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Chicago Public Schools are supposed to open for some special needs and pre-K students Monday

The Chicago Teachers Union is now threatening to refuse to return to work in person.

<https://t.co/MgDgNe6REj>



Sign the all-member collective letter pledging to oppose — and take action against — the mayor's reckless plan to reopen on Jan. 4.

Meanwhile

<https://t.co/Flij8J3r7z>

Dr. Fauci: "The default position should be to try as best as possible within reason to keep the children in school or to get them back to school [...] if you look at the data the spread among children and from children is not really big at all"



UNICEF: "Data from 191 countries shows no consistent link between reopening schools and increased rates of coronavirus infection."

<https://t.co/s560q5ONEe>

CDC Director: "the data clearly shows us that you can operate these schools in face-to-face learning in a safe and responsible way."

<https://t.co/RVciotOda2>

"Schools are not spreading covid-19. This new data makes the case."

<https://t.co/B0ALpTFKSf>

"In-person schooling does not appear to increase the risk of covid-19 transmission for staff and students, according to data from New York state."

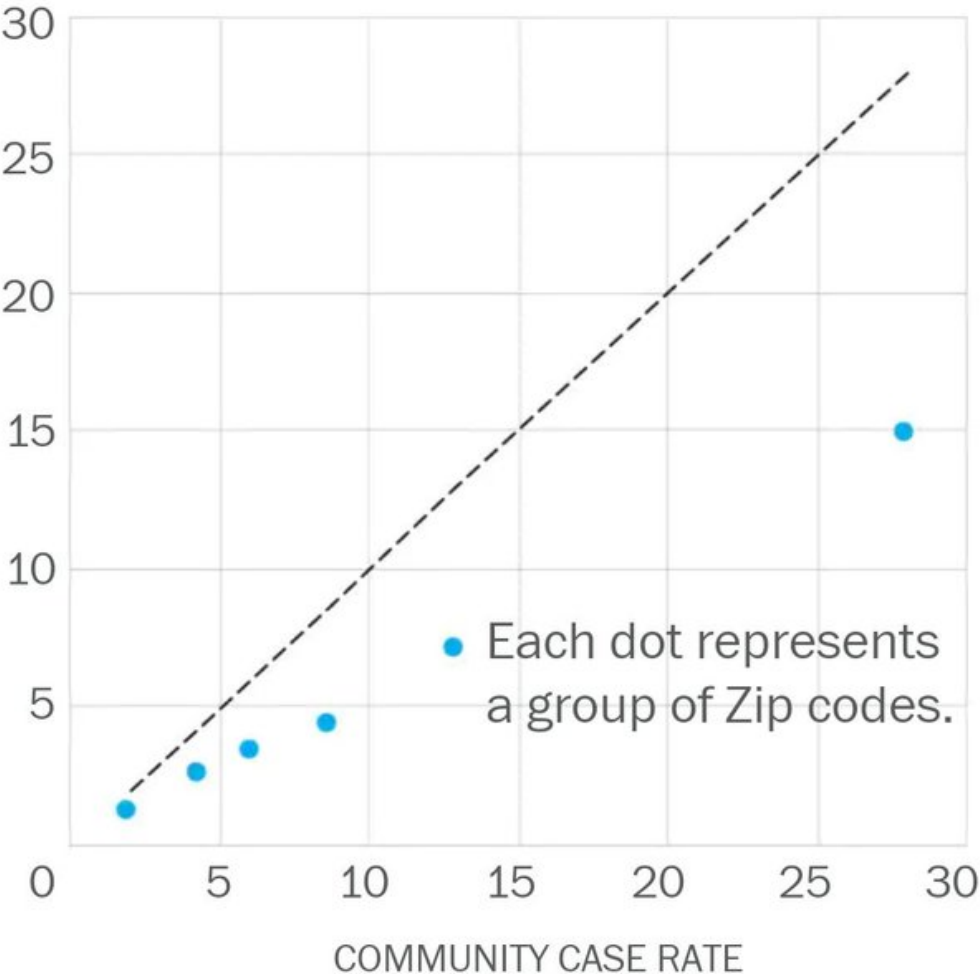
Covid-19 infection rates in communities and schools

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Case rate in schools among **elementary and middle school students** is lower than the rate in the overall community.

*Cases per 100,000 people

SCHOOL CASE RATE



"Schools Aren't Super-Spreaders"

<https://t.co/xhEnUCVzD2>

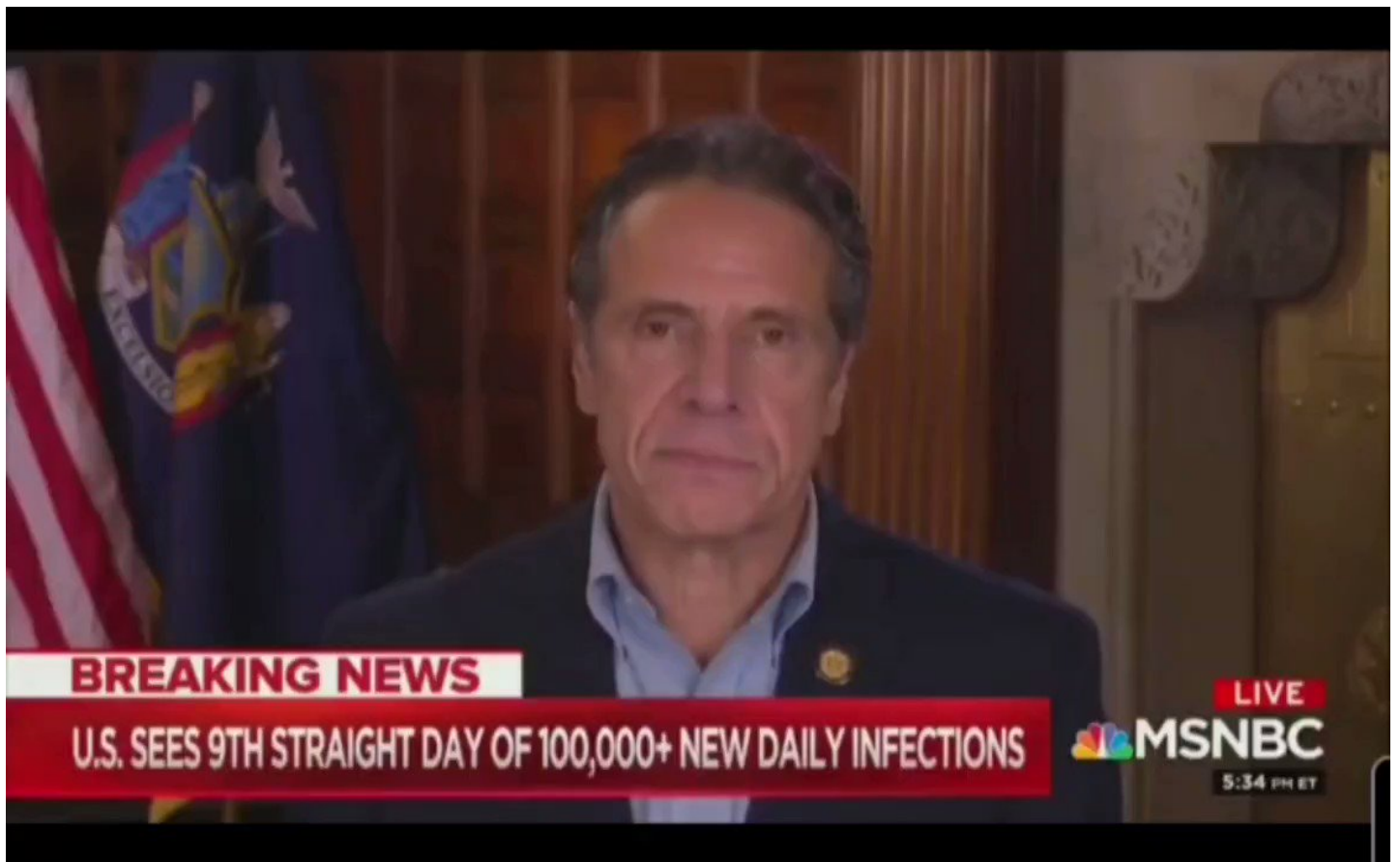
Governor Cuomo: "We're not seeing spread in the schools."

You see a very low percentage of positivity in the schools."



"So why close the schools?"

Cuomo: "well because the agreement [...] the local school districts consulted their parents, the teachers at the time, the teachers union at the time, and they came up with an agreement."



If Safeway employees strike families can take their money elsewhere

If school employees strike families should be able to take their children's education dollars elsewhere.

Families should be able to take their children's education dollars elsewhere regardless of whether schools reopen

Education funding is supposed to be meant for educating children - not for protecting a government monopoly.

We should fund students instead of institutions.