

Is it Time To Panic? by Judi Billcliff

There's a virus on the way
In fact, it's already here!
The media is loving it
Instilling folk with fear.
Getting us to panic
Rush off and make a will,
Being wary of everyone
In case they make us ill.
Rather than advising us
To stop and take a breath,
Yes, Coronavirus is real -
But probably won't mean death!
Please stop panic buying
Emptying grocery shelves,
But focus on good hygiene
To better protect yourselves.
As the virus is spreading
Be vigilant and aware
Of your own personal actions -
It is a time to take care.
A lot of us will get it
That's the bottom line,
Some of us will feel like death
But end up being fine.
Stocking up on toilet rolls
Won't help ailing lungs,
It'll only come in handy
If you end up with the runs!
And for all those who miss out
It's handee towels and tissues
Stuffing up the plumbing
Creating more stressful issues.
Flu kills over half a million
Worldwide every year,
And we don't all hide away
But still keep busy out there!
One third of the population
Is infected with TB,
Did you even know that?
It was a surprise to me.
Close to seventeen million
Die from heart disease,
So rather than have anxiety
Try and calm down.... please.
Our world's full of leaders
Hooked on power and greed,
But one unknown virus -
Sees them helping enemies in need.

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- ***What is the difference being a. concerned b worried c panicked***
- ***In countries where we have a few cases confirmed do we need to still be aware?***
- ***What are some good extra hygiene practices we can be using more?***
- ***What are some good awareness ideas your school have instigated with the onset of the 'coronavirus'?***
- ***Do people need to start panic bulk buying items like toilet paper and hand sanitisers?***
- ***What are the effects of panic bulk buying on others? What would be sensible stocking up?***
- ***Should retail outlets be limiting some items e.g. toilet paper, medicines?***
- ***Do you think the media have handled this topic well? Are they being responsible?***
- ***What effect do you think the media has on how some people are dealing with it? Do they feed their worries?***
- ***What are the positive sides and negative sides of the media?***
- ***Make a list of how many items found in our stores are produced in China?***
- ***How will this affect the population of your country?***
- ***World leaders often attack one another verbally, and we have wars and unrest. Now some of these countries are helping each other. Do you think when the 'coronavirus' has settled they will continue to help, or go back to the way it was before?***
- ***There are some good ideas here for acting out, such as:
world leaders helping one another - people fighting over items in a supermarket - people helping someone in need who has missed out - put together a news report on the virus from a helpful perspective, and one from a fear perspective.***