2020 Current Events

- 1. 1/29: There's a new strand of coronavirus going around that originated in which Asian country? **China**
- 2. 3/4: The Coronavirus took its first toll outside of Washington State this week when a death due to the virus was found in a town in which other west coast state? **California**
- 3. 3/10: Which local radio station announced that their series of Free at Noon concerts would be held without an audience for the next six weeks? **WXPN**
- 4. 3/10: In the wake of the Coronavirus outbreak, which major music festival in Austin, TX was cancelled this week? **SXSW**
- 5. 3/10: The DOW had its largest single-day drop in history yesterday, less than 2 weeks since the last biggest single-day drop. Within a range of 300, how many points did the DOW drop on "Black Monday"? 1,191 (891-1491)
- 6. 3/11: In the event that the Coronavirus leaves Wall Street vulnerable, which Phila site did NASDAQ announce would be the backup trading floor? **Navy Yard**
- 7. 3/11: Learning their lesson from the Spanish Flu pandemic, which northeast city announced this week that it's cancelling its St. Patrick's Day Parade? **Phila**
- 8. 3/12: The NBA was the first American sports league to cancel games over the Coronavirus outbreak, after two players on which Western Conference team tested positive for the virus?

 Utah Jazz
- 9. 3/12: Together with his wife Rita Wilson, which Hollywood actor announced he has the Coronavirus? **Tom Hanks**
- 10. 3/19 (first VQ): In response to this whole thing, Disney dropped which animated sequel early on Disney+? *Frozen II*
- 11. 3/19: Which magazine, that everybody *totally* only read for the articles, announced they are shutting down, possibly forever? **Playboy**
- 12. 3/19: The Stock Market continues to tank, seeing it's latest new biggest crash on Monday, when it lost how many points, within 500? **2997** (**2500-3500**)
- 13. 3/19: Taking a play straight outta Andrew Yang's playbook, the White House announced plans for a stimulus package Tuesday which would include sending checks to Americans for how much money? \$1,000 (\$800-1200)

- 14. 3/19: Oil collapsed by 24% to \$20 yesterday, the lowest price since which year? (Within 2) **2002 (2000-2004)**
- 15. 3/19: The gov't has announced they extended the tax deadline. Formerly April 15th, what is the new last day to file taxes? **July 14th (30 days)**
- 16. 3/19: Citing inequality in access to technology, which northeast city's school district announced they will no longer allow online learning? **Phila**
- 17. 3/19: Which distillery located 70 miles NW of Phila announced they would turn their operation into a production line for hand sanitizer? **Eight Oaks Farm**
- 18. 3/19: Which World Leader, with ties to East Falls, became the first Head of State to contract the virus? **Prince Albert**
- 19. 3/26: This year's Summer Olympics have officially been postponed to next summer. Which Asian city is playing host? **Tokyo**
- 20. 3/26: Pennsylvania officially delayed its primary election. Originally slated for April 28th, what is the new Election Day? **June 2nd (pushed back 5 weeks)**
- 21. 3/26: Which Delaware music festival became the latest to close due to the global pandemic? **Firefly**
- 22. 3/26: In addition to making all of their premium content free for a month, which adult video site also pledged to donate 50,000 surgical masks to medics and first responders in NYC?

 PornHub
- 23. 3/26: Which Kentucky Senator became the first Senator to test positive for COVID19? Rand Paul
- 24. 3/26: Which British Royal also came down with COVID19? **Prince Charles**
- 25. 4/2: After the owner was being a dickbag, Philadelphia officials ended negotations over which former hospital? **Hahnemann**
- 26. 4/2: Within \$10K, a Scranton woman was arrested at a Gerrity's last week after purposely coughing on groceries worth approx. how much? \$35K (\$25-45K)
- 27. 4/2: Which DJ, with Philadelphia ties, was diagnosed with pneumonia and possibly COVID-19? **DJ Jazzy Jeff**
- 28. 4/2: Appropriately calling it "Some Good News," which former *Office* cast mate launched a YouTube channel this week in an effort to bring some good news to people? **John Krasinski** (**Jim**)

- 29. 4/2: RIP to Adam Schlesinger, the bassist and singer behind which band most famous for "Stacy's Mom"? **Fountains of Wayne**
- 30. 4/2: Calling it the 'most prudent option to stop the spread' of COVID19, Gov. Wolf extended PA's stay-at-home order until which date? **April 30**th
- 31. Which European World Leader with a bad haircut test positive for coronavirus this week?

 Boris Johnson
- 32. 4/9: Coming straight out of *Tiger King*, a tiger at a zoo in which northeast city tested positive for COVID19 this week? **NYC (Bronx)**
- 33. 4/9: After paying into pandemic insurance for almost 20 years, which major tennis tournament is set to get paid \$141MM this week after canceling this year's tourney? Wimbledon (which is 114MM GBP)
- 34. 4/9: Also RIP to which former one-footed Eagles kicker? **Tom Dempsey**
- 35. 4/9: Adding a message "I hope that you have a great, great, great day—[cuz] I love you," which pop star surprised ER staff at HUP with free lunch this week? **Lizzo**
- 36. 4/9: Which S Phila cheesesteak joint donated 1,000 cheesesteaks to hospital workers around the region- **Pat's** or Geno's?
- 37. 4/9: Perhaps as a result of its similar name, which Mexican beer halted production this week amid the coronavirus outbreak? **Corona**
- 38. 4/12: Which European World Leader was taken into intensive care this week after coming down with COVID-19? **Boris Johnson (UK)**
- 39. 4/12: Also RIP to which American folk singer, who was once called "the Mark Twain of songwriting"? **John Prine**
- 40. 4/16: Together with Halsey and he-who-shall-not-be-named-at-Billy-Murphy's, which NJ classic rocker is headlining a virtual "Jersey 4 Jersey" pandemic relief fund show next week?

 Bruce Springsteen
- 41. 4/16: In honor of his grandma who died from COVID-19, which SNL star announced this week that he's going to pay one month's rent for everyone in his grandmother's apartment building? **Che**
- 42. 4/16: Perhaps living up to his name, which *Sesame Street* character is hosting a weekly snack chat to help kids deal with staying home? **Cookie Monster**

- 43. 4/23: Giving us light at the end of the tunnel, PA governor Tom Wolf laid out plans to open up the state starting which May date? **May 8th**
- 44. 4/23: Doctors at CHOP are seeing fewer kids with which airway disease during lockdown? **Asthma**
- 45. 4/23: Adding that she "doesn't have the virus," a woman was accused on spitting at people at which Italian Market cheese shop this week? **DiBruno Bros**
- 46. 4/23: Many small business owners are still waiting for their apps to process about SBA loans despite which steakhouse company being loaned \$20MM? **Ruth's Chris**
- 47. 4/23: RIP to which folk icon DJ from XPN, MMR, and other radio stations? Gene Shay
- 48. 4/23: Also RIP to which NY improv theater and training center founded, in part, by Amy Poehler? **UCB**
- 49. 5/1: Thanks to the country's excess of potatoes, which Western European country is asking its citizens to eat frozen French Fries twice a week? **Belgium**
- 50. 5/1: Which former NBC sitcom had a one-off reunion special last night dealing with the COVID lockdown? **Parks and Rec**
- 51. 5/1: At Anthony Fauci's request, who made a surprise cameo on SNL last weekend and played the doctor in the Cold Open? **Brad Pitt**
- 52. 5/1: Which singer-songwriter/rapper led a Nirvana tribute concert livestream on YouTube?

 Post Malone
- 53. 5/1: In an official guide to safe sex during the pandemic, which major northeast city specifically called out 'rimming'? **NYC**
- 54. 5/1: Which major toy company is honoring COVID doctors by releasing a line of toy frontline health workers? **Mattell**
- 55. 5/1: Which company became the first American airline to require all passengers to wear masks? **JetBlue**
- 56. 5/1: After President Trump made comments suggesting people could get an injection of the stuff that would knock out Coronavirus, the makers of which household cleaning product warned against internal use of their products? **Lysol**
- 57. 5/7: MLB still has yet to start their season. In its place, ESPN is broadcasting live games from which Asian country? **Korea** (**KBO**)

- 58. 5/7: Before being roundly debunked, a conspiracy theory video made the rounds on social media alleging that which doctor planned and created COVID-19 as a so-called "plandemic"? **Dr. Fauci**
- 59. 5/7: Before being swiftly mocked by the current guy in the White House, which former President called for an end to partisanship in our battle against the coronavirus? **George W Bush**
- 60. 5/14: Also a question in last month's "Tigers" round, RIP to which tiger tamer: Siegfried or **Roy?**
- 61. 5/14: Which restaurateur/TV personality helped raised more than \$20MM for struggling restaurant workers? **Guy Fieri**
- 62. 5/14: In a surprise announcement, which hit Broadway play announced it would be released on Disney+ July 3rd? **Hamilton**
- 63. 5/14: Which tech company that its employees can work from home forever? Twitter
- 64. 5/14: Which two legendary heavyweights announced that they may have a rematch to raise money for charity? **Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield**
- 65. 5/14: Which World Leader announced this week that he would help any kid with homework that asked him? **Justin Trudeau**
- 66. 5/21: TIME Magazine's latest issue, called "Generation Pandemic" features a photograph taken by a student at which Phila university? **Drexel**
- 67. 5/21: Possibly the first but definitely not the last, which filthy dirty Main Street Manayunk bar announced that it is closing its doors forever? **Mad River**
- 68. 5/21: Which Laker legend is offering \$100MM in loans to minority-owned businesses left out of PPP loans? **Magic Johnson**
- 69. 5/21: Following Twitter's lead, which other tech company is now allowing its employees to work from home permanently? **Square**
- 70. 5/21: Which Nordic nation became the country with the highest weekly coronavirus death rate per capita? **Sweden**
- 71. 5/21: For the first time in living memory, Mt. Everest could be clearly seen from which major Nepalese city? **Kathmandu**
- 72. 5/21: After blaming his severe bout of the coronavirus on being overweight, which World Leader has declared a war on obesity? **Boris Johnson**

- 73. 5/28: Including one that said (BLANK) "IS THE NERD KING," planes flew banners criticizing which two governors at the Jersey Shore this weekend? **Phil Murphy (NJ) and Tom Wolf (PA)**
- 74. 5/28: According to a recent HuffingtonPost article, what percentage of Americans think it's a sign of respect to wear a mask around other people? **69%** (**64-74%**)
- 75. 5/28: Which Big Four sports league announced plans to finish the season, including a 24-team playoff tournament? **NHL**
- 76. 5/28: Which other Big Four sports league announced their plans included the possibility of playing all games at a neutral site at Disney World? **NBA**
- 77. 5/28: Which island nation says they have no COVID-19 patients in the hospital, and just 21 active cases left? **New Zealand**
- 78. 5/28: Behind only the US, which South American country now has the second-highest number of coronavirus cases in the world? **Brazil**
- 79. 6/4: Before covering it up and putting his coworkers at risk, a Republican state congressman tested positive for coronavirus from which state? **PA**
- 80. 6/4: Claiming that the org is China-centric, President Trump has announced that the country will cut ties with what world organization? **WHO**
- 81. 6/18: Just days after saying he was confident his sport would play this year, which Big Four sports commissioner later did a 180 and said he *wasn't* confident his sport would play? **Rob**Manfred/baseball
- 82. 6/25: Baseball is coming back! Major League Baseball finally got its shit together and announced that Opening Day is which date? **July 23rd (or poss. 24th)**
- 83. 7/2: Which northeast city is set to be the first in the country to protect workers against retaliation for calling out coronavirus conditions? **Phila**
- 84. 7/2: After COVID cases trended in the wrong direction, Phila has halted full reopening until which date? **August 1st**
- 85. 7/2: Which S Phila St. will be the first to temporarily close for outdoor dining? **E Passyunk**
- 86. 7/7: After repeatedly dismissing the seriousness of the pandemic, which South American World Leader tested positive for COVID19 this week? **Jair Bolsonaro/Brazil**
- 87. 7/15: Adding that it doesn't apply to private events, the City of Philadelphia is prohibiting any public gatherings over 50 people through the end of which month? **Feb** (28th)

- 88. 7/15: According to data from Twitter, Florida was ranked 3rd among states with anti-mask feelings, behind which two southwestern states? **Nevada and Arizona**
- 89. 7/16: Which popular OCNJ Boardwalk pizza joint temporarily closed this week after employees tested positive for the virus? **Manco and Manco**
- 90. 7/28: By banning eating and drinking while walking, which major Florida theme park closed a loophole and forced people to wear masks while in the park? **Disney World**
- 91. 7/28: While playing the Phillies, which MLB team came down with 18+ cases of COVID-19 this week? **Miami Marlins**
- 92. 7/29: After calling it just a flu and mocking people concerned with the pandemic, which "Say So" singer revealed this week that she was diagnosed with the virus? **Doja Cat**
- 93. 7/30: A third RIP goes out to which Tea Party activist and 2012 Presidential candidate who, less than a month after tweeting "masks are not mandatory" and the "PEOPLE ARE FED UP!", died of COVID-19? **Herman Cain**
- 94. 8/4: Along with two other players, which Eagles OL tested positive this week? **Lane Johnson**
- 95. 8/5: President Trump retweeted and supported a "doctor" this week who, in addition to believing hydroxychloroquine is a COVID cure, also believes that alien DNA is used in medications and that demon sperm is a cause of gynecological issues. **Real** or Alternative Fact?
- 96. 8/11: Days after photos of a packed hallway went viral, a high school in which southern state reported a spike in COVID cases due to school being in session? **Georgia**
- 97. 8/11: After recovering from the virus, which Breaking Bad/Malcolm in the Middle actor donated some of his plasma to help other patients? **Bryan Cranston**
- 98. 8/13: Possibly the first but definitely not the last, which two major college football conferences announced this week that they are postponing their season? **Big 10 and Pac-12**
- 99. 8/13: Though experts say there's no evidence of transmission from food, a sample of which classic pub food tested positive for COVID-19 this week? **Chicken Wings**
- 100. 8/19: Calling him 'no better than a snake oil salesman,' Anderson Cooper took to task Mike Lindell, creator of which infomercial pillow? **MyPillow**
- 101. 8/20: Picking the date to purposely avoid Labor Day, the City of Philadelphia announced that indoor dining can start which date? **September 8**th (day after Labor Day)

- 102. 8/20: After Donald Trump claimed the country "beat [the coronavirus] because they wanted to show [him] something," the Prime Minister of which Oceanic island nation clapped back at the President this week? **New Zealand**
- 103. 8/27: Just one day after having a birthday bash without a mask, which Jamaican World Record runner tested positive for COVID-19 this week? **Usain Bolt**
- 104. 8/27: In a moment that reminded me of Dwight Schrute channeling Mussolini, the internet roasted which Republican TV personality for her over-the-top speech to no audience at this week's RNC? **Kim Guilfoyle**
- 105. 9/1: Just one day after having a birthday bash without a mask, which Jamaican World Record runner tested positive for COVID-19 this week? **Usain Bolt**
- 106. 9/3: After having an on-campus COVID outbreak, which local University announced that they are converting the rest of the semester to online classes? **Temple**
- 107. 9/3: Refusing because of its link to the WHO, which country said they will not join the global coronavirus vaccine effort? **USA**
- 108. 9/8: While banning indoor dining in his city, which PA mayor was caught dining inside in Maryland this week? **Jim Kenney**
- 109. 9/15: Adding contradictory words about COVID-19 and implying that no lives matter, an interview was released with President Trump and which journalist, famous for reporting on the Watergate scandal? **Bob Woodward**
- 110. 9/16: Hoping to focus instead on the popular Easter season, the Lehigh Valley company behind which sugary marshmallow-y treat announced that they are not producing Halloween or Christmas candies this year? **Peeps**
- 111. 9/22: Though the country's citizens disagree, President Trump claimed this week that which country wants its border reopened? **Canada**
- 112. 9/29: Claiming they have "100% accuracy," which Northern European airport is using sniffer dogs to detect COVID? **Helsinki** (**HEL**)
- 113. 9/29: Official deaths from COVID-19 passed the 1MM mark this week, led by which country with almost 210K dead? **USA**
- 114. 10/6: Including the President, how many confirmed cases are there from the White House coronavirus outbreak (most of whom are GOP government officials)? **36 (31 to 41)**

- 115. 10/15: After President Trump criticized the country's COVID response, a leader from which UK country clapped back, saying "I'm surprised he's even heard of us"? **Wales**
- 116. 10/20: Hopefully not another victim of COVID-19, which major Center City market launched a GoFundMe to stay in business this week? **Reading Terminal Market**
- 117. 10/21: After his school set up a COVID-19 whistleblower system, which major Catholic university's President tested positive for COVID after going unmasked at a WH reception for Amy Coney Barrett? **Notre Dame (John Jenkins)**
- 118. 10/27: On the heels of experts saying the worst is still yet to come, Saturday was the second highest day of COVID cases in the country, second only to which other date? **Friday** (10/23)
- 119. 11/2: Though the hologram of her father couldn't make the trip, which "celebrity" threw a birthday party for herself and dozens of friends on a private island in the middle of a global pandemic? **Kim Kardashian**
- 120. 11/12: Though its giant gaudy sign will stay lit for a week or so in memoriam, also RIP to which South Phila music venue? **Boot and Saddle**
- 121. 11/19: Though she learned the news the same time we all did, which buxom country music star's \$1MM donation was partly used to fund Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine? **Dolly Parton**
- 122. 12/10: Though claiming he's asymptomatic, which northeast state's governor tested positive for the virus this week? **PA**
- 123. 12/10: The latest amongst his friends and coworkers to catch and spread it, which *Borat 2* breakout star was also diagnosed with COVID this week? **Rudy Giuliani**

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- 2/3: At one point the largest vaccine site in the city, the CEO of which local org got into hot
 water this week when it was revealed that he took doses of the COVID vaccine home to his
 friends? Philly Fighting COVID
- 2. 2/4: Claiming they will instead be "reallocating [their] media investment" to raise awareness about the COVID vaccine throughout the year, which beer brand will not be having a Super Bowl commercial for the first time in 37 years? **Budweiser (Bud Light is in, tho)**
- 3. 3/2: The third shot authorized for use in the country, which company's single-dose coronavirus vaccine was rolled out to Philadelphia this week? **Johnson & Johnson**
- 4. 3/9: After coming in contact with a COVID-positive barber, which two NBA teammates were held out of this past weekend's All-Star game? **Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid**
- 5. 3/18: President Biden this week said we'll hit **100MM COVID vaccine doses** and 100MM stim checks in people's pockets in the next ten days. Which one did we hit first?
- 6. 4/1: Complete with a kid dressed as the Joker yelling that "COVID is over!", which Florida spring break destination was in the news last week? **Miami Beach**
- 7. 4/29: While also still distributing the vaccine as a shot, which pharmaceutical company is testing a pill that may attack COVID? **Pfizer**
- 8. 5/6: Though Philadelphia is not part of the plan, Governor Wolf announced PA will fully reopen on which day? **Memorial Day (May 31)**
- 9. 5/6: Setting a new single-day record today with over 412,000 new COVID cases, which South Asian country is in fighting off a severe second wave of COVID cases? **India**
- 10. 5/11: Excluding mask requirements, the city of Philadelphia is opening up again on which date? **June 11th**
- 11. 5/13: Supposedly wasting more doses than entire states combined, which pharmacy with miles-long receipts are responsible for half of all wasted vaccine doses? **CVS**
- 12. 5/20: Probably the first but hopefully not the last, which major area health company mandated this week that all employees get vaccinated? **Penn Med**
- 13. 6/1: Though the mask mandate will still be in place, the city of Philadelphia announced they are moving up their timeline and are lifting COVID restrictions on which date? **June 2** (tomorrow!)

- 14. 6/1: Breaking the previous record by 30 feet, the owner of Rim Café celebrated his birthday and a return from lockdown by creating the longest cheesesteak in the world. Within 30 feet, how long was that steak? **510 feet (480-540)**
- 15. 6/8: Hoping to get more people vaccinated, the city of Philadelphia announced a new sweepstakes where any vaccinated person in the city could win up to how much money? \$50,000
- 16. 6/10: A key figure in improving the neighborhood's main business corridor, RIP to which East Falls restaurant, who announced they are closing for good on June 30th? Trolley Car Café
- 17. 6/17: With the Governor adding that "there are no longer any state COVID-19 restrictions," which New England state is the first in the nation to reach 80% vaccination? **Vermont**
- 18. 7/8: Adding that "we all need to be vaccinated so we can continue to do our thing and survive," which rapper adapted his hit song into a pro-vaccine anthem called "Vax That Thang Up" this week? **Juvenile**
- 19. 7/15: Postponed a year thanks to the pandemic, which country won the UEFA Euro 2020, their 2nd title ever? **Italy**
- 20. 7/20: After shutting down for 16 months, which major Fairmount Park roadway is reopening to cars this week? **MLK Drive**
- 21. 7/22: Just about matching the American population at large, a recent article reported that half of the roster on which National League team refuses to get vaccinated? **Phillies**
- 22. 8/3: Adding that he was "very glad [he] was vaccinated because [... he ...] would not feel as well as [he did]," which Republican Senator announced he has COVID-19? **Lindsey Graham**
- 23. 8/12: Hoping to beat Delta the variant and Delta the competition, which US air carrier became the first to require all employees get vaccinated? **United Airlines**
- 24. 8/18: After banning mask and vaccine mandates, which Republican Governor tested positive for COVID this week? **Greg Abbott (Texas)**
- 25. 8/19: Though it doesn't protect you from being associated with the team, which NFL franchise became the first in the league to require COVID vaccinations for all fans this upcoming season? **LV Raiders**

- 26. 8/23: Citing rising COVID numbers and not their shitty music, which "Closer," "Hurt," and "The Hand That feeds" band cancelled their remaining concert dates in the year? **Nine Inch Nails**
- 27. 8/25: Though the others aren't far behind, the FDA granted full approval to which company's COVID vaccine this week? **Pfizer-BioNTech**
- 28. 9/7: After over 40 students caught COVID, which Phila university announced they are shifting all classes online for "a few days"? **LaSalle**
- 29. 9/16: Before being rightfully shut down by Dr. Fauci, which rapper said the vaccine could make you impotent? **Nicki Minaj**
- 30. 9/16: The most significant tourism destination on the list so far, which Western European country became the latest to ban unvaccinated American travelers? **France**
- 31. 9/29: Though I'm not sure he and I have been to the same dive bars, which country superstar announced that he canceled the rest of his stadium tour to play only in dive bars because dive bars are vaccinated? **Garth Brooks**
- 32. 10/27: Putting his appearance on SNL next week in doubt, which English musician announced he has COVID this week? **Ed Sheeran**
- 33. 11/3: Despite being fully vaccinated and experiencing mild symptoms, which White House Press Secretary announced that she tested positive for COVID-19 this week? **Jen Psaki**
- 34. 11/11: Lying through his teeth when he said he was "immunized," which 3x MVP QB caught COVID and had a disastrous interview with Pat McAfee this week? **Aaron Rodgers**
- 35. 11/11: After the character tweeted out that he got his COVID vaccination this week, which Texas Senator/Zodiac Killer clapped back, calling it "government propaganda... for your 5 year old!"? **Ted Cruz**
- 36. 12/1: Though it hasn't yet hit Philadelphia (probably), which COVID variant of concern is the latest challenger to enter the arena? **Omicron**
- 37. 12/8: A similar theme across most big cities in the country, which coronavirus-related term was the top ranked 'near me' search in Philadelphia on Google in 2021? **COVID Vaccine**Near Me
- 38. 12/22: Also no longer allowing their players to play in the upcoming Winter Olympics, which Big Four sports league temporarily paused their season through Christmas Day? **NHL**

- 39. 12/23: Getting a world premiere in March of 2020 and then taking a year-long postponement, which horror movie sequel set several box office records, including biggest opening weekend of the COVID-19 pandemic? A Quiet Place Pt II
- 40. 12/29: After returning from a worldwide tour, RM, Jin, and Suga from which hugely popular K-Pop band tested positive for COVID this week? **BTS**
- 41. 12/29: Though officials hope this wave will have fewer hospitalizations, Phila is averaging record-high COVID cases, with an average of how many cases per day? **1407** (**1307-1507**)

2022 Current Events

- 1. 1/5: Adding that "the last time [he] had to do this was [...] when everyone confused Y2K with B2K, which "Ice Box" musician put out an announcement this week that he is 'an artist, not a COVID variant' of a similar name? **Omarion**
- 2. 1/5: Adding that he doesn't "even think [he] can get into the country," which podcaster/stand-up comedian canceled a sold out show in Canada this week? **Joe Rogan**
- 3. 1/5: Though there was some wordplay lost in translation, which Western European country's President said he doesn't "want ot piss the [...] people off... But as for the non-vaccinated, I really want to piss them off"? **France (Macron)**
- 4. 1/12: Currently the #1 ranked tennis player in the world, which men's tennis star was denied entry into Australia ahead of next week's Australian Open? **Novak Djokovic**
- 5. 1/12: Hot off the heels of the similarly COVID-related "pandemic" in 2020, what was the 2021 word of the year according to Merriam Webster? **Vaccine**
- 6. 1/26: Allegedly an antivaxxer and antimasker, RIP this week to which "Bat Out of Hell" musician? **Meat Loaf**
- 7. 1/26: Adding "they can have Rogan or" him, which musician is demanding his music be removed from Spotify over Joe Rogan's "false information"? **Neil Young**
- 8. 1/27: Sharing a similar size but not similar COVID views [with Meat Loaf], also RIP this week to which comedian, actor, and game show host? **Louie Anderson**
- 9. 2/2: In stark contrast, meanwhile, which musician is living up to his tour's "Bad Reputation" name and will cancel any show with COVID protocols? **Kid Rock**
- 10. 2/23: The City of Philadelphia released a new 4-tier system for setting COVID policies.

 Ranging from Level 4: Extreme Caution to Level 1: All Clear, what level are we currently in? Level 2: Mask Precautions Only
- 11. 2/23: Days after meeting with her son who was also positive but not yet diagnosed, which World Leader was announced as COVID positive this week? **QEII**
- 12. 3/2: Though its still required in a few places like on SEPTA, Philadelphia officially removed its mask mandate starting which date? **Today!**
- 13. 4/13: After moving back in to level 2 of the 4-tiered COVID response system, the city of Philadelphia is reinstating the indoor mask mandate starting which date? **Monday (4/19)**

- (ed.'s note: it was repealed 4 days later, prompting the round called "Which Lasted Longer: Mask Mandate Edition" on 4/27 and 4/28)
- 14. 4/28: In the same week that Anthony Fauci claims we are "no longer in the pandemic phase," which White House official caught COVID this week? **Kamala Harris**
- 15. 5/5: A one-time unfathomable number, the US this week officially passed how many total COVID deaths? **1MM**
- 16. 7/21: Claiming he doesn't know where he got it, which White House official tested positive for COVID this week? **Joe Biden**
- 17. 7/28: Feeling like a hat on a hat with the COVID pandemic still going around, the WHO declared which disease a global health emergency this week? **Monkeypox**
- 18. 9/14: His first trip outside the country since COVID began, Chinese President Xi Jinping is headed to Central Asia to meet which other World Leader? **Vladimir Putin**

On September 21st, President Biden declared the pandemic to be over. Though experts disagree (as do I, the editor), this feels like enough of a reason to end this document. Thanks for the ride, I hope you are OK and vaccinated.