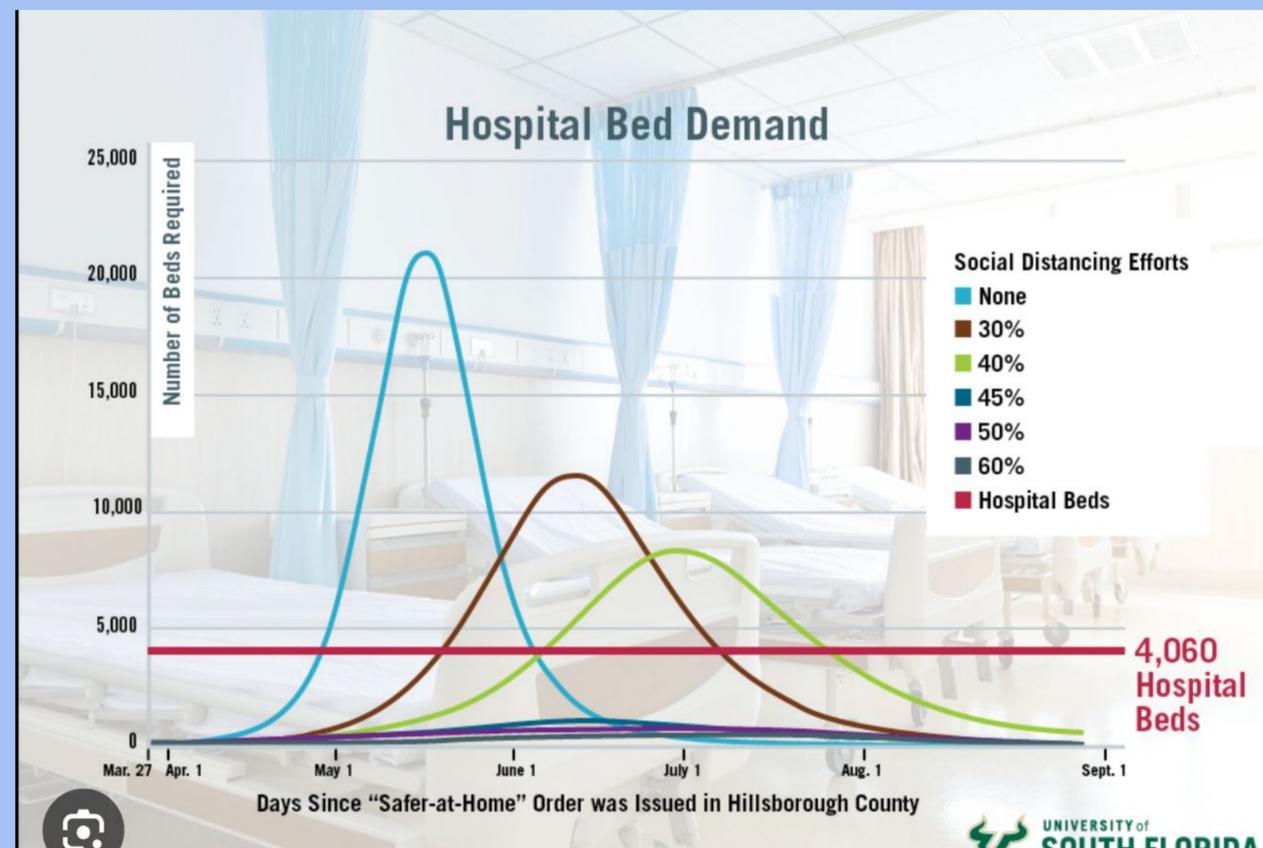


# The Causes of Holding Psychiatric Patients for Too Long, and How It Affects Patient Care in the Emergency Room

Objective: Finding the causes and reasons so many southern California Emergency rooms are being overcrowded by psychiatric patients

Methodology: Using data from Lakewood Emergency Room. Data includes: length of stay, reason for hospital visit, cleared patients, arrival method, and chief complaints.



Overcrowding of Emergency Rooms is an extremely important issue. Hoping to find the causes of this, I will look into all of the patient's reason for entry, but more specifically into the long stemming issues of drug use near and outside Los Angeles.