

# **US COVID-19 CASES NOW SPREADING DUE TO TRUMP'S TESTING RESTRICTIONS AND DISMANTLING OF PANDEMIC RESPONSE TEAMS**

In 2018, Donald Trump dismantled the pandemic response structure that Barack Obama had built during the Ebola outbreak. That, coupled with his administration needlessly restricting access to COVID-19 testing, has led to the virus likely spreading much more widely in the US than would have been the case with early widespread testing followed by appropriate isolation of infected individuals.