

Putin Not Hiding in a Bunker During Coronavirus: Kremlin

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President Vladimir Putin is not waiting out the coronavirus pandemic in a bunker, his spokesman Dmitry Peskov [said](#) Monday.

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“There are always a lot of rumors and most often they have nothing to do with reality,” Peskov said in an interview with the Argumenty i Fakty weekly when asked about rumors of Putin hiding out “in some bunker.”

“The president is in his Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow where he lives and works [and] conducts all work events, mainly by video conference,” Peskov said.

Any cabinet ministers and banking executives he meets face-to-face are required to take coronavirus tests, he added.

“It’s obviously impossible to get a meeting with the president without proper testing. Those who do are tested in one way or another,” Peskov said.

Russia [confirmed](#) 87,147 coronavirus infections Monday, surpassing China to become the world's ninth most-affected country amid the pandemic. In total, 794 people have been killed by the virus in Russia.

More than 3 million Covid-19 tests have been carried out so far, according to Russia’s consumer protection watchdog.

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