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Winter of Discontent, but Autumn of Hope?

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Good morning, Ken!

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I don't want to make your Monday worse, but it's time for my weekly pandemic roundup, and as you would expect things are sliding downhill fast. Much though some politicians would like to deny it, COVID is spreading into new, unprepared regions across North America, from rural Alberta and Ontario to Eastern Quebec. We're on track for a very long, bleak winter across North America – and none of us should be risking our families over the Christmas holiday.

But the good news is that we can look forward to NEXT Christmas with considerably more optimism. Today I'll also take a look at the details we have regarding the distribution plans for the vaccine, and the implications for the Fall 2021 term. (Hint: it's too close to call!)

Global Pandemic

Divergent Realities

The COVID19 pandemic has now surpassed **66 million confirmed cases** worldwide, with 1.5 million deaths – and pandemic waves are flooding and ebbing from nation to nation. The **UK's** COVID19 death toll, 60,113, is now the highest in Europe. **Germany's** “lockdown light” has proven inadequate to the task, and hospital ICUs are approaching capacity. **France and Belgium** have brought their second waves under control. **India** has seen fewer than 50,000 new cases every day for the past month, and fewer than 40,000

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Only **AFTER** you have taken a minute to answer the poll, here's a lighthearted vid released by uVic this week...



University Budget Recipe

In the lead-up to Giving Tuesday on Dec 1, uVic theatre student Justin Little shares a delicious cookie recipe that seems just a *pinch* metaphorical. “The secret to a world-class university like uVic is to use the right mix of funding!” Donors, of course, are the sweetest ingredient, and donations on Giving Tuesday are the sprinkles on top. And like YouTube videos, “cookies are made for sharing.” (Oh, and for every view the video receives between now and Dec 1, uVic's Giving Tuesday sponsors will donate \$2.) [YouTube](#)

(If you've read this far, you can see why I thought it was appropriate to use the cookie masthead twice this week.)

I hope your Friday goes swiftly, and you have a wonderful and safe weekend!

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