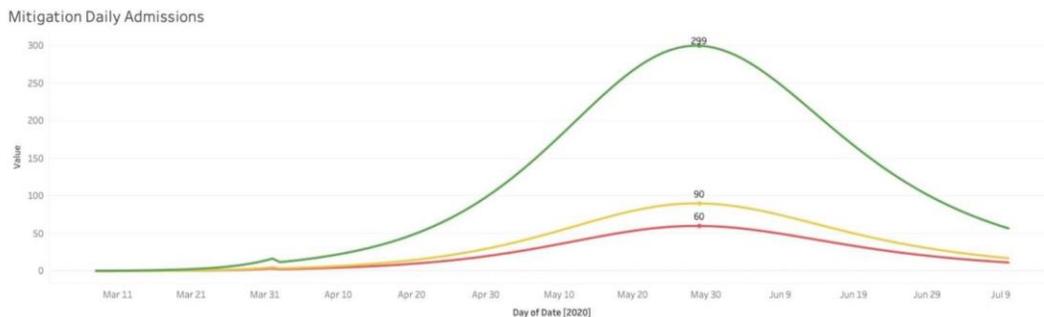
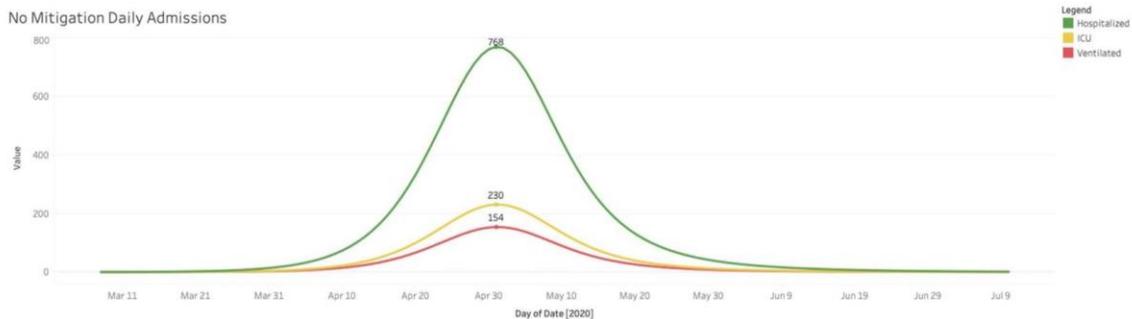


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**Stay at Home Efforts Are Working**  
*Modeling shows favorable long-term results*

(Stockton) Extensive modeling shows a flattening of the curve, which means the extreme efforts and measures taken by the residents of San Joaquin County are paying off. The expected peak of daily hospital admissions due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in San Joaquin County has shifted and reduced by nearly half at the peak. The modeling shows daily hospital admissions peaking at 768 COVID-19 positive patients on April 30<sup>th</sup> with no mitigation efforts, like staying home or closing schools. By adding the current mitigation efforts such as the Stay At Home Order in the County, the peak daily admissions of COVID-19 positive patients drops to 299 on May 30<sup>th</sup>. These models were made using San Joaquin County actual COVID-19 case data and specific demographics.



The Joint Information Center is established to ensure timely, accurate, and consistent information is presented to the media for immediate dissemination to the citizens of San Joaquin County.

While the number of positive cases will rise, the long-term outlook is positive. Dr. Maggie Park, San Joaquin County Public Health Officer shared, “We need to keep up with our mitigation efforts because it is working. We all need to continue to stay at home, practice social distancing, and be patient.”

While the curve is positive news, San Joaquin County Health Care Services Director Greg Diederich cautions, “65% of all COVID-19 lab tests run for California residents are not yet completed, so the confirmed number of cases will most likely dramatically increase over the next week as these lab test are finally resulted.” There is known community transmission of COVID-19 in all areas of the County including all the incorporated cities. Given the limited availability of widespread testing, residents should not assume that the lack of significant positive tests in a specific area is any indication that COVID-19 isn’t present and spreading within their community.

San Joaquin County should be proud of the flattened curve. Dr. Park offered, “let’s keep it up and get through this together.”

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