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## Wash your Hands and Ignore the Panic

The Governor has called for mass panic, then told us not to panic, REALLY?

In light of the cases of COVID19 in the state of New Mexico, I encourage people to take common sense measures to prevent the spread of any disease. We all should take the same precautions as we do to avoid the flu.

If we put this in perspective, many more people get sick and die from the seasonal flu in our state every year than have contracted COVID19 in the entire United States. While we are concerned about the seasonal flu, we don't declare states of emergency and cause panic over it.

The governor's Health Emergency declaration is already having huge negative effects on our state.

The governor has touted tourism as the way to move away from the fossil fuel industry that currently funds the state budget. As of today's emergency declaration, she is actively destroying that industry as well. Right after her announcement, the run on the grocery stores began.

Now, the single mom who gets off of work at 5:00 p.m. won't be able to buy groceries to feed her child this weekend if shelves become empty due to the panic. Are the banks all going to defer the mortgage payments, without penalty because everyone is home and not working? Is rent going to be deferred? The natural progress of panic will lead to schools closing, forcing parents to stay home, gutting grocery store staff, so no one can buy food. Medical staff will stay home to take care of their kids resulting in no medical care for anyone. The panic the governor induced in New Mexico has the potential to go on and on.

Wash your hands and ignore the panic.