

## "The mean age & BMI has been an important factor in the number of deaths"- Dr Amitav Banerjee

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**Dr Amitav Banerjee, Professor & Head Community Medicine, Dr DY Patil Medical College, Pune talks about the truth behind herd immunity**



"If we choose to open schools and colleges once the curve stabilises, there are very strong chances that we will be able to achieve herd immunity. Children & young adults have a fresh immunity, which makes them better prepared to fight infections. It has a multiplier effect- if we develop it, we can protect many people. If we study USA data, 24 districts in USA do not a single child fatality"

The mean age & BMI has been an important factor in the number of deaths. Recent update from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention mentions that obesity is a major risk factor for fatality from Covid-19 virus. Japan never had a lockdown & despite having higher mean age there were very few fatalities, which reconfirm CDC findings."

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