

# *From bad to worse*

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The World Health Organization, the WHO, has warned that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to sweep across the planet and, despite the consequences it may bring, many governments and individuals insist on heading in the opposite direction to what is expected.

So far there is no indication that the disease is contained or losing significance, and yet irresponsible leaders cry out for the opening of the economy, that is to say, lifting the personal and collective protection measures.

This happens in the United States, where Trump-supporter governors from Florida and Texas rushed to disregard restrictions and return to normal -- and now are experiencing a hellish situation.

However, the U.S. president insists on ignoring the seriousness of the current circumstances, and decided recently to attack his adviser in the health crisis, Dr. Anthony Fauci, whom he accused of committing many mistakes, nothing unusual for someone who seeks scapegoats to redeem himself.

It is a fact that the borders between the United States and Canada will be closed until August 21st, 30 days more than what had been initially agreed.

A growing number of cities are restoring the isolating measures due to an increase of cases among its inhabitants, while in other countries, such as Brazil, contagions continue to spread with no limits.

Worldwide there are already more than 13 million 100 thousand confirmed cases and, as of Tuesday, there were 575,000 dead, but experts believe these figures are vastly underestimated.

According to WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom, an eventual return to normalcy is still a long way off. Early this week there were 230 thousand cases in 24 hours, which represents an impressive figure.

The virus is still Enemy Number One, the official declared, adding that things are going from bad to worse.

On top of that, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the FAO, announced that in Latin America and the Caribbean, famine is reaching insane levels. The FAO says that despite the fact that this is a region capable enough to feed its peoples, this is the area where food insecurity is most exacerbated in the planet.

The future is expected to be gloomy, because the pandemic will bring down economies and poverty will increase, unless there is a political will to change course -- a decision that unfortunately is not being currently considered in many countries around the world.

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