

# Why should we take precaution against the COVID-19 virus?

South African hospitals and medical facilities are under-resourced and cannot care for unusually large numbers of patients

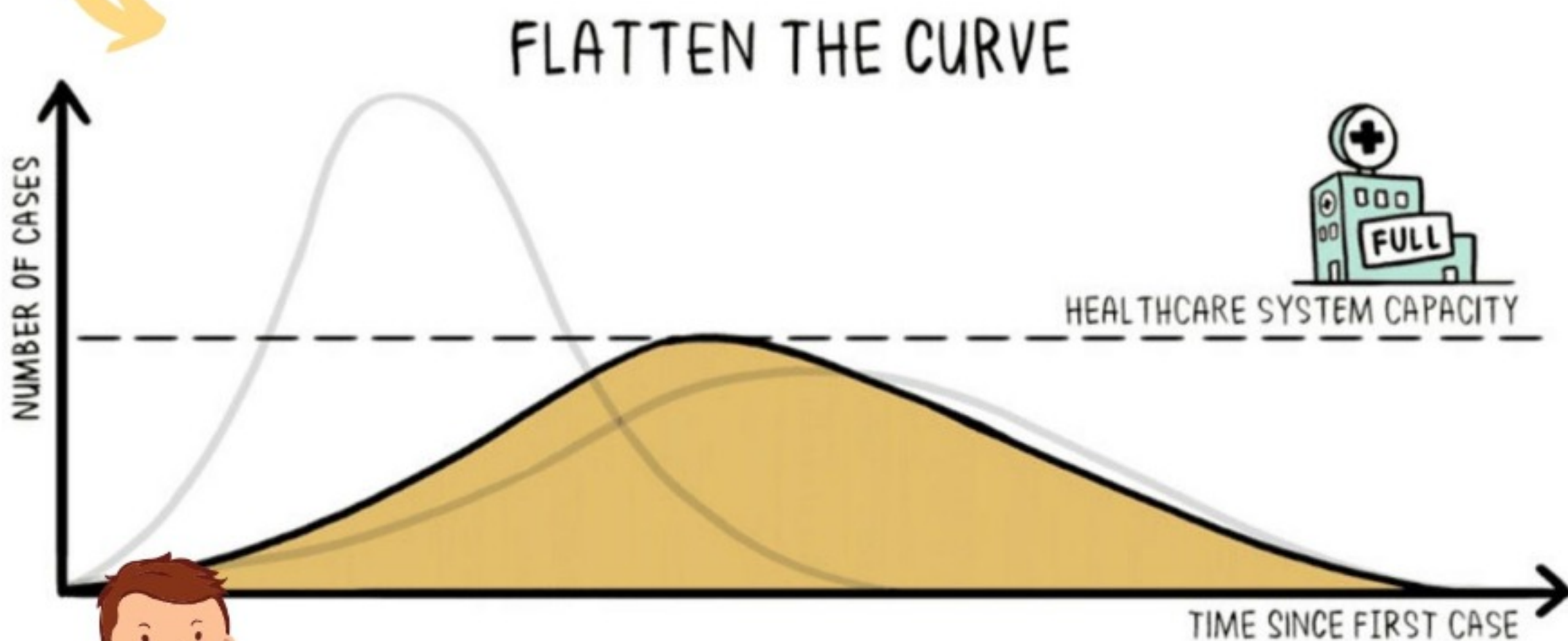


An estimated half a million people will need hospitalisation. South Africa only has 3000 critical care hospital beds at its disposal. Currently, there are 18 hospital beds for every 10 000 people (some of which will need to be used for non-Corona cases).

Although about 70% of South Africans will catch the virus, it will only have a serious impact on only a fraction of the population!

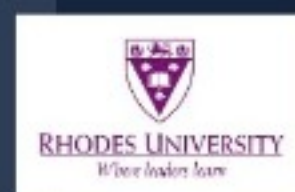


To lessen the burden on hospitals and medical resources, we need to flatten the curve! This means reducing the number of cases and the rate that the virus is contracted.



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If we can spread out the number of people that get COVID-19 over a longer period we can cope better. Maybe by then, we'll have a vaccine available!