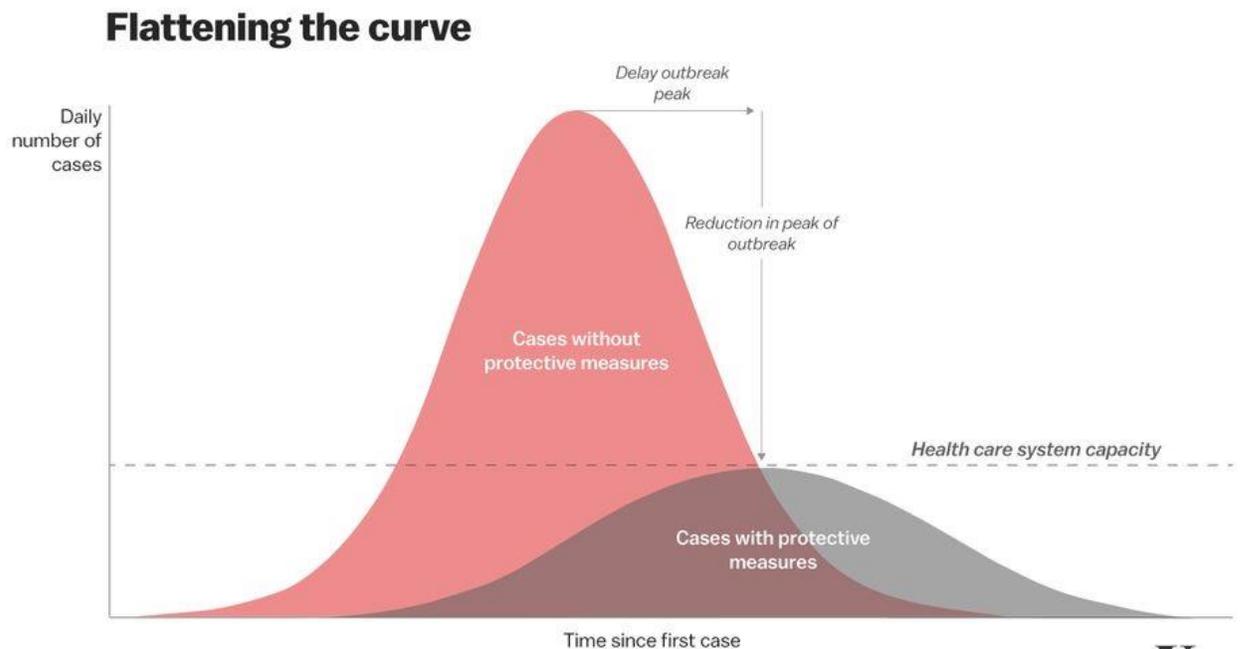


Staying Healthy and Virus Free in Palm Beach “Flattening the Curve”

The fastest and most effective way to slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus is to slow down the infection rate or “flatten the curve” of the disease. Why? Because if the number of cases grows too quickly, our healthcare system may become overwhelmed. This happened in Italy, a western nation with a solid healthcare system. There were not enough hospital beds or trained professionals to accommodate Italy’s sudden surge of cases. Instead, if the US slows the infection rates and stretches out the same number of total cases over a longer period of time, people can get the healthcare they need. (“Flatten the curve”.) This allows existing health care staff and facilities to manage the hospitalized cases more effectively, as well as have time for replenishing critical supplies and equipment. The bottom line: **Fewer people will die if we flatten the curve.**



Source: CDC

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Thank you for doing your part in “flattening the curve” by social distancing and staying away from crowds and places where groups of people congregate in close proximity.