# Highlights

* In this work we consider stringency measures adopted by governments across the world and provide a counterfactual assessment of the benefits from those measures in terms of health benefits – e.g. number of lives saved.
* For a geographic location as a treatment unit, we take a data driven approach to construct a synthetic control as convex combination of donor groups and predict counterfactual state.
* We show that in New York the number of deaths could have been 6 times higher, and Italy the number of deaths could have been 3 times higher by 26th of June, 2020, without lock-down measures.