I LISTENED to the Covid-19 public-

The 2020-2021 pandemic response is in stark contrast to the 1918-1919 Spanish Flu pandemic, which made the early days of the H1N1 epidemic look almost like a minor epidemic by comparison last year. (1999)

We will see the swages of this with an orphaned generation, absolute poverty will increase, and the need for greater social support will be glaring because of the lack of early treat-

ment as a preventative strategy. South Africa needs to take much of these new interventions. Let's hope and pray that the highly proactive Covid-19 response will continue for the years to come.

The briefing was the best one Covid-19 conference I have ever attended. Anyone watching from anywhere around the world.

Prof Kantor provided an extremely valuable overview of the South African Covid-19 trajec-

ory and predictions. He was honest and transparent and gave the public high-level information that is being evaluated by the President's National Council for Covid-19 to make decisions regarding lockdown and the medical response to the disease.

This helps citizens understand the reasons for our lockdowns and why we need to remain home and extend the nationwide lockdown. The President's National Council for Covid-19 has issued a letter to every doctor that our leader has required us all to see the medical evidence that supports the lockdowns and the need to shrink the country's successes and failures.

Prof Kantor placed respected medical scientists and implementers of their recommendations from an early stage in the Covid-19 pandemic, including the World Health Organization (WHO) representative participating in the conference.

The discussion did not attempt to use Covid-19 to further any political agenda but was focused on some industrialised western nations' handling of this crisis.

I think this crisis will be a significant turning point in South Africa's history.

Winning the AstraZeneca and the USA's global public health strategy share much of the work that clearly affects the social, economic lives and productivity of citizens around the world.

Problems often cited by South African researchers are corruption and mismanagement. For some, a pandemic is a reality that is often missed due to systemic issues, such as social and economic lines. This crisis demands solutions that are inclusive for everyone.

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