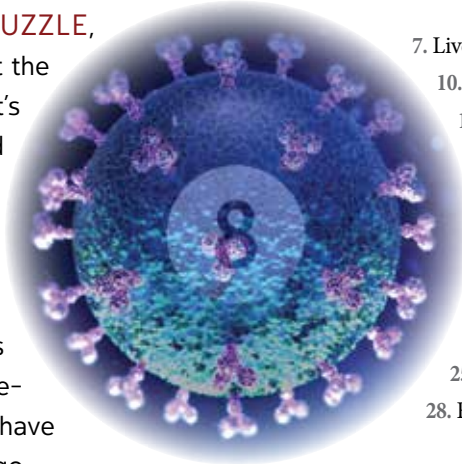


# Eight Is Enough

I WANTED TO MAKE A COVID PUZZLE, one where all the entries, or at least the across entries, pertained to what's been going on the past year. It proved too hard to do all the across entries—believe me, we would have ended up with a very unsatisfying puzzle. So I decided, eight is enough. Consequently, eight of the across entries are COVID-related. Their clues are presented randomly, and the solver will have to determine where in the grid they go.



- 7. Lively role Gal made new
- 10. Future stardom seen in semipro misery
- 13. Not going in for decorating after the first
- 17. Little rascal permitted to be unqualified
- 19. Cash for a pool mishap
- 21. Wait a bit for the chorus
- 22. Everything's a go for Lena's pal Marnie
- 24. Approach, as our biggest enemy has no chemistry
- 25. Bader's restatement bristles
- 28. First flame follows fluid flaunt

There are six proper nouns, one of which is a two-word answer. All the other entries are playable in Scrabble. There are no foreign words or unusual words. Ignore punctuation, which by the way includes capitalization, because sometimes I'm trying to fool you. You may even have to supply punctuation that isn't there in order for a definition or a construction to make sense.

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### Across

- 5. Fashionable once upon a time where the bulls run
- 8. Resume filled with Socialist outlook
- 9. Ejections over slam misplayed
- 12. Criticize me and my friends about Babycakes
- 14. What happens after you cut is otherworldly
- 15. Inquire after Tuesday for assignment
- 20. Partly bare-assed region
- 23. Designates resources
- 29. Starr saw hit epic movie
- 30. Conversational Latin 101 at 6:50

### Down

- 1. Some people vomit travelling backwards and sway
- 2. Does sip randomly at prompt
- 3. A thousand sick following Dora's treatment of thruway victims
- 4. Hopeless pair rot at O'Hare, maybe
- 5. Makes concrete inducements at the back end
- 6. Put money where pocket watch goes?

### Quarantine clues

- Single vaccine maker?
- Swift response to COVID from Legend?
- Some hair and some more hair found in isolation
- Attend to reckless Unser
- An old-fashioned C+ to a vaccine developer?
- Focus in on madhouse medium
- Possible fix lent to popular quarantine content provider
- Obscure dogma skips clear of the peripherals

