



State of Missouri regional COVID-19 hospitalized cases model

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Multiple data points inform Missouri's COVID-19 response

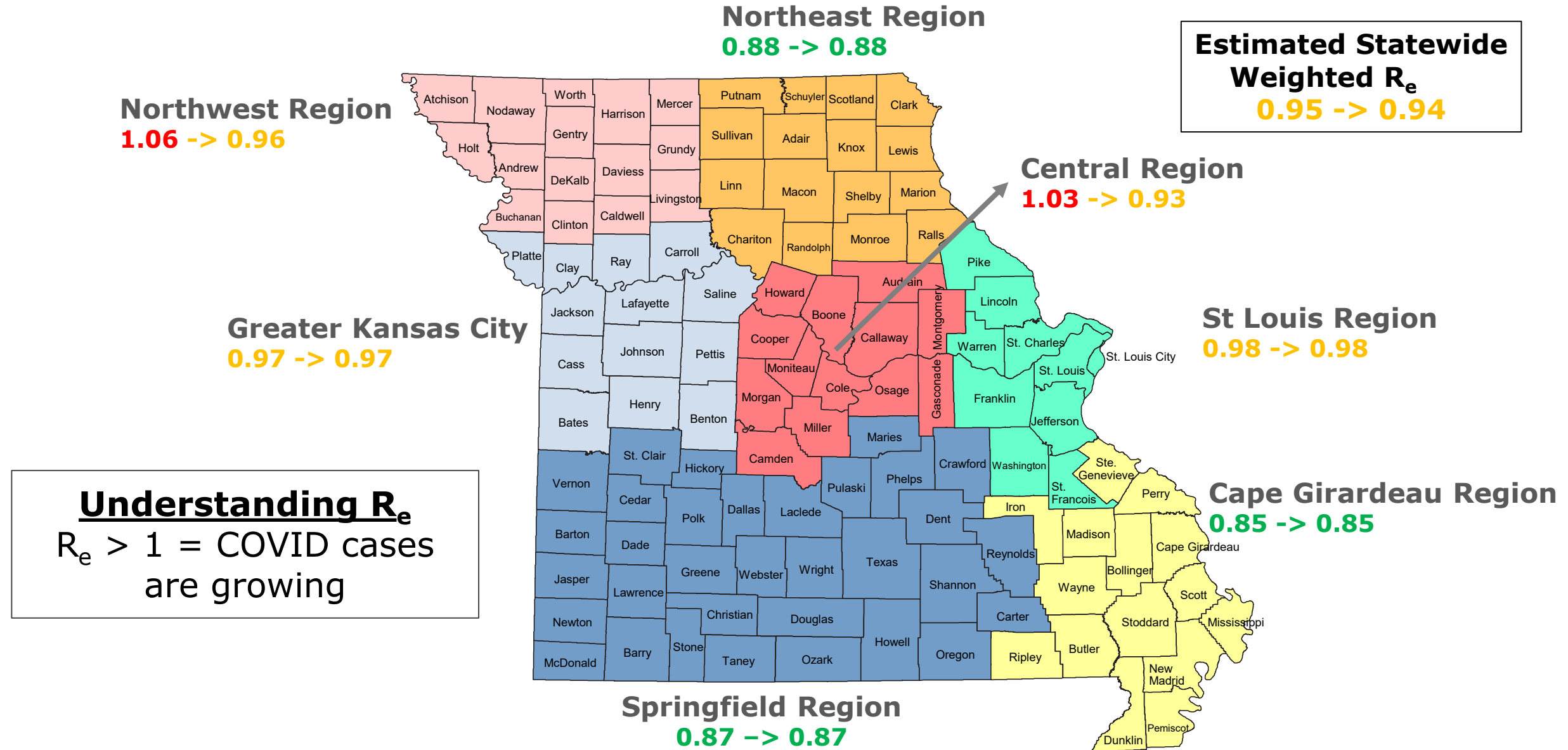
- Syndromic surveillance
- Healthcare system capacity (bed, PPE, and staff availability)
- Testing
- COVID-19 cases and deaths
- Economic and social impact
- Insights from U.S. states, nationally, and other countries
- Evidence from scientific literature
- Mathematical disease modelling

Our model estimates possible outcomes based on currently available information

What does the model tell us	What does it not tell us
Range of plausible outcomes based on our current knowledge of COVID-19 in Missouri	What will happen in the future
Approximate date and magnitude of peak/s based on current understanding of policy interventions and human behavior and assumptions about future interventions	Date and magnitude of peak/s if there are major changes in planned policy interventions and human behavior
Approximate estimate of effective transmission rate across a region	Exact transmission rate in all parts of a region – there may be areas of higher and lower transmission within the region
Projected hospitalizations for regions in MO with sufficient data, i.e. Kansas City Area, Central, St. Louis Area, Southeast and Southwest	Projected hospitalizations in regions where daily COVID-19 hospitalizations are fewer than 15 because insufficient cases

The ability to forecast depends on the quality and availability of data. For a new disease such as COVID-19, much remains uncertain.

► Transmission rates (“ R_e ”) drop below 1 in all Regions



Understanding R_e
 $R_e > 1$ = COVID cases
are growing

Central (Region F)



Overview	
Population	502,486
Cumulative Cases	45178
Cumulative Deaths	555
7-day New Cases	314
WoW % Case Change	0.7%

Reproductive Rate	
Pre-intervention	2.3
Last Week	1.03
Current Week	0.93
WoW % Change	-9.5%

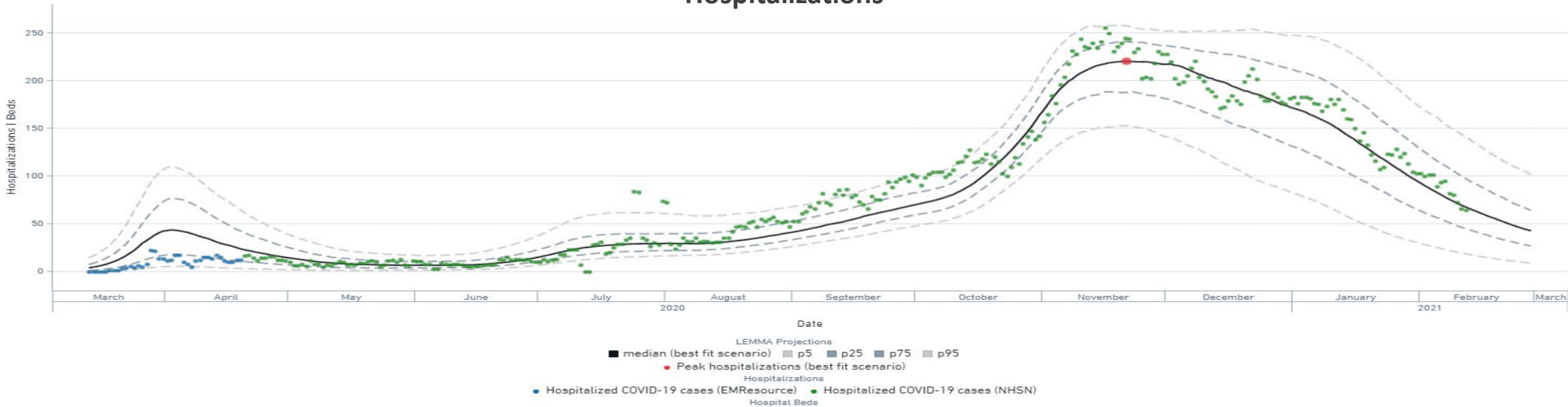
Bed / Ventilator Availability	
% ICU Beds Occupied	59%
% ICU Beds Occupied C19	5%
% ICU Beds Free	41%
% Ventilators in use	34%
% Ventilators available	66%

Base Case Central Region

* % of occupied ICU beds taken by COVID-19 PUI/Confirmed patients

Model Scenario: Base Case, From Date: Mar 1, 2020, To Date: Mar 1, 2021, + 2 more

Hospitalizations



Greater Kansas City Area (Region A)



Overview	
Population	1,395,314
Cumulative Cases	103584
Cumulative Deaths	1399
7-day New Cases	1169
WoW % Case Change	1.1%

Reproductive Rate	
Pre-intervention	2.8
Last Week	0.97
Current Week	0.97
WoW % Change	0.1%

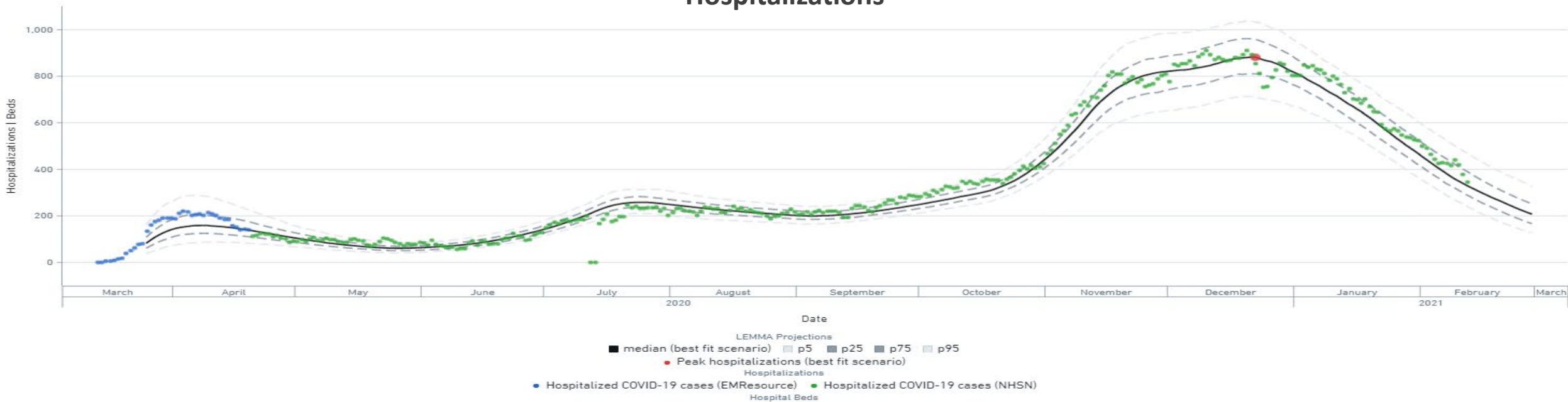
Bed / Ventilator Availability	
% ICU Beds Occupied	73%
% ICU Beds Occupied C19	12%
% ICU Beds Free	27%
% Ventilators in use	24%
% Ventilators available	76%

Base Case Kansas City Region

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Hospitalizations



Northeast (Region B)



Overview

Population	179,448
Cumulative Cases	13047
Cumulative Deaths	168
7-day New Cases	101
WoW % Case Change	0.8%

Reproductive Rate

Pre-intervention	N/A
Last Week	0.88
Current Week	0.88
WoW % Change	0.2%

Bed / Ventilator Availability

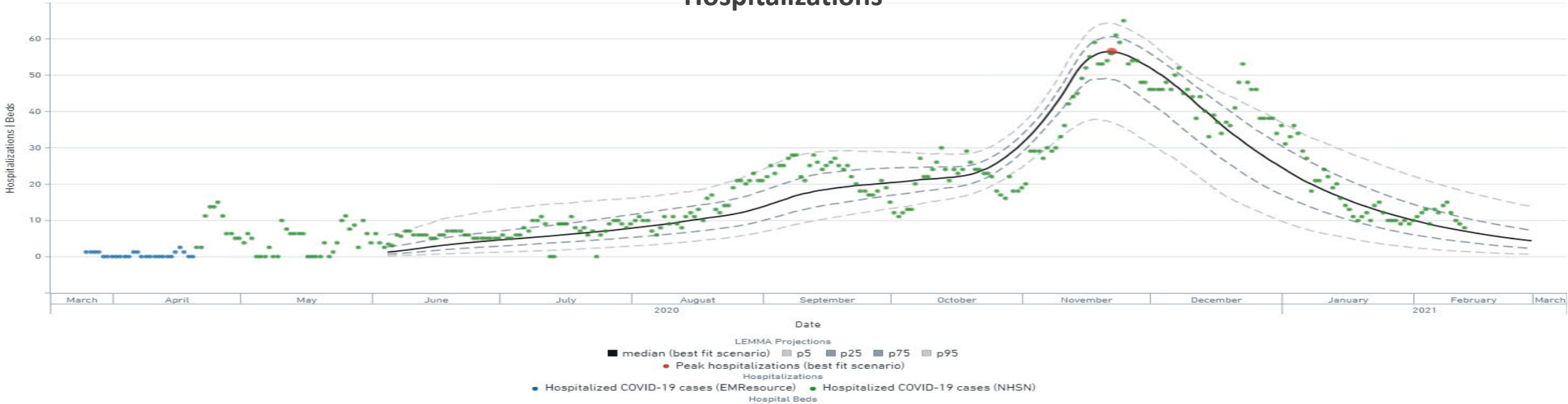
% ICU Beds Occupied	47%
% ICU Beds Occupied C19	8%
% ICU Beds Free	53%
% Ventilators in use	5%
% Ventilators available	95%

Base Case Northeast Region

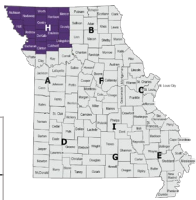
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Hospitalizations



Northwest (Region H)



Overview	
Population	234,361
Cumulative Cases	18536
Cumulative Deaths	397
7-day New Cases	130
WoW % Case Change	0.7%

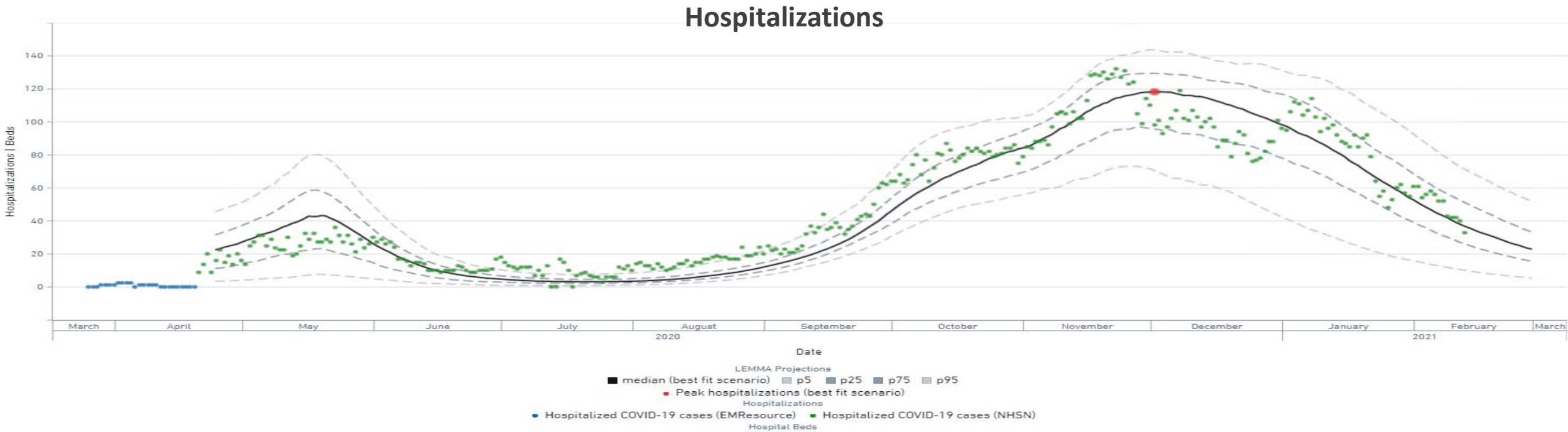
Reproductive Rate	
Pre-intervention	1.24
Last Week	1.06
Current Week	0.96
WoW % Change	-9.6%

Bed / Ventilator Availability	
% ICU Beds Occupied	81%
% ICU Beds Occupied C19	19%
% ICU Beds Free	19%
% Ventilators in use	19%
% Ventilators available	81%

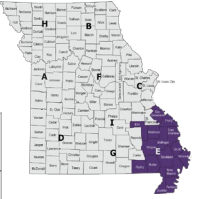
Base Case Northwest Region

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Southeast / Cape Girardeau (Region E)



Overview	
Population	363,478
Cumulative Cases	31766
Cumulative Deaths	457
7-day New Cases	255
WoW % Case Change	0.8%

Reproductive Rate	
Pre-intervention	2.61
Last Week	0.85
Current Week	0.85
WoW % Change	0.5%

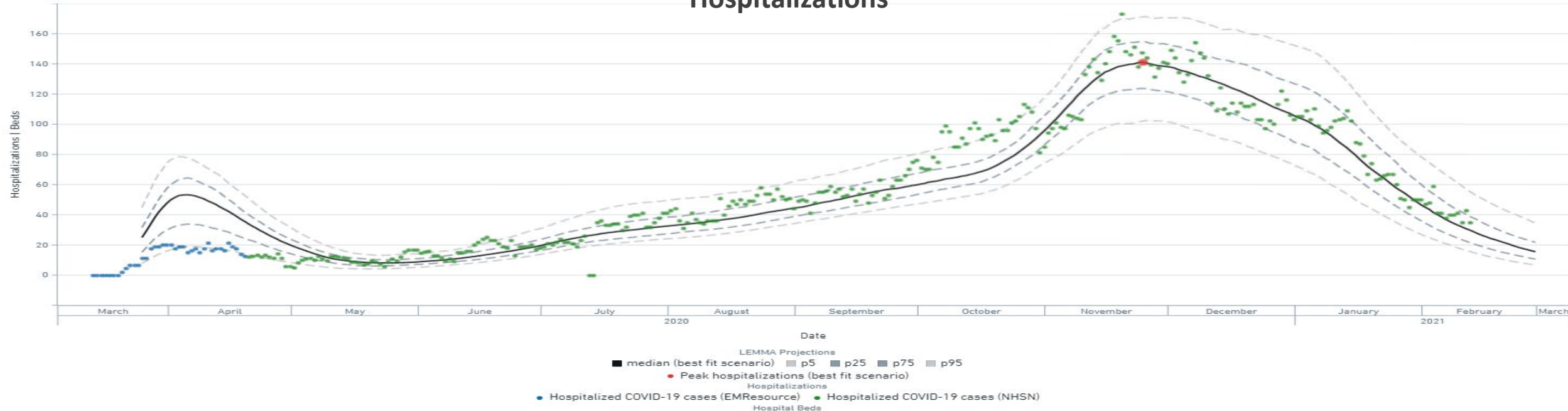
Bed / Ventilator Availability	
% ICU Beds Occupied	50%
% ICU Beds Occupied C19	11%
% ICU Beds Free	50%
% Ventilators in use	24%
% Ventilators available	76%

Base Case Southeast Region

* % of occupied ICU beds taken by COVID-19 PUI/Confirmed patients

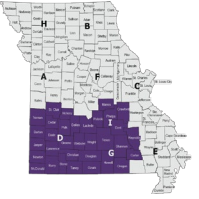
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Hospitalizations



[Data updated 02/16/21]

Southwest / Springfield (Regions D,G, I)



Overview

Population	1,221,847
Cumulative Cases	90521
Cumulative Deaths	1607
7-day New Cases	908
WoW % Case Change	1.0%

Reproductive Rate

Pre-intervention	2.36
Last Week	0.87
Current Week	0.87
WoW % Change	-0.2%

Bed / Ventilator Availability

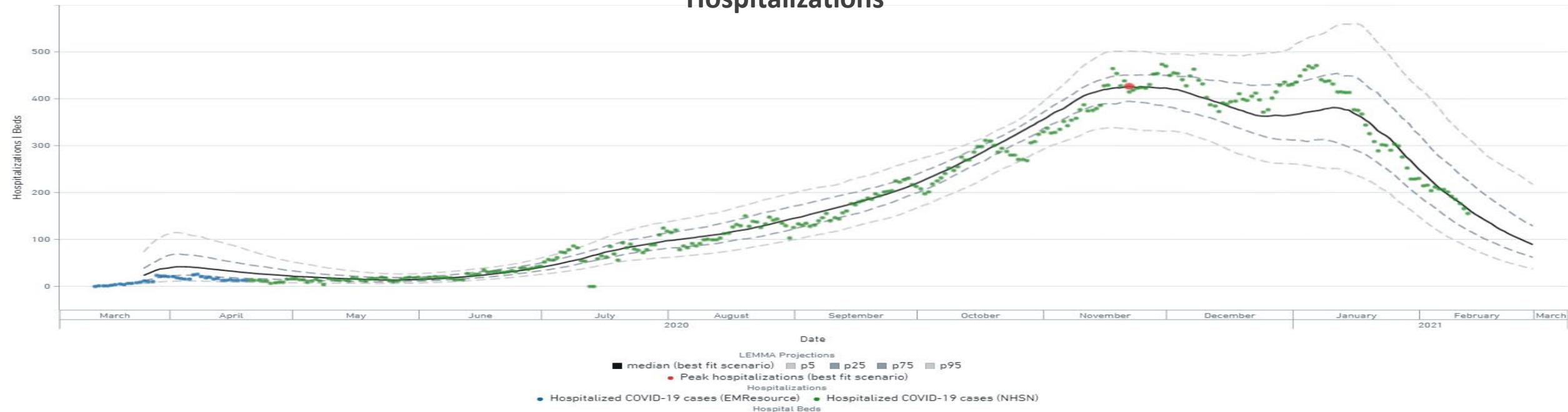
% ICU Beds Occupied	75%
% ICU Beds Occupied C19	14%
% ICU Beds Free	25%
% Ventilators in use	21%
% Ventilators available	79%

* % of occupied ICU beds taken by COVID-19 PUI/Confirmed patients

Base Case Southwest Region

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[Data updated 02/16/21]

Greater St Louis Area (Region C)



Overview

Population	2,229,518
Cumulative Cases	168613
Cumulative Deaths	2872
7-day New Cases	2150
WoW % Case Change	1.3%

Reproductive Rate

Pre-intervention	3.39
Last Week	0.98
Current Week	0.98
WoW % Change	0.3%

Bed / Ventilator Availability

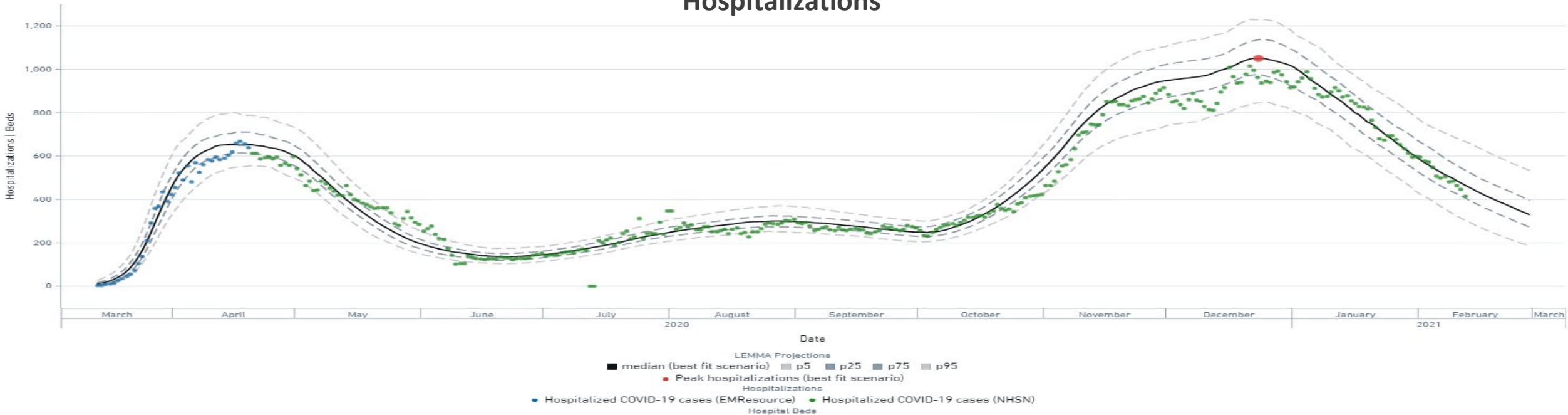
% ICU Beds Occupied	80%
% ICU Beds Occupied C19	11%
% ICU Beds Free	20%
% Ventilators in use	35%
% Ventilators available	65%

Base Case St. Louis Region

* % of occupied ICU beds taken by COVID-19 PUI/Confirmed patients

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See FAQs for additional details

Link here: <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/modeling-faqs06032020.pdf>

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Missouri's Regional COVID-19 Hospitalized Cases Model: Overview and Frequently Asked Questions

Model Overview

One of the many data analyses that inform Missouri's COVID-19 response is a regional model of hospitalized COVID-19 cases that the State of Missouri developed in partnership with the Washington University in St. Louis and Missouri Hospital Association.

Missouri's model uses a standard SEIR (susceptible, exposed, infectious, recovered) compartmental structure that is based upon a tool called LEMMA (Local Epidemiological Modeling for Management & Action), which was developed by experts from UMass Amherst, UC Berkeley, UCSF, and WUSTL. The model focuses on COVID-19 hospitalized cases to directly address the question of hospital capacity and provide a more accurate picture of COVID-19's impact on the healthcare system.

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    Susceptible --> Exposed
    Exposed --> Infectious
    Infectious --> Hospitalized
    Infectious --> Removed
    Hospitalized --> Floor
    Hospitalized --> ICU
    Hospitalized --> Vent
    
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To help inform decisions at the regional and local level, each region is modeled separately using the latest local data, including COVID-19 confirmed and suspected hospitalizations, population, policy interventions, and average hospital length of stay.

General FAQs

Why are regional models of COVID-19 important?

When new diseases such as COVID-19 emerge, there is much uncertainty about how best to control the epidemic. Decision makers must make the best possible decisions with the available information at hand.

Mathematical models are commonly used to make projections of how infectious diseases might impact key outcomes such as hospitalized cases or deaths. Today, there are many sophisticated models of COVID-19 that make global or national projections (e.g., Imperial College, Harvard, [UW](#)). However, these generally do not incorporate key local or regional inputs, such as variations in local population demographics, healthcare system

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Low levels of daily COVID-19 hospitalizations in the Northeast and Northwest regions limit the ability to generate projections for these regions. In particular, the numbers of hospitalized cases have been so low that

Regional COVID-19 transmission models help inform local policy, public health, and business decisions

- Mathematical models are commonly used to make projections of infectious disease epidemics (e.g., tuberculosis, HIV)
- Many sophisticated models on COVID-19 make global or national projections (e.g., Imperial College, Harvard, IHME)
- However, these generally do not incorporate critical local or regional inputs, such as:
 - Variations in local population size and age structure
 - Date and nature of social distancing and other policies
- Regional projections are important because:
 - Regional epidemics may differ markedly from the national average
 - Policy response occurs at state, county, and municipal levels

State of MO, WUSTL, and MHA have developed a regional model of hospitalized COVID-19 cases

- **Standard SEIR model that combines universal characteristics of COVID-19 infection (e.g., transmission parameters) with local inputs to support regional decision making**
 - Mathematical model developed by experts from UMass Amherst, UC Berkeley, UCSF, and WUSTL
 - Uses a statistical approach that adjusts underlying parameters as new data are observed
- **Customized using the latest local data from Missouri's emergency response regions, including:**
 - COVID-19 positives and PUIs
 - Population and age structure
 - Policy interventions
 - Avg. hospital length of stay
- **Projects COVID-19 hospitalized cases** to directly address the question of hospital capacity and provide a more accurate picture on COVID-19's impact on the healthcare system

Model Structure (SEIR)

