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(COVID CRYPTOGRAM)

Rules for solving a cryptogram: Every letter of the alphabet is exchanged for one alternative letter. This one-for-one swap holds for the whole message. For example,

" D BQ LDQWAC YKF LQBJYFLY WFJLGI KFJF"

decodes as:

I AM SIMPLY THE SMARTEST PERSON HERE

Hints for solving a cryptogram:

- 1.If you have an idea what the message is about, you can make some clever guesses as to what some of the words might be.
2. Single letters must be "I" or "A". You can often tell which one by its position in a sentence.
3. Look for a three-letter word that keeps recurring. It might be "THE" or "AND"
4. Look for double letters. There are only a small number of possibilities, (LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC in that order) and their position in the word often makes it easier to guess which letter is being doubled.
5. Don't be put off by a long message. The longer it is, the easier it is to solve, as more clues are given. Also, the longer the message, the letters that appear most often are likely to be E, then T, A, O, N, R, I and S

Here is your **COVID Cryptogram**.

We suggest you print off page 1 only, without looking at page 2 until you are ready to see the answer.

Please write your decoded message in the squares. Each space between words is shown by a shaded square. A full stop is shown by a central dot.

Z	B		Z	F	D	W	C	X		R	W	B	T		T	I	Q	W	B	L	
	D	S	X		F	V	C	W	T		B	W	B	X	D	X	X	B			
X	U	W	T	X	R	W	F		S	X	E	U	G		R	X		D	V		
G	D	Z	H		J	X	E	E		Z	B	T		D	V		G	D	Z	H	
	G	Z	K	X	.																

THE ANSWER IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEXT PAGE

ANSWER

An active mind during the Covid Nineteen epidemic helps me to stay well and to Stay Safe