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COVID-19: Texas Update

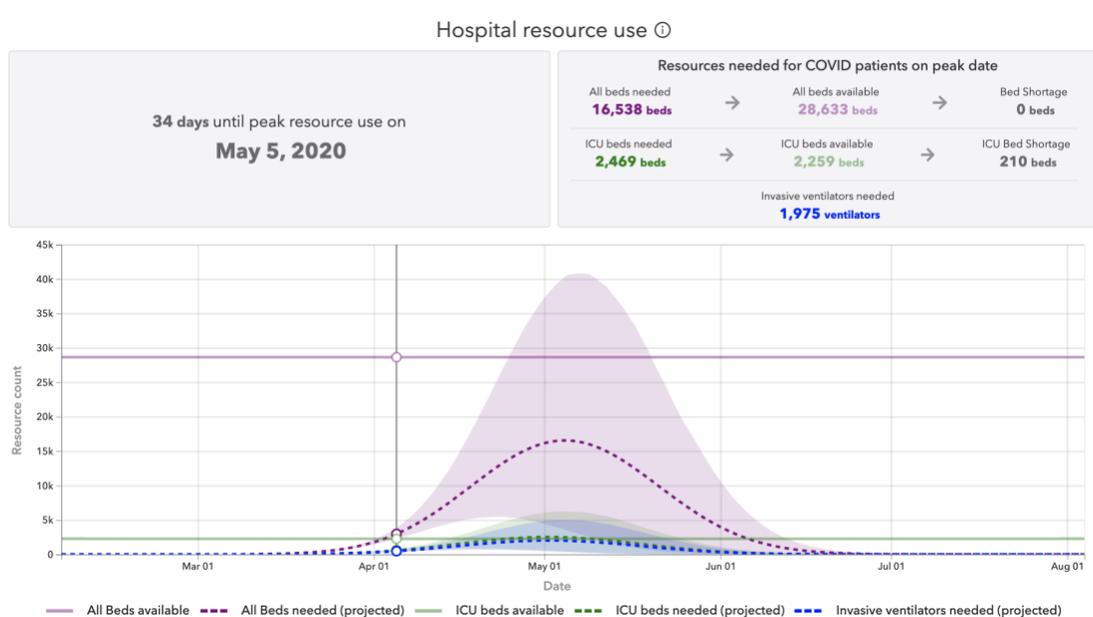
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1. WHAT TO WATCH ... Governor Abbott to host press conference this afternoon ...

Governor Abbott will hold a press conference at 2:00 pm (CDT) on Tuesday ... Fox 7 in Austin will be [live streaming](#) the press conference ...

While it is not clear what will be announced, Friday, April 3 marks the end of Governor Abbott's [statewide mitigation measures](#), which limited gatherings to less than 10, closed schools, and prohibited dining in at restaurant and bars.

Here's a different look at case projection in Texas ... forming the backdrop upon any decision from the Governor ... from [IHME](#).



The press conference comes on the heels of President Trump's decision to extend federal mitigation guidance through April 30 ... and the [suggestion over the weekend](#) from President Trump that new measures/guidance might be forthcoming today.

2. FDA announces Emergency Authorization of therapeutics ...

Over the weekend, the [FDA approved wider-spread use of the anti-malarial drugs hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine](#) ...

The FDA had previously permitted their use in clinical trials ... The FDA's formal authorization can be found [here](#).

FDA has provided [guidance](#) to both consumers and healthcare providers on the "off-label" use of the two drugs to treat COVID-19.

3. Other tidbits ...

CMS has approved Texas' Section 1135 Waiver ... a quick run down of the flexibilities provided by the waiver can be found [here](#).

- CMS also approved regulatory changes designed to increase the treatment capacity of hospitals ... [Fact Sheet](#).

A federal judge in Texas has [ordered](#) that abortion clinics may remain open and operational despite the cancellation of all "elective procedures" in response to COVID-19.

Similar orders were entered in [Ohio and Alabama](#).

That is all today.