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"The mean age & BMI has been an important factor in the number of deaths"- Dr Amitav Banerjee

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Dr Amitav Banerjee, Professor & Head Community Medicine, Dr DY Patil Medical College, Pune talks about the truth behind herd immunity



"If we choose to open schools and colleges once the curve stabilises, there are very strong chances that we will be able to achieve herd immunity. Children & young adults have a fresh immunity, which makes them better prepared to fight infections. It has a multiplier effect- if we develop it, we can protect many people. If we study USA data, 24 districts in USA do not a single child fatality”

The mean age & BMI has been an important factor in the number of deaths. Recent update from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention mentions that obesity is a major risk factor for fatality from Covid-19 virus. Japan never had a lockdown & despite having higher mean age there were very few fatalities, which reconfirm CDC findings."

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