

STRADDLING THE COVID-19 BARBED WIRE FENCE IN KANSAS

Kansas Gov Laura Kelly (D) issued a statewide “Stay at Home” order yesterday, and beyond the impact on corralling the COVID-19 epidemic, it also is forcing some in the Kansas GOP to straddle a very nasty fence, like US Representative Roger Marshall.

NEW ORLEANS IS DROWNING. AGAIN.

There are sad parallels between the flooding of New Orleans after Katrina and the situation now faced there with COVID-19. It appears likely that once again, our country will fail large numbers of those who most desperately need our help.

RURAL ROULETTE: THE THREE-DAY CHURCH EVENT

Tourists, visiting missionaries, grieving friends and relatives of a long-standing community member. These are the ties that link rural communities across the country to a global network of virus. Not only don't their local healthcare facilities have the resources to treat this disease, but residents are more likely to be older, in ill health, and lack

health insurance.

DISPATCH FROM THE WAR ON COVID-19 [UPDATE-1]

Two foot soldiers offer testimony of the action from the front lines on the war against COVID-19 here in my home state, Michigan.

TRUMP CAN'T TURN THE ECONOMY BACK ON WITHOUT OVERRIDING EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF 30 GOVERNORS

If Trump wants to reopen the government next week, he's going to have to force a bunch of governors, including at least three Republicans, to rescind their stay and home orders.

TRUMP THREATENS TO WITHHOLD DISASTER DECLARATION FOR

MICHIGAN BECAUSE GRETCHEN WHITMER WAS MEAN TO HIM

Right now, Michigan has more positive cases of COVID-19 than all but two states had when Trump approved disaster declarations for those states. But Trump doesn't want to approve one for Michigan because, he says, Governor Whitmer was mean to him.

TRUMP'S DEATH PANEL COMES FOR DETROIT [UPDATE-1]

Trump decided to kill Detroiters by withholding essential equipment. He's chosen not to act, trash talking about Michigan's governor in the process. Welcome to Trump's death panel.

TRUMP FIGHTING FOR FLOATING PETRI DISHES BUT NOT LIFE-SAVING VENTILATORS

Not only is Trump's dawdling on funding more ventilators going to lead to unnecessary deaths, but it undermines Trump's efforts to get people back to work.

TRUMP'S BLAME THE GOVERNORS STRATEGY AND RURAL ROULETTE

There's a suspicion that Trump is planning to blame governors who've imposed state-wide stay-at-home orders for any economic damage done by closures. But that's going to be a lot harder if the swing states with partial closures, including FL, GA, PA, and AZ, have significantly worse outcomes than the states with full orders.

THE TICK-TOCK TO COVID-19'S EXPLOSION

Let's cut through the bullshit here. If Trump wanted to look like a hero to the American public, he'd listen to virologists, epidemiologists, and public health experts and do what they asked – but no.