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

March 29, 2021 Update

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Key Findings of the March 29th Update

- This update includes data on hospitalizations through March 26, 2021.
- The underlying statistical prediction model is unchanged from last week.
- Key findings:
  - The daily number of newly hospitalized patients with positive tests for COVID-19 across Los Angeles County has continued to gradually decrease.
  - A patient's COVID-19 test may remain positive for approximately 3 months after their illness, though they are no longer infectious to others.
  - During the recent surge, approximately 1 in 5 people in Los Angeles County were infected, and some who have recovered will still have a positive COVID-19 test. Thus, some patients newly hospitalized for reasons other than COVID-19 will have a positive COVID-19 test and be included in our data.

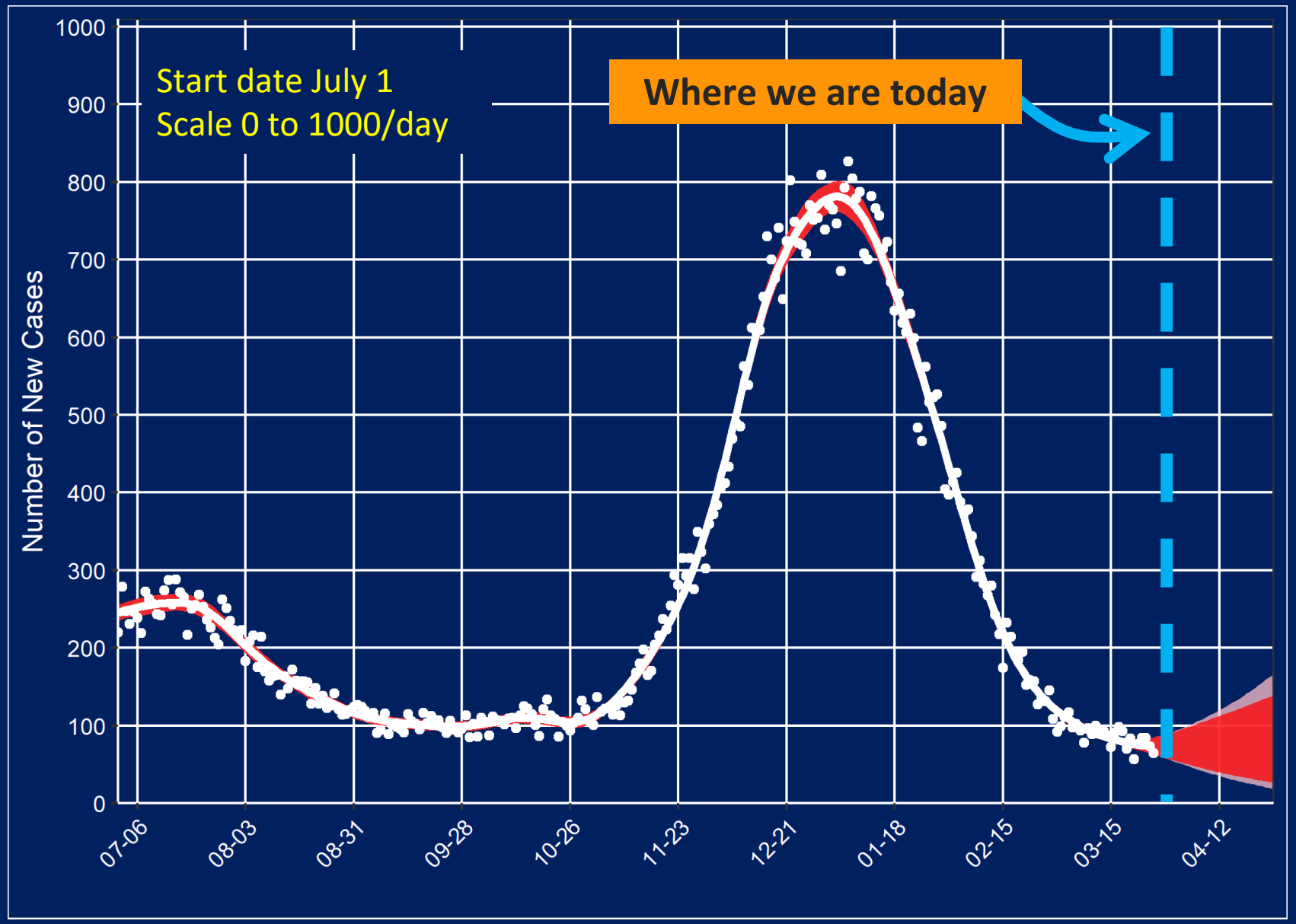
Key Findings of the March 29th Update (continued)

- Key findings (continued):
  - Based on recent hospitalization data, reflecting transmission that occurred in early March, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.95 with an uncertainty of 0.87 to 1.03. This is higher than our estimate one week earlier of 0.93 with an uncertainty of 0.85 to 1.04.
  - However, positive tests in hospitalized patients that are due to past rather than new infection could result in an estimate for R that is artificially high.
  - Based on the pattern in hospitalizations, and the resulting estimate for R, the demand for hospital-based services including hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators over the next 4 weeks may continue to decrease, be stable, or start to increase. We expect daily mortality to decrease, be stable, or start to increase over the same time interval.
  - Even if hospitalizations begin to increase, we expect the supply of hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators over the next 4 weeks to be adequate.

How Many in Los Angeles are Infectious to Others?

- 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 suggests that about 0.11% (uncertainty of 0.06% to 0.17%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
- This would suggest about 1 in 940 (between 1 in 1600 and 1 in 600) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 830.
- Approximately 3 in every 8 persons in Los Angeles County has been infected with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Hospital New Patient Projections



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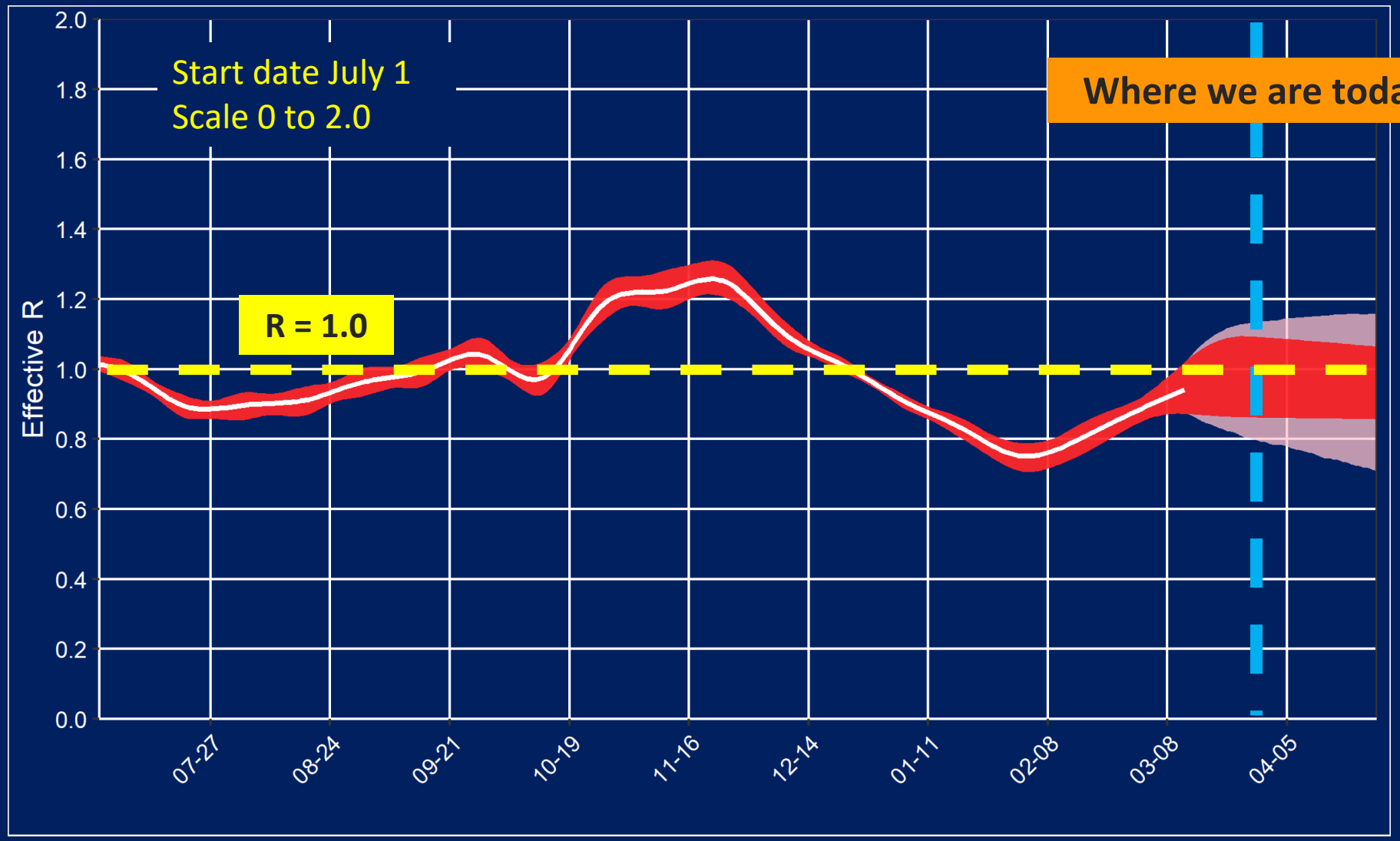
Effective Transmission Number “R”



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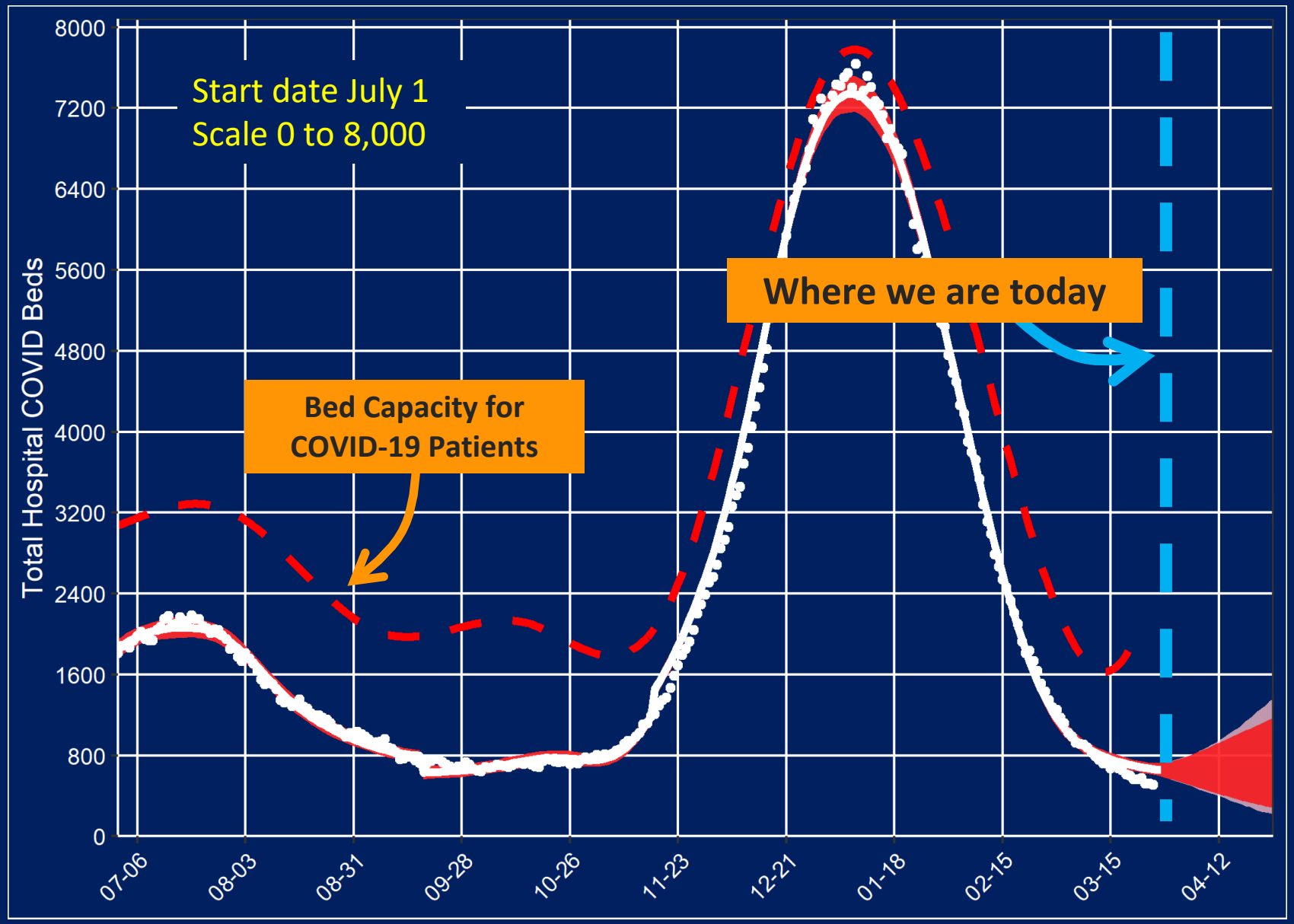
Note: The effective transmission number R is reduced by the partial herd immunity due to persons who have either experienced and recovered from COVID-19 or have been immunized.

Predictions of Hospital Bed Demand



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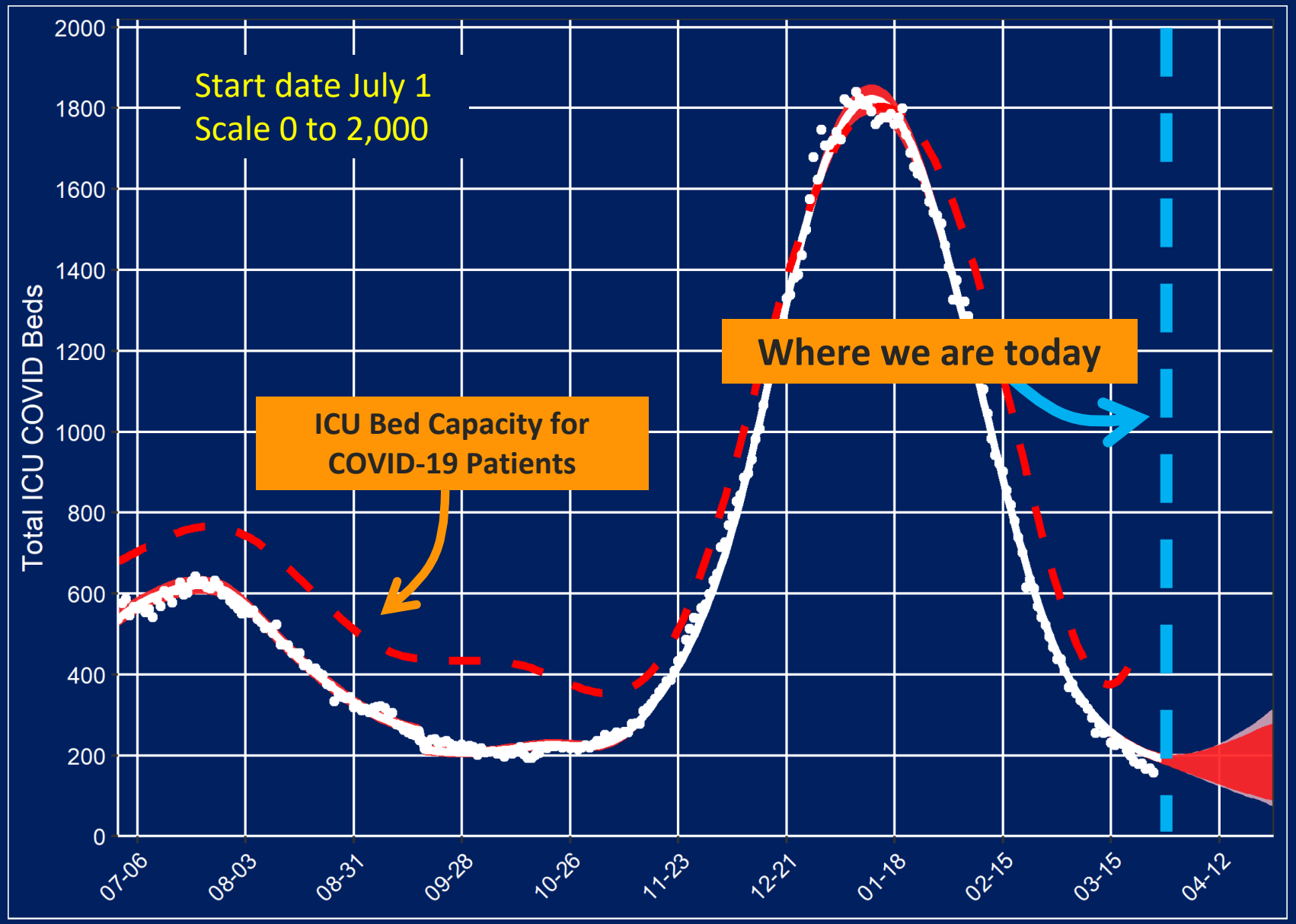
Predictions of ICU Bed Demand



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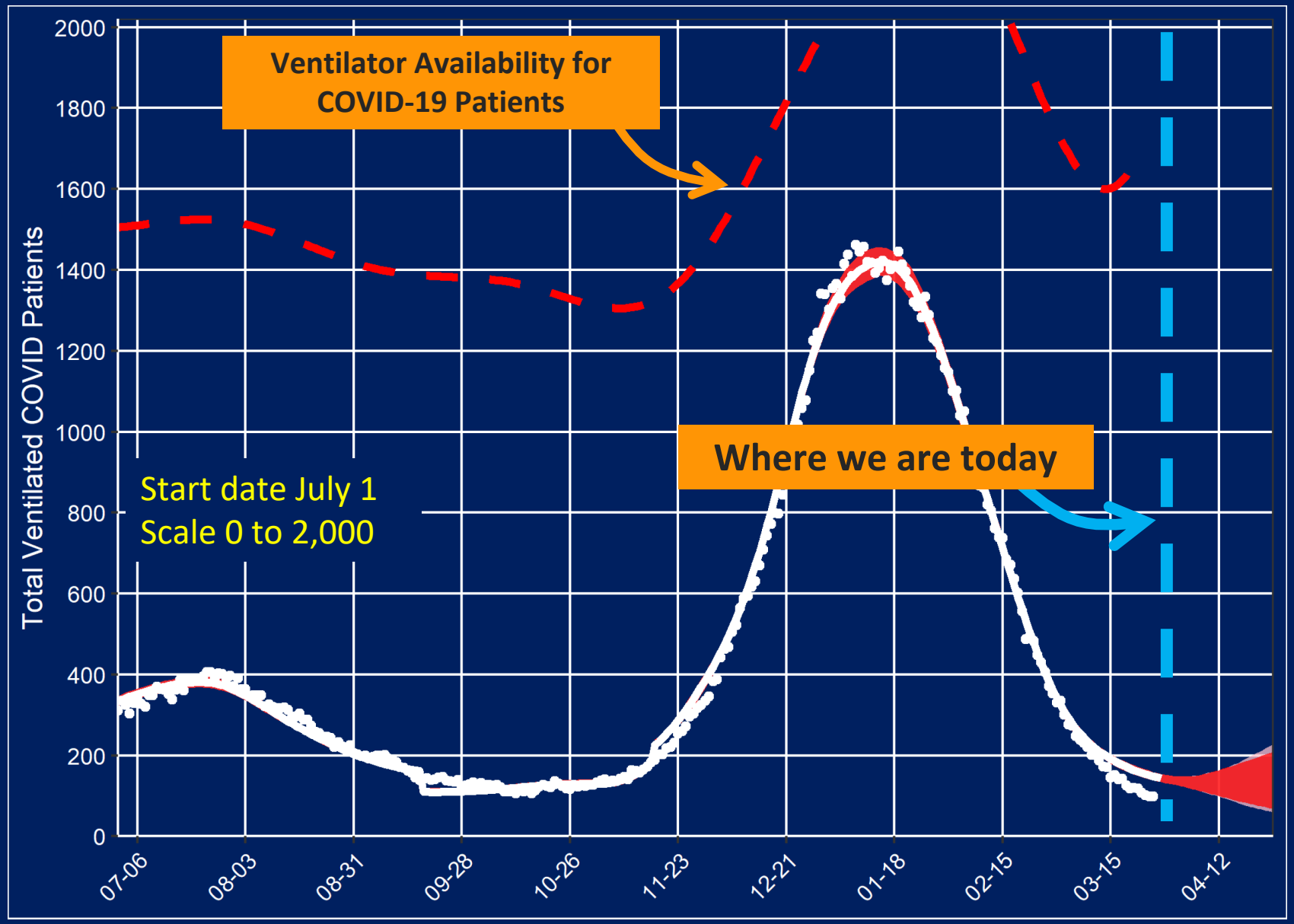
Predictions of Ventilator Demand



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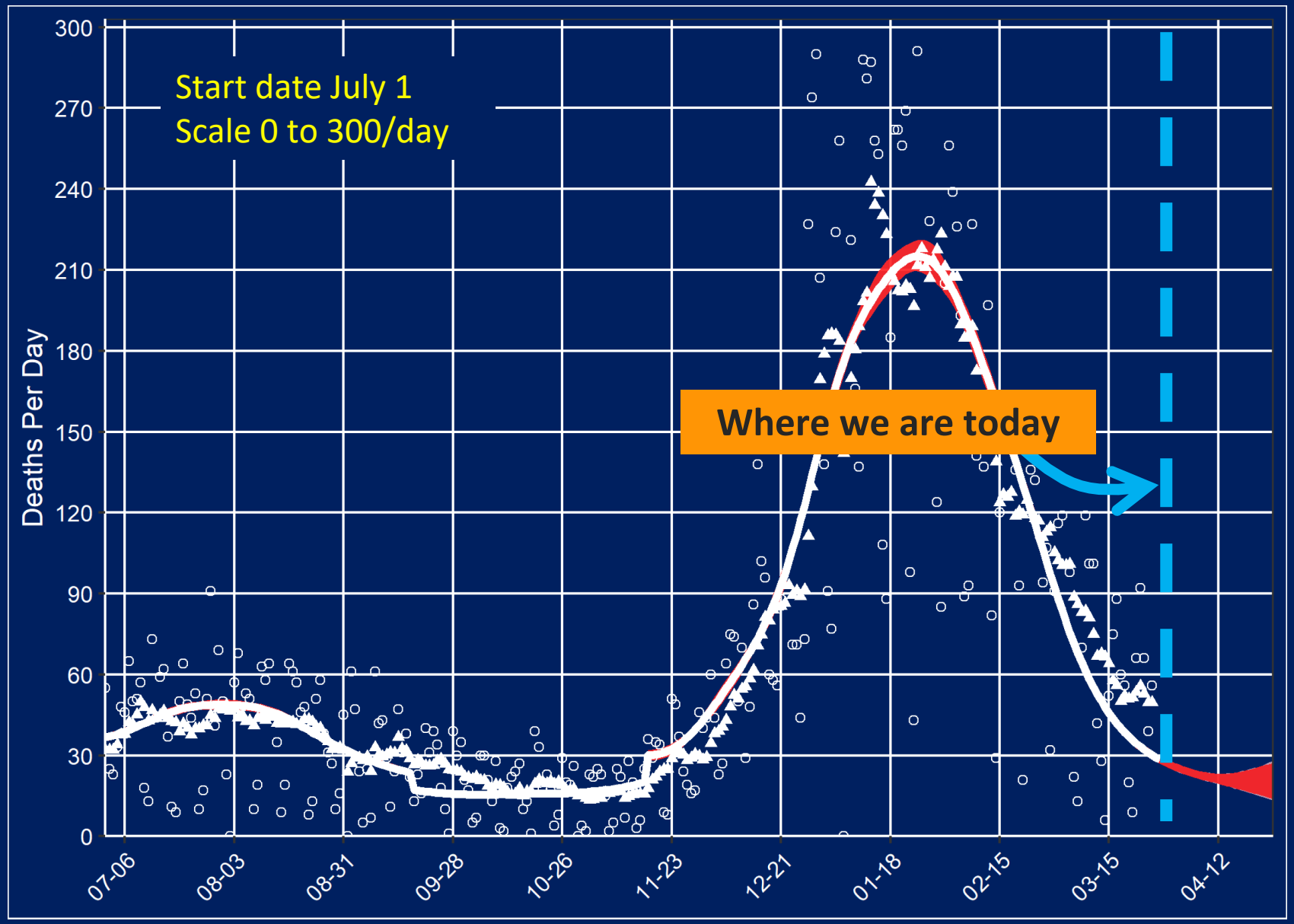
Predictions of Daily Mortality



○ Daily reported deaths

▲ 7-day running average

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