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

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The 10 HHS regions are as follows:

Region 1 - Boston: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Region 2 - New York: New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Region 3 - Philadelphia: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Region 4 - Atlanta: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Region 5 - Chicago: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Region 6 - Dallas: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Region 7 - Kansas City: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Region 8 - Denver: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Region 9 - San Francisco: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Region 10 - Seattle: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

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Definition	Chief Complaint Search Terms	Diagnosis Codes
CDC Overall Mental Health	Schizophrenia (include misspellings)	295.00; 295.01; 295.02; 295.03; 295.04; 295.10; 295.11;
Conditions v1	Schizotypal (include misspellings)	295.12; 295.13; 295.14; 295.20; 295.21; 295.22; 295.23;
	Schizoaffective (include misspellings)	295.24; 295.30; 295.31; 295.32; 295.33; 295.34; 295.40;
	Grief (include misspellings)	295.41; 295.42; 295.43; 295.44; 295.50; 295.51; 295.52;
	Grieve (include misspellings)	295.53; 295.54; 295.60; 295.61; 295.62; 295.63; 295.64;
	Bereave (include misspellings)	295.70; 295.71; 295.72; 295.73; 295.74; 295.80; 295.81;
	Psych	295.82; 295.83; 295.84; 295.90; 295.91; 295.92; 295.93;
	Mental health	295.94296.90; 296.99; 297.0; 297.1; 297.2; 297.3; 297.8;
	Mental evaluation	297.9; 298.0; 298.1; 298.2; 298.3; 298.4; 298.8; 298.9;
	Mental problem	300.10; 300.11; 300.12; 300.13; 399.14; 300.15; 300.81;
	Mentally	300.82; 300.89; 300.7; 307.80; 307.89; 300.9 648.40; 648.41,
	Mental illness	648.42, 648.43; 648.44; V62.82
	Reactive attachment	
	Auditory hallucination	F20; F21; F22; F23; F25; F28; F29; F39; F44; F45; F48; F53.1;
	Visual hallucination	F54; F63.3; F93.8; F93.9; F94; F98.9; F99; Z63.4
	Hearing voice	
	Evaluation hallucination	413307004; 74732009; 231538003; 268664001; 48500005;
	History of hallucination	191667009; 41526007; 18193002; 224965009; 74506000;
	Hallucinations patient	58214004; 268617001; 64905009;191526005; 68890003
	Hallucinations unspecified	
	Seeing thing	
	Delusion (include misspellings)	
	Paranoia (include misspellings)	
	Trichotillomania	
	Dissociative disorder	
	Dissociative conversion	
	Dissociative identity	
	Dissociative and conversion	
	Dissociative tendency	
	Dissociative episode	
	Dissociative conversion	
	Dissociative behavior	
	Dissociative amnesia	
	Dissociative attentive	
	Experiencing dissociation	
	Dissociative (when used with depress, depression, psych, dysthymic, anxiety, anxious, traumatic stress, PTSD,	
	adjustment disorder, mental, attention deficit, bipolar, schizophrenia, schizoaffective, schizotypal – and	
	associated misspellings of all terms)	

CDC Depressive Disorders v1	Depression Dysthymic Dysthymic Mood disorder Mood disturbance	296.20; 296.21; 296.22; 296.23; 296.24; 296.25; 296.30; 296.31; 296.32; 296.33; 296.34; 296.35; 300.4; 309.0; 309.1; 296.90; 296.99; 309.28 F32 (except F32.5); F33 (except F33.42); F34.1; F34.9; F43.21; F43.23; O90.6 35489007; 310497006; 370143000; 712823008; 57194009	
CDC Attention- Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders v1	Attention deficit Hyperactivity Attention problems	314.00, 314.01; 314.9; 314.2 F90 (include all in this series) 406506008 35253001	
CDC Trauma and Stressor- related Disorders v1	Traumatic stress PTSD (including misspellings) Adjustment disorder Reaction to acute stress Acute stress reaction Acute stress crisis Acute stress eval Eval acute stress Acute stress behavior (including misspellings for behavior) Behavior acute stress Behavior acute stress Reaction to severe stress Severe stress reaction Severe stress crisis	308.0; 308.1; 308.2; 308.3; 308.4; 308.9; 309.81; 309.89; 309.9; 309.0; 309.1; 309.24; 309.28;309.29; 309.3; 309.4 F43 67195008; 47505003; 17226007; 57194009; 271952001	
CDC Disruptive Behavioral and Impulse-Control v1	Conduct disorder Oppositional defiant (with spelling mistakes for "defiant") Antisocial personality Disturbance of conduct Impulse control disorder Explosive disorder	309.3; 309.4; 312.00; 312.01; 312.02; 312.03; 312.10; 312.11; 312.12; 312.13; 312.20, 312.21; 312.22; 312.23; 312.4; 312.81; 312.82; 312.89; "312.9; 312.30; 312.31; 312.39; 313.81; 314.2; 301.7 F43.24; F43.25; F91.0; F91.1; F91.2; F91.3; F91.8; F91.9; F63.81; F63.1; F63.2; F63.9; F63.0; F63.89; F60.2 54319003; 18941000; 430909002; 26665006	
CDC Bipolar Disorders v1	Bipolar Manic Cyclothymic Mania Hypomania Hypermania	296.00; 296.01; 296.02; 296.03; 296.04; 296.05; 296.40; 296.41; 296.42; 296.43; 296.44; 296.45; 296.50; 296.51; 296.52; 296.53; 296.54; 296.55; 296.60; 296.61; 296.62; 296.63; 296.64; 296.85; 296.89 F30.1; F30.2; F30.3; F30.8; F30.9; F31.0; F31.1; F31.2; F31.3; F31.4; F31.5; F31.6; F31.7 (only include: F31.70, F31.71, F31.73, F31.75, F31.77); F31.8; F31.9; F34.0 191627008; 371596008; 83225003; 231494001; 284513006; 268619003	

CDC Eating Disorders v1	Pica	307.1; 307.50; 307.51; 307.52; 307.53; 307.54; 307.59	
	Bulimia (including misspellings)		
	Binge eating (including misspellings of binge)	F50.00; F50.01; F50.02; F50.2; F50.8; F50.82; F50.89; F50.9;	
	Binge-eating	F98.21; F98.29; F98.3	
	Eating disorder		
	Rumination disorder	72366004; 56882008; 7800400; 32721004	
	Binging or purging		
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	Weight loss or anorexia		
	Anorexia nervosa (including misspellings of anorexia)		
	Anorexic (including misspellings of anorexic)		
	Being treated for anorexia (including misspellings of anorexia)		
	Treatment for (including misspellings of anorexia)		
	Weight loss (including misspellings of weight; include when used with anorexia)		
	Loss of weight (including misspellings of weight; include when used with anorexia)		
	Weight loss (including misspellings of weight; include when used with anorexia)		
	Loss of weight (including misspellings of weight; include when used with anorexia)		
	Eating disorder		
	Anorexia history (including misspellings of anorexia)		
	History of anorexia (including misspellings of anorexia)		
	Mental anorexia (including misspellings of anorexia)		
	Mental (when used with anorexia)		
	Psych (when used with anorexia)		
CDC Tic Disorders v1	Neurological tic	307.20; 307.21; 307.22; 307.23	
	Tic disorder		
	Behavioral tic	F95; G25.69	
	Facial tic		
	Face tic	568005; 5158005	
CDC Obsessive-Compulsive	Obsessive compulsive	300.3	
Disorders v1	Compulsive disorder		
		F42	
		191736004	
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	Change in log of ED visits due to MH relative to 2019	P Value	Change in log of total ED visits relative to 2019	P Value
Weeks 1-11 in 2020	0.131	0.001	0.0538	0.01
	(0.0260)		(0.0172)	
Weeks 12-23 in 2020	-0.230	0.000	-0.389	0.000
	(0.0263)		(0.0316)	
Weeks 24-35 in 2020	-0.0302	0.36	-0.153	0.000
	(0.0315)		(0.0271)	
Weeks 36-47 in 2020	-0.0725	0.09	-0.142	0.000
	(0.0376)		(0.0129)	
Weeks 47-53 in 2020	-0.123	0.01	-0.177	0.000
	(0.0339)		(0.00337)	
Weeks 1-11 in 2021	-0.00341	0.93	-0.153	0.000
	(0.0364)		(0.0220)	
Weeks 12-23 in 2021	-0.0677	0.06	-0.0500	0.05
	(0.0312)		(0.0226)	
Weeks 24-35 in 2021	-0.106	0.003	0.0213	0.33
	(0.0262)		(0.0207)	
Weeks 36-47 in 2021	-0.170	0.000	-0.0370	0.004
	(0.0303)		(0.00976)	
Weeks 47-53 in 2021	-0.187	0.000	0.0119	0.27
	(0.0287)		(0.0101)	
N	1570		1570	
R-sq	0.991		0.996	

Robust standard errors clustered by region in parentheses. All Coefficients are relative to the corresponding weeks in 2019. For example, Weeks 1-11 in 2020 is relative to Weeks 1-11 in 2019. These specifications control for region-fixed effects, week-fixed effects, year fixed effects, where the baseline year is 2019.

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Looking at the specification in logs in the first column with the header log (MH Visits), which smooths out data outliers and has a percent interpretation, we see that visits for mental health decreased significantly by approximately 23% (β = -0.23, p < 0.001) in the 11 weeks following the pandemic declaration relative to the same weeks in 2019. In the second column with the header log (Total Visits), we see that ED visits decreased by approximately 39% (β = -0.389, p < 0.001) in the eleven weeks immediately after the pandemic was declared in 2020 relative to the corresponding weeks in 2019.