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

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## **Key Findings of the May 10<sup>th</sup> Update**

- This update includes data on hospitalizations through May 5, 2021.
- The underlying statistical prediction model is unchanged from the last update.
- Key findings:
  - The daily number of <u>newly hospitalized</u> patients with positive tests for COVID-19 across Los Angeles County has continued to gradually decrease.
  - We continue to see patients admitted to hospitals for reasons other that acute COVID-19 illness who have positive COVID-19 PCR tests, often from prior illness that has resolved. These do not reflect recent transmission.
  - Based on recent data, reflecting transmission that occurred in the middle of April, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.90 with an uncertainty of 0.78 to 0.99. This estimate for R is slightly lower than our prior estimate of was 0.96 with an uncertainty of 0.86 to 1.02.

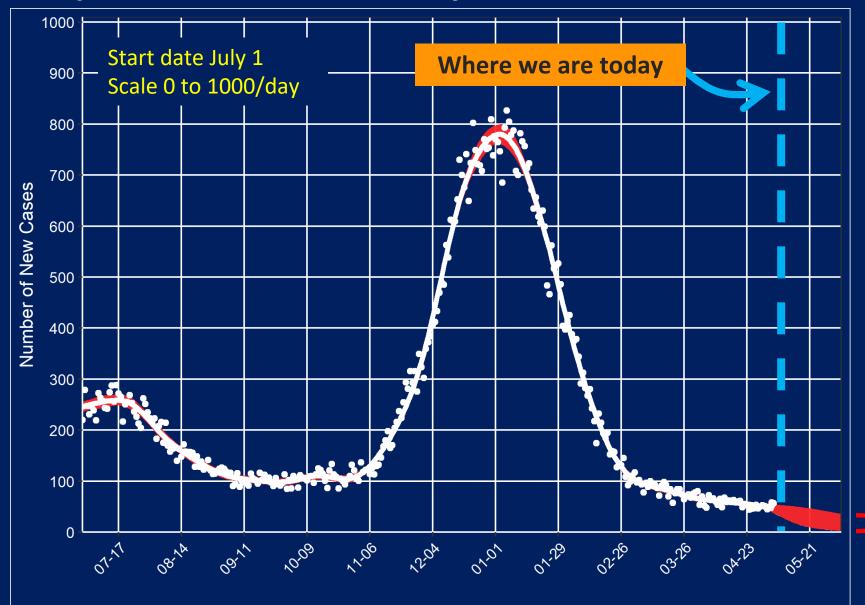
# **Key Findings of the May 10<sup>th</sup> Update (continued)**

- Key findings (continued):
  - Based on the pattern in hospitalizations, and the resulting estimate for R, we expect the supply of <u>hospital beds</u>, <u>ICU beds</u>, and <u>ventilators</u> over the next 4 weeks to be adequate.
- Because of the relatively low level of community transmission, the frequency of model updates will continue to be every two weeks.

## 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 susceptible to infection with COVID-19, have been exposed, are infectious to others, and have recovered or been vaccinated so they are no longer susceptible.
- The model suggests that about 0.06% (uncertainty of 0.03% to 0.10%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is <u>currently</u> infectious to others.
- This would suggest about 1 in 1600 (between 1 in 4000 and 1 in 970) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 1200.
- Almost 5 in every 8 persons in Los Angeles County is estimated to be protected from COVID-19. Approximately 3 in every 8 persons in Los Angeles County has been infected and approximately another 2 in 8 have acquired protection through vaccination.

## **Hospital New Patient Projections**

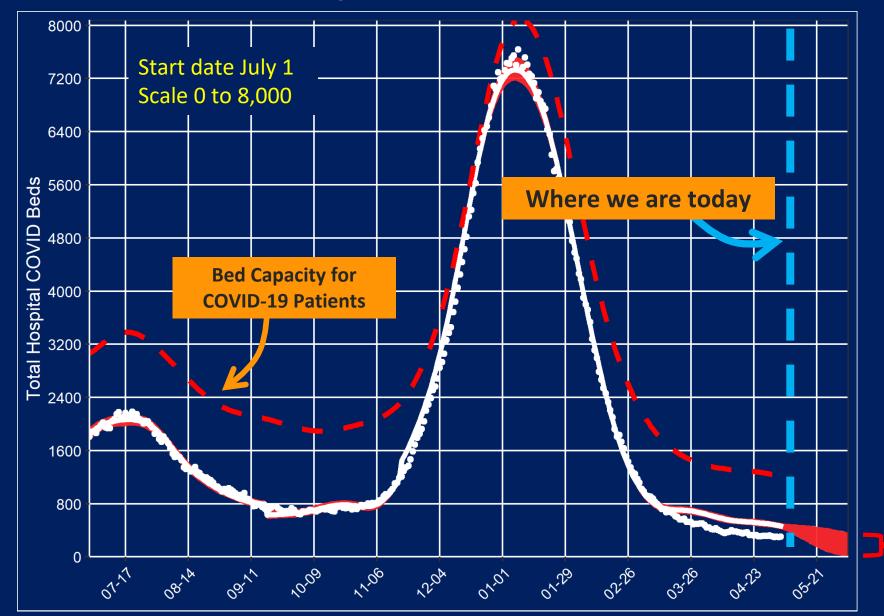


### **Effective Transmission Number "R"**

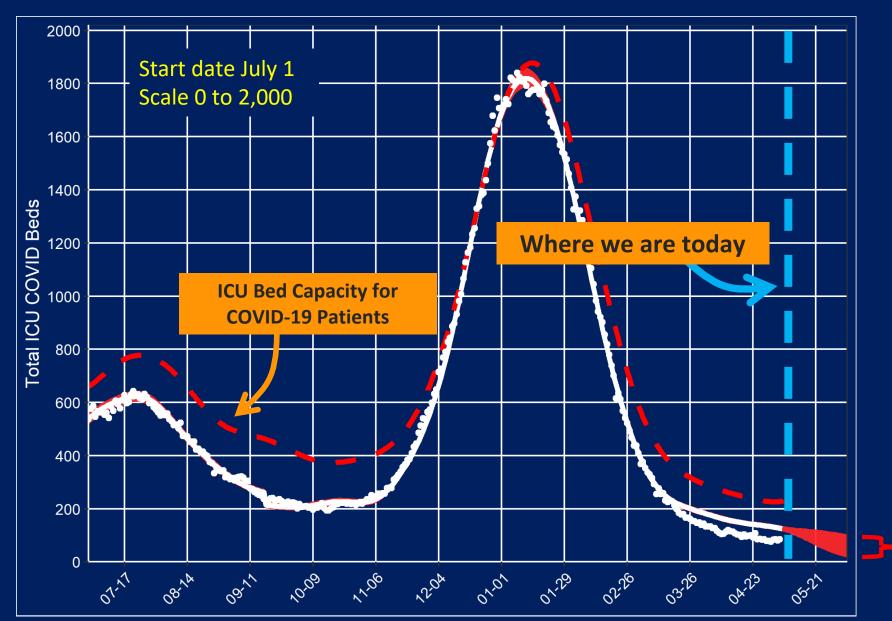


Note: The effective transmission number R is reduced by the partial herd immunity due to persons who have either experienced and recovered from COVID-19 or have been immunized.

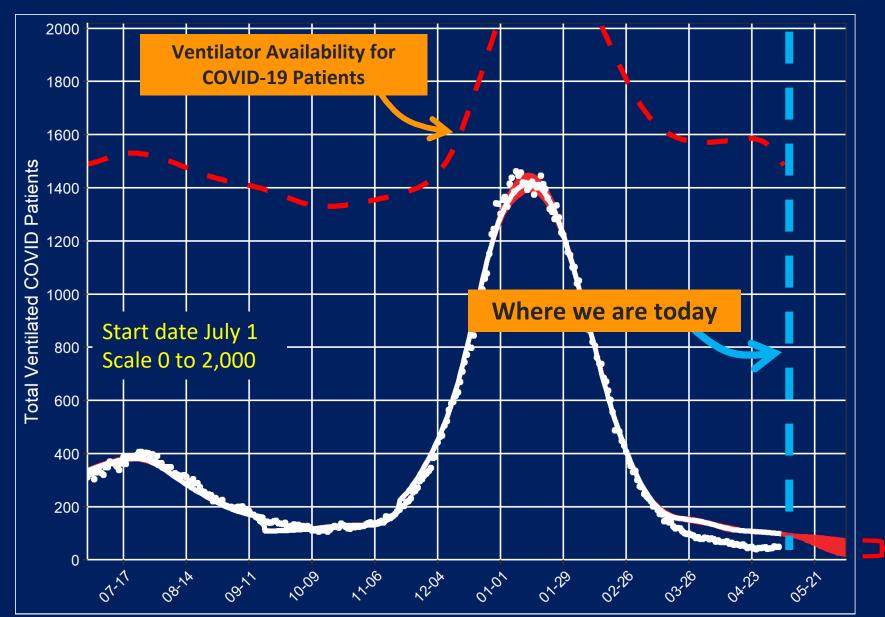
## **Predictions of Hospital Bed Demand**



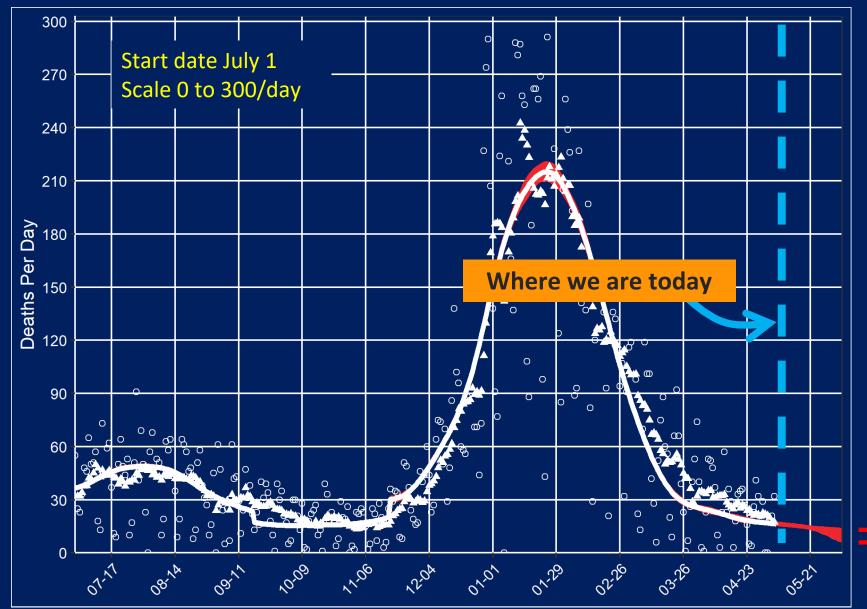
#### **Predictions of ICU Bed Demand**



#### **Predictions of Ventilator Demand**



# **Predictions of Daily Mortality**



- O Daily reported deaths
- ▲ 7-day running average