



State of Missouri regional COVID-19 hospitalized cases model

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Multiple data points inform Missouri's COVID-19 response

- Syndromic surveillance
- Healthcare system capacity (bed, PPE, and staff availability)
- Testing
- COVID-19 cases and deaths
- Economic and social impact
- Insights from U.S. states, nationally, and other countries
- Evidence from scientific literature
- Mathematical disease modelling

Our model estimates possible outcomes based on currently available information

What does the model tell us	What does it not tell us
Range of plausible outcomes based on our current knowledge of COVID-19 in Missouri	What will happen in the future
Approximate date and magnitude of peak/s based on current understanding of policy interventions and human behavior and assumptions about future interventions	Date and magnitude of peak/s if there are major changes in planned policy interventions and human behavior
Approximate estimate of effective transmission rate across a region	Exact transmission rate in all parts of a region – there may be areas of higher and lower transmission within the region
Projected hospitalizations for regions in MO with sufficient data, i.e. Kansas City Area, Central, St. Louis Area, Southeast and Southwest	Projected hospitalizations in regions where daily COVID-19 hospitalizations are fewer than 15 because insufficient cases

The ability to forecast depends on the quality and availability of data. For a new disease such as COVID-19, much remains uncertain.

Greater Kansas City area (Region A)

Overview

Population: 1,395,314

Cumulative cases: 4,707

Cumulative deaths: 90

7-day new cases: 577

Week-over-week % case increase: 14%

Reproductive rate

Pre-intervention: 2.80 ± 0.15

Today: 1.18 ± 0.08

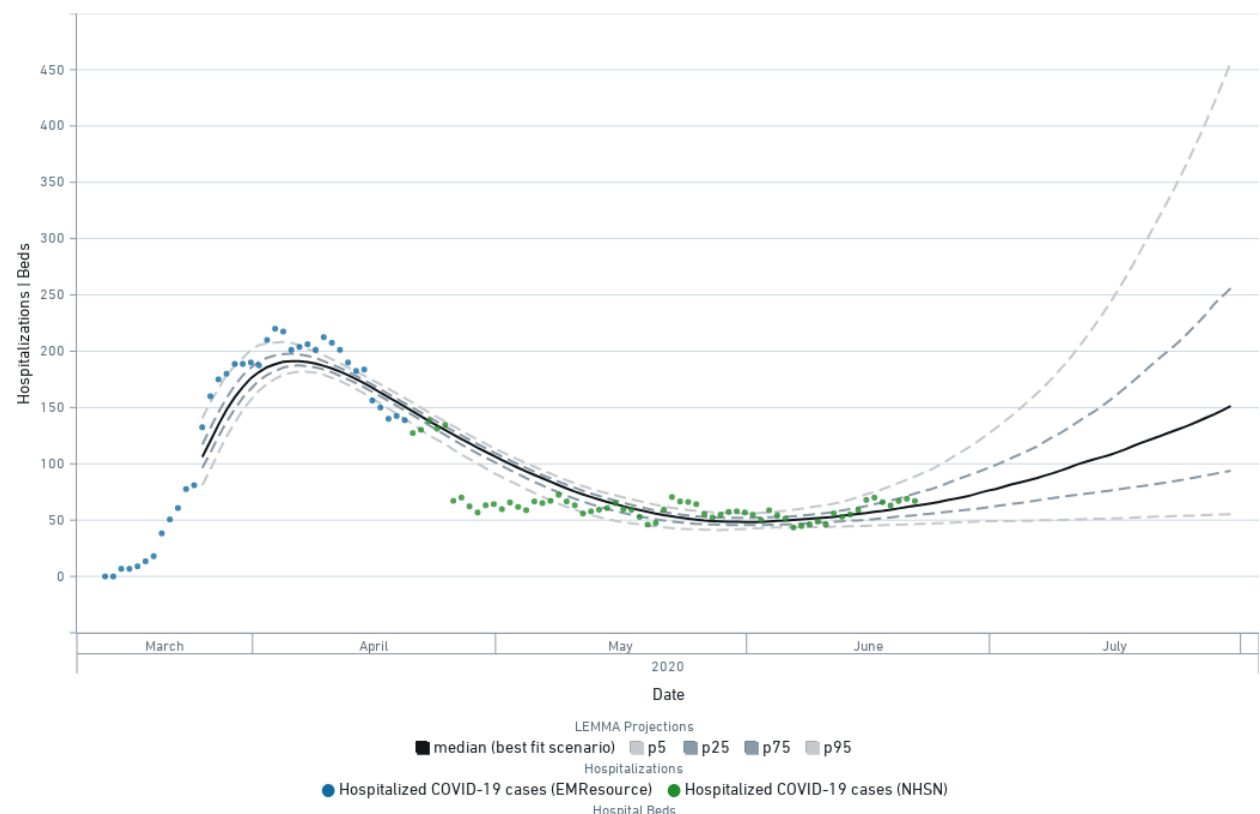
Change from last week: $\uparrow 0.02$



Projected COVID-19 hospitalizations

Base Case Kansas City Region

Model Scenario: Base Case, From Date: 3/1/20 1:00 AM, + 3 more



Greater St. Louis area (Region C)

Overview

Population: 2,229,518

Cumulative cases: 10,325

Cumulative deaths: 830

7-day new cases: 830

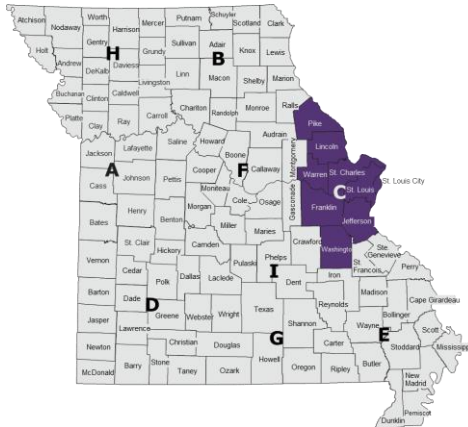
Week-over-week % case increase: 9%

Reproductive rate

Pre-intervention: 3.39 ± 0.14

Today: 1.12 ± 0.11

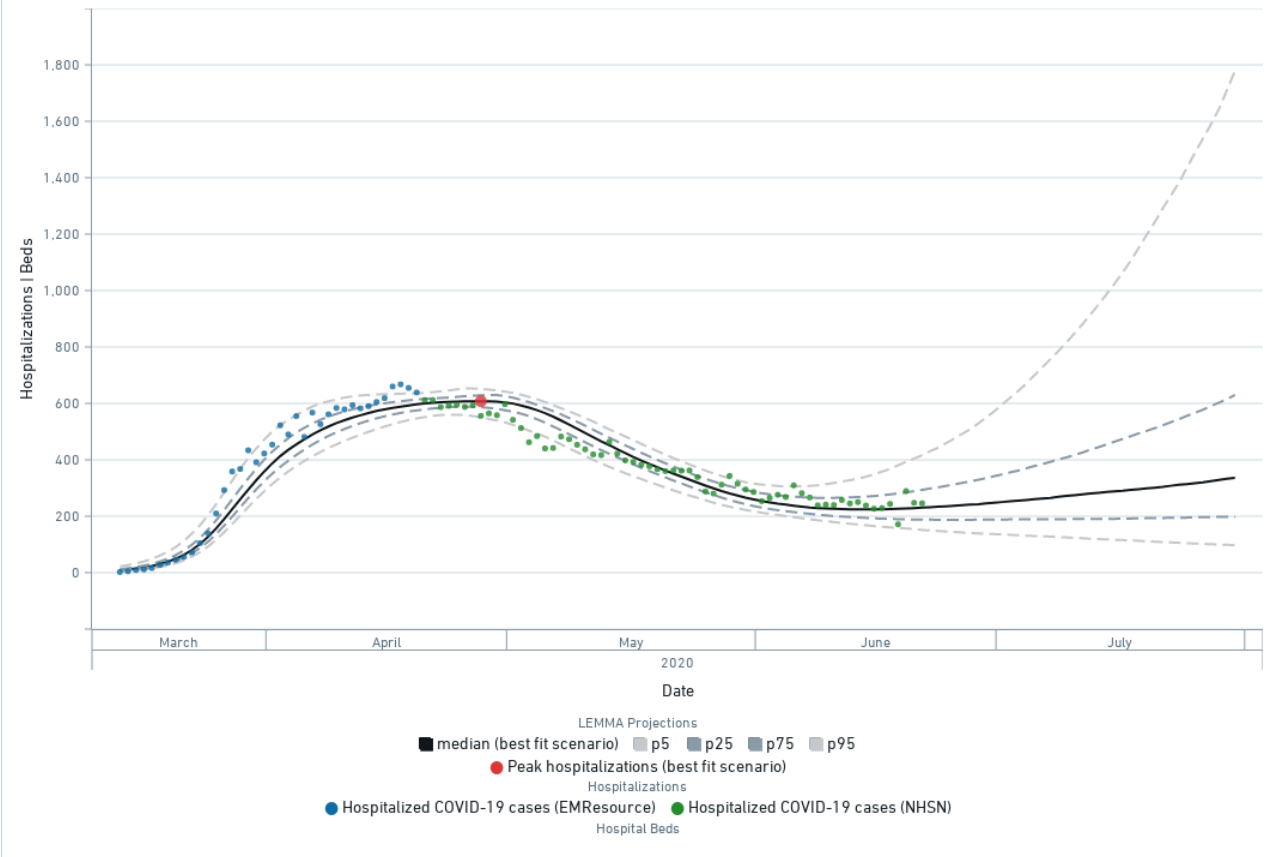
Change from last week: $\rightarrow 0.00$



Projected COVID-19 hospitalizations

Base Case St. Louis Region

Model Scenario: Base Case, From Date: 3/1/20 1:00 AM, + 3 more



Southwest / Springfield (Regions D,G, I)

Overview

Population: 1,221,847

Cumulative cases: 2,099

Cumulative deaths: 20

7-day new cases: 570

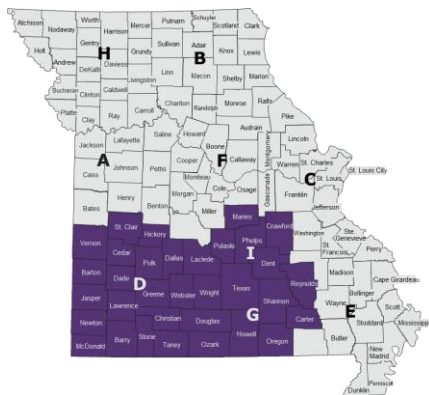
Week-over-week % case increase: 37%

Reproductive rate

Pre-intervention: **2.36** \pm 0.16

Today: **1.10** \pm 0.09

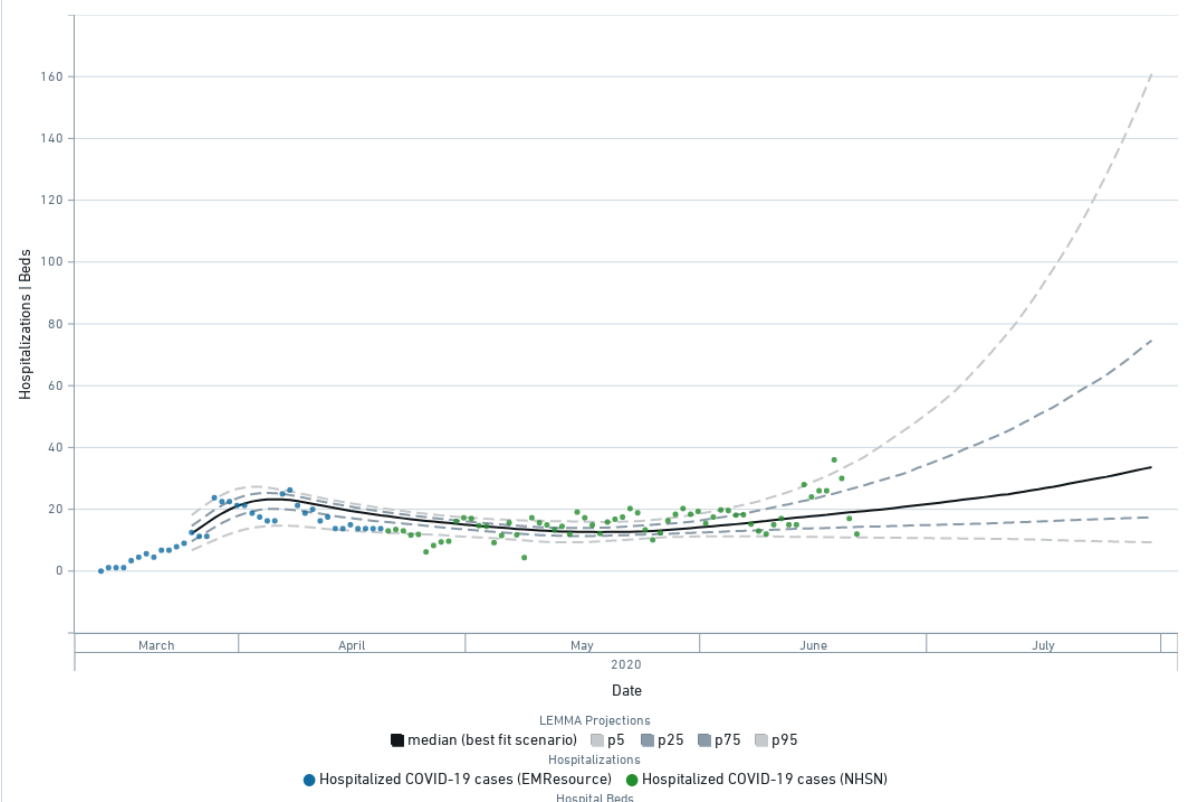
Change from last week: **↓0.05**



Projected COVID-19 hospitalizations

Base Case Southwest Region

Model Scenario: Base Case, From Date: 3/1/20 1:00 AM, + 3 more



Note: Due to low levels of hospitalized COVID-19 cases, modelling projections are highly sensitive to slight shifts in observed data and must be interpreted with extra caution.

Source: State of MO, MHA, WUSTL analysis; USA Facts; US Census Bureau

Southeast / Cape Girardeau (Region E)

Overview

Population: 363,478

Cumulative cases: 1,022

Cumulative deaths: 33

7-day new cases: 110

Week-over-week % case increase: 12%

Reproductive rate

Pre-intervention: 2.61 ± 0.15

Today: 1.34 ± 0.07

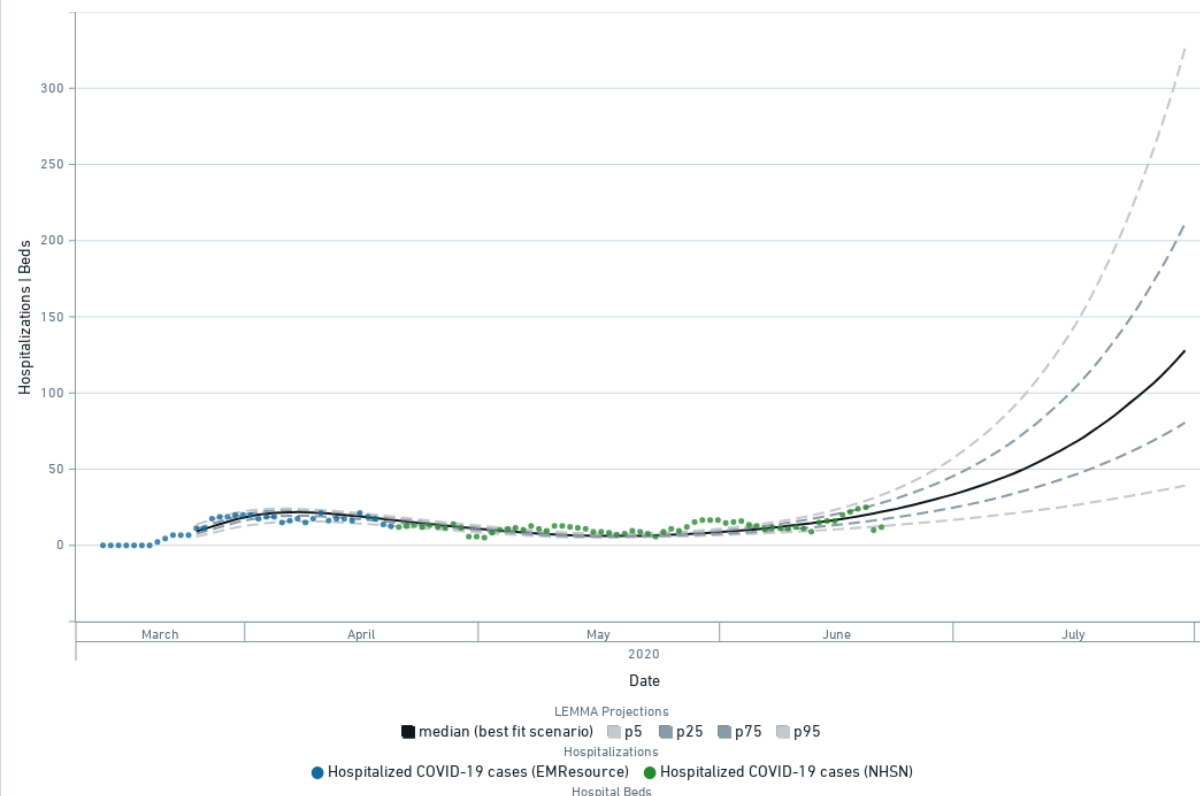
Change from last week: $\downarrow 0.01$



Projected COVID-19 hospitalizations

Base Case Southeast Region

Model Scenario: Base Case, From Date: 3/1/20 1:00 AM, + 3 more



Note: Due to low levels of hospitalized COVID-19 cases, modelling projections are highly sensitive to slight shifts in observed data and must be interpreted with extra caution.

Source: State of MO, MHA, WUSTL analysis; USA Facts; US Census Bureau

Central (Region F)

Overview

Population: 502,486

Cumulative cases: 768

Cumulative deaths: 8

7-day new cases: 119

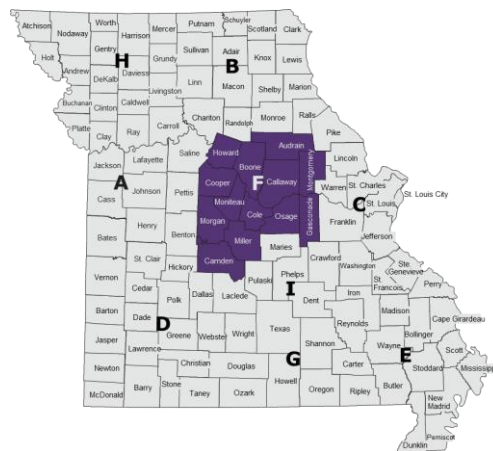
Week-over-week % case increase: 18%

Reproductive rate

Pre-intervention: 2.30 ± 0.08

Today: 1.08 ± 0.11

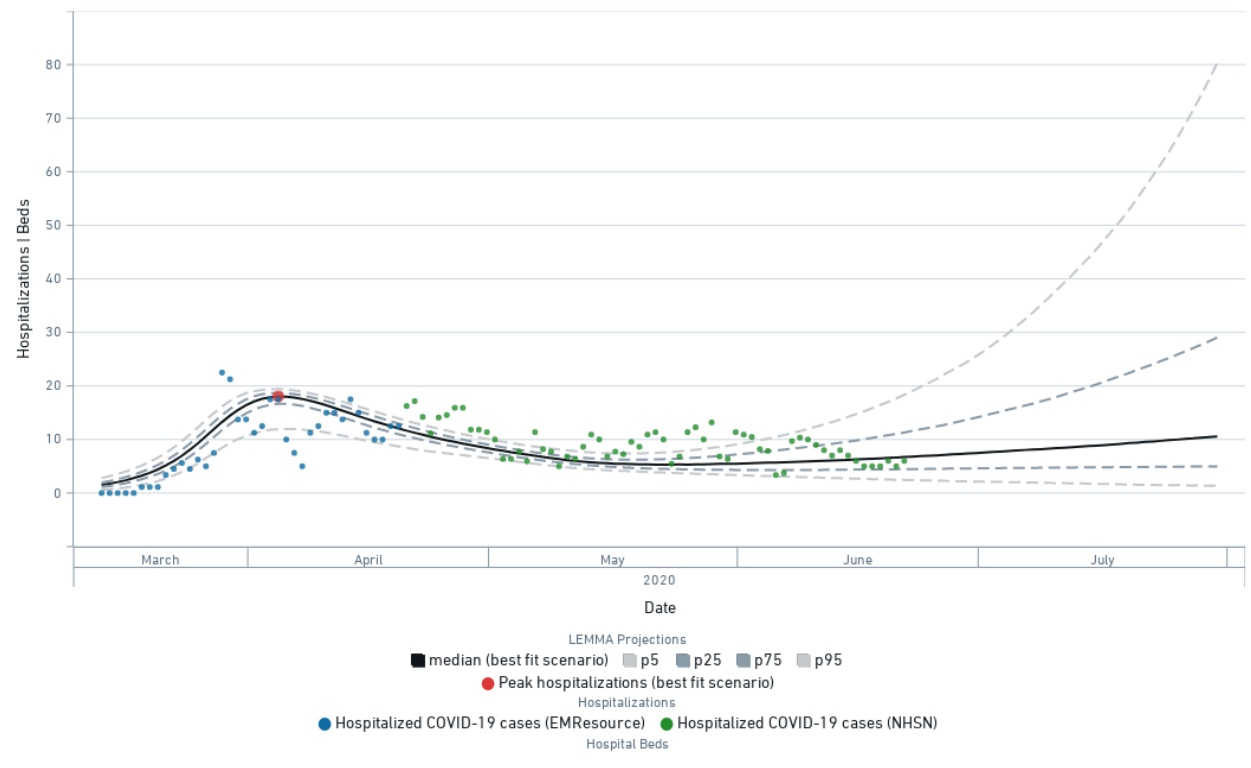
Change from last week: $\downarrow 0.03$



Projected COVID-19 hospitalizations

Base Case Central Region

Model Scenario: Base Case, From Date: 3/1/20 1:00 AM, + 3 more



Note: Due to low levels of hospitalized COVID-19 cases, modelling projections are highly sensitive to slight shifts in observed data and must be interpreted with extra caution.

Source: State of MO, MHA, WUSTL analysis

Northwest (Region H)

Overview

Population: 234,361

Cumulative cases: 1,068

Cumulative deaths: 12

7-day new cases: 55

Week-over-week % case increase: 5%

Reproductive rate

Pre-intervention: 1.24 ± 0.08

Today: 0.59 ± 0.10

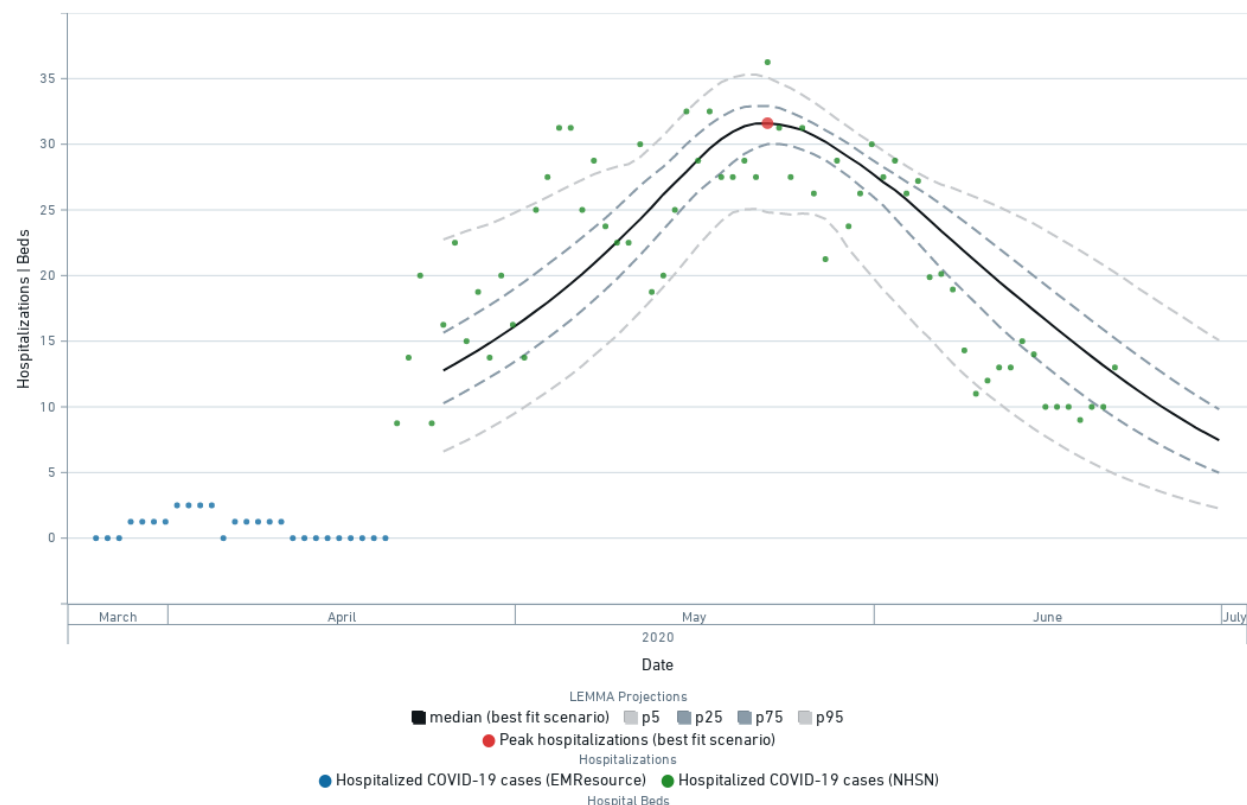
Change from last week: N/A



COVID-19 hospitalizations (projections coming soon)

Base Case Northwest Region


Model Scenario: Base Case, From Date: 3/1/20 1:00 AM, + 3 more




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Source: State of MO, MHA, WUSTL analysis

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Missouri's Regional COVID-19 Hospitalized Cases Model: Overview and Frequently Asked Questions

Model Overview

One of the many data analyses that inform Missouri's COVID-19 response is a regional model of hospitalized COVID-19 cases that the State of Missouri developed in partnership with the Washington University in St. Louis and Missouri Hospital Association.

Missouri's model uses a standard SEIR (susceptible, exposed, infectious, recovered) compartmental structure that is based upon a tool called LEMMA (Local Epidemiological Modeling for Management & Action), which was developed by experts from UMass Amherst, UC Berkeley, UCSF, and WUSTL. The model focuses on COVID-19 hospitalized cases to directly address the question of hospital capacity and provide a more accurate picture of COVID-19's impact on the healthcare system.



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graph LR
    Susceptible --> Exposed
    Exposed --> Infectious
    Infectious --> Removed
    Infectious --> Hospitalized
    Hospitalized --> Removed
    Hospitalized --> Floor
    Hospitalized --> ICU
    Hospitalized --> Vent
    
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To help inform decisions at the regional and local level, each region is modeled separately using the latest local data, including COVID-19 confirmed and suspected hospitalizations, population, policy interventions, and average hospital length of stay.

General FAQs

Why are regional models of COVID-19 important?

When new diseases such as COVID-19 emerge, there is much uncertainty about how best to control the epidemic. Decision makers must make the best possible decisions with the available information at hand.

Mathematical models are commonly used to make projections of how infectious diseases might impact key outcomes such as hospitalized cases or deaths. Today, there are many sophisticated models of COVID-19 that make global or national projections (e.g., Imperial College, Harvard, [JHMI](#)). However, these generally do not incorporate key local or regional inputs, such as variations in local population demographics, healthcare system

knowledge of COVID-19 in each region, effective transmission rates across regions, and projections projected into the future based upon current data.


Hospitals serve patients across

Highway Patrol Troop and Healthcare workers and response planning. There are

patient referral and EMS patterns,

Highway Patrol Troop C (i.e., the Greater St. Louis area) due to their engagement with the

St. Louis City



Northwest MO]

Low levels of daily COVID-19 hospitalizations in the Northeast and Northwest regions limit the ability to generate projections for these regions. In particular, the numbers of hospitalized cases have been so low that

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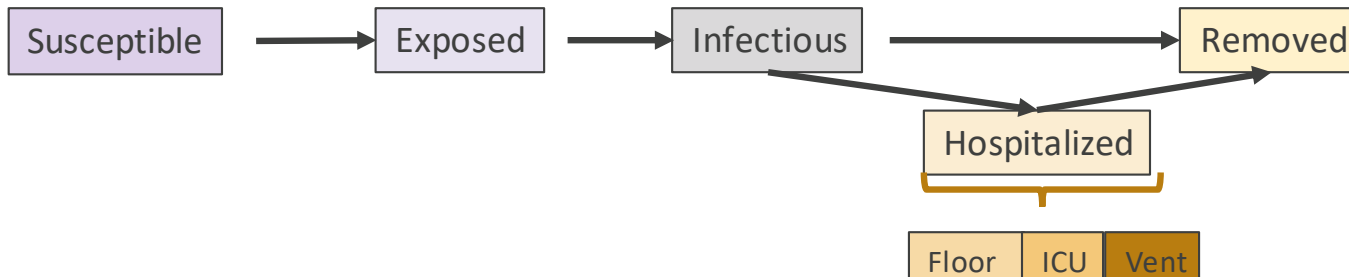
Regional COVID-19 transmission models help inform local policy, public health, and business decisions

- Mathematical models are commonly used to make projections of infectious disease epidemics (e.g., tuberculosis, HIV)
- Many sophisticated models on COVID-19 make global or national projections (e.g., Imperial College, Harvard, IHME)
- However, these generally do not incorporate critical local or regional inputs, such as:
 - Variations in local population size and age structure
 - Date and nature of social distancing and other policies
- Regional projections are important because:
 - Regional epidemics may differ markedly from the national average
 - Policy response occurs at state, county, and municipal levels

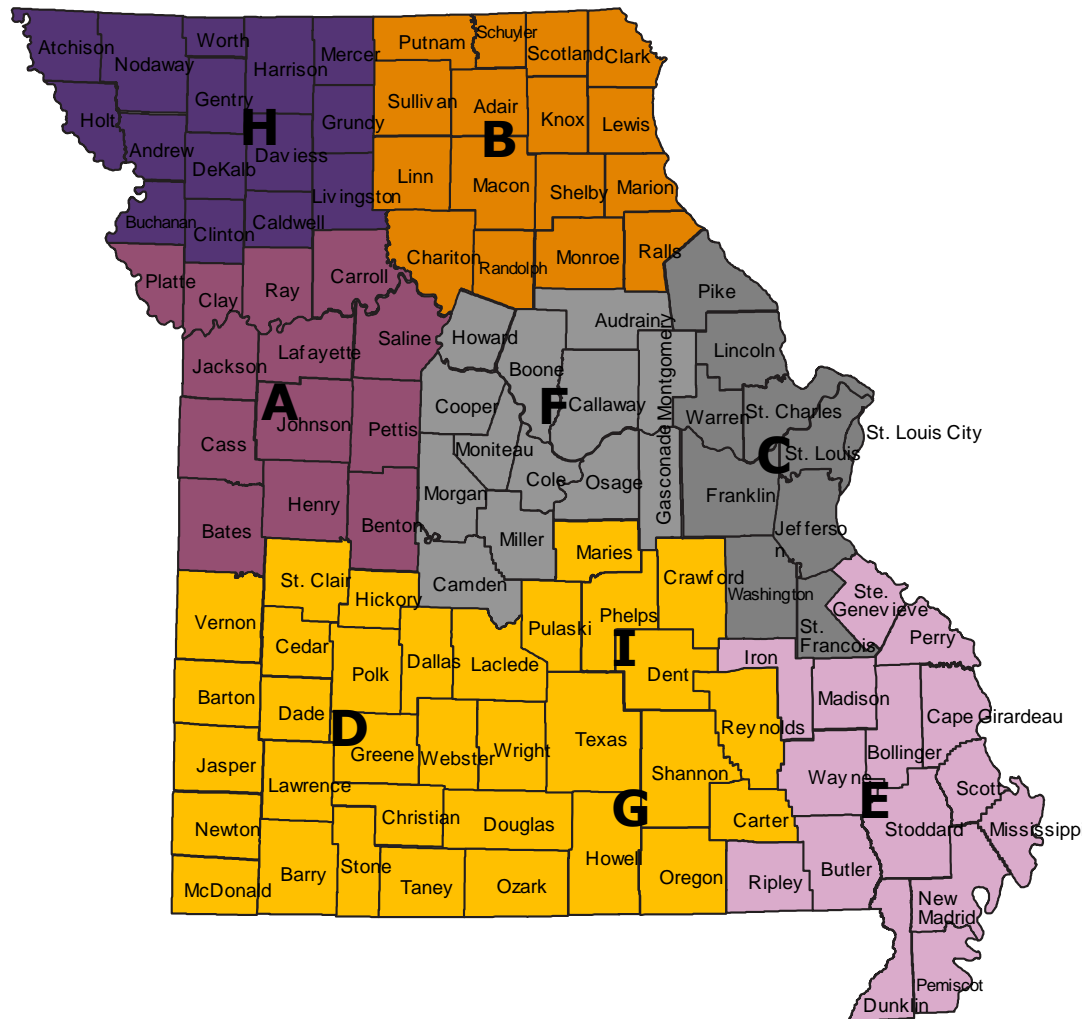
State of MO, WUSTL, and MHA have developed a regional model of hospitalized COVID-19 cases

- **Standard SEIR model that combines universal characteristics of COVID-19 infection (e.g., transmission parameters) with local inputs to support regional decision making**
 - Mathematical model developed by experts from UMass Amherst, UC Berkeley, UCSF, and WUSTL
 - Uses a statistical approach that adjusts underlying parameters as new data are observed
- **Customized using the latest local data from Missouri's emergency response regions, including:**
 - COVID-19 positives and PUIs
 - Population and age structure
 - Policy interventions
 - Avg. hospital length of stay
- **Projects COVID-19 hospitalized cases** to directly address the question of hospital capacity and provide a more accurate picture on COVID-19's impact on the healthcare system

Model Structure (SEIR)



Projections are made for each Emergency Response region with sufficient data



- **Low levels of daily COVID-19 hospitalizations in the Northeast and Northwest regions** limit the ability to generate projections for these regions
 - Northeast: Average of 4 daily confirmed or suspected COVID hospitalizations from 3/26 to 6/1
 - Northwest: Average of 17 daily confirmed or suspected COVID hospitalizations from 3/26 to 6/1
- **Projections are available for all other regions**