

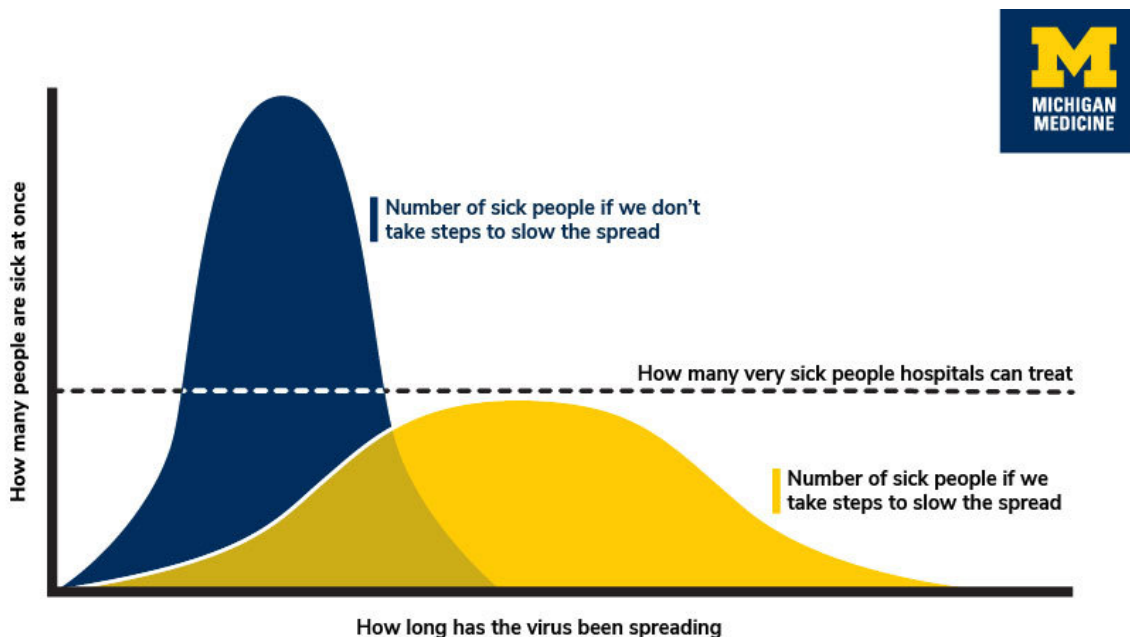


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The Union for Progressive Judaism is pleased to share a useful resource prepared by the University of Michigan's Medical Department, outlining how best to "flatten the curve".

History shows that taking strong steps now to slow the spread of coronavirus will help communities and individuals.

"What curve? And why is flatter better?"



Adapted from the CDC

If individuals and communities take steps to slow the virus's spread, that means the number of cases of COVID-19 will stretch out across a longer period of time. As the curve shows, the number of cases at any given time doesn't cross the dotted line of the capacity of our nation's health care system to help everyone who's very sick.

"If you don't have as many cases coming to the hospitals and clinics at once, it can actually lower the number of total deaths from the virus and from other causes," he says. "And, importantly, it buys us time for university and government scientists, and industry, to create new therapies, medications and potentially a vaccine."

Another key factor to consider: the doctors, nurses, pharmacists, technicians and many other staff who actually work in healthcare. The more cases of COVID-19 there are at any given time, the more likely some of them are to catch it, whether in the community or at work. Once they're sick, they need to stay away from patients for weeks. Which means fewer people to take care of the patients who need care."¹

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<https://healthblog.uofmhealth.org/wellness-prevention/flattening-curve-for-covid-19-what-does-it-mean-and-how-can-you-help>