

POST COVID BULL SPECIAL JUNE 2020

Antisocial distancing: 1. Maintaining significantly further distance from people than is medically necessary. 2. Using health precautions as an excuse for snubbing neighbours and generally ignoring people you find irritating - a boon for hermits and curmudgeons everywhere. (*see Social distancing*)

Blue Skype thinking: 1. Freewheeling thought process conducted online. 2. A work brainstorming session on a videoconferencing app, which can go one of two ways: (a) highly productive involving short bursts of input from everyone in an organised sequence or (b) a random free-for-all interspersed by the sound of washing machines, pets and children bursting into the room. (*see Zoomposium*)

Bored-eaux: 1. French wine opened when bored. 2. Alcohol sales have skyrocketed during lockdown, and the true physical results will only be seen when people start congregating again. (*see Furlough Merlot*)

Coronacoaster: 1. Mood swings during pandemic lockdown. 2. One minute the free time is exhilarating, the next it's a feeling of deep anxiety; dubbed by some as "an emotional coronacoaster."

Coronadose: 1. An overdose of bad news from consuming too much media during a time of crisis. 2. Inability to talk about anything else; sudden feeling of mortality; can often lead to a panicdemic. (*See Panicdemic*)

Coronials: 1. Successors to the population cohort known as millennials. 2. The future generation of babies conceived or born during coronavirus quarantine, sometimes referred to as Generation C.

Coughin' dodger: 1. Someone so alarmed by an innocuous splutter or throat clear that they back away in terror. 2. Amusing topical update on coffin dodger – one avoids death improbably, the other signals its imminent arrival; an updated version of "atishoo, atishoo, they all fall down."

Covid-10: 1. The 10lbs in weight that many citizens are gaining from comfort eating and drinking. 2. Similar to Stoners – young executives who join modern technology companies that offer a free canteen, and promptly put on a stone in their first month; referred to by some as "fattening the curve."

Covidiot: 1. Someone who ignores public health advice or behaves with reckless disregard for the safety of others. 2. An idiot in any circumstances; can be said to display "covidioy" or be "covidiotic". (*see Lockclown; Vidiot*)

Elephant in the Zoom: 1. Glaring issue during a videoconferencing call that nobody feels able to mention. 2. Whether in person or online, avoiding the thorny topic, especially if it involves the changed appearance of a colleague due to hygiene neglect, or messy domestic habits. (*see Roominating*)

Furlough Merlot: 1. French wine consumed in an attempt to relieve the frustration of not working. 2. Somewhat upmarket term coined by those fortunate enough to be

both not working and able to get hold of, or indeed afford, Merlot on furlough wages. (see *Bored-eaux*)

Goutbreak: 1. Unfortunate consequence of overindulging during lockdown. 2. Alternatively, not truly gout but simply the sudden fear that you have consumed so much wine, cheese, homemade cake and chocolate that your ankles will swell up like Henry VIII's.

Le Creuset wrist: 1. Repetitive strain injury caused by too much clapping. 2. The new "avocado hand" - an aching arm after taking one's best saucepans outside to bang during the weekly 'Clap for Carers'; keenness to impress the neighbours with your high quality kitchenware seemingly outweighing the medical outcome.

Lockclown: 1. Unintelligent or selfish person who refuses to observe lockdown rules. 2. Varying degrees of stupidity ranging from unnecessarily rushing out just for some oregano or driving hundreds of miles to a beauty spot to stand perilously close to thousands of other people. (see *Covidiot*)

Lockstalgia: 1. Missing the circumstances of lockdown. 2. The possibility that, having complained about isolation whilst enduring it, many will miss the peace when they return to the pandemonium of the office.

Locktail hour: 1. Evening moment when alcohol is served. 2. Highly variable time slot, with some declaring the hour at 12.00 and others desperately trying to delay it to 5.30 or similar.

Newmal: 1. Pithy elision of new and normal to describe updated circumstances. 2. Having talked about paradigm shifts for years and never really known what one is, the business community now fails to see one when it arrives. (see *New normal, the*)

Panicdemic: 1. Convenient elision of panic and pandemic. 2. Fuelled by hysterical media with nothing else to talk about, millions find themselves perpetually worried every moment of the day, when in fact all the evidence shows that there is absolutely nothing wrong with them. (see *Coronadose*)

Peak Podcast: 1. Maximum number of podcasts anyone can listen to in a day. 2. Bored citizens who happen to have the technology drivelling on about any nonsense that comes into their head, then splashing it all over the internet for a disinterested audience to ignore.

Quarantini: 1. Inspired elision of quarantine and Martini. 2. Experimental cocktail ill-advisedly mixed from whatever random ingredients happen to be in the house; boozy equivalent of a store cupboard supper; examples include Southern Comfort and Ribena with a glacé cherry garnish; often sipped at locktail hour. (See *Locktail hour*)

Quentin Quarantino: 1. Someone who constantly makes and publishes films during lockdown. 2. Attention-seekers making extremely amateur films which they are convinced are funnier and cleverer than they actually are. (see *Peak Podcast*)

Tandemic: 1. Bicycle for two, modified to ensure a 2-metre gap between riders. 2. Cycling is increasingly popular as a mode of transport, and this ingenious new invention enables pairs of any persuasion to self-isolate and exercise at the same time.

Zoomposium: 1. Elegant elision of Zoom and symposium. 2. Enormous online all-hands meeting where company leaders drone on whilst indifferent staff check their emails or pick fluff out of their navels. (*see Blue Skype thinking*)