

## Presidents Message for October - 10/4/2020

We played a little less bridge in September when compared to August. Still September was an incredibly good month. During September we had 28 games with 334 tables. We had 202 different players who played with us in the daily virtual tournaments. We had 1336 admissions this month. Our top player, Janet Gleason, played in 27 games. We gave out 641.66 Black and 64.92 Gold MPs this month. The top MP earner was Samuel Jordan with total of 30.49 MPs. He won top position in both the Black and Gold MP competitions. There were no 70+% games during the month. Rick Norton Jr. and Samuel Jordan had the highest game at 67.22% barely beating Rick Kerbel and Ho Ming Yim at 66.32%. Thirty-five new players played with us this month.

A new evening has begun on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. If you like playing in the evenings this might be for you. It is 18 boards and the cost is \$3.00.

I have had several inquiries about face-to-face play. Bridge is the most dangerous type of activity that I can imagine. Close contact with lots of different people for considerable periods of time. It is right up there with my other passion, Square Dancing. Barring a miracle, we probably will not be playing face-to-face before March of next year.

The plot below is from the CDC. It has been the plot I have used for the last six months to determine when it is safe to go back to life. It is an easy plot to understand. The CDC is good at counting Death Certificates. This plot does not make any attempt to determine what caused these deaths. It just tells you how many people were supposed to die compared to how many people have died. As you can see lots of extra people are still dying. I am not going back out until the plot gets back to normal.

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In case you want to look at the data yourself:

[https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/excess\\_deaths.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/excess_deaths.htm).

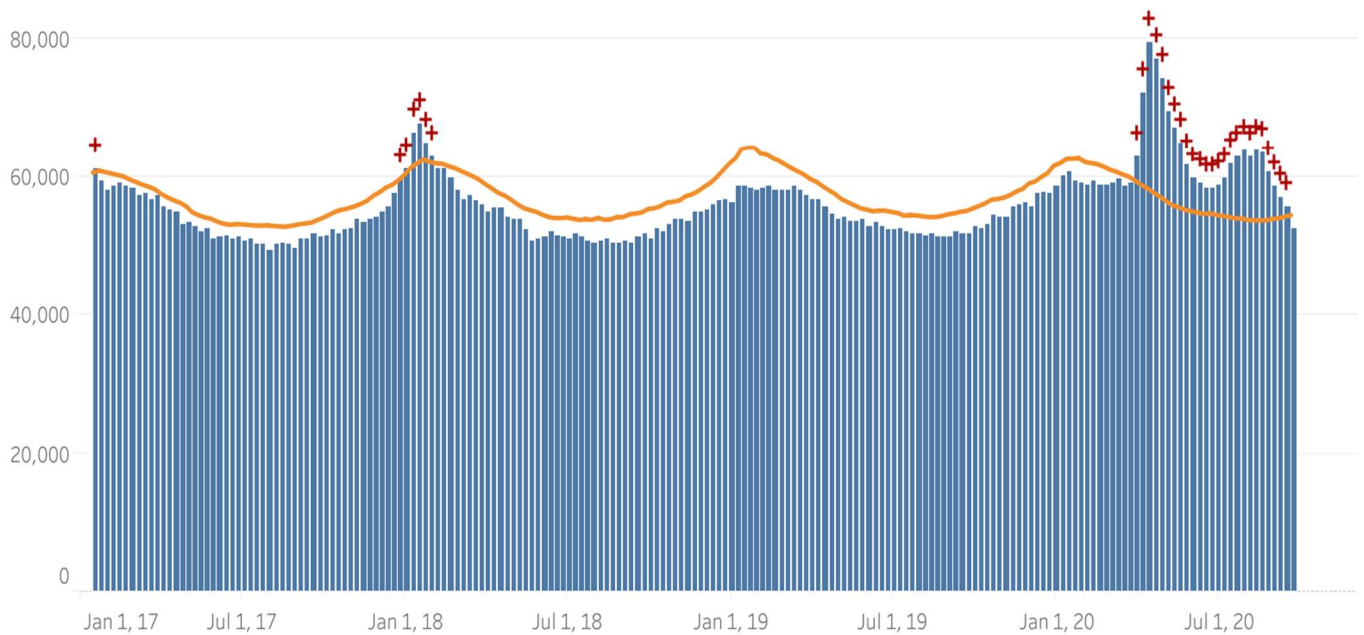
The spike in 2018 was the worst flu season since 1918.

Select a jurisdiction:

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- + indicates observed count above threshold
- g Predicted number of deaths from all causes
- threshold for excess deaths

Weekly number of deaths (from all causes)



For now, stay happy, healthy, and play more Bridge!

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