

# Model says COVID-19 deaths could surpass 317,000 by December

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(HealthDay)—A widely cited model for COVID-19 deaths in the United States predicts a total of 317,000 deaths by December.

On Friday morning, a [model](#) from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington forecasts that the number of COVID-19 deaths may reach 317,312 by December, an increase of about 8,000 deaths from a previous estimate one week ago. There could be more than 136,000 more deaths between now and December, and the daily [death](#) rate could rise to more than 2,000 per day, according to the latest IHME estimate, *CNN* reported.

However, the IHME researchers noted that "if mask wearing in public increases to 95 percent, more than 67,000 lives could be saved."

Since January, there have been more than 5 million COVID-19 cases in the United States and more than 180,000 deaths, according to the latest data compiled by Johns Hopkins University, *CNN*

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