

Coronavirus soars at Tesla's Fremont plant because Elon Musk lied to his workers

- Musk is buoyed by an army of Silicon Valley Billionaire Bros and half of Goldman Sachs to help him get away with murder and to never be held accountable

The Tesla Fremont factory on May 12 of this year, looking pretty busy.

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When it comes to the [coronavirus](#), Elon Musk's [sustained incompetence](#) long ago [took a turn](#) for the dangerous. Now, an internal data leak from the Fremont Tesla plant brings into focus just how badly the billionaire's [tantrum](#) has backfired — even if only on his employees.

[According to Electrek](#), which got its hands on internal reporting from Tesla, over 1,550 employees have been "affected" by COVID-19 cases, and over 130 have been infected with the coronavirus. What's more, "'exposure' among employees at Fremont factory has been spiking in the last two weeks," reports the publication.

This is doubly notable, as Musk [reopened](#) the Fremont Tesla factory in defiance of Alameda County orders in May. The plant had initially [shut down](#) in March, following a shelter-in-place order.

Tesla: [@Tesla](#) is not an essential business as defined in the Alameda County Health Order. Tesla can maintain minimum basic operations per the Alameda County Health Order.

— Alameda County Sheriff (@ACSOSheriffs) [March 17, 2020](#)

This is not the first time we've heard of infected workers at the Fremont plant, but the data published by Electrek suggests the scale of the problem is larger than previously known. In early June, [we learned](#) that several employees at the Fremont factory were missing work due to the coronavirus.

Still, that's not exactly *good*. What's more, Electrek reports that an unnamed employee told the publication Musk himself was spotted touring the production line unmasked in June.

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Perhaps that alleged mask-less stroll occurred when Musk made his apparently "fondest Tesla memory" of the year. That would be, according to a [July 14 tweet](#) from the CEO, "The strength & perseverance of the people of Tesla, despite facing extreme difficulties[.]"

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— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [July 14, 2020](#)

We can't help but think that, maybe, just maybe, **those difficulties would have been a little less extreme if the employees at Tesla had a leader less concerned with his own ego and more willing to listen to [the actual experts](#).**

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