

Sweden's response to COVID-19

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Sweden's work to combat the Corona virus

- A **universal welfare state** that is **accessible to all**
- **Social protection for all, accessible welfare services** including **parental leave**
- Strong **mutual trust** between public authorities and citizens
- **Whole-of-Government approach**
- Measures aim to **save lives and slow down the outbreak**
- Strengthen the Swedish **health care system to cope** with COVID-19

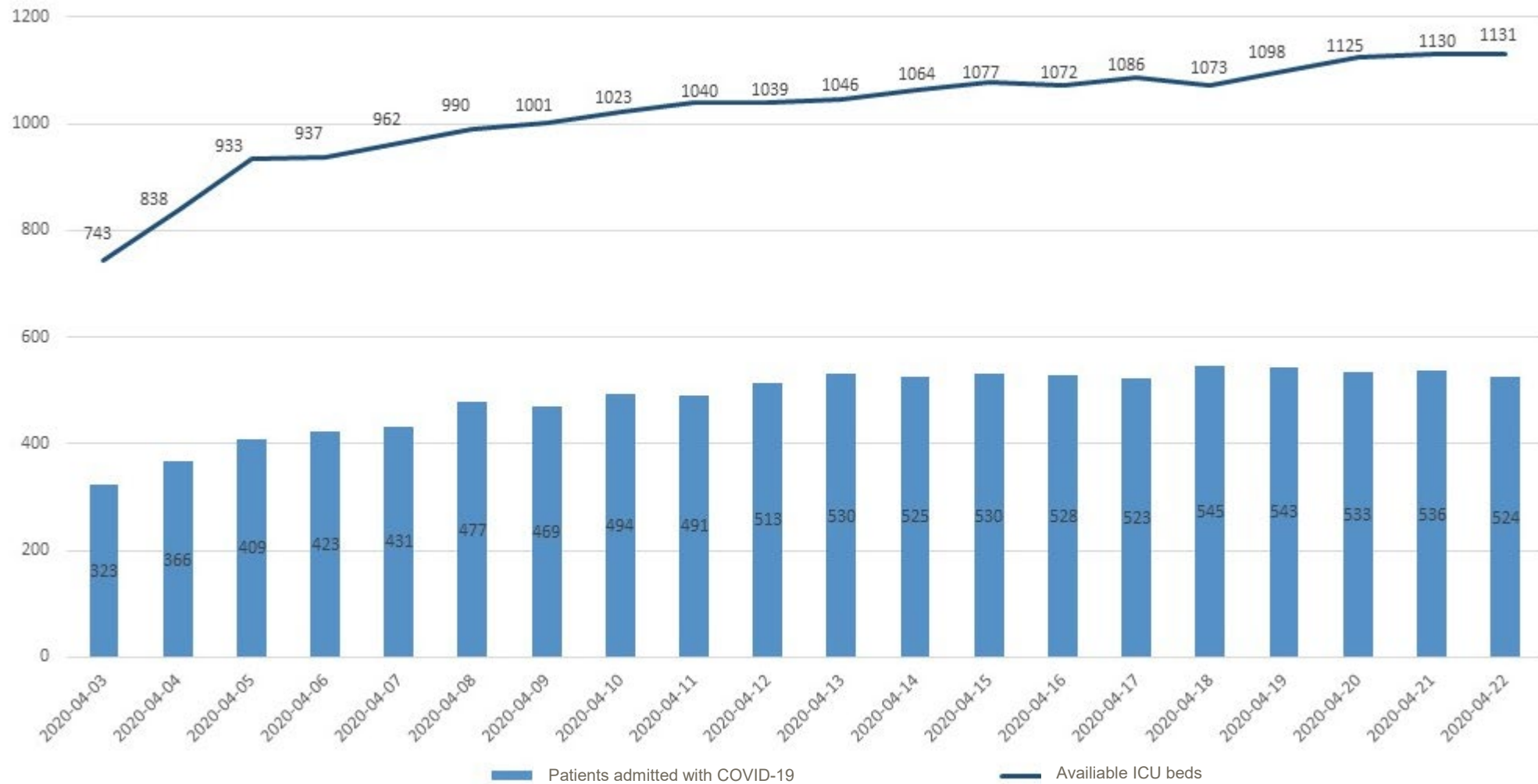


Five aspects of our approach

1. Government in charge – but expert agencies and international bodies play a key role
2. Protecting the elderly and risk groups is a top priority
3. Social distancing and incentives to stay at home
4. Aim for endurable strategies and public trust
5. Flexible adjustment to developments on the ground



Intensive Care Unit capacity



International cooperation and solidarity

- WHO plays a crucial part in supporting countries and coordinating the international response
- Un-earmarked core funding has allowed organisations to act flexibly and quickly when needed



Conclusion

- **No unique Swedish way** of dealing with COVID-19
- We share the **same goals** as other countries
- We work with the **same challenges** as other countries
- We use **similar tools** as others, but do what we think works best for us

