Title
Demand for Public Events in the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case Study of European Football

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Abstract
We use data from elite-level European football matches to suggest how people responded to the initial COVID-19 outbreak. Unsurprisingly, in Italy and France, stadium attendances were negatively affected by the previous day's newly confirmed domestic cases or deaths. In Germany and England, there was no attendance response to the early stages of the domestic outbreaks. Spain poses a puzzle, as attendances appear to have increased substantially in response to the initial domestic cases related to the virus. In all five countries, there was no negative attendance response to the number of worldwide cases or deaths as the outbreak developed.

Data Description:
1. Data sources for COVID-19, including the daily numbers of cases and confirmed deaths, are WHO, CDC, ECDC, Worldometers.info, the COVID Tracking Project, John Hopkin University & Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center Database.
2. Football match stadium attendance data throughout the outbreak and before, collected, verified and brought from online sources.
3. Attendance and scheduling of other public events (ongoing data collection)

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