S4 Fig. Evolution of error in estimates of the probability of a major outbreak as the outbreak persists. A. Error in estimates of the probability of a major outbreak as a function of the age of the outbreak (*x* deaths). Inset: Probability of an individual outbreak persisting until at least *x* deaths. B. Average number of *E* and *I* after *x* deaths in simulated outbreaks in which at least *x* deaths occur. Each boxplot in A and bar in B is obtained from 100,000 simulations of the stochastic SEIR model in which at least *x* deaths occur. Each bar in the inset to A is obtained from 100,000 simulations of the stochastic SEIR model.