

Web-Based Supporting Material for “A marginalized zero-inflated negative binomial model for spatial data: modeling COVID-19 deaths in Georgia” by Fedelis Mutiso, Hong Li, John L. Pearce, Sara E. Benjamin-Neelon, Noel T. Mueller, and Brian Neelon

Appendix A: Social Vulnerability Index Components Variables

Table S1: Social Vulnerability Index themes and variables. The 15 SVI variables are obtained from the 2016-2020 American Community Survey of the U.S.

SVI Theme	Variables
Socioeconomic Status	Percentage below poverty Percentage unemployed Per capita income Percentage with no high school diploma
Household Composition & Disability	Percentage age 65 and older Percentage age 17 or younger Percentage age 5 years or older with a disability Percentage of single-parent households
Minority Status & Language	Percentage minority Percentage who speaks english “less than well”
Housing Type & Transportation	Percentage of multi-unit structures Percentage of mobile homes Percentage crowding Percentage having no vehicle Percentage of group quarters

Appendix B: MCMC Algorithm

1. Update the latent at-risk indicators $z_{11}, \dots, z_{1T}, \dots, z_{n1}, \dots, z_{nT}$ for the binary component. The generic form of the spatiotemporal marginalized ZINB model is similar to the model given in equation (1) of the main manuscript. That is

$y_{it} \sim (1 - \psi_{it})\mathbb{1}_{(z_{it} = 0 \wedge y_{it} = 0)} + \psi_{it}p(y_{it}; r, \nu_{it})\mathbb{1}_{z_{it}=1}$, where $z_{it} = 1$ (county i is “at-risk” on day t) with prior probability

$\psi_{it} = \exp(\mathbf{w}_{it}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma} + \phi_{1i} + f_1(t)) / [1 + \exp(\mathbf{w}_{it}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma} + \phi_{1i} + f_1(t))]$ and $z_{it} = 0$ otherwise. Now, if $y_{it} > 0$, then county i is in the at-risk class on day t but otherwise on the structural class implying that $y_{it} = 0$. Thus, given $y_{it} > 0$, we set $z_{it} = 1$. Conversely, if $y_{it} = 0$, then we observe either a structural zero (implying $z_{it} = 0$) or an at-risk zero (implying $z_{it} = 1$). In this case, we draw z_{it} from a Bernoulli distribution with probability θ_{it} , where θ_{it} is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{it} &= \Pr(z_{it} | y_{it} = 0, \text{rest}) = \frac{\Pr(z_{it} = 1 \cap y_{it} = 0)}{\Pr(y_{it} = 0)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(y_{it} = 0 | z_{it} = 1) \Pr(z_{it} = 1)}{\Pr(y_{it} = 0 | z_{it} = 1) \Pr(z_{it=1}) + \Pr(y_{it} = 0 | z_{it} = 0) \Pr(z_{it=0})}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Pr(y_{it} = 0 | z_{it} = 1)$ is the probability of observing a zero under the negative binomial model (at-risk zero) which is $(1 - q_{it})^r$, where $q_{it} = r\psi_{it} / (\nu_{it} + r\psi_{it})$ and ν_{it} is defined in equation (7) of the main manuscript. Additionally, $\Pr(y_{it} = 0 | z_{it} = 0) = 1$, since, in this case, county i belongs to the structural class on day t and hence $y_{it} = 0$ with probability 1. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{it} &= \frac{\Pr(y_{it} = 0 | z_{it} = 1) \Pr(z_{it} = 1)}{\Pr(y_{it} = 0 | z_{it} = 1) \Pr(z_{it=1}) + \Pr(y_{it} = 0 | z_{it} = 0) \Pr(z_{it=0})} \\ &= \frac{(1 - q_{it})^r \psi_{it}}{(1 - q_{it})^r \psi_{it} + 1 \cdot (1 - \psi_{it})} \\ &= \frac{\psi_{it} (1 - q_{it})^r}{1 - \psi_{it} [1 - (1 - q_{it})^r]} \end{aligned}$$

2. Update ω_{it} : From Polson et al. (2013), the conditional distribution of ω_{it} given $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1$ and $\boldsymbol{\phi}_1$ is $p(\omega_{it} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\phi}_1) \stackrel{d}{=} \text{PG}(1, \mathbf{l}_{it}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 + \phi_{1i})$ where \mathbf{l}_{it} is a $(p + K) \times 1$ vector of fixed and spline effects for the binary part. Thus, draw ω_{it} ($i = 1, \dots, n$; $t = 1, \dots, T$) independently from $\text{PG}(1, \mathbf{l}_{it}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 + \phi_{1i})$ using the accept-reject algorithm described in Polson et al. (2013), which can be implemented using the R package `BayesLogit`.

3. Update $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1$: Given $\boldsymbol{\omega} = (\omega_{11}, \dots, \omega_{1T}, \dots, \omega_{n1}, \dots, \omega_{nT})^T$, $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 = (\phi_{11}, \dots, \phi_{1n})^T$, and

the at-risk indicators $\mathbf{z} = (z_{11}, \dots, z_{1T}, \dots, z_{n1}, \dots, z_{nT})^T$, the full conditional for $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 | z_{it}, \omega_{it}, \phi_{1i}) &\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^T p(z_{it} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \omega_{it}, \phi_{1i}) p(\omega_{it} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \phi_{1i}) \\ &\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{\exp(\mathbf{l}_{it}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 + \phi_{1i})^{z_{it}}}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{l}_{it}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 + \phi_{1i})} p(\omega_{it} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \phi_{1i}) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Next, we make use of the following two properties of PG density detailed in Polson et al. (2013). First, for $a \in \mathfrak{R}$ and $\eta \in \mathfrak{R}$, it follows that

$$\frac{(e^\eta)^a}{(1 + e^\eta)^b} = 2^{-b} e^{\kappa\eta} \int_0^\infty e^{-\omega\eta^2/2} p(\omega | b, 0) d\omega$$

where $\kappa = a - b/2$ and $p(\omega | b, 0)$ denotes a $\text{PG}(b, 0)$ density. Second, the conditional distribution $p(\omega | b, c) \sim \text{PG}(b, c)$ follows from an ‘‘exponential tilting’’ of the $\text{PG}(b, 0)$ density:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\omega | b, c) &= \frac{\exp(-c^2\omega/2)p(\omega | b, 0)}{\mathbb{E}_\omega[\exp(-c^2\omega/2)]} \\ &= \frac{\exp(-c^2\omega/2)p(\omega | b, 0)}{\int_0^\infty e^{-c^2\omega/2} p(\omega | b, 0) d\omega} \end{aligned}$$

Applying the above properties, we get

$$\begin{aligned} p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 | z_{it}, \omega_{it}, \phi_{1i}) &\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^T \left[e^{\kappa_{it}\eta_{it}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\omega_{it}\eta_{it}^2/2} p(\omega_{it} | 1, 0) d\omega_{it} \right] \\ &\times \frac{e^{-\eta_{it}^2\omega_{it}/2} p(\omega_{it} | 1, 0)}{\int_0^\infty e^{-\eta_{it}^2\omega_{it}/2} p(\omega_{it} | 1, 0) d\omega_{it}} \end{aligned}$$

where from equation (1) and property 1, $\kappa_{it} = z_{it} - 1/2$. Continuing, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 | z_{it}, \omega_{it}, \phi_{1i}) &\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^T e^{\kappa_{it} \eta_{it}} e^{-\omega_{it} \eta_{it}^2 / 2} p(\omega_{it} | 1, 0) \\
&\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^T e^{\kappa_{it} \eta_{it}} e^{-\omega_{it} \eta_{it}^2 / 2} \text{ since } p(\omega_{it} | 1, 0) \text{ is constant w.r.t } \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \\
&\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^T e^{-\frac{\omega_{it}}{2} [\eta_{it}^2 - 2\eta_{it} \frac{\kappa_{it}}{\omega_{it}}]} \\
&\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^T e^{-\frac{\omega_{it}}{2} [\eta_{it}^2 - 2\eta_{it} z_{it}^*]},
\end{aligned}$$

where $z_{it}^* = \frac{\kappa_{it}}{\omega_{it}} = \frac{z_{it} - 1/2}{\omega_{it}}$. Completing the square we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 | z_{it}, \omega_{it}, \phi_{1i}) &\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^T e^{\left\{-\frac{\omega_{it}}{2} [\eta_{it}^2 - 2\eta_{it} z_{it}^* + z_{it}^{*2}]\right\}} \\
&\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^T e^{\left\{-\frac{\omega_{it}}{2} (z_{it}^* - \eta_{it})^2\right\}} \\
&\propto \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{z}^* - \boldsymbol{\eta})^T \boldsymbol{\Omega} (\mathbf{z}^* - \boldsymbol{\eta}) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{z}^* is an $N \times 1$ vector with it -th element z_{it}^* , where $N = nT$ is the total number of observations; $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ is an $N \times 1$ mean vector with it -th element $\eta_{it} = \mathbf{l}_{it}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 + \phi_{1i}$; $\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ is an $N \times N$ diagonal matrix of PG precisions. The last expression is kernel of a $N_N(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{-1})$ density. Thus, assuming a $N_{p+K}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \mathbf{V}_0)$ prior for $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1$ and applying standard Bayesian linear regression results, the conjugate full conditional for $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1$ given \mathbf{z}^* , $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_1$, and $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ is $N_{p+K}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{V})$ where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{V} &= (\mathbf{V}_0^{-1} + \mathbf{L}^T \boldsymbol{\Omega} \mathbf{L})^{-1} \\
\boldsymbol{\mu} &= \mathbf{V} [\mathbf{V}_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \mathbf{L}^T \boldsymbol{\Omega} (\mathbf{z}^* - \mathbf{L}^* \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1)],
\end{aligned}$$

and \mathbf{L} is an $N \times (p+K)$ design matrix for the fixed-effect covariates and B -spline basis functions for the binary part and

$$\mathbf{L}_{N \times n}^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1_J & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 1_J & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1_J \end{pmatrix}$$

is the random effects design matrix.

4. Update of Φ_1 : We update the $n \times 1$ vector of random effects for the binary component, $\Phi_1 = (\phi_{11}, \dots, \phi_{1n})^T$, conditional on the $n \times 1$ random effect vector, $\Phi_2 = (\phi_{21}, \dots, \phi_{2n})^T$, for the mean component. Recall that the bivariate CAR prior for the 2×1 vector of spatial effects, $\phi_i = (\phi_{1i}, \phi_{2i})^T$, for county i is

$$\phi_i | \phi_{(-i)}, \Sigma = N_2 \left(\frac{1}{m_i} \sum_{l \in \partial_i} \phi_l, \frac{1}{m_i} \Sigma \right),$$

where m_i is the number of neighboring counties and $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{\phi_1}^2 & \rho \sigma_{\phi_1} \sigma_{\phi_2} \\ \rho \sigma_{\phi_1} \sigma_{\phi_2} & \sigma_{\phi_2}^2 \end{bmatrix}$ is the bivariate CAR scale matrix. By Brook's lemma, the joint multivariate intrinsic CAR prior for the $2n \times 1$ vector $\Phi = (\Phi_1^T, \Phi_2^T)^T$ is proportional to a mean-zero, singular (i.e., rank deficient) multivariate normal density:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \propto \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \Phi^T (\Sigma^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}) \Phi \right],$$

where $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{A}$ is the $n \times n$ intrinsic CAR structure matrix of rank $n - 1$; $\mathbf{M} = \text{diag}(m_1, \dots, m_n)$ with diagonal elements equal to the number of neighbors for each spatial unit; \mathbf{A} is an $n \times n$ adjacency matrix with $a_{ii} = 0$, $a_{il} = 1$ if spatial units i and l are neighbors, and $a_{il} = 0$ otherwise. Thus, from the properties of the multivariate

(singular) normal distribution, the conditional prior for Φ_1 given Φ_2 is:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\Phi_1|\Phi_2, \Sigma) &\propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\Phi_1 - \mu_{1|2})^T \Sigma_{1|2}^{-1}(\Phi_1 - \mu_{1|2})\right], \text{ where} \\ \Sigma_{1|2}^{-1} &= [\sigma_{\phi_1}^2(1 - \rho^2)]^{-1} \mathbf{Q}, \\ \mu_{1|2} &= \rho \frac{\sigma_{\phi_1}}{\sigma_{\phi_2}} \mathbf{Q}^+ \mathbf{Q} \Phi_2 \rightarrow \rho \frac{\sigma_{\phi_1}}{\sigma_{\phi_2}} \Phi_2 \text{ for large } n, \end{aligned}$$

and \mathbf{Q}^+ is the Moore-Penrose generalized inverse of the rank-deficient structure matrix \mathbf{Q} . The approximation in the last line follows from Corollary 2.3 in Neelon et al. (2023), which states that the expression $\mathbf{Q}^+ \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}_n$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where \mathbf{I}_n is the n -dimensional identity matrix. Hence, the conditional prior mean of Φ_1 is closely approximated by $\mu_{1|2} \approx \rho \frac{\sigma_{\phi_1}}{\sigma_{\phi_2}} \Phi_2$ for moderate to large n .

From step (2) above, $z^*|\theta_1, \Phi_1 \sim N_N(\eta, \Omega^{-1})$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} p(\Phi_1|z^*, \theta_1) &\propto \pi(z^*|\theta_1, \Phi_1) \pi(\Phi_1|\Phi_2, \Sigma_{1|2}) \\ &\propto \exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}(z^* - \mathbf{L}\theta_1 - \mathbf{L}^* \Phi_1)^T \Omega (z^* - \mathbf{L}\theta_1 - \mathbf{L}^* \Phi_1)\right] \\ &\times \exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}(\Phi_1 - \mu_{1|2})^T \Sigma_{1|2}^{-1}(\Phi_1 - \mu_{1|2})\right] \\ &\propto \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2}\left[\Phi_1^T \left(\mathbf{L}^{*T} \Omega \mathbf{L}^* + \Sigma_{1|2}^{-1}\right) \Phi_1 - 2\Phi_1^T \left\{\mathbf{L}^{*T} \Omega (z^* - \mathbf{L}\theta_1) + \Sigma_{1|2}^{-1} \mu_{1|2}\right\}\right]\right\} \\ &\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\Phi_1^T \mathbf{V}_{\Phi_1}^{-1} \Phi_1 - 2\Phi_1^T \eta_{\Phi_1}\right]\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Completing the square in n dimensions, we have $\Phi_1|z^*, \theta_1 \sim N_n(\mu_{\Phi_1}, \mathbf{V}_{\Phi_1})$ where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}_{\Phi_1} &= \left(\mathbf{L}^{*T} \Omega \mathbf{L}^* + \Sigma_{1|2}^{-1}\right)^{-1} \\ \mu_{\Phi_1} &= \mathbf{V}_{\Phi_1} \eta_{\Phi_1} = \mathbf{V}_{\Phi_1} \left[\Sigma_{1|2}^{-1} \mu_{1|2} + \mathbf{L}^{*T} \Omega (z^* - \mathbf{L}\theta_1)\right], \end{aligned}$$

where $\Sigma_{1|2}^{-1}$ and $\mu_{1|2}$ are, respectively, the conditional prior precision matrix and (the approximated) conditional prior mean for $\Phi_1|\Phi_2$ given above.

5. Update θ_2 : To update the $(p + K) \times 1$ vector of fixed and spline effects for the overall mean part, $\theta_2 = (\beta^T, \zeta_2^T)^T$, we use a Metropolis-Hastings (MH) step with symmetric multivariate t proposal density centered at the previous value of θ_2 with acceptance

ratio

$$\rho_{\theta_2} = \frac{p(\theta_2^{(p)} | \mathbf{y}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2^*, r)}{p(\theta_2^{(s)} | \mathbf{y}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2^*, r)} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^{n_i^*} \text{NB}(y_{it}^* | \theta_2^{(p)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2^*, r)}{\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{t=1}^{n_i^*} \text{NB}(y_{it}^* | \theta_2^{(s)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2^*, r)} \times \frac{N_p(\theta_2^{(p)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \mathbf{V}_0)}{N_p(\theta_2^{(s)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \mathbf{V}_0)},$$

where $\theta_2^{(p)}$ and $\theta_2^{(s)}$ are the proposed and current values of θ_2 at iteration s , respectively; \mathbf{y}^* is a vector of $N^* = \sum_{i=1}^n n_i^* \leq N$, where $n_i^* = \sum_{t=1}^T z_{it}$ is the number of at-risk observations for county i and z_{it} is the latent at-risk indicator for county i on day t defined in equation (7) of the manuscript; and $\text{NB}(y_{it}^* | \theta_2^{(p)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2^*)$ and $N_{p+K}(\theta_2^{(p)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \mathbf{V}_0)$ are the probability distribution functions for negative binomial and the $p + K$ -variate normal prior distribution with mean $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$ and covariance \mathbf{V}_0 evaluated at $\theta_2^{(p)}$.

- Update ϕ_{2i} : Similar to θ_2 , to update ϕ_{2i} ($i = 1, \dots, n$), we use a random walk MH step with a symmetric univariate t proposal density centered at the previous ϕ_{2i} and acceptance ratio

$$\rho_{\phi_{2i}} = \frac{p(\phi_{2i}^{(p)} | \mathbf{y}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, r)}{p(\phi_{2i}^{(s)} | \mathbf{y}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, r)} = \frac{\prod_{t=1}^{n_i^*} \text{NB}(y_{it}^* | \phi_{2i}^{(p)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, r)}{\prod_{t=1}^{n_i^*} \text{NB}(y_{it}^* | \phi_{2i}^{(s)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, r)} \times \frac{\pi(\phi_{2i}^{(p)} | \phi_{1i})}{\pi(\phi_{2i}^{(s)} | \phi_{1i})},$$

where $\phi_{2i}^{(p)}$ and $\phi_{2i}^{(s)}$ are the proposed and current values of ϕ_{2i} at current iteration s for the n_i^* “at-risk” observations, and $\pi(\phi_{2i} | \phi_{1i})$ is the conditional univariate CAR prior distribution of $\phi_{2i} | \phi_{1i}$ analogous to equation (10) in the main manuscript. Note that the update for ϕ_{2i} only depends on the “at-risk” observations for county i .

- Update $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$: Assuming an $\text{IW}(\nu_0, \mathbf{S}_0)$ prior, we update the random effects covariance matrix, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$, from a conjugate IW distribution given by

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} | \boldsymbol{\Phi} \sim \text{IW}(\nu_0 + n - 1, \mathbf{S}_0 + \mathbf{S}_{\boldsymbol{\Phi}^*}),$$

where $\mathbf{S}_{\boldsymbol{\Phi}^*} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{*T} \mathbf{Q} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^*$ and $\boldsymbol{\Phi}^* = [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2]$ is the $n \times 2$ random effects matrix centered at its mean.

- Update r : To update the NB dispersion parameter, r , we use a MH step with a zero-truncated normal proposal centered at the current value of r and acceptance ratio

$$\rho_r = \frac{p(r^{(p)} | \mathbf{y}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2)}{p(r^{(s)} | \mathbf{y}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2)} = \frac{\text{NB}(\mathbf{y}^* | r^{(p)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2)}{\text{NB}(\mathbf{y}^* | r^{(s)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2)} \times \frac{N^+(r^{(s)}, r^{(p)}, \sigma_r)}{N^+(r^{(p)}, r^{(s)}, \sigma_r)},$$

where \mathbf{y}^* denotes the N^* total “at-risk” observations, N^+ is the proposal density function for normal distribution truncated at zero with mean set to the current value of r

at iteration s and standard deviation σ_r tuned to achieve good mixing. We assume a diffuse prior with positive support for r .

Appendix C: Sensitivity Analysis with a Reduced Model for the Binary Component

Model Component	Variable	Parm	Posterior Mean (95% CrI)
Binary	SVI	γ_1	0.33 (0.10, 0.57)
	% of adult smokers	γ_2	-0.45 (-0.75, -0.13)
	CVD Hospitalizations	γ_3	0.17 (-0.07, 0.40)
	Population density	γ_4	0.10 (-0.10, 0.34)
	PM _{2.5}	γ_5	0.03 (-0.12, 0.17)
	Temperature	γ_6	-3.21 (-3.95, -2.39)
Mean	SVI	β_1	0.08 (0.00, 0.15)
	% of adult smokers	β_2	0.26 (0.08, 0.41)
	No. of physicians per 100K	β_3	0.04 (-0.01, 0.09)
	% fair or poor health	β_4	-0.08 (-0.23, 0.08)
	CVD Hospitalizations	β_5	-0.02 (-0.07, 0.04)
	Population density	β_6	-0.07 (-0.14, -0.02)
	PM _{2.5}	β_7	0.00 (-0.05, 0.04)
	Temperature	β_8	-0.14 (-0.20, -0.10)
	Precipitation	β_9	0.02 (-0.01, 0.05)
	Dispersion	r	1.64 (1.45, 1.87)
Random Effects	$\text{var}(\phi_{1i})$	Σ_{11}	1.75 (0.78, 3.08)
	$\text{cov}(\phi_{1i}, \phi_{2i})$	Σ_{12}	0.33 (0.14, 0.55)
	$\text{var}(\phi_{2i})$	Σ_{22}	0.21 (0.15, 0.30)

Table S2: Posterior mean estimates and 95% credible intervals (CrIs) for the COVID-19 study from the spatiotemporal MZINB model with few covariates for the binary component

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