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Why you should care if a place far away has high COVID numbers

Failure to control viral spread leads to dangerous new variants

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It's easy for people in regions with low COVID-19 case numbers to dismiss outbreaks in places they have no interaction with, or even oppose the sharing of pandemic resources with their struggling neighbours. But experts say that with a virus capable of generating variant strains like SARS-CoV-2 is, no one is really safe until everyone is safe.