# SPI-M-O Medium Term Projections

As at 01/09/2020

## **SPI-M-O** medium term projections

- These projections are under development and represent SPI-M-O's best assessment of the potential trajectory of the epidemic over the next 6 weeks, based on the patterns seen and data available up to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Projections for infections, hospitalisations, and deaths are provided for England.
- These **portray a range of possible futures** and are produced by fitting epidemiological models to trends in the past data. SPI-M-O members extrapolate forwards and use their expert judgements about how viral transmission will change in the absence of additional government intervention or behavioural changes.
- Modelling groups have made assumptions about the likely impact of opening schools on viral transmission. They do not account for the increase in transmission seen between 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- Further work is required on these projections; currently only two SPI-M-O groups have developed these
  medium-term projections and only one group has submitted results for hospital admissions. Other groups
  are developing their methodologies and will provide results over the coming weeks and that will lead to
  more robust combined results in the future. Until this point, these projections should be considered as drafts
  for discussion and a work in progress.
- Making projections at the turning point of an epidemic is particularly challenging; this was the situation in the UK at the time these projections were developed. The lagged nature of many data streams makes it difficult to detect and interpret changes.

### **Metrics include:**

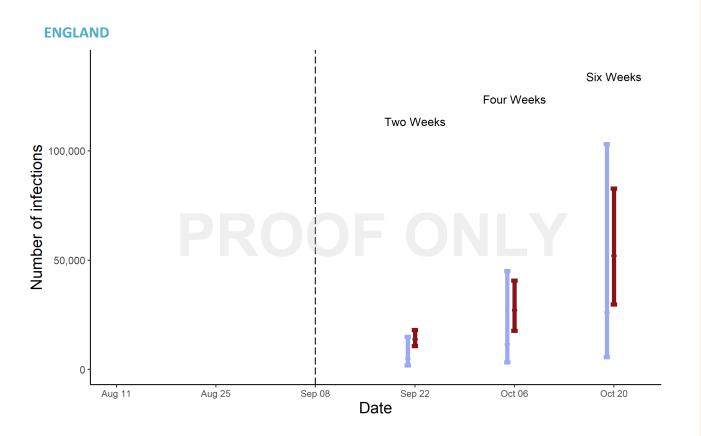
- New infections per day: Number of new symptomatic and asymptomatic COVID-19 infections per day
- **New hospitalisations per day:** Number of individuals admitted with COVID-19 and the number of inpatients diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 24 hours
- **Deaths per day (by date of death):** Number of COVID-19 deaths with a positive test, by date of death. Note this does not apply a cut-off to the length of time between testing positive and death.

**Individual Model Projections** 

### New infections per day

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### Model

Individual model predictions from each respective SPI-M participant.



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### Key

- Real data
- Unconfirmed data
- --- Today's date

### Notes:

The number of new symptomatic and asymptomatic COVID-19 infections per day.

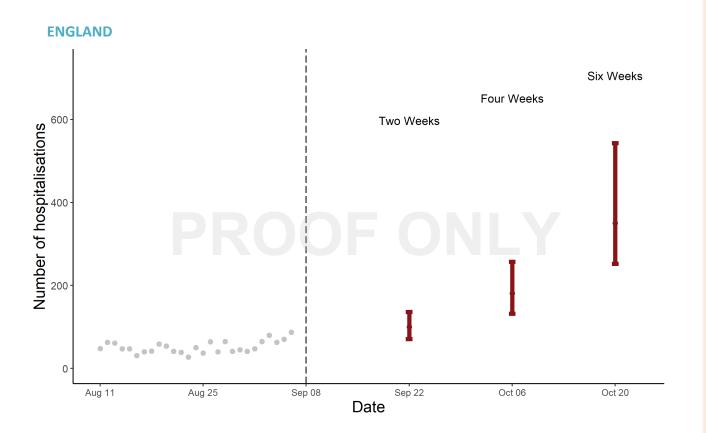


### **Individual Model Projections**

New hospitalisations per day

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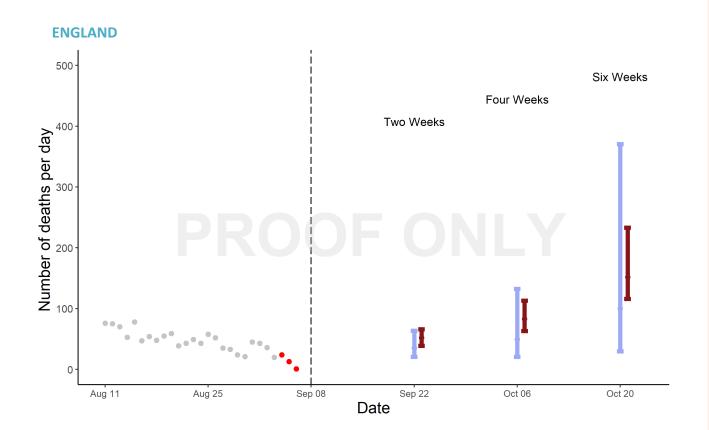
Number of patients admitted with confirmed COVID-19 and the number of inpatients diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.



**Individual Model Projections** 

New deaths per day (by date of death)

As at 01/09/2020





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Individual model predictions from each respective SPI-M participant.



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#### Notes:

The number of COVID-19 deaths with a positive test, by date of death. Note this does not apply a cut-off to the length of time between testing positive and deaths, unlike in published death data.

