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Just today, the World Health Organization officials announced coronavirus patients without symptoms are not driving the spread of the virus. Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, head of WHO's emerging diseases and zoonosis unit, said at a news briefing from the United Nations agency's Geneva headquarters. "It's very rare." She said, "From the data we have, it still seems to be rare that an asymptomatic person actually transmits onward to a secondary individual," She went on to say, "What we really want to be focused on is following the symptomatic cases," "If we actually followed all of the symptomatic cases, isolated those cases, followed the contacts and quarantined those contacts, we would drastically reduce" the outbreak.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/08/asymptomatic-coronavirus-patients-arent-spreading-new-infections-who-says.html>

The skilled nursing facility statistics for Pasadena are shocking, but they are downright chilling when you realize that any facility with fewer than 11 confirmed cases is not required to report their exact numbers. There are currently ten homes in Pasadena that do not meet this minimum threshold. If the minimum threshold was eliminated and 100% of cases were reported, Pasadena's nursing homes could easily account for 80+% of all cases in the city. Let that sink in. It is time to reopen this city, now.

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