

Parameter estimates and model fit – 8/10/2020

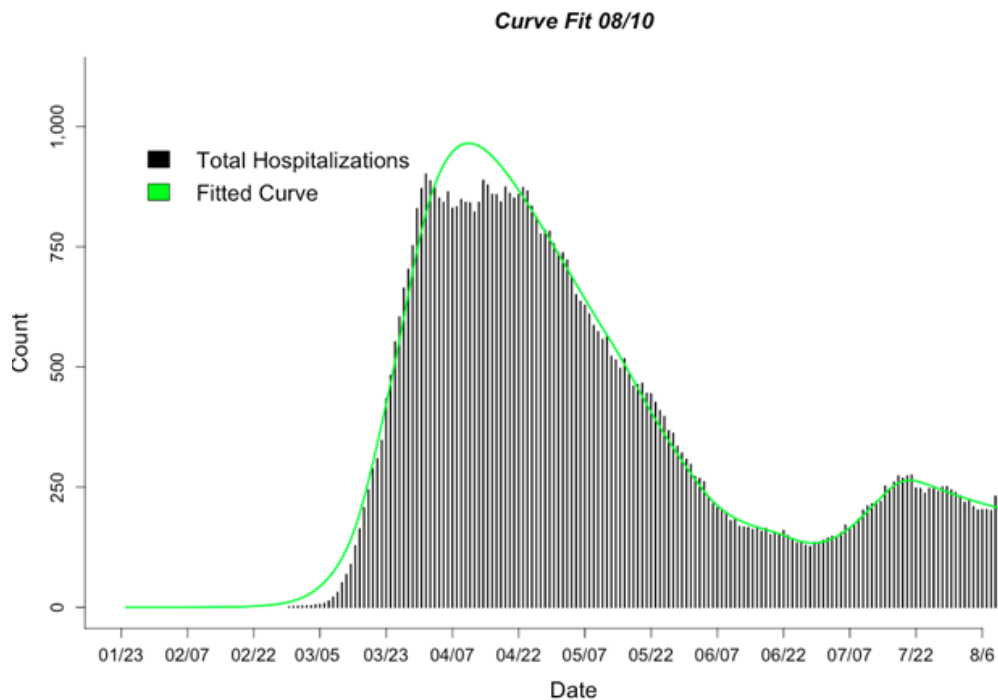


Figure 1. Current model fit (green line) to count of hospitalized COVID-19 cases (black lines) using the age-structured SEIR model. Hospitalized COVID-19 cases are from CDPHE reported COVID-19 hospitalizations and EMResource (EMR) hospital census data provided by CDPHE.

Table 1. Current and prior estimates of the effective reproductive number (R_e) in Colorado.

	Current Estimates (8/10)	Estimates one week ago (8/03)	Estimates two weeks ago (7/27)
Estimate of R_e , approach 1*	0.82	0.67	0.96
Estimate of R_e , approach 2*	0.86	0.62	0.83
Estimate from RT-Live	0.99	1.00	1.15
covid-19-projections.com	0.96	0.98	0.97

*Our estimates are based on hospitalization data through the date listed. Estimates from the external sites are extracted on the day listed. Because of the 13-day lag between infection and hospitalization, on average, our current estimate reflects transmission up to approximately July 28. Approach 1 uses model output to estimate the average number of new cases generated by existing cases, accounting for the latent period and duration of infectiousness. The second method uses the model structure to estimate the dominant eigenvalue for a matrix describing population flows across the model compartments.

Table 2. Estimated model parameters based on fitting our model output of total hospitalizations to reported hospitalizations in Colorado.

	Range of possible values	Fitted value	Fit using data through
Social distancing*			
Phase 1. Estimated social distancing from mid-March until the start of the stay at home order, modeled as 3/17 - 3/25	10 – 70%	50%	06/24
Phase 2. Estimated social distancing during the state-wide stay at home order, modeled as 3/26 to 4/26	50 – 99%	79%	06/24
Phase 3. Estimated social distancing during the transition to state-wide Safer at Home, modeled as 4/27 to 05/08†	50 – 99%	80%	06/24
Phase 4. Estimated social distancing during early state-wide Safer at Home, modeled as 05/09 to 05/26†	50-99%	87%	06/30
Phase 5. Estimated social distancing during Safer at Home as more businesses re-open, 5/27-07/14†	50-99%	63%	07/27
Estimated social distancing level, 07/01 - present	30-99%	61%	08/10
Estimated current social distancing level, 07/19 - present	30-99%	73%	08/10
Mask wearing			
Percent of individuals wearing masks, 4/4 to 4/27		50%	Assumed¶
Percent of individuals wearing masks, 4/27 to present		70%	Assumed¶
Case isolation			
Decrease in infectious - symptomatic contact rate due to self-isolation by symptomatic after March 5 (dividing by 0.57 gives proportion that self-isolate) **	0.1 - 0.8††	0.44	06/24
Case detection			
Proportion of cases detected over the last 14 days	0.0 – 1.0	42%	08/10
Transmission parameters			
The rate of infection (beta)	0.2 - 0.6††	0.48	06/24
Ratio of infectiousness for symptomatic vs. asymptomatic individuals (lambda)	1.0 - 4.0††	1.39	06/24

*The social distancing parameter estimates the percent decrease in effective contacts between susceptible and infectious individuals. This parameter accounts for social distancing policies intended to avoid contact altogether (e.g., through workplace and school closures) as well as policies and individual behaviors to reduce potential contact with the virus (e.g., maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between people outside of one's household, and handwashing).

† Social distancing estimated weekly and averaged over time period of interest.

¶ Given the difficulty in disentangling the effect of mask wearing from social distancing in decreasing transmission, we cannot fit this parameter at this time. Survey data suggests current levels of mask wearing are approximately 70% [1].

**Self-isolation by symptomatic cases is assumed to occur 1 day after the onset of infectiousness and decrease the 67% of contacts that typically occur outside of the home. This parameter jointly accounts for the percent of symptomatic individuals that self-isolate and the imperfect decline in contacts. Dividing the value in the table by 0.57 gives the proportion of symptomatic individuals that self-isolate.

†† The range of potential parameter values for case isolation [2] and the rate of infectiousness for symptomatic vs. asymptomatic individuals [3, 4] are based on the literature, and for the rate of infection, were obtained from the MIDAS Online COVID-19 compilation of parameter estimates [5].

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