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Infodemic

We've had to learn a new vocabulary: pandemic, percent positivity, PPE, R-naught.

Information overwhelms, knowledge evolves, uncertainty abounds.

Conflicting advice is everywhere.

CDC, you're breaking my heart!

At least say: *At this point in time...* or *To the best of our knowledge...*

Speak science's evidence, not politics' prevarications.

There are few cold facts and hard truths.

Here are two:

200,000 Americans didn't expect to die this way in 2020.

And the rest of us don't know what to do.

Gale G. Hannigan, 9/7/20