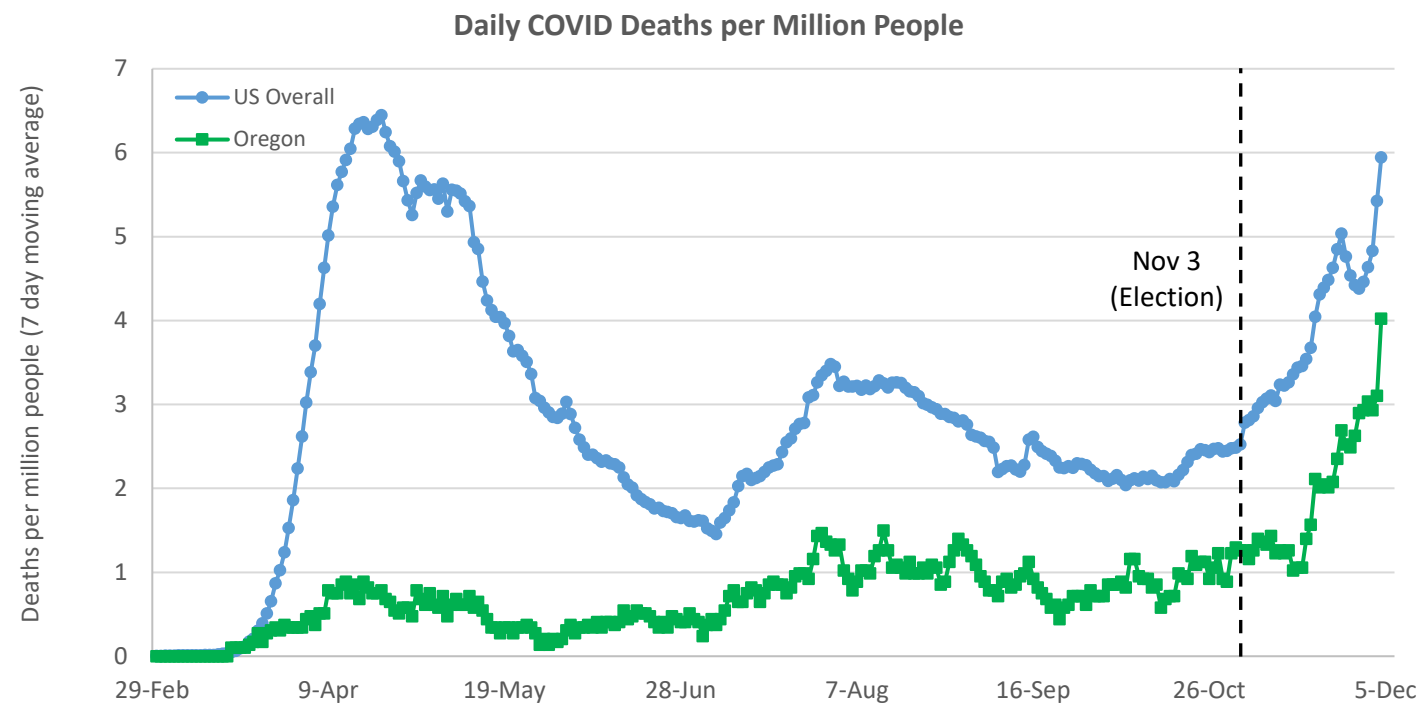
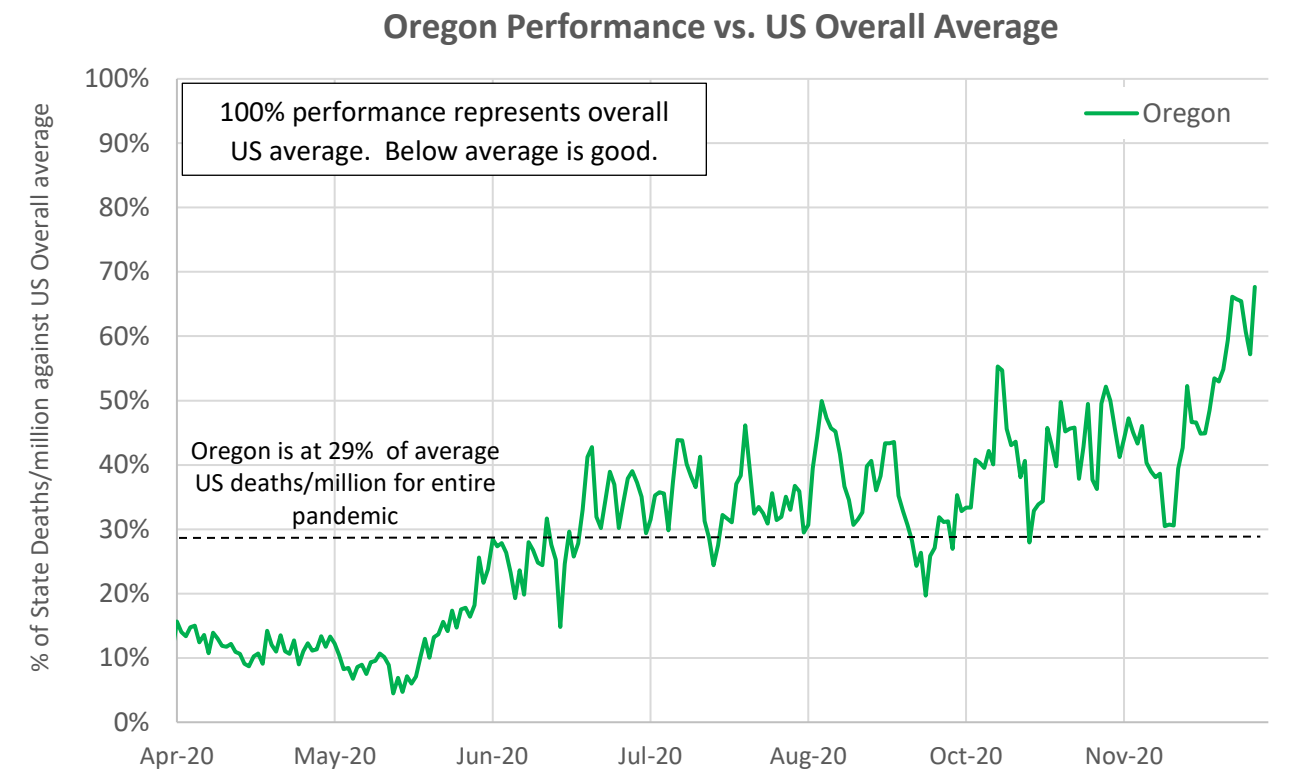
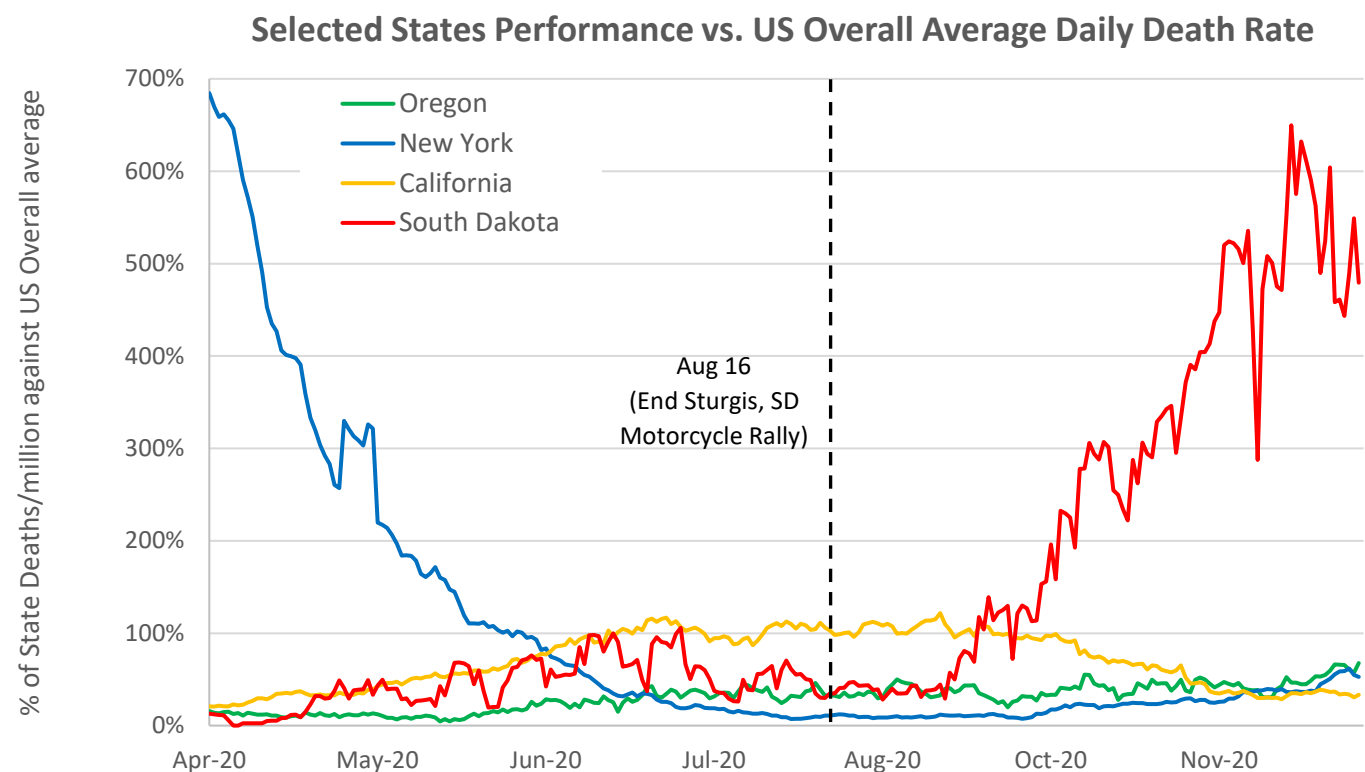


“Guess what, after November 3 coronavirus will magically all of a sudden go away”¹ - Eric Trump



Eric Trump may not be the sharpest tool in the shed, or even the sharpest tool in the Trump toolbox, but the data speaks for itself. In any case, the November 3 election has come and gone (despite some individuals being unable to recognize it is over) and COVID continues to rage. Likewise, many [reports](#)² link the massive increase in COVID deaths in South Dakota to the annual Sturgis Motorcycle rally held in August, although the South Dakota governor, Republican Kristi Noem disputes this. Much to the relief of New York Democratic governor Andrew Cuomo, South Dakota is well on its way to relieving New York of one headline Cuomo probably isn't interested in. Meanwhile, Oregon has been consistently far below the US average, but is rapidly catching up to one curve it is better to be behind. In the past week Oregon daily COVID deaths/million have hit the highest percentage (68%) of the overall US daily average since the pandemic began. The results shown here tell an interesting story about what might have been achievable at a national level and how quickly the situation can go from okay to catastrophe based on poor decision making. The data also illustrate that COVID19 doesn't play politics (can ravage Democratic and Republican led states with equal severity), even if certain leaders want to play political games with their response. A vaccine might only be months away, but it still looks like winter is coming.

Analysis Notes: All data presented is daily, based on 7 day moving averages to smooth daily fluctuations and make more consistent plots. All raw data used in this evaluation were taken from the [COVID tracking project](#)³.



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