Supplementary Appendix

This appendix has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

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Forecasting of COVID-19 Cases among UTSW Employees Sans Vaccine (Figure 1B)

ARIMA Model

The Automatic Regressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) model¹ was used to forecast the number of positive COVID-19 cases among UTSW Employees without the vaccination. On 12/15/2020, UTSW started vaccinating employees. The forecasting is based on the number of positive cases from 10/01/2020 to 12/14/2020.

The ARIMA (p, d, q) consists of three components – AR (p) (Autoregression), I (d) (Integrated), and MA (q) (Moving Average):

AR (p) models the current value Y_t linearly depends on its lagged values Y_{t-1} , Y_{t-2} , ..., Y_{t-p} and the current residuals ε_t , as shown in Eq. (1).

$$Y_t = \alpha + \beta_1 Y_{t-1} + \beta_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \beta_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$
(1)

MA (q) models the current value Y_t linearly depends on the lag residuals ε_{t-1} , ε_{t-2} ,..., ε_{t-q} , which were generated from the autoregressive models of the respective lags, as shown in Eq. (2).

$$Y_t = \alpha + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q} + \varepsilon_t$$
 (2)

I (d) transformed the non-stationary time series into stationary by taking the difference process d times. Thus, the ARIMA model is the combination of AR and MA after the time series was differenced and stationary in Eq. (3):

$$Y_t = \alpha + \beta_1 Y_{t-1} + \beta_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \beta_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}$$
 (3)

Partial auto correlation (PACF) and auto correlation (ACF) were used to determine the parameters p and q. The Akaike Information Criteria (AIC) was further calculate to obtain a combination of parameters that have a better model performance, i.e., the lower the AIC, the better the performance. In this study, ARIMA (0, 1, 4) showed the best performance.

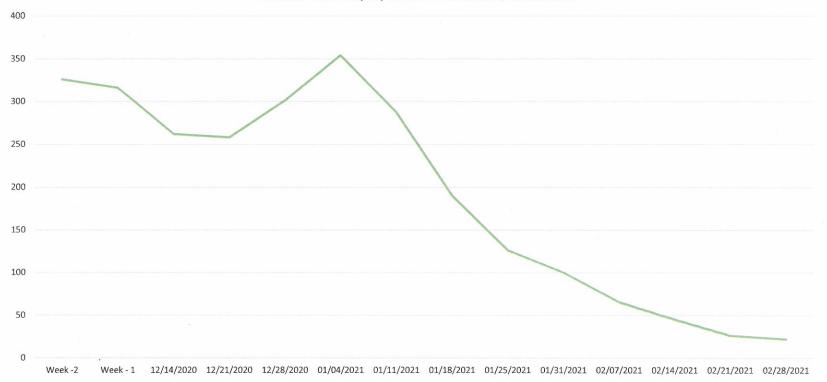
Description of Figure 1B

The upward forecasting line in Figure 1B showed that COVID-19 infections would trend upward without vaccination. Yet, after vaccination began on December 15, 2020, the actual number of COVID-19 infections started to deviate from the projected trend, going downward.

Reference

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Weekly count of UTSW employees (N = 23,234) in self-isolation (SI) or self-quarantine (SQ), 11/30/2020 - 2/28/2021. SI refers to a 10-day isolation period starting from the employee's first positive COVID-19 test. The SI time frame will be extended to 20 days if the employee is already immunocompromised from prior diagnosis. SQ refers to a 10-day home quarantine if the employee is exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual. People in SQ will switch to SI if they have a positive COVID-19 test.

Supplemental Table 1: Vaccine Eligible UTSW Employees Stratified by COVID-19 Vaccination Status (N=23,234)

Supplemental Table 1. Vaccin	COVID-19 Vaccination Status (N=23,234)						
Demographic Factor		Fully Vaccinated Not Vaccinated Partially					
		n (%)		n (%)		Vaccinated	
Age Group (years)	<=24	437	(5.4%)	609	(6.8%)	736	(12.0%)
Iso cross (years)	>24- 44	4330	(53.3%)	5314	(59.2%)	Property and the second	(52.8%)
	>44-64	2990	(36.8%)	2550	(28.4%)		(31.0%)
	>64	334	(4.1%)	258	(2.9%)	238	(3.9%)
	Unknown	30	(0.4%)	238	(2.7%)	23	(0.4%)
Gender	Female	5181	(63.8%)	6282	(70.0%)	3891	(63.3%)
dender	Male	2924	(36.0%)	2558	(28.5%)	2232	(36.3%)
	Unknown	16	(0.2%)	129	(1.4%)	21	(0.3%)
Race	American Indian or Alaska Native	42	(0.5%)	41	(0.5%)	22	(0.4%)
	Asian	1223	(15.1%)	750	(8.4%)	1066	(17.4%)
	Black or African American	531	(6.5%)	1661	(18.5%)	616	(10.0%)
	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	14	(0.2%)	16	(0.2%)	10	(0.2%)
	White	3362	(41.4%)	2516	(28.1%)	2269	(36.9%)
	Multi-race	23	(0.3%)	23	(0.3%)	25	(0.4%)
	Some other race	277	(3.4%)	202	(2:3%)	220	(3.6%)
	Declined	52	(0.6%)	38	(0.4%)	33	(0.5%)
	Unknown Race	2597	(32.0%)	3722	(41.5%)	1883	(30.6%)
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	761	(9.4%)	855	(9.5%)	692	(11.3%)
	Non-Hispanic/Latino	4845	(59.7%)	4556	(50.8%)	3608	(58.7%)
	Unknown	2515	(31.0%)	3558	(39.7%)	1844	(30.0%)
Area Deprivation Index (ADI)		4645	(57.2%)	2128	(23.7%)	2897	(47.2%)
	4-7	1794	(22.1%)	1401	(15.6%)	1914	(31.2%)
	8-10	286	(3.5%)	401	(4.5%)	257	(4.2%)
	Other	123	(1.5%)	84	(0.9%)	147	(2.4%)
	Unknown	1273	(15.7%)	4955	(55.2%)	929	(15.1%)
Education	HS or less	409	(5.0%)	1137	(12.7%)	404	(6.6%)
	Associate	1266	(15.6%)	2126	(23.7%)	946	(15.4%)
	Bachelor	2254	(27.8%)	1668	(18.6%)	1698	(27.6%)
	Doctorate & Postdoc	2249	(27.7%)	1750	(19.5%)	1071	(17.4%)
	Master	1337	(16.5%)	1151	(12.8%)	1003	(16.3%)
	Unknown/ Not Indicated	606	(7.5%)	1137	(12.7%)	1022	(16.6%)
Language	English	6401	(78.8%)	6022	(67.1%)	4828	(78.6%)
	Non-English	105	(1.3%)	102	(1.1%)		(1.8%)
	Unknown/ Not Available	1615	(19.9%)	2845	(31.7%)	1207	(19.6%)
Employment Duration (years)		3557	(43.8%)	4985	(55.6%)	2651	(43.1%)
	>3-6	1653	(20.4%)	1582	(17.6%)	1224	(19.9%)
	>6-9	892	(11.0%)	779	(8.7%)	619	(10.1%)
	>9	1901	(23.4%)	1327	(14.8%)	1217	(19.8%)
	Unknown	118	(1.5%)	296	(3.3%)	433	(7.0%)
Telework Status	Blended Schedule	1267	(15.6%)	883	(9.8%)	1357	(22.1%)
	Remote	772	(9.5%)	1755	(19.6%)	1902	(31.0%)
	On Campus	5585	(68.8%)	4739	(52.8%)	2053	(33.4%)
-	Unknown/ Unmapped	497	(6.1%)	1592	(17.8%)	832	(13.5%)
Total		8121		8969		6144	