

# COVID-19

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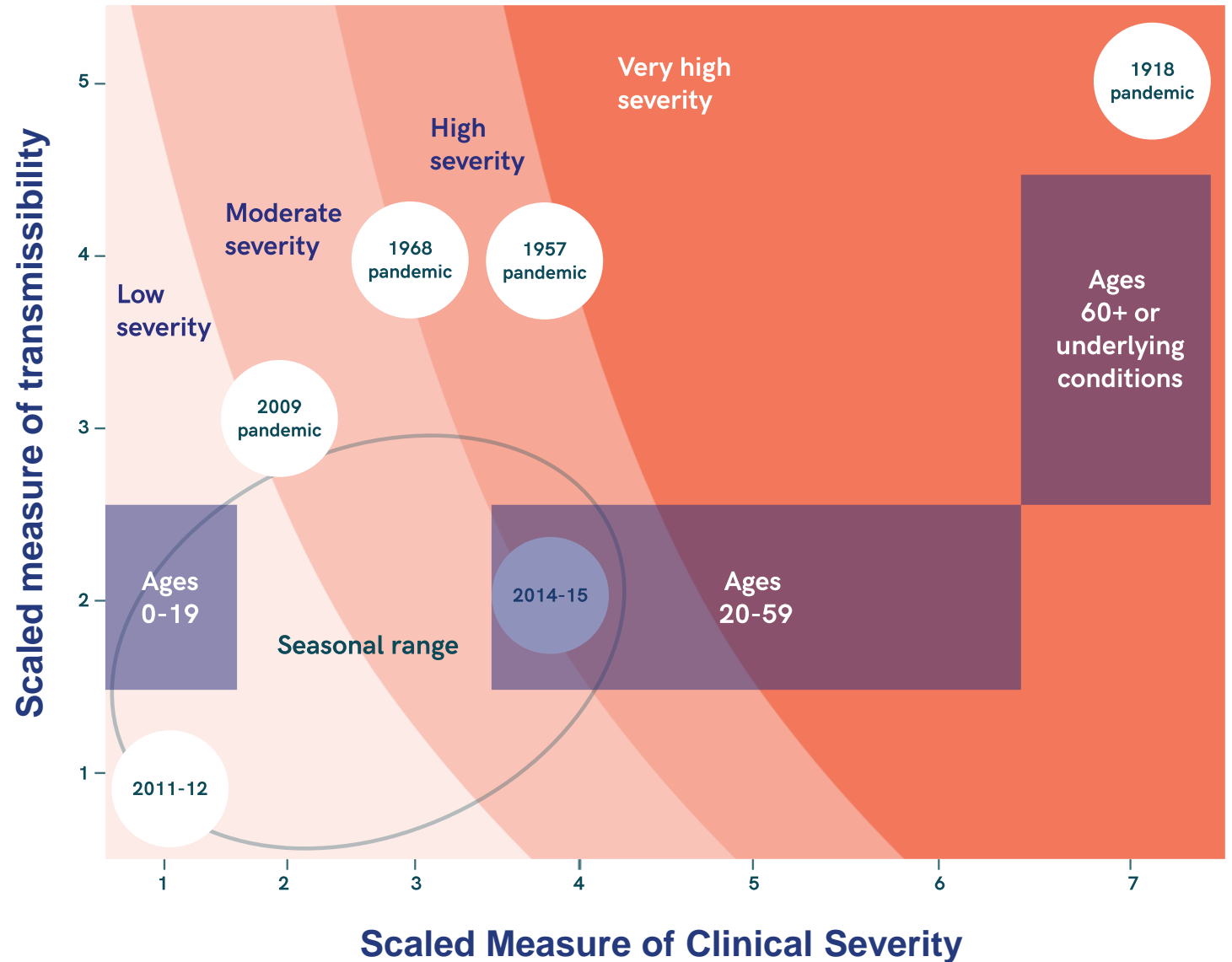
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# COVID-19 is more severe for older people and those with underlying health conditions

Likely severity of COVID-19, based on what is known about spread and severity compared to historic seasonal and pandemic influenza

## March 10, 2020 COVID-Pandemic Severity Assessment Framework by Age



Adapted from Reed et al. *Emerg Infect Dis.* 2013;19:85-91. Data as of March 9, 2020.

# Adaptive Response

Cases over time



## Coordinated Response

- Emergency management system with empowered incident managers
- Daily briefings with accurate and timely information from credible spokespeople
- Data-driven response with clear objectives and ongoing monitoring of performance

## Disease control

- Early detection (lab testing, alert clinical systems) and case isolation (home, hospital, other facilities)
- Aggressive testing
- Contact tracing
- Health care infection prevention and control
- Appropriate clinical care including staff surge when needed

## Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs)

- Ongoing monitoring of triggers to tighten and loosen NPI implementation
- Community engagement with clear communication, assessment of community acceptance leading to adjustment of approach
- Everyday personal NPIs (wash hands, cover coughs, stay home if ill)
- Environmental NPIs (clean surfaces, increase ventilation)
- Personal NPIs (household quarantine, mask in community if ill)
- Community NPIs (high-risk group social distancing and closing schools)
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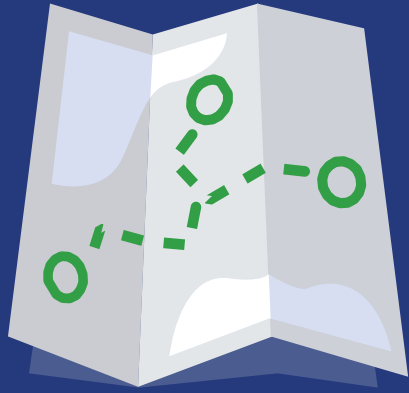
## Supporting society

- Address ongoing health care needs including supply chain management and increased telemedicine
- Support continued social and economic activity including learning, emergency services, essential activities
- Protect vulnerable populations

## Pharmaceutical interventions

- Treatments
- Vaccines





# Surveillance

Who

Where

When?

Identify and test suspected cases

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Trace and test contacts

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Monitor linked and unlinked chains of transmission

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Test SARI cases and cases from influenza sentinel surveillance system

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Monitor influenza-like illness in syndromic surveillance

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Monitor healthcare worker infections

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Monitor for exposure at mass gatherings and long-term care facilities

# TWO Reasons for Sheltering-in-Place

1

## Flatten the Curve

So health care facilities are not overwhelmed, especially with patients who need intensive care for viral pneumonia

2

## Strengthen health care and public health

### Health care

Safer surge: 1. Many mildly ill patients, 2. Intensive care capacity, 3. Continuity of care for people with non-coronavirus-related conditions

### Public health

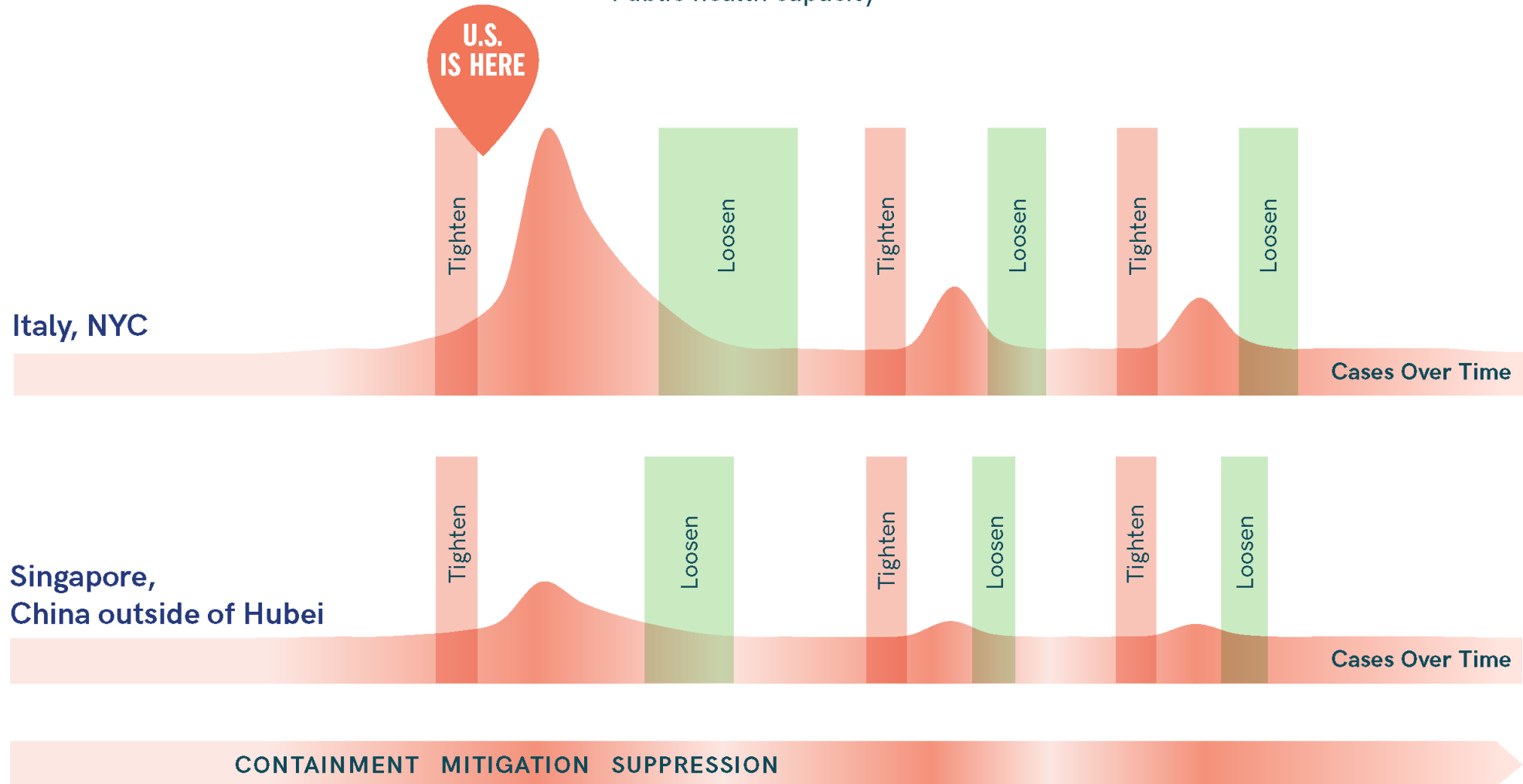
Capacity for testing, contact tracing, isolation of ill people, quarantine of contacts

# Adaptive Response

Loosen or Tighten Physical Distancing according to levels of:

- Virus transmission
- Healthcare preparedness
- Public health capacity

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# THREE

## Considerations for when it's Safe to Come Out Again

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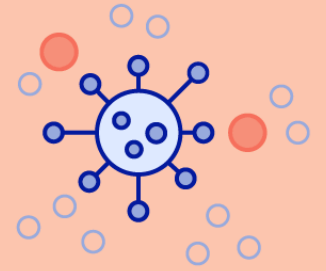
#KnowCOVID  
#PreventEpidemics



# 1

## Cases no longer spreading widely

Fewer unlinked cases, falling case rates, keeping up with case reports



# 2

## Stronger health care system

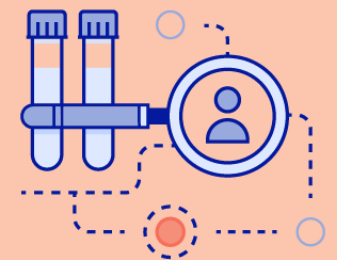
Able to withstand rise in cases without risking health care workers and patient lives



# 3

## Public health capacity

Test patients and trace contacts immediately, isolate the ill, quarantine contacts



# **THREE** Considerations for How to Safely Loosen the Faucet on Sheltering-in-Place

1

Medically vulnerable continue to shelter

Potentially, those with prior illness will be protected – but we don't know this yet

2

Prioritize societal benefit

Day care, maybe schools (protecting the vulnerable), infrastructure, partial safe re-opening, sanitizer/temp checks

3

Prepare to tighten the faucet if cases spike

Test patients and trace contacts immediately, isolate the ill, and quarantine contacts effectively



# THREE Considerations for When We Have to Close Again

1

## Cases start spreading

Increasing infection rate,  
unlinked cases, rising  
healthcare worker infections

2

## Unprepared health care system






A rise in cases would risk  
health care worker and  
patient lives

3






## Insufficient public health capacity

Cannot identify and isolate  
cases and their contacts

# DRAFT CRITICAL PERFORMANCE TARGETS

-  **1** Empowered incident manager aligned with political leaders
-  **2** Can test every patient with pneumonia, every symptomatic person, capacity for drive-through (or equivalent) testing
-  **3** Can start contact tracing within hours of case identification, obtain contacts for >95% of cases, track >95% of contacts, test 100% of symptomatic contacts, monitor >95% of quarantined contacts for 14 days
-  **4** Daily briefing with accurate numbers on infected, ill, deaths, and updated guidance by credible spokesperson
-  **5** Health care workers adequately protected with policies, training, and sufficient personal protective equipment

# DRAFT CRITICAL PERFORMANCE TARGETS

-  **6** Health care systems able surge safely to care for large numbers of mildly ill patients, a large increase in patients needing intensive care, and for patients needing ongoing, non-coronavirus-related care
-  **7** System in place to resume targeted or general social distancing measures rapidly if needed
-  **8** Capacity to support nutrition, learning, physical and mental wellbeing, and social needs during sheltering-in-place
-  **9** Community engagement with assessment of community perceptions and behaviors and effectiveness of messaging
-  **10** Rapid and smooth coordination with state, federal, and county governments and health departments

# Role of testing depends on phase of outbreak in an area

## All phases

- Determine how widespread infection is
- Identify risk groups, transmission patterns
- Anticipate next steps and guide strategy planning/development
- Every patient requiring mechanical ventilation or with pneumonia anywhere in the country to detect spread

## Adaptive Response

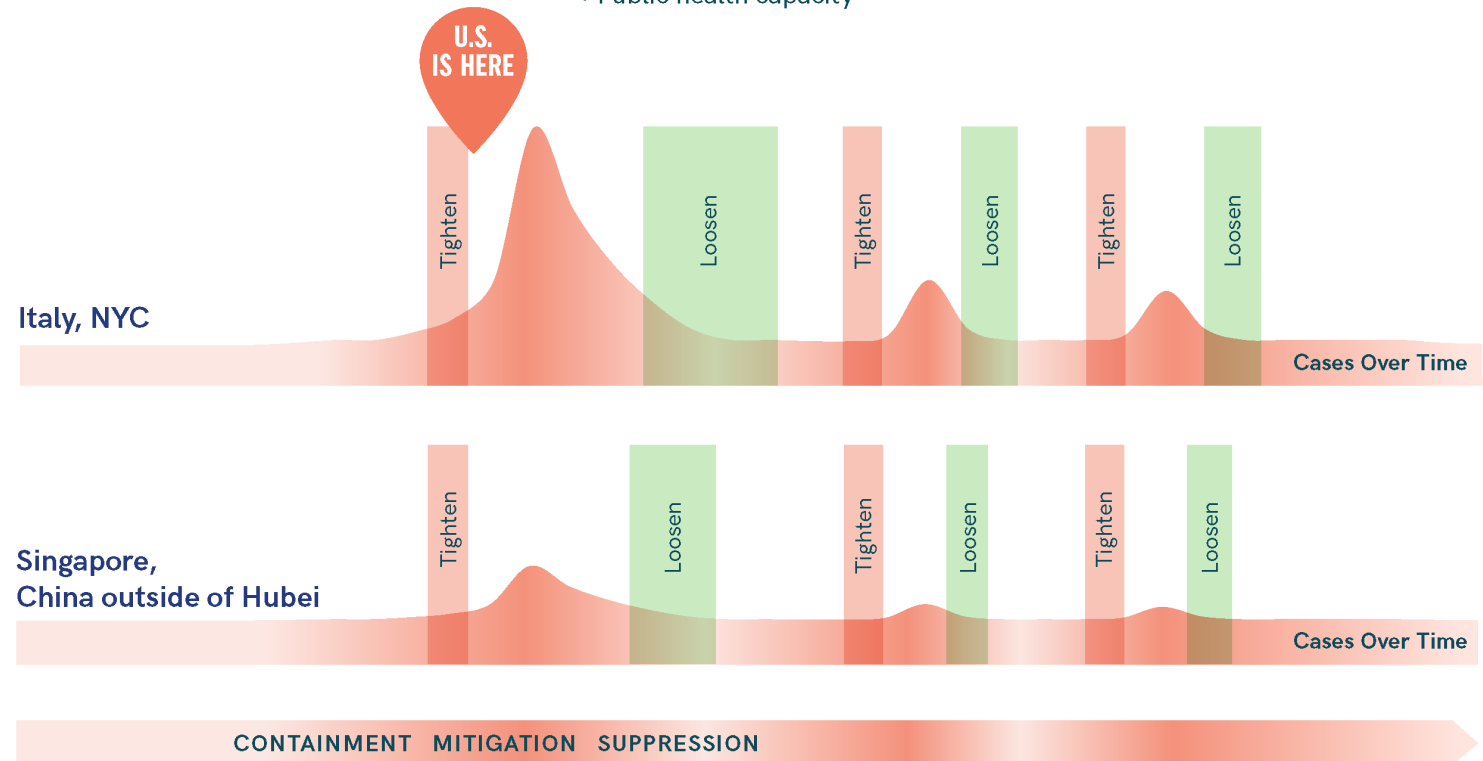
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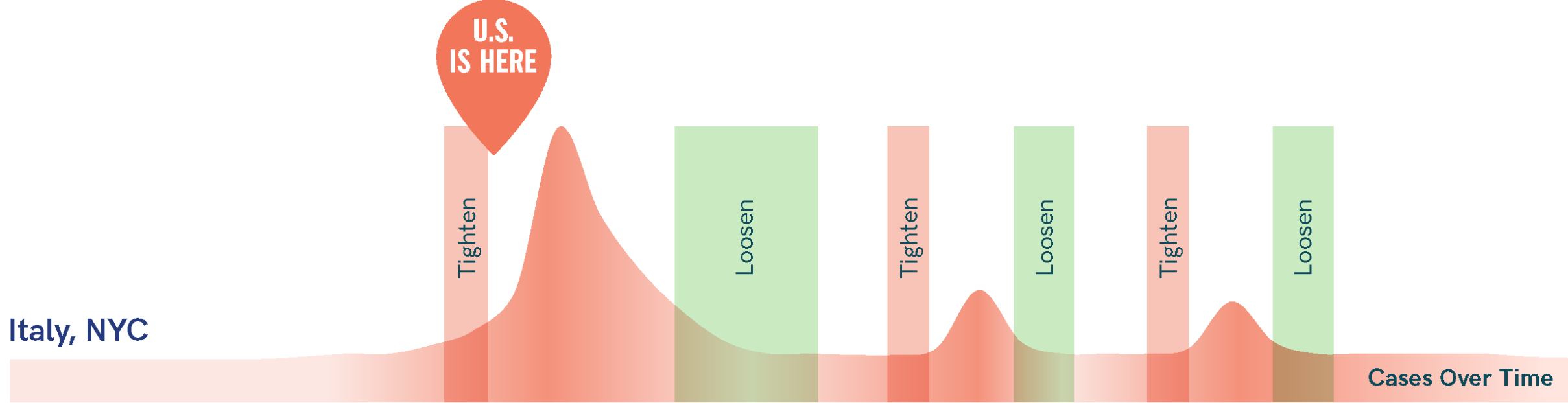
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**RESOLVE**  
TO SAVE LIVES

**Vital Strategies**





## Role of testing depends on phase of outbreak in an area

### Few or no cases

- Inform containment strategies and facilitate contact tracing
- Safe, rapid isolation of people with symptoms to prevent further spread

### Widespread transmission

- Find outbreaks in hospitals, nursing homes, homeless shelters and prisons
- For people who don't need to be hospitalized, a test won't change recommendation: Stay home, isolate

### Suppression phase

- Extensive testing for current and past infection to identify, stop emerging clusters and facilitate reopening society
- Respond rapidly to new clusters until we have a vaccine
- Drive-thru testing could be important

# SARS-CoV-2 Treatment

- *No proven therapies with established efficacy*
- **In vitro and limited clinical data**
  - Chloroquine
  - Hydroxychloroquine
- **Preclinical data suggest possible benefit**
  - Lopinavir, Ritonavir (clinical trial negative)
- **Investigational**
  - Remdesivir
  - Convalescent plasma/antibody therapy
- **Theoretical**
  - Tocilizumab
  - Azithromycin

