



COVID19 Hospitalization Projections

Using UPenn COVID-19 Hospital Impact Model for Epidemics (C.H.I.M.E.)

Source: <https://penn-chime.phl.io/>

UPenn C.H.I.M.E. MODEL v1.1.3

What is it? Penn Medicine developed and released an open-source tool to help hospitals plan for patient increases and intake during the COVID-19 spread

How does it work? The tool, called CHIME, or COVID-19 Hospital Impact Model for Epidemics, uses S-I-R (Susceptible-Infected-Recovered) modeling, which computes the theoretical number of people infected with a contagious illness in a closed population over time to project outcomes. It's currently set up to help Penn's and other health systems' operations leaders with projects of how many patients will need hospitalization, ICU beds and mechanical ventilation. The epidemic proceeds via a growth and decline process. This is the core model of infectious disease spread and has been in use in epidemiology for many years.

Rationale for Use: CHIME allows hospitals to enter information about their population and modify assumptions around the spread and behavior of COVID-19. It then runs a standard SIR model to project the number of new hospital admissions each day, along with the daily hospital census. These projections can then be used to create best- and worst-case scenarios to assist with capacity planning.

Default parameters in the model can be customized not only for the at-risk population in question, but also can be adjusted for “real world vs. model” ranges including current hospitalized patients and assumptions around doubling time, social distancing mitigation, hospitalization %, ICU %, ventilation %. The tool may be used to help inform readiness responses and mitigation strategies.

Updates are rolled out by Penn Medicine and community as U.S. spread progresses.

Key outputs for Capacity Planning

- Projected number of new admissions for COVID-19 per day, including new patients requiring hospitalization, new patients requiring intensive care, and new patients requiring ventilation
- Census of COVID-19 Patients, including hospital census, ICU census, and Ventilator census accounting for length of stay and recovery time



COVID-19 Hospital Impact Model for Epidemics (CHIME)

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This tool was developed by the [Predictive Healthcare team](#) at Penn Medicine to assist hospitals and public health officials with hospital capacity planning.

Notice: *There is a high degree of uncertainty about the details of COVID-19 infection, transmission, and the effectiveness of social distancing measures. Long-term projections made using this simplified model of outbreak progression should be treated with extreme caution.*

The estimated number of currently infected individuals is **20128**. This is based on current inputs for Hospitalizations (**69**), Hospitalization rate (**2%**), Region size (**3600000**), and Hospital market share (**15%**).

An initial doubling time of **4.0** days and a recovery time of **14** days imply an R_0 of **3.65** and daily growth rate of **18.92%**.

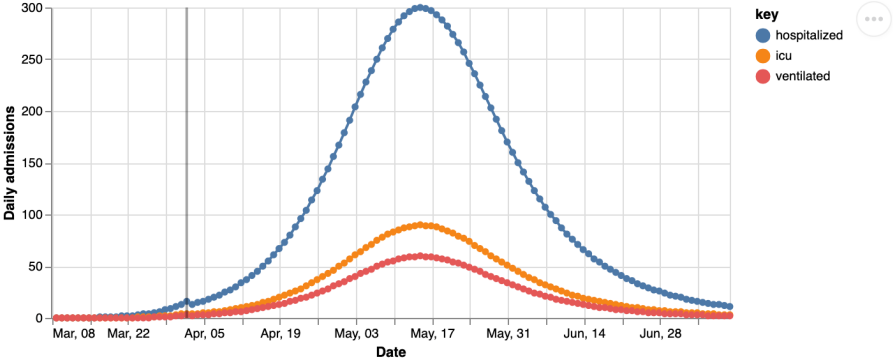
Mitigation: A **30%** reduction in social contact after the onset of the outbreak **reduces the doubling time to 6.6** days, implying an effective R_t of 2.55 and daily growth rate of **11.10%**.

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New Admissions

Projected number of **daily** COVID-19 admissions.

NOTE: Now including estimates of prior admissions for comparison.





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