

# *U.S. health expert says focus on COVID needs to change*

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Washington, January 9 (RHC)-- Lawrence Gostin, professor of medicine at Georgetown University in the U.S., says the world should stop focusing on the daily case count and turning to lockdowns to limit the spread of what is now a highly transmissible virus.

Governments should instead look to implement the measures that will keep people out of hospital should they catch COVID-19. "Lockdowns and school closures are rapidly becoming a thing of the past – at least I think they should be," Gostin said. "I have no objection to them as a temporary emergency measure, but I would be dismayed if went well into 2022 seeing countries locking down. That's not the way to live with COVID-19. The best way is to vaccinate, get enough anti-viral medicines and therapeutics and just keep people out of hospital because we are not going to stop COVID from spreading. We have got to stop

counting cases and start preventing hospitalizations.”

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