

It's pretty clear to me that visitors are coming to the coast partly to get away from thinking about the pandemic. When I go somewhere only locals go, like the post office, everyone is masked up, but if you walk down Main St., no one is.

We're *all* sick of thinking about COVID, wearing masks, and the whole bit, but when people don't -- when they go on holiday, gather together, drink or get high, fail to mask up -- they're enjoying themselves while we (especially those of us who are elderly and/or have preexisting conditions) grow more fearful and more conscious of it.

Recently, on the radio, Dr. Doohan noted she had bad news before informing the public of increased restrictions. The bad news is that the number of cases is rising, but what you and she should know is that to many of us, the increase in restrictions is very good news.

Please put our health before the economy.

Respectfully,  
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