

I wanted to know whether in-person voting on April 7th will contribute to an increase in COVID-19 cases and deaths above and beyond what the current curve might suggest.

I am neither a scientist nor a statistician. But, my professional career taught me the importance of collecting baseline data in order to measure progress or lack thereof. For my baseline, I chose April 7th and 8th data from the [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center](#).

I selected those 6 states where the confirmed COVID- 19 cases on April 7 ranged from 2,000 to 2,999: Alabama, Arizona, Missouri, Nevada, South Carolina, and Wisconsin. These states were generally in the same place on the curve and should follow roughly the same trajectory going forward. All six states have stay- at-home orders. You will see the starting dates of their respective orders on the spreadsheets.

There are other sets of data I wanted to capture. They include the one county in each of the 6 states with the most confirmed cases on April 7, the top 10 Wisconsin counties by population according to the US Census, and the remaining 62 Wisconsin counties.

Along with many of you, I fear that April 7th's in- person voting in Wisconsin will result in more widespread

infection and perhaps more deaths than if citizens had been permitted to obey the safer-at-home orders without being disenfranchised. My goal is to use the baseline data to determine whether my fears were justified. I fervently hope they were not.

I will check the Johns Hopkins totals every day and publish updates.

Use the Links to All COVID-19 Data tab above to access all of the information.