

Background

- Stay-at-home orders have been hailed as major source of defence against spread of COVID-19
- All 50 states across the United States issued a stay-at-home order at sometime during the last 3 months.
- It had huge implications on people and economy
- There has been consensus that stay-at-home orders were helpful for containing the pandemic
 - o How do we quantify the benefit of stay-at-home orders?

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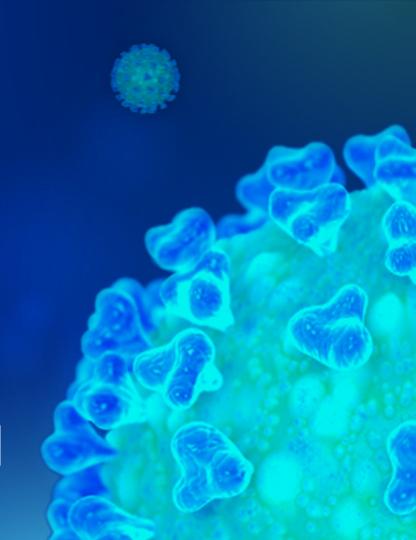
Exploratory Data Analysis

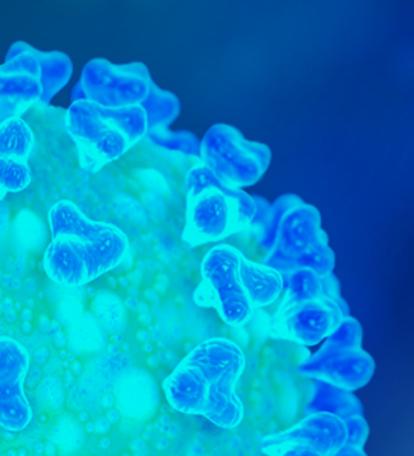
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Key Takeaways

"We cannot say this loudly enough or clearly enough or often enough: All countries can still change the course of this pandemic"

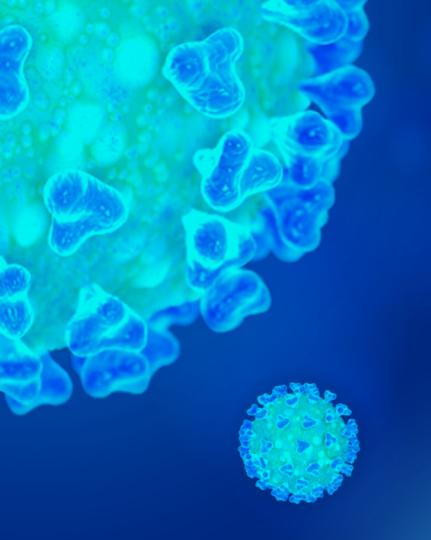
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COVID-19

COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by the recently found virus known as SARS-CoV-2 (or coronavirus). Before the outbreak originated in Wuhan, China on December 2019, there was no information about this virus



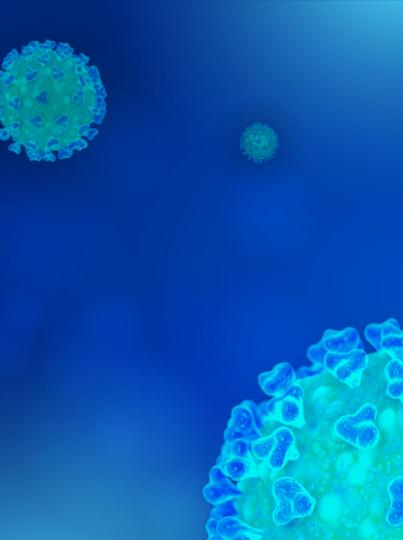
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- The number of cases have been stable in US around 25k mark daily since 25th march.
- Stay at Home order have an impact in the daily cases of a state
- The states have an impact of stay at home immediately

O2 STATS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS



USA has 2.1m cases as of June 2020

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Reported cases in USA as of June 2020

3.4%

Global death rate of this novel coronavirus disease

New York state is the epicenter of the pandemic in USA



5 STATES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CASES

	CONFIRMED	DEATHS
New York	404,423	30,909
New Jersey	169,407	12,728
California	150,267	5062
Illinois	131,871	6289
Massachusetts	105,395	7576

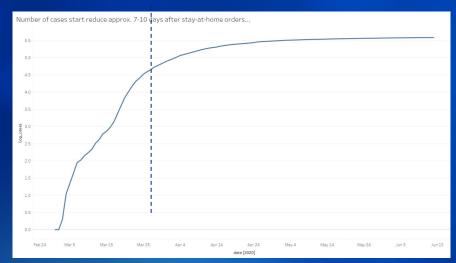


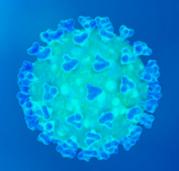
At one point, 95% of US population was ordered to Stay-at-home

Number of cases start to reduce approx. 7-10 days after stay-at-home orders went into effect....

California

New York





How do we quantify the impact of stay-at-home? (Approach)



Methodology

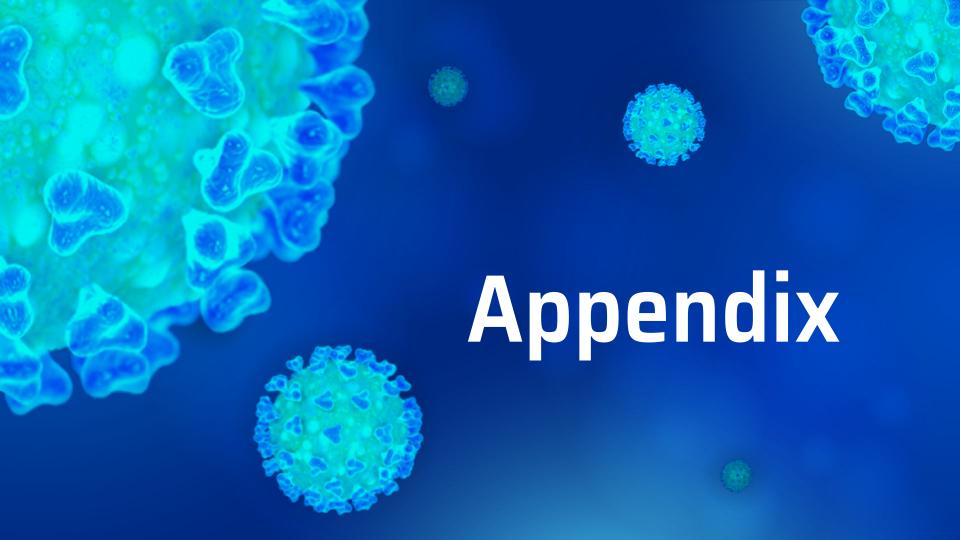
- 1. Historical data for 45 states on stay-at-home orders was taken date wise from Feb 20th to Apr 15.
- 2. A dummy variable corresponding to the dates when the stay at home orders were in effect (treatment) was introduced in the dataset.
- 3. This data was fed into a linear regression model which regressed the number of infections on date-wise dummy of stay-at-home orders accounting for state-specific fixed effects.

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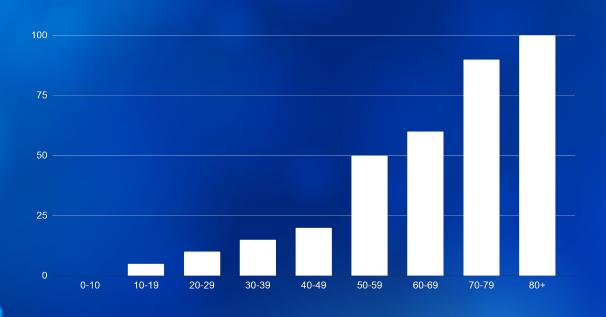
- The data showed that when offset by 7 days, most of the states, notably Kentucky, Michigan, Kansas witnessed decreased incidence of new cases.
- Virginia, Utah, Texas, South dakota, South Carolina, Rhode Islands,
 Pennsylvania, ohio, Northern Mariana Islands, North Dakota, New york,
 New Jersey, Missouri, Mississippi , Minnesota, Massachusetts, Maryland,
 Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Georgia , Florida, Connecticut, Colorado and
 California with increase in cases despite stay at home order

Next Steps...

- The analysis could be further enriched if a 14 day offset could be used, but at this point, it would lead to an unacceptably low number of data points resulting in the model overfitting.
- A number of confounds exist (see Acyclic graph in appendix) which could affect the quality of analysis and estimation of true coefficient. These can be eliminated by use of a suitable instrumental variable (also in appendix)



Older people are more susceptible to COVID-19



Regression results

Coefficients:					
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-0.18005	0.45915	-0.392	0.69497	
isstayhome	0.13113	0.16987	0.772	0.44018	
stateAlaska	-0.21605	0.65735	-0.329	0.74242	
stateArizona	-0.06760	0.64510	-0.105	0.91655	
stateArkansas	-0.91820	0.64866	-1.416	0.15699	
stateCalifornia	0.04527	0.64558	0.070	0.94410	
stateColorado	0.08410	0.64380	0.131	0.89607	
stateConnecticut	0.16698	0.64974	0.257	0.79719	
stateDelaware	-0.12511	0.64839	-0.193	0.84700	
stateDistrict of Columbia	-0.05451	0.64928	-0.084	0.93310	
stateFlorida	0.03624	0.64371	0.056	0.95511	
stateGeorgia	0.14894	0.64652	0.230	0.81782	
stateGuam	-1.98125	0.74371	-2.664	0.00775	ste ste
stateHawaii	-0.15190	0.67127	-0.226	0.82099	
stateIdaho	-0.10688	0.66581	-0.161	0.87248	
stateIllinois	0.01782	0.65117	0.027	0.97817	
stateIndiana	0.07963	0.64457	0.124	0.90168	
stateIowa	0.04929	0.64652	0.076	0.93923	
stateKansas	-1.00792	0.64395	-1.565	0.11761	
stateKentucky	-3.01840	0.64652	-4.669	3.13e-06	of the

stateLouisiana	-0.08118	0.64860	-0.125	0.90040	
stateMaine	-0.04828	0.64791	-0.075	0.94060	
stateMaryland	0.03760	0.64525	0.058	0.95354	
stateMassachusetts	0.10002	0.64652	0.155	0.87706	
stateMichigan	-0.23243	0.64958	-0.358	0.72050	
stateMinnesota	0.01846	0.64612	0.029	0.97721	
stateMississippi	0.04885	0.64372	0.076	0.93952	
stateMissouri	0.06910	0.64652	0.107	0.91490	
stateMontana	-0.04010	0.68881	-0.058	0.95358	
stateNebraska	-0.04293	0.64652	-0.066	0.94706	
stateNevada	-0.01548	0.64496	-0.024	0.98086	
stateNew Hampshire	-0.01567	0.64958	-0.024	0.98075	
stateNew Jersey	0.02182	0.65295	0.033	0.97334	
stateNew Mexico	-0.07020	0.65084	-0.108	0.91411	
stateNew York	0.07837	0.65019	0.121	0.90406	
stateNorth Carolina	-0.04410	0.64436	-0.068	0.94544	
stateNorth Dakota	0.09571	0.64652	0.148	0.88232	
stateNorthern Mariana Islands	0.37223	1.19248	0.312	0.75494	
stateOhio	0.04101	0.65019	0.063	0.94971	
stateOklahoma	-0.02549	0.64652	-0.039	0.96855	
stateOregon	-0.06727	0.64652	-0.104	0.91714	
statePennsylvania	0.08770	0.64417	0.136	0.89172	

Directed Acyclic Graph Showing Confounding factors for our Analysis

A suitable Instrumental Variable Population % of elderly New Infections (as a percentage change Stay at Home Orders from previous day Asymptomatic individuals Similar orders by neighbouring states