

## **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Pandemic - Chaos Everywhere**

**January 6, 2020.** Today I was admitted to the hospital with a very severe infection unrelated to Covid. Soon I found myself laying in bed hooked up to an intravenous (IV) drip and in extreme pain from a mysterious infection; concerned about the escalation of Covid infections and deaths; and disappointed about not being able to get vaccinated. Then I turned on the TV and watched with dismay as the President of the United States openly encouraged demonstrators to storm the Capital. The Covid psychological pressure on our nation has been never ending and the political support system was coming unhinged while I was dealing with my own serious health issue. As I contemplated what was happening, everything seemed to be in a state of chaos.

After two weeks of trying to use oral antibiotics to combat the infection, the doctors decided that I needed to be treated with strong IV antibiotics. A crowded hospital with Covid patients was probably the last place that I wanted to be. News outlets were reporting that the spread of the Covid-19 virus was accelerating and had now claimed nearly 400,000 Americans. I had an appointment to receive the vaccine but because of my hospitalization I was canceled out; a real bummer.

Fortunately my wife was able to secure appointments for both of us next week about 60 miles north of home. In addition, the antibiotics seem to be working;; infection is under control; the pain has diminished and the swelling is down. The transition to a new President and a new federal government will happen in two weeks. Hopefully I and the country as a whole are on the road back to normalcy.