

# Projections of Hospital-based Healthcare Demand due to COVID-19 in Los Angeles County

## November 25, 2020 Update

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# Key Findings of the November 25<sup>th</sup> Update

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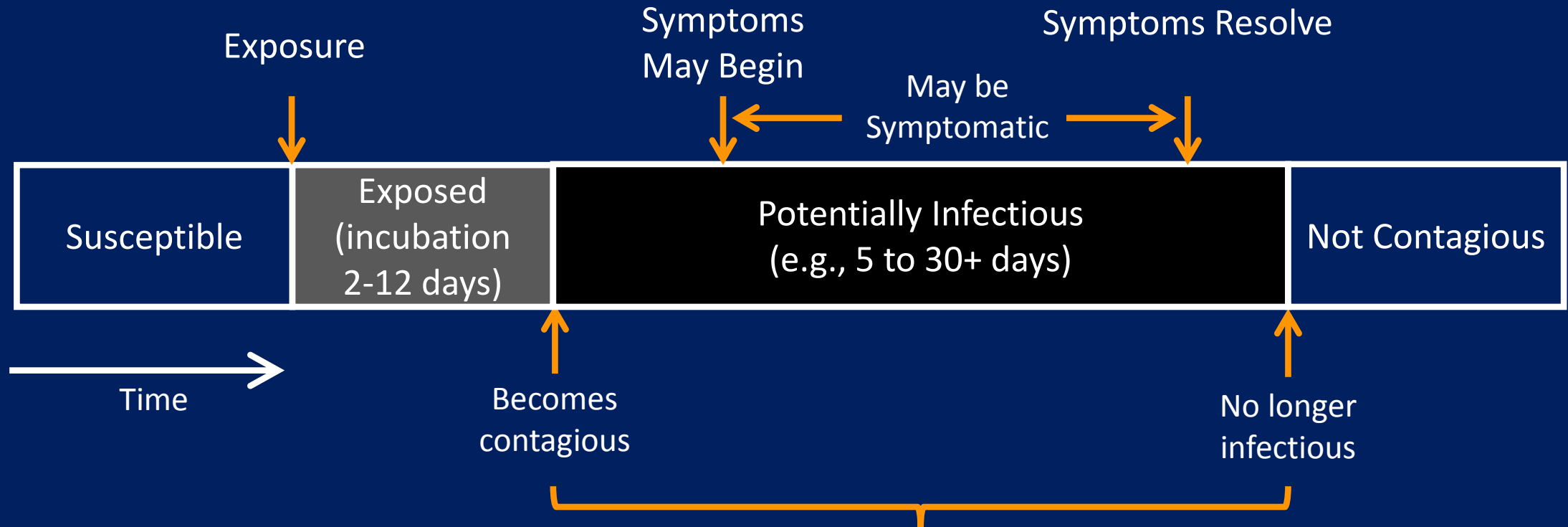
- This update includes data through November 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- There have been no changes to our approach to making projections since last week.
- Key findings:
  - The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County is increasing.
  - The estimated transmission number (“R”) is 1.27 with an uncertainty of 1.17 to 1.41. This is an increase from last week, when the estimate was 1.18 with an uncertainty of 1.10 to 1.27. When R is above 1 the number of cases will increase over time.
  - Based on the current estimate for R, and assuming no change in transmission behavior, it is likely the number of cases will go up rapidly, with shortages in the number of hospital beds and ICU beds over the next 2 to 4 weeks. The number of ventilators in Los Angeles County appears adequate over the next 4 weeks.
  - The model suggests about 1 in 145 Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others and that about 1 in 5 have had COVID-19.

# How Many in Los Angeles are Infectious to Others?

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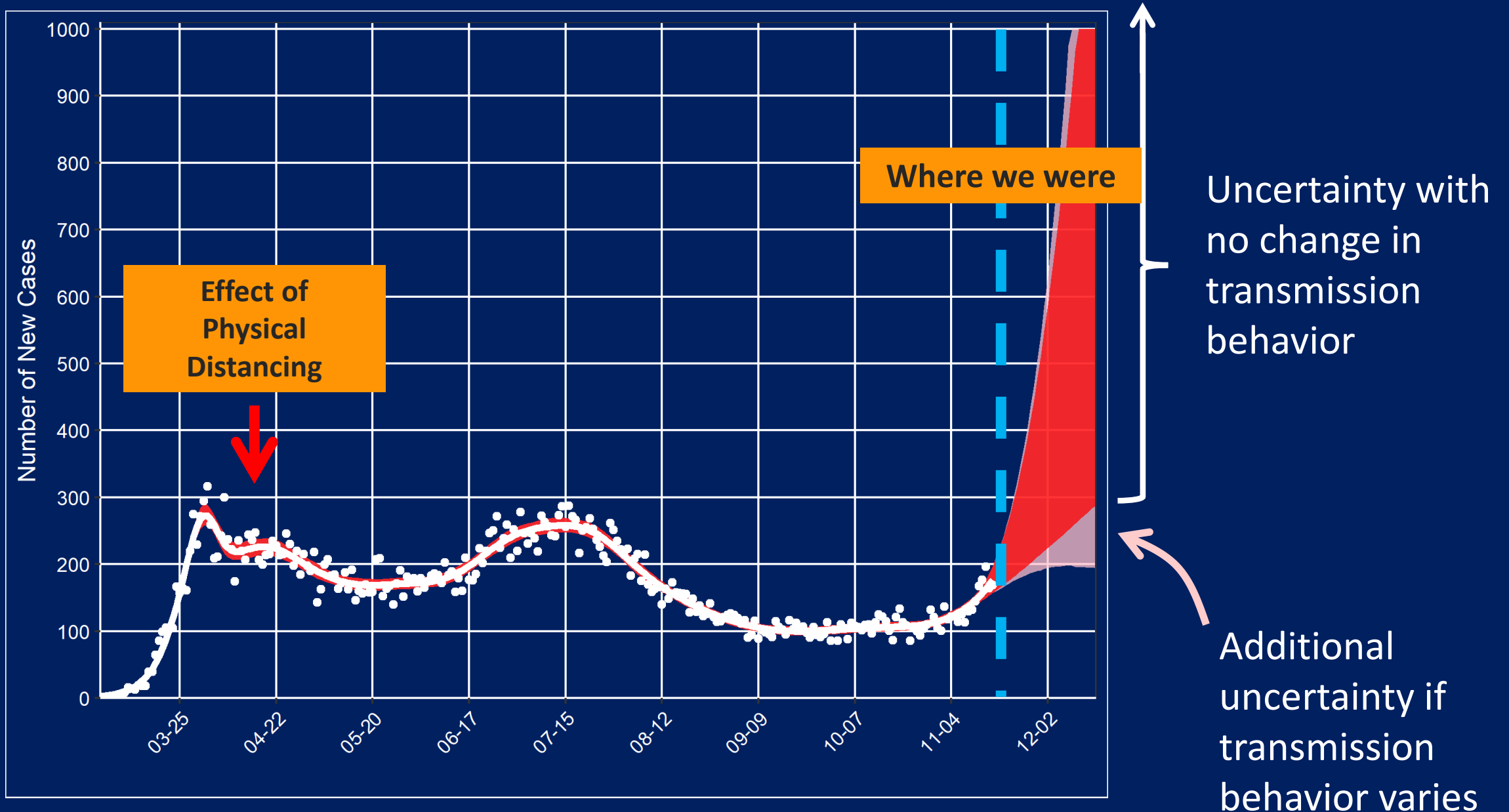
- The DHS team's epidemic model estimates the number of people in Los Angeles County who:
  - Are still **susceptible** to infection if exposed;
  - Have been **exposed** and are incubating, but not infectious;
  - Have COVID-19 and are **infectious** to others, though they may have no symptoms; and
  - Have had COVID-19 and either **recovered** or died, so they are no longer infectious
- The model suggest that about 0.69% (uncertainty of 0.39% to 1.24%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
- This suggests about 1 in 145 (between 1 in 260 and 1 in 80) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. Last week this estimate was 1 in 250.

# A Patient's Journey | COVID-19

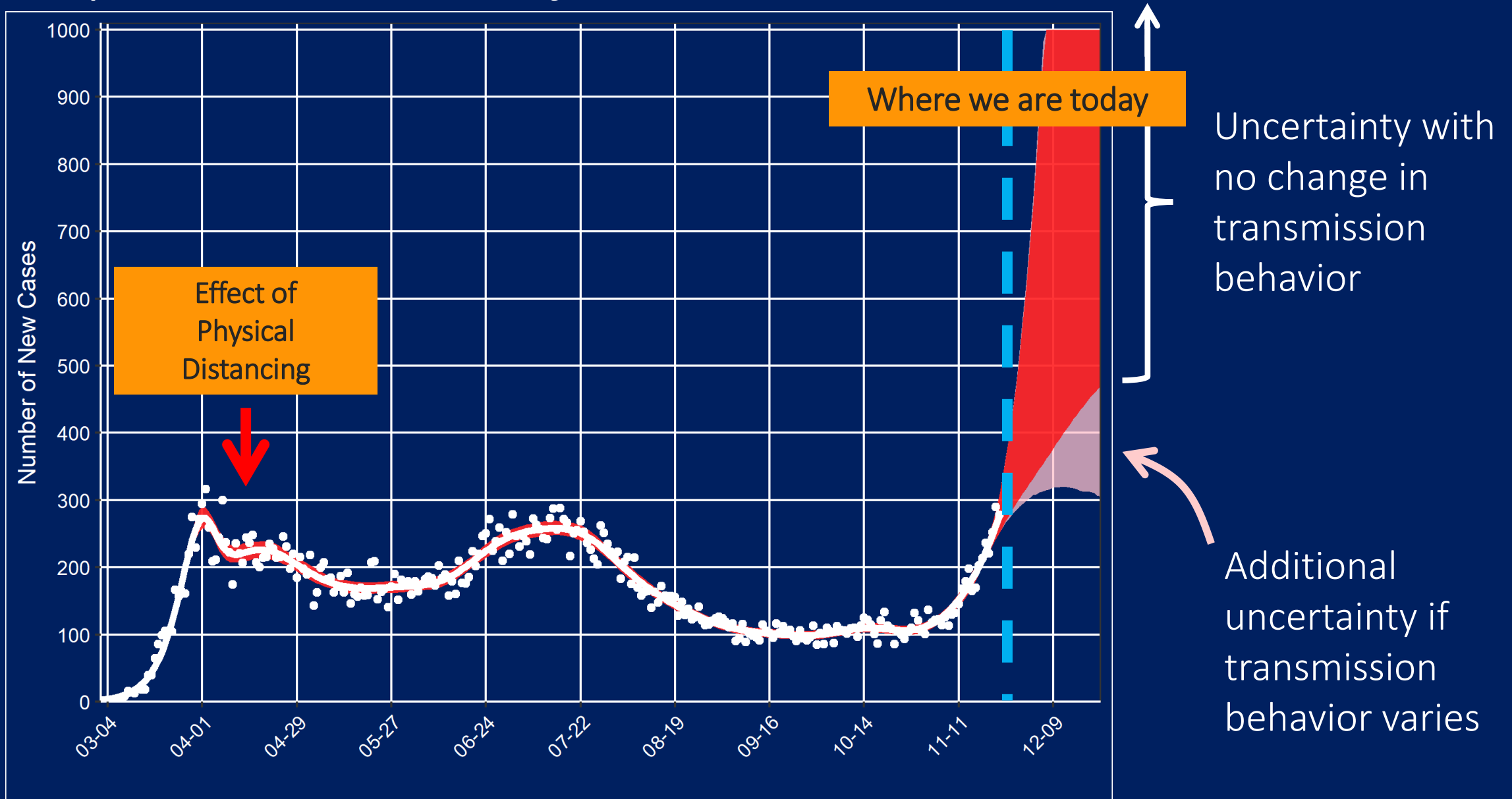


Goal of physical distancing, public use of cloth face coverings, quarantine, isolation and similar actions is to reduce the number of new susceptible people exposed during this time

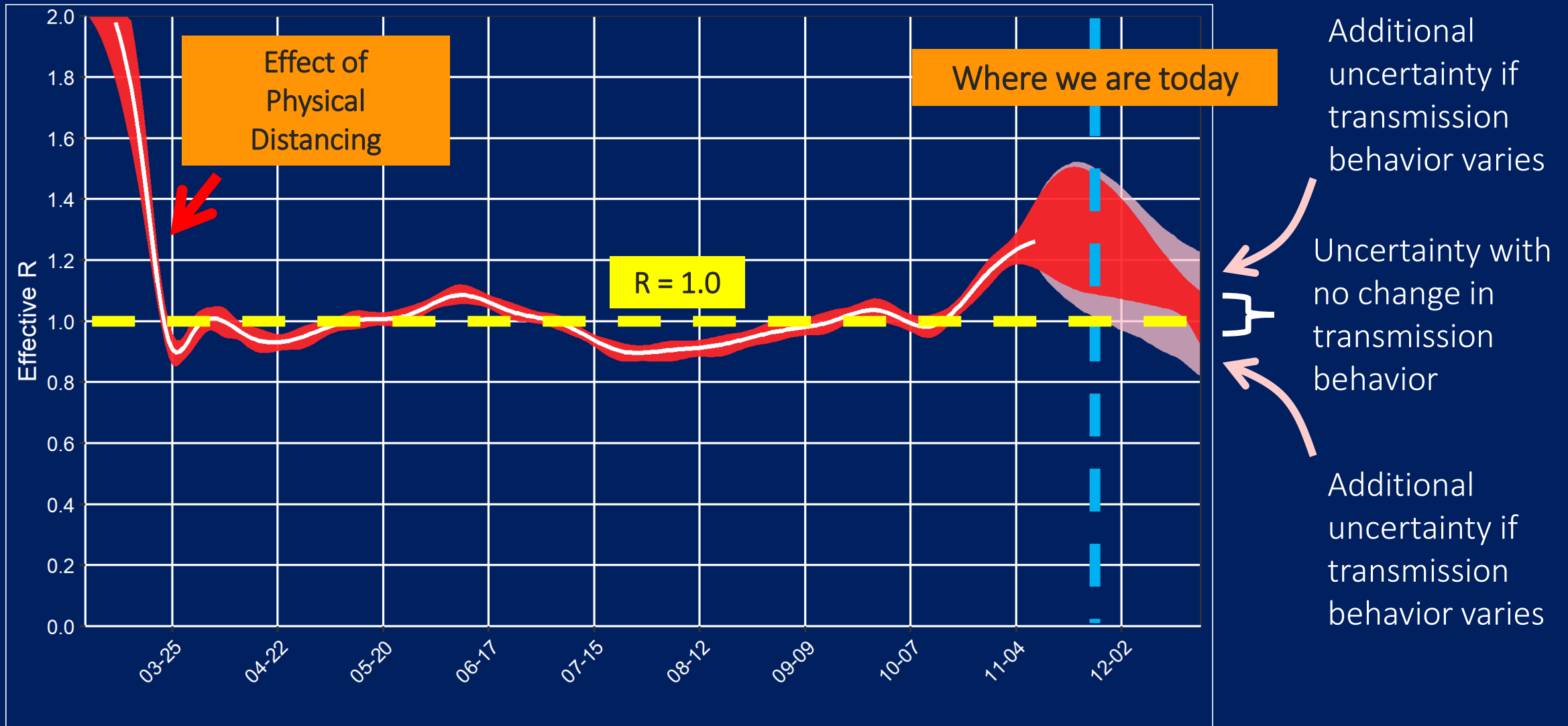
# Hospital New Patient Projections: From Last Week



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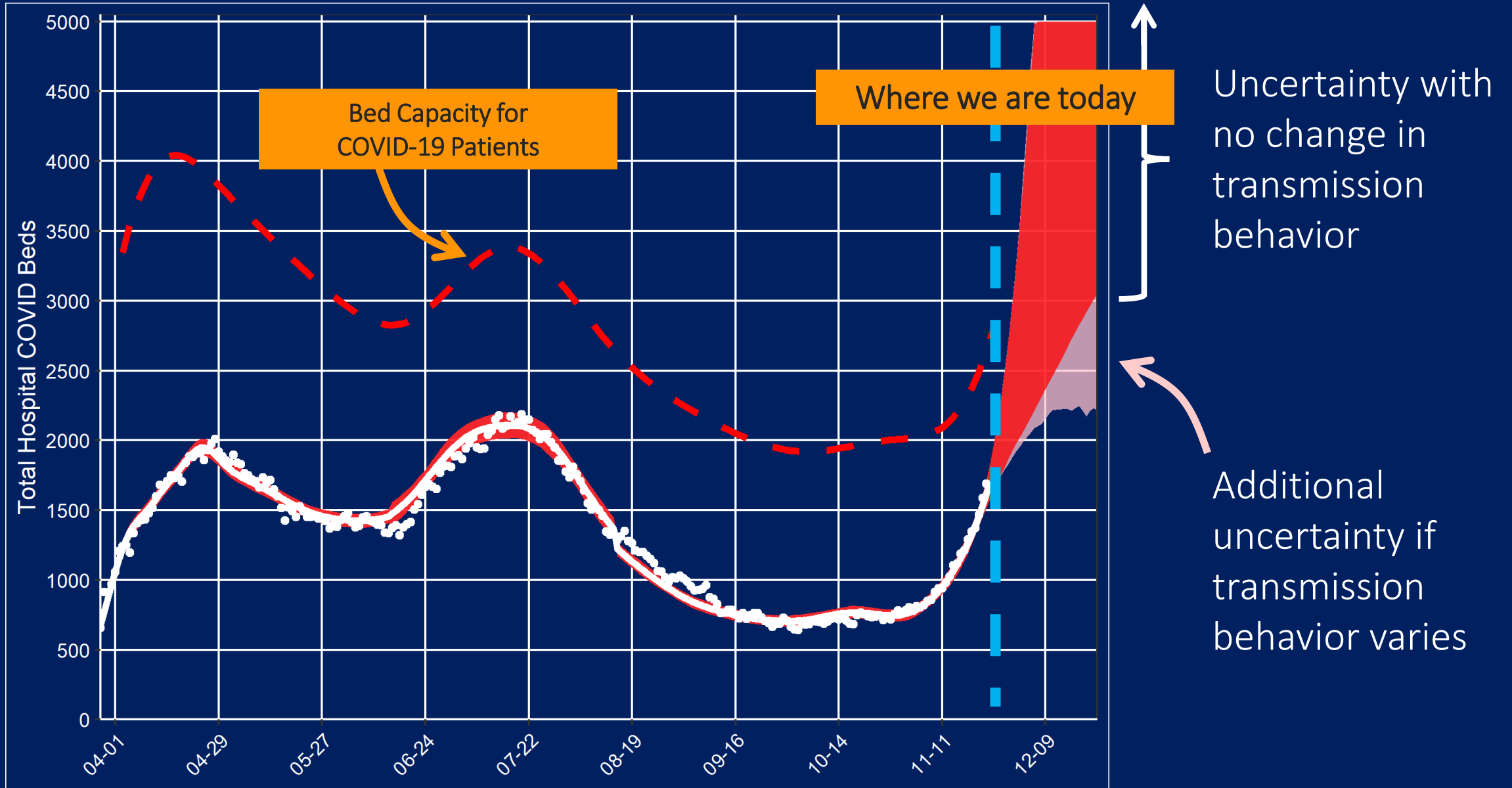


# Effective Transmission Number “R”



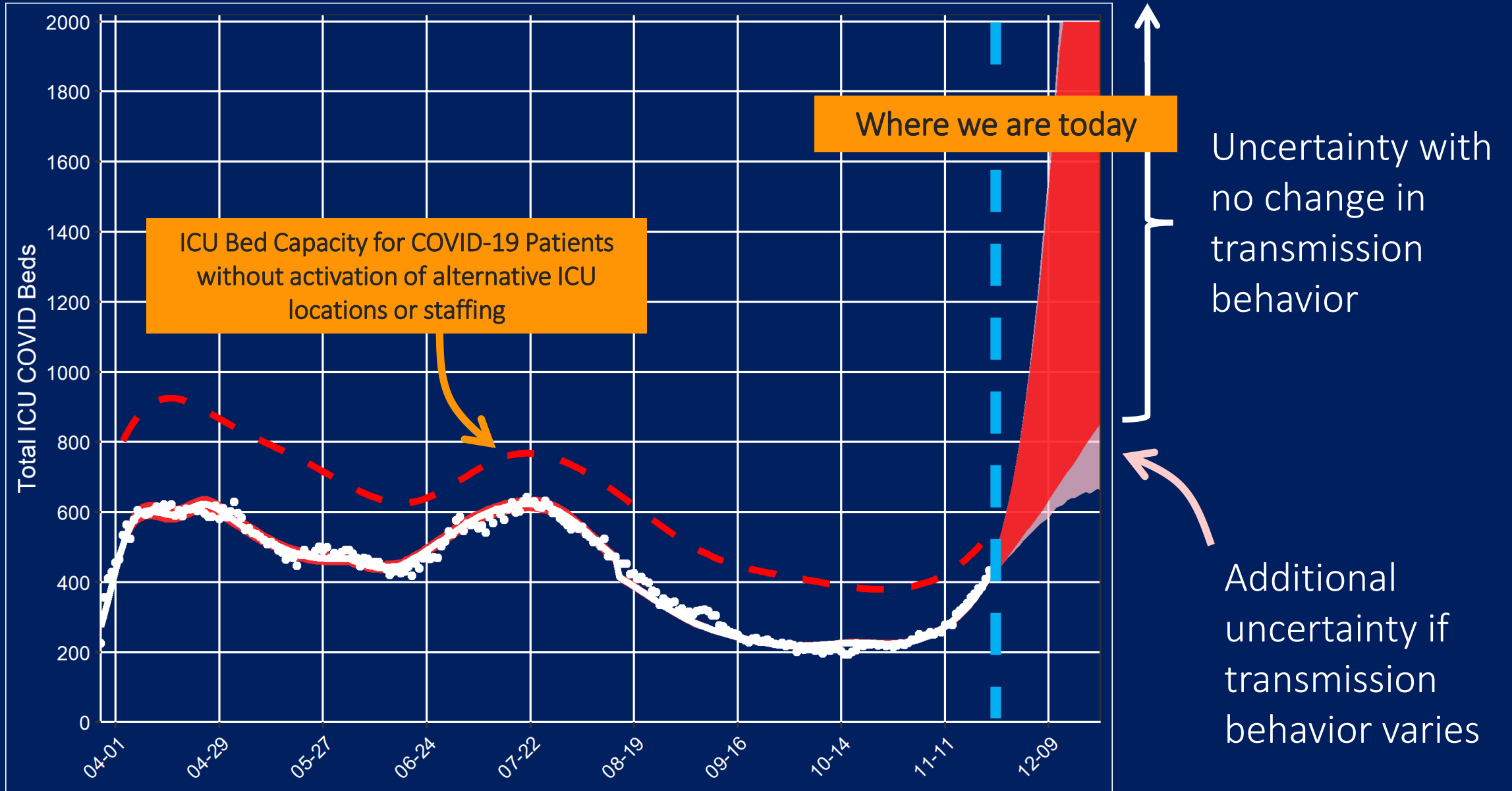
Note: We have adjusted the R that we present to account for the fraction of the population that is presumed to be immune to reinfection. At the beginning of the pandemic, this fraction was essentially zero so this would not have made any difference. But as more people have been infected, and are presumed to have immunity, we are presenting an R that includes this factor.

# Predictions of Demand in LA County | Hospital Beds

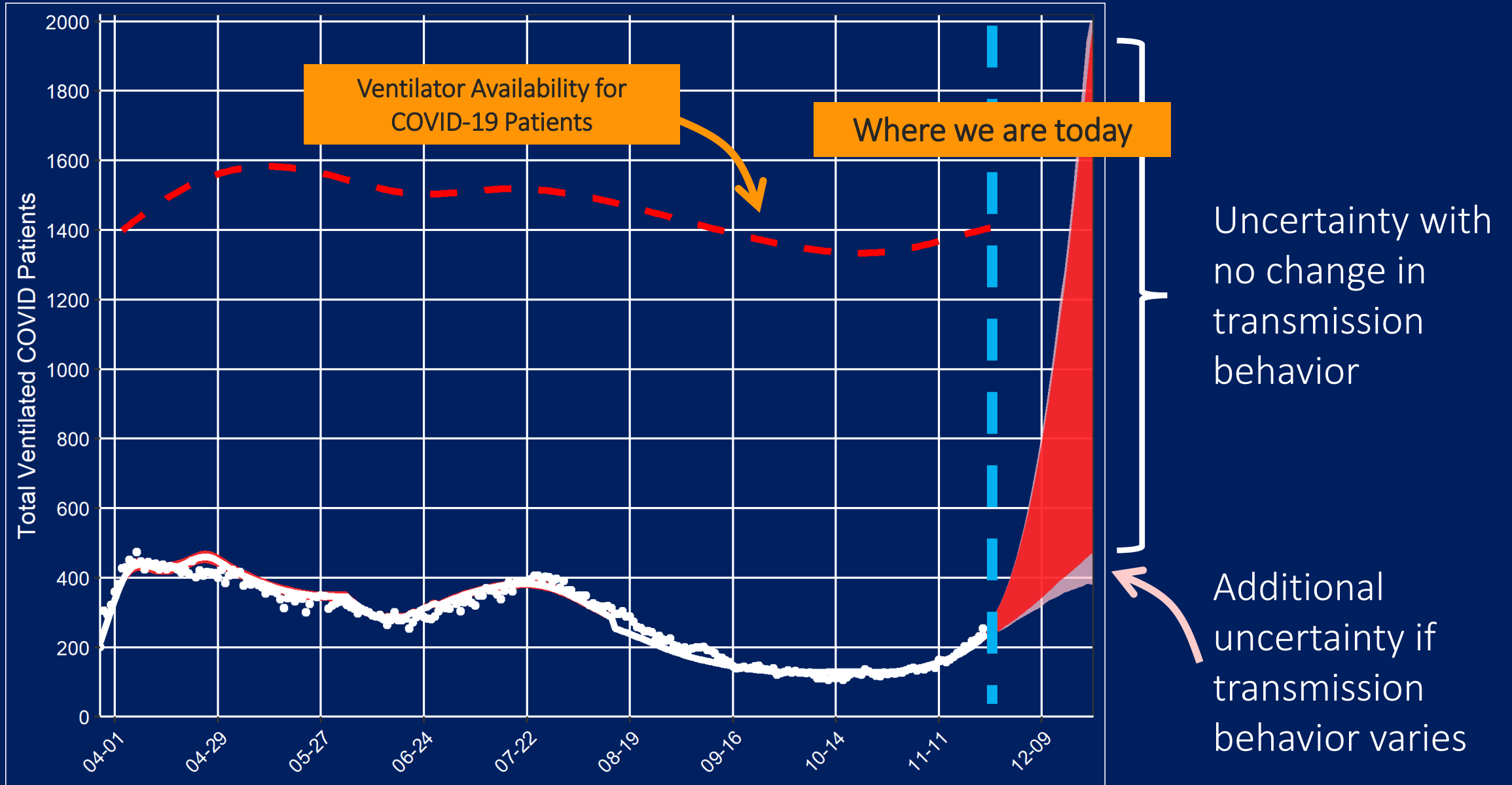




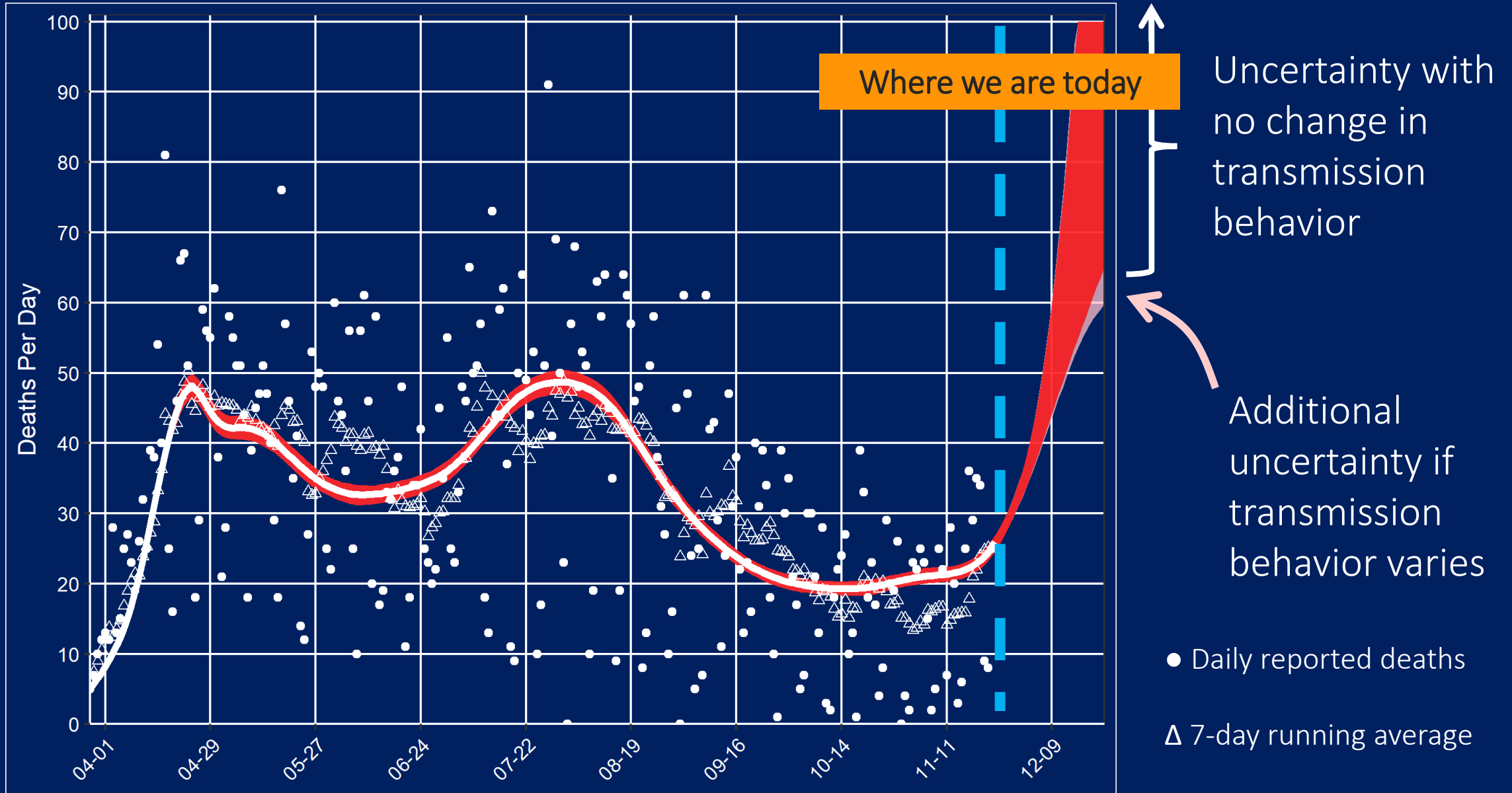
# Predictions of Demand in LA County | ICU Beds



# Predictions of Demand in LA County | Ventilators



# Predictions of Daily Mortality LA County

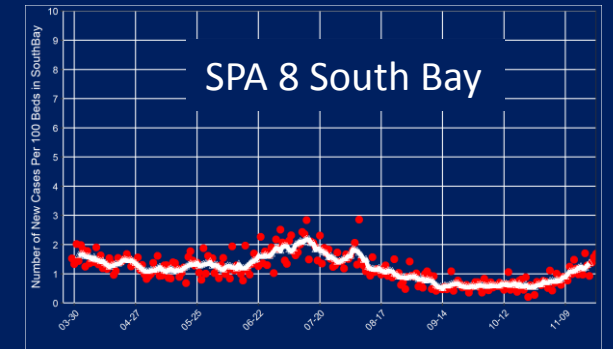
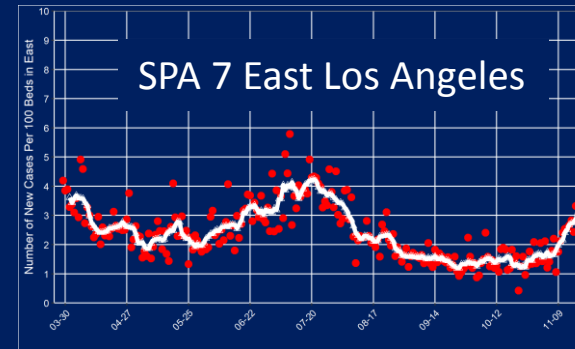
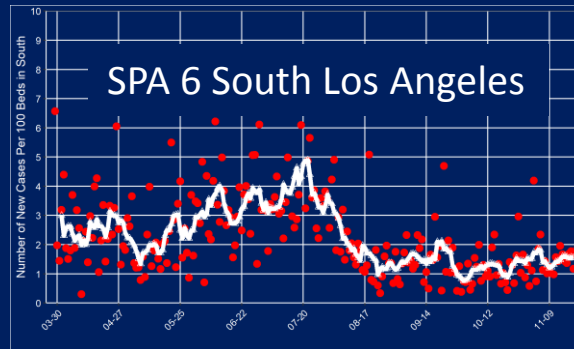
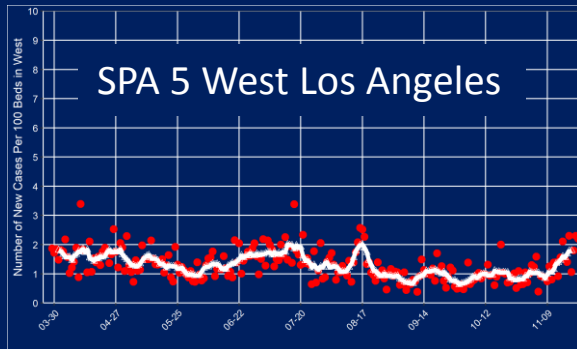
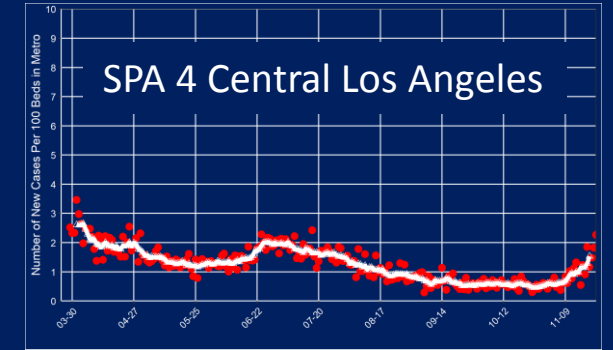
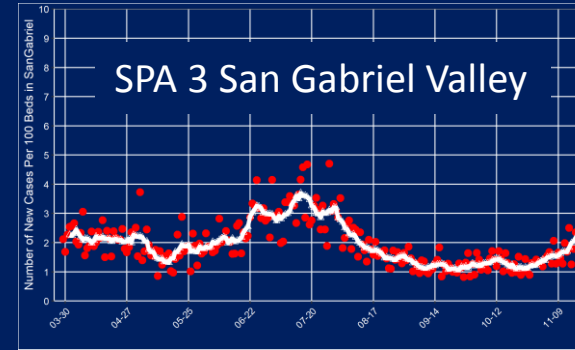
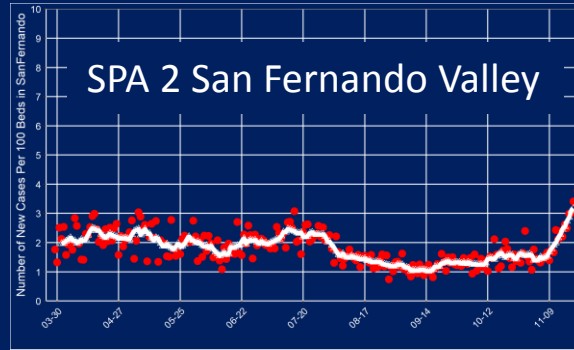
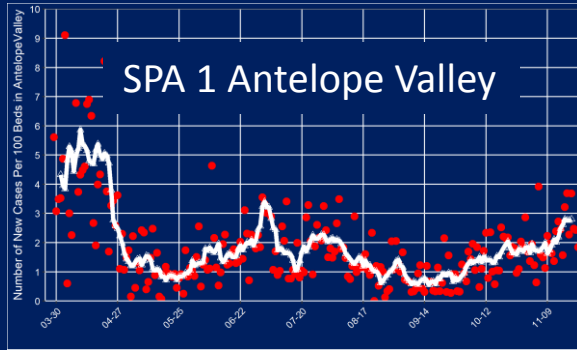


# Hospital Admissions are a Varying Fraction of New Cases

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# Daily New COVID-19 Hospitalizations by Service Planning Areas (SPAs), per 100 Hospital Beds

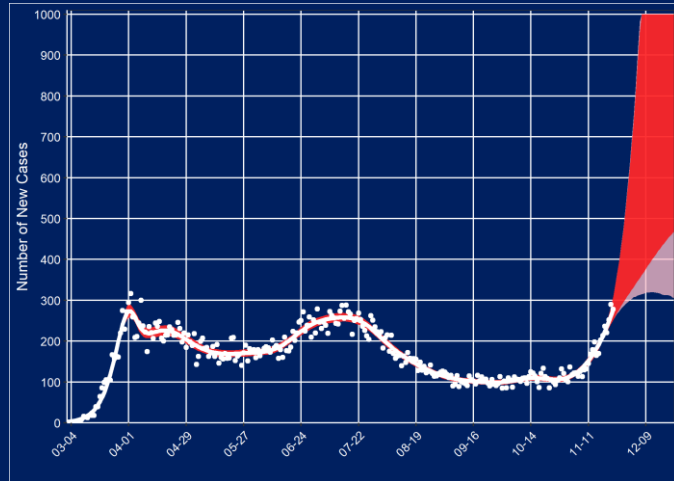


- The transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County is changing over time, with different patterns in different geographic areas
- More detailed geographical analysis is required to identify specific communities needing additional support in identifying cases and limiting spread

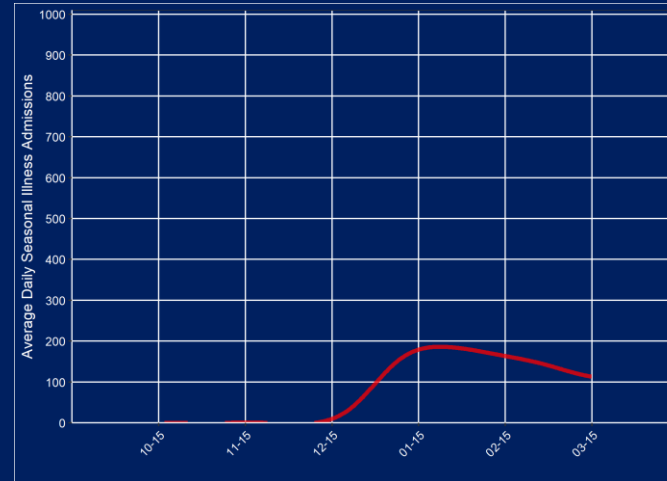
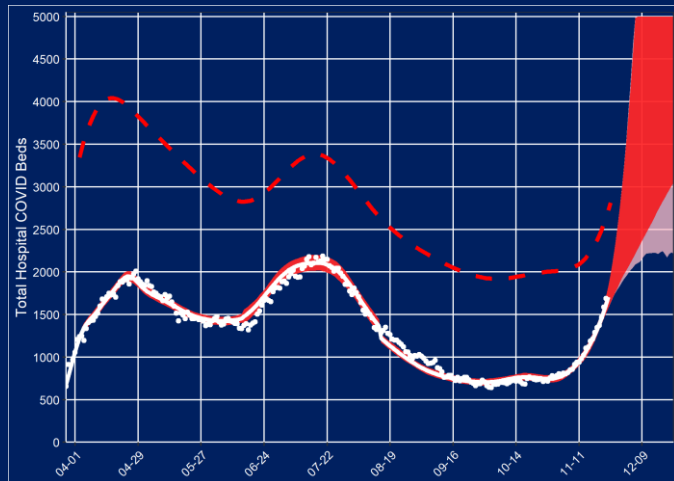
# What about Influenza?

- We have not yet seen significant influenza activity in Los Angeles County. The usual seasonal increase in utilization of hospital beds from influenza-associated illnesses is shown below. Influenza-associated illnesses typically lead to a demand for hospital beds similar to the current demand for patients with COVID-19. These estimates will be updated when influenza activity is detected.

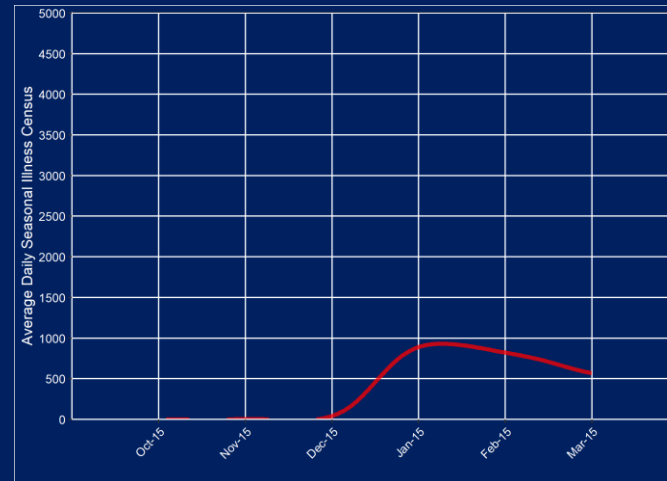
- Daily hospital admissions for COVID-19



- Hospital bed utilization for COVID-19



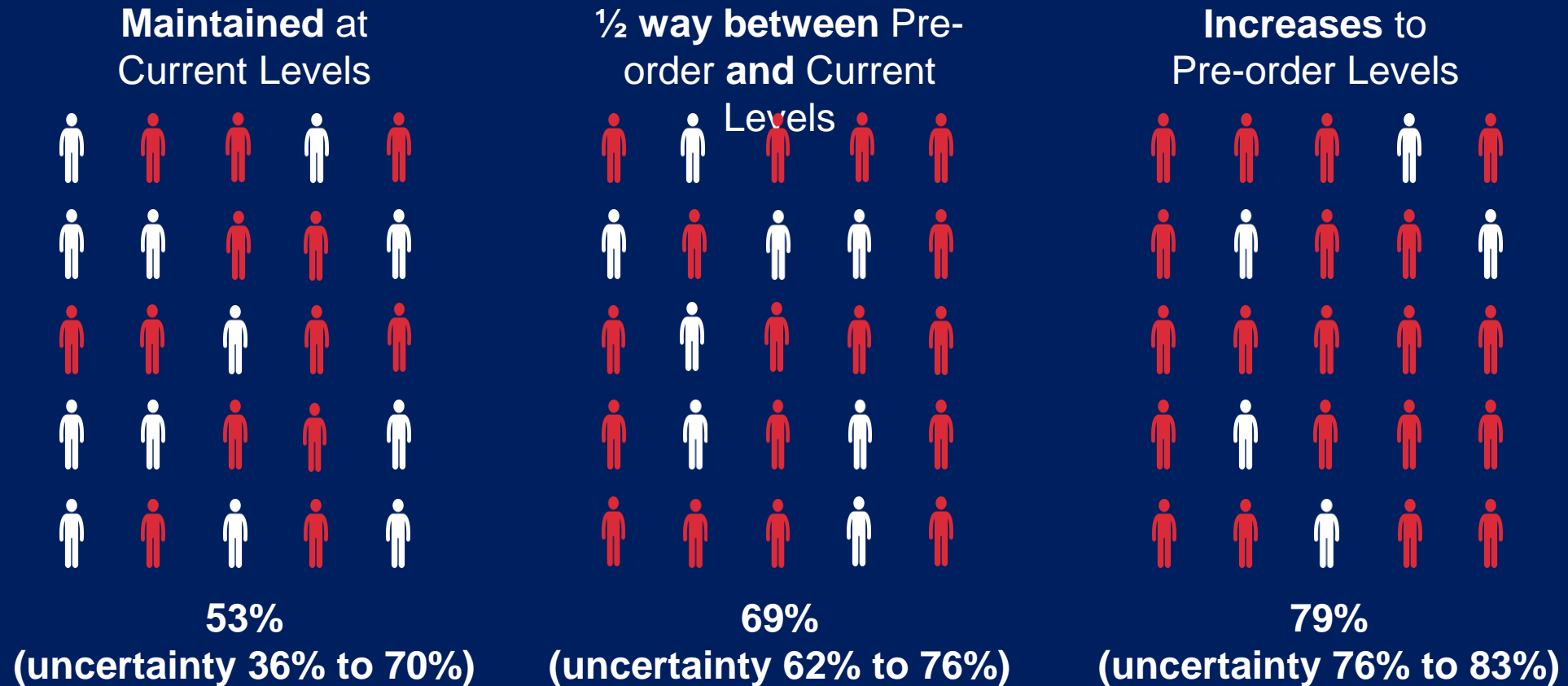
- Typical daily hospital admissions for influenza-associated illnesses



- Typical hospital census of patients with influenza-associated illnesses

# Effect of Behaviors to Control Transmission

If transmission....



... of LA County residents will have been infected by March 31, 2021 \*

*\*(This includes adults and children)*