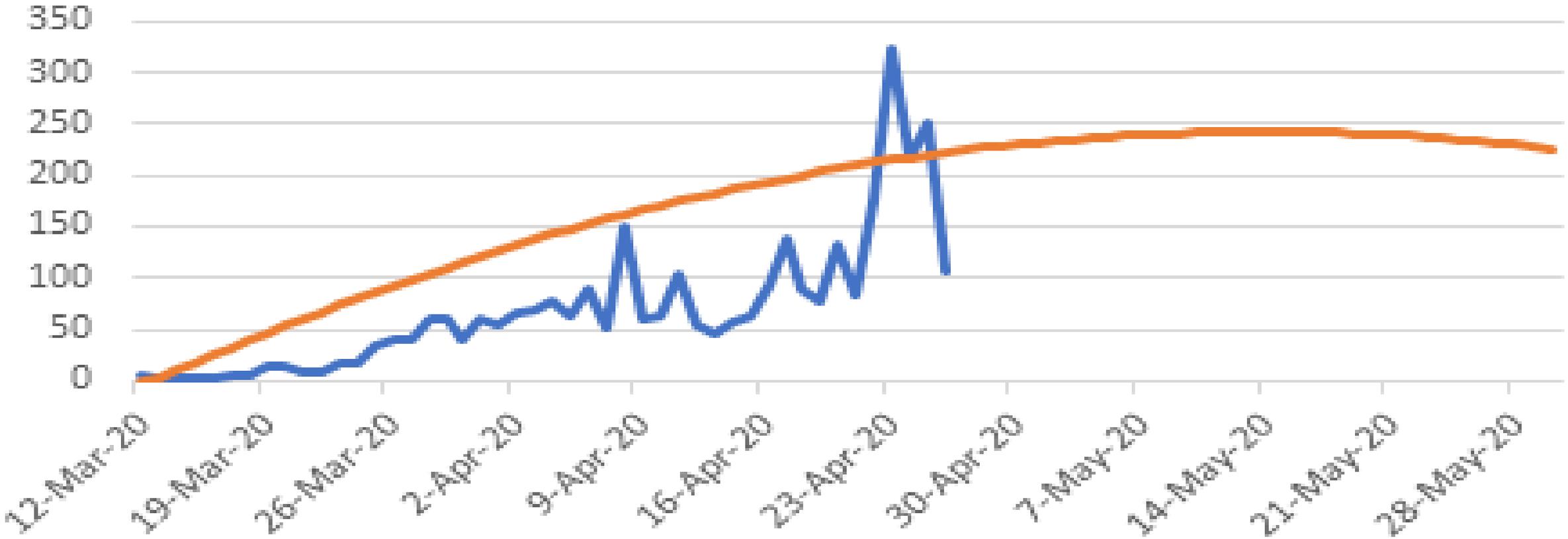


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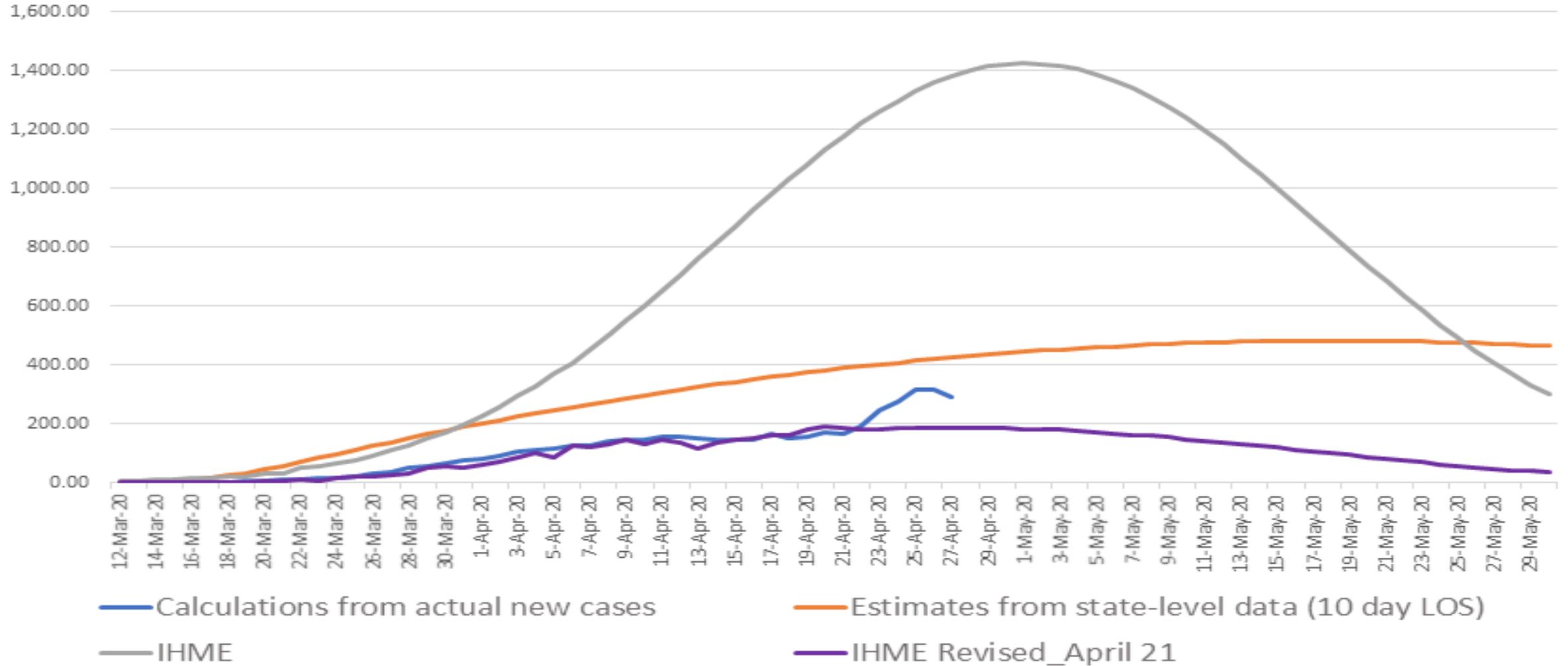
Lifting Stay-at-Home Orders

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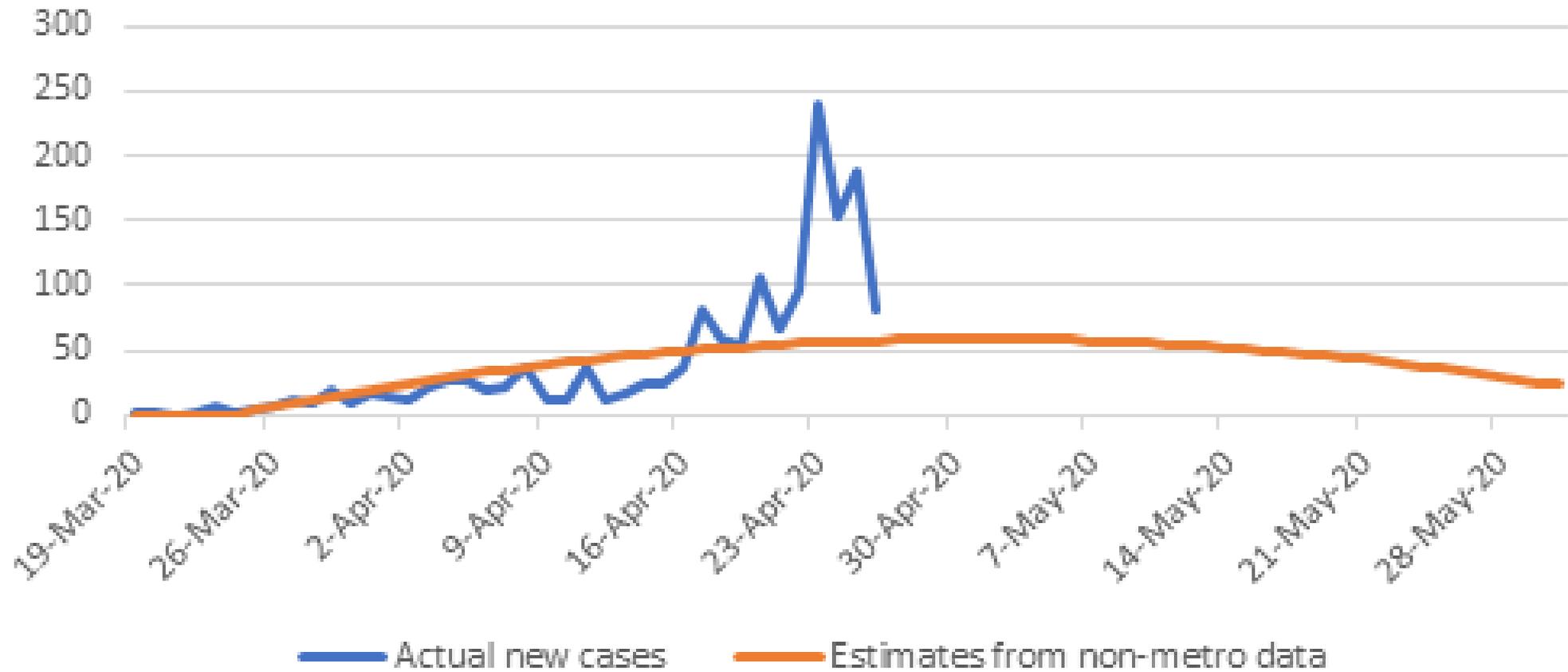
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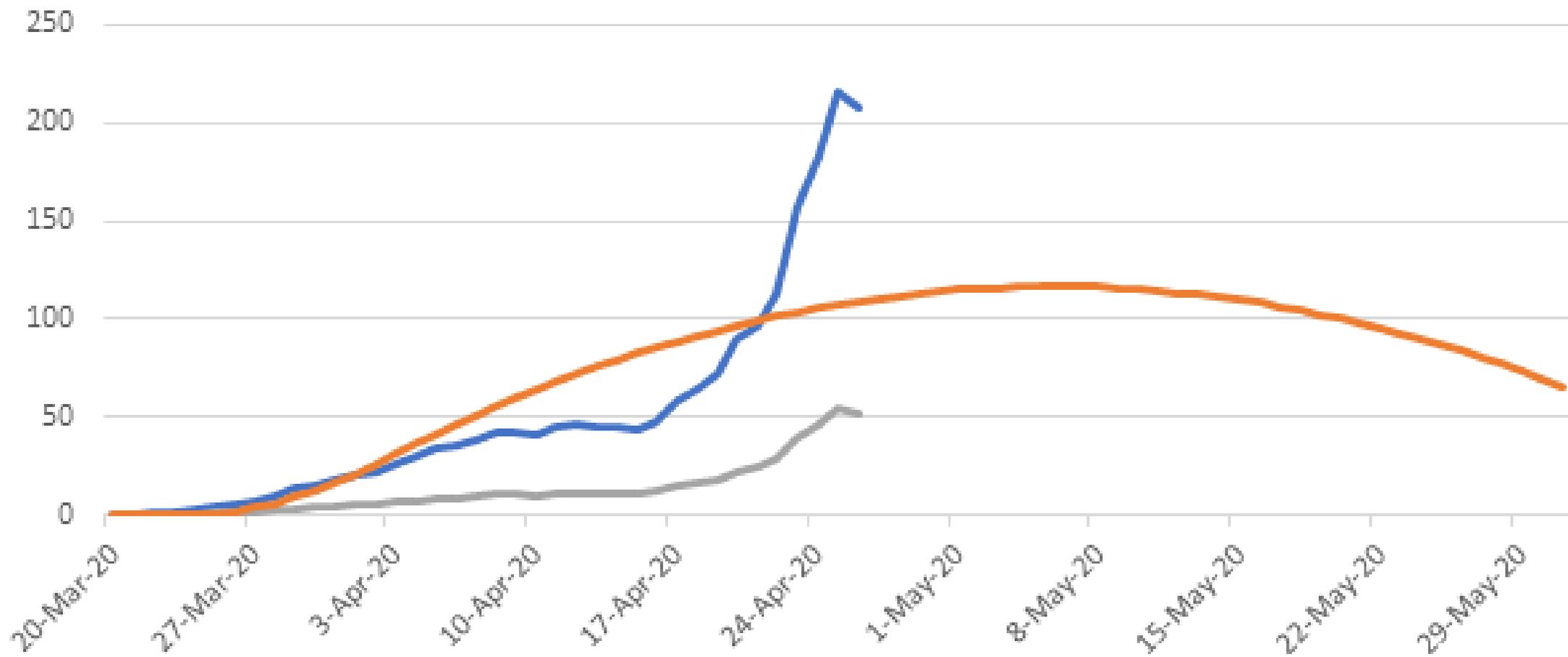


Predicted COVID-19 Hospitalizations for Kansas



Actual Non-Metro New COVID-19 Cases and New Cases Predicted Non-Metro County Data





- Calculations from actual new cases, 10 day LOS, 20% of new cases hospitalized
- Calculations from actual new cases, 10 day LOS, 5% of new cases hospitalized

Increasing Patient Volumes and Procedures

- A staged reopening phase (Phase II) is being planned - likely local variations
 - Recommended this begin when there's a decrease in measures of COVID-19 incidence for at least 14 days before transitioning to provide surgical services for patients without immediately life- or limb-threatening conditions
 - Managing at-risk populations and limiting spread – current and ongoing efforts likely to remain critical
 - Start by defining specific criteria and/or a threshold COVID-19 incidence rate for a re-entering mitigation phase

Guiding principle in this effort is to keep patients and staff safe.

- Continued Activities:
 - Using the same policy of no visitors with few exceptions
 - Conducting screenings for all employees and patients who enter facilities
 - Continuing physical distancing of at least 6 feet in all locations within our facilities
 - Continuing to follow PPE guidelines and requirements
 - Requires adequate COVID-19 testing capabilities

Process

- **DIAGNOSTIC TESTING:**
 - Know your COVID-19 diagnostic testing availability, and develop operational testing policies for patients and health care workers.
 - Real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing
 - All **patients** undergoing planned surgery, or for selected patients after screening with or without mandatory preoperative quarantine.
 - The prevalence of asymptomatic/presymptomatic patients is unknown, but likely varies according to the pretest probability
 - Develop diagnostic screening testing policies for health care workers
- Know your local PPE availability, current & future burn-rates and what policies you need for health care workers and procedures as things open up.
 - all health care workers and staff wear appropriate-level PPE, while patients wear cloth masks during the ramp-up period, and possibly beyond

New CMS Guidance on Non-essential/Elective Procedures

- For communities that have relatively low and stable incidence of COVID-19 cases.
- These update previous guidance from CMS on limiting non-essential medical procedures.
- Every local official will need to assess the situation on the ground to determine the best course forward.
- Health care providers are encouraged to coordinate with local and state public health officials, and to review the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies, workforce availability, facility readiness, and testing capacity when making the decision to re-start or increase in-person care.

- Podcast: Kansas Chapter of the ACS discusses new guidance on elective procedures
- This week, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) issued new guidance that offers a set of principles to help facilities plan for resuming elective procedures.
- The ACS document outlines 10 distinct considerations to be addressed locally before elective surgery may be safely re-instituted. As COVID-19 rates reach their peak in Kansas over the next week or two (depending on location), practices may use this guidance to determine that resuming elective operations would be safe and in the best interest of their patients' health.
- Dr. Scott Coates—General Surgeon at Labette Health and Governor of the Kansas Chapter of the ACS—joins us in today's podcast to help walk through the 10 considerations outlined in the new ACS guidance.

Resources

- <https://www.facs.org/covid-19/clinical-guidance/resuming-elective-surgery>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/burn-calculator.html>