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1. Establish a unified command.	The President should surprise his critics and appoint a commander who reports directly to him.
2. Make millions of diagnostic tests available.	Everyone with symptoms should be tested. The nation should perform millions of diagnostic tests by April 15.
3. Supply health workers with ample PPE.	Equip hospitals to care for a surge in very ill patients. Issue ample supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) to all front-line health workers.
4. Identify five groups and treat as required.	We need to know: Who is infected; who appears infected (those with symptoms who initially test negative); who has been exposed; who isn't known to have been exposed or infected; and who has recovered and is adequately immune.
5. Inspire and mobilize the public.	When all health workers have enough masks, the US Postal Service and willing private companies should deliver surgical masks and hand sanitizer to all U.S. households.
6. Learn while doing through real-time, fundamental research.	All avenues toward effective anti-viral treatments should be investigated. We did it with HIV; we need to do it faster with SARS-CoV-2.
Adapted from the editorial, "Ten Weeks to Crush the Curve," by Harvey V. Fineberg, M.D., Ph.D. <i>New England Journal of Medicine</i> , April 1, 2020.	