choices young people make about where they go could kill someone else. New York's leader said young people must practice social distancing so they do not risk other peoples' health.

Level 1

The WHO warned young people they are at risk from COVID-19. Many young people believe they cannot catch the virus because of their age. They think only older people catch it. The WHO said this is a mistake. Many young people are getting ill or dying. They are also spreading the disease to their parents and grandparents. The White House told young people to follow the rules and not gather in large groups. This will help slow the spread of the virus.

The WHO told young people they can get COVID-19. Coronavirus can put young people in hospital for weeks, or even kill them. The choices they make about where they go could mean someone else dies. Many COVID-19 patients in hospital are under 50 years old. New York's governor said many young people are not following social-distancing rules. He told them: "This is a public health issue and you cannot be endangering other peoples' health."

Level 2

The WHO is warning young people worldwide that they are at risk from COVID-19. Many young people mistakenly believe they cannot catch the virus because of their age. They think it is a disease that only older people catch. The WHO said the truth is that many young people are catching the coronavirus. Many young people are becoming ill or dying from it. It added that young people are also spreading the disease to their parents and grandparents. The White House also told young people to follow advice and not gather in large groups. This will help prevent the spread of the virus.

The WHO boss said: "Today, I have a message for young people: You are not invincible." He added: "This coronavirus could put you in hospital for weeks, or even kill you. Even if you don't get sick, the choices you make about where you go could be the difference between life and death for someone else." The WHO said many COVID-19 patients in hospital are aged under 50. New York's governor said many young people are not following social-distancing rules. He told young people that: "This is a public health issue and you cannot be endangering other peoples' health."

Level 3

The World Health Organization (WHO) is warning young people all over the world that they are also at risk from COVID-19. The WHO said young people are not exempt from catching the coronavirus. Many young people mistakenly believe they will not catch the virus because of their age. They think it is a disease that only older people catch. The WHO said the truth is that young people are catching the coronavirus and becoming ill or dying from it. It added that young people are also spreading the disease to their parents, grandparents and other people. The White House also urged young adults to follow advice and to avoid gathering in large groups to help prevent the spread of the virus.

The Director-General of the WHO said: "Today, I have a message for young people: You are not invincible." He added: "This coronavirus could put you in hospital for weeks, or even kill you. Even if you don't get sick, the choices you make about where you go could be the difference between life and death for someone else." The WHO said: "A significant proportion of patients treated in hospital for COVID-19 around the world are aged under 50." New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said many young people are not following the state's social-distancing rules. He told young people that: "This is a public health issue and you cannot be endangering other peoples' health."