WHO says young people also at risk from COVID-19

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The WHO (World Health Organisation) warned young people they are at risk from COVID-19. Many young people believe they cannot catch the virus because of their age. They think only older people catch it. The WHO said this is a mistake. Many young people are getting ill or dying. They are also spreading the disease to their parents and grandparents. The White House told young people to follow the rules and not gather in large groups. This will help slow the spread of the virus.

The WHO told young people they can get COVID-19. Coronavirus can put young people in hospital for weeks, or even kill them. The choices they make about where they go could mean someone else dies. Many COVID-19 patients in hospital are under 50 years old. New York's governor said many young people are not following social-distancing rules. He told them: "This is a public health issue and you cannot be endangering other peoples' health."

Match the following sentences.

Paragraph 1

1. they are at	a. rules
2. believe they cannot catch	b. mistake
3. The WHO said this is a	c. of the virus
4. people are getting ill	d. risk from COVID-19
5. spreading the disease	e. large groups
6. follow the	f. or dying
7. gather in	g. the virus
8. help slow the spread	h. to their parents

Paragraph 2

1. Coronavirus can put young	a. issue
2. choices they make about	b. 50 years old
3. someone	c. peoples' health
4. Many COVID-19 patients	d. where they go
5. under	e. distancing rules
6. following social-	f. else dies
7. a public health	g. people in hospital
8. endangering other	h. in hospital

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