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Intro

Conspiracy

When to get tested

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officials have announced a major reporting error in the number of reporting error in the number of copit19 tests conducted since the start copit19 tests conducted since the start of the pandemic of the pandemic so can the numbers be trusted and this so can the numbers be trusted and this is happening is happening everywhere joining us to discuss is dr everywhere joining us to discuss is dr al al al johnson a doctor of internal medicine johnson a doctor of internal medicine and women's health at johnson medical and women's health at johnson medical associates associates associates in dallas texas thank you for being with in dallas texas thank you for being with us dr ale us dr ale my pleasure now dr al why do you think my pleasure now dr al why do you think there are so many errors in the testing there are so many errors in the testing and do you think that it's inflating the and do you think that it's inflating the numbers i mean we kind of know the numbers i mean we kind of know the answer to this answer to this well there's there's a lot of issues at well there's there's a lot of issues at play play play one is is the developing test one is is the developing test for a new virus and getting it for a new virus and getting it validated is one problem validated is one problem sampling can be another problem on how sampling can be another problem on how it's sampled it's sampled then instituting those new tests then instituting those new tests uh making sure that controls are normal uh making sure that controls are normal uh and are done correctly uh and are done correctly and then just getting the patients and then just getting the patients sampled and the samples to the lab in sampled and the samples to the lab in the lab the lab being able to run the test and then get being able to run the test and then get it back it back it's a major undertaking on developing it's a major undertaking on developing the new test the new test and so many people are trying to say and so many people are trying to say that maybe it's a conspiracy that maybe it's a conspiracy against donald trump to get him out of against donald trump to get him out of office what are your thoughts office what are your thoughts well what we've in my opinion what we well what we've in my opinion what we run across run across is bureaucratic type is bureaucratic type regulations and and hold ups uh regulations and and hold ups uh in the sense that they want everything in the sense that they want everything perfect perfect perfect uh in war or in a pandemic you aren't uh in war or in a pandemic you aren't going to have everything perfect going to have everything perfect you're going to have to go with what you you're going to have to go with what you have as the best have as the best thing at the time and then modified as thing at the time and then modified as you go you go and i i think you know they tried to do and i i think you know they tried to do that that that and has done a pretty good and has done a pretty good job of doing that it's just not what's job of doing that it's just not what's been been been satisfactory for some of the media and satisfactory for some of the media and getting as many tests out there as getting as many tests out there as possible possible possible getting those tests out there and getting those tests out there and getting them instituted is difficult getting them instituted is difficult many of the major labs have trouble in many of the major labs have trouble in turnaround times because of numbers turnaround times because of numbers i personally use a private lab that's i personally use a private lab that's clia certified clia certified and i can get the pcr nasal test and i can get the pcr nasal test back within 24 hours back within 24 hours 24 hour turnaround that's great yeah and 24 hour turnaround that's great yeah and that lab that lab is is a texas lab and they have is is a texas lab and they have capability running 50 000 capability running 50 000 tests a day with their equipment tests a day with their equipment you bring up a good question there's so you bring up a good

question there's so many tests being done many tests being done who really needs to be tested does who really needs to be tested does everyone need to run out if they sneeze everyone need to run out if they sneeze suddenly or if somebody clears their suddenly or if somebody clears their throat i think it's mass panic where throat i think it's mass panic where everyone goes everyone goes do i have covet and then some people go do i have covet and then some people go no it's just your typical cold when when no it's just your typical cold when when do you know do you know when to get tested well when to get tested well that's that's a really good discussion that's that's a really good discussion because because because ideally if we knew everyone at the same ideally if we knew everyone at the same time time time that had an infection then we could that had an infection then we could isolate those people isolate those people and probably be done with it sure but and probably be done with it sure but we don't we don't have that capability we don't we don't have that capability so then the question is so then the question is what capabilities do we have that would what capabilities do we have that would best protect us best protect us so if like starting back in school so if like starting back in school if you could test everybody on the first if you could test everybody on the first day of school and find out who's day of school and find out who's positive who's negative positive who's negative or the day before and then then you or the day before and then then you could screen out who could screen out who who was positive negative you'd decrease who was positive negative you'd decrease the risk of someone being there that is the risk of someone being there that is infected that would infect someone else infected that would infect someone else um same way in the workplace uh um same way in the workplace uh right and so now the initial right and so now the initial testing situation was was only if you're testing situation was was only if you're really having symptoms do we test you really having symptoms do we test you and then sometimes we don't do that we and then sometimes we don't do that we just treat you when you get in the just treat you when you get in the hospital and hospital and are that sick it's been my personal are that sick it's been my personal experience experience experience that if i test them and they come up that if i test them and they come up positive positive positive and they have a few symptoms then to and they have a few symptoms then to treat them treat them immediately and in medicine the sooner immediately and in medicine the sooner you treat you treat a disease process the sooner you catch a disease process the sooner you catch it and have intervention it and have intervention the better the outcomes are absolutely the better the outcomes are absolutely well unfortunately we're out of time well unfortunately we're out of time thank you so much for being on dr al thank you so much for being on dr al johnson johnson johnson doctor of internal medicine and women's doctor of internal medicine and women's health at johnson medical associates in health at johnson medical associates in dallas texas dallas texas thank you for being on to discuss all thank you for being on to discuss all those covet errors and those covet errors and how those testing companies can fix the how those testing companies can fix the problem thank you for being on the show problem thank you for being on the show you're welcome my pleasure take care you're welcome my pleasure take care thank you sir thank you sir well make sure you stay tuned coming up well make sure you stay tuned coming up after the break we're going to speak to after the break we're going to speak to madeleine madeleine madeleine westerhout about her book off the record westerhout about her book off the record are you really ever off the record stay are you really ever off the record stay tuned