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# Critiques of Joe Biden's Coronavirus Plan

Readers discuss Mr. Biden's Op-Ed about how he would safely reopen America.

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## To the Editor:

Re "[My Plan to Safely Reopen America](#)," by Joe Biden (Op-Ed, April 13):

Joe Biden is offering more of the same half measures that have shut down our economy and are prolonging our economic and psychological agony. More social distancing and more testing will just continue to slow the spread of the virus and leave us vulnerable to a second wave of infections when the economy reopens.

The only way that's guaranteed to allow us to quickly reopen the economy without risk is to make self-testing widely available for Americans (for the virus, not the antibodies) and then to have the carriers self-isolate. This would allow the uninfected Americans, perhaps 300 million people, who are currently imprisoned in their homes to return to work and school immediately.

We have the capacity to develop the tools we need to test everyone in a matter of weeks at low cost, and if we had used this approach weeks ago, we would not have had to shut down the economy in the first place.

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