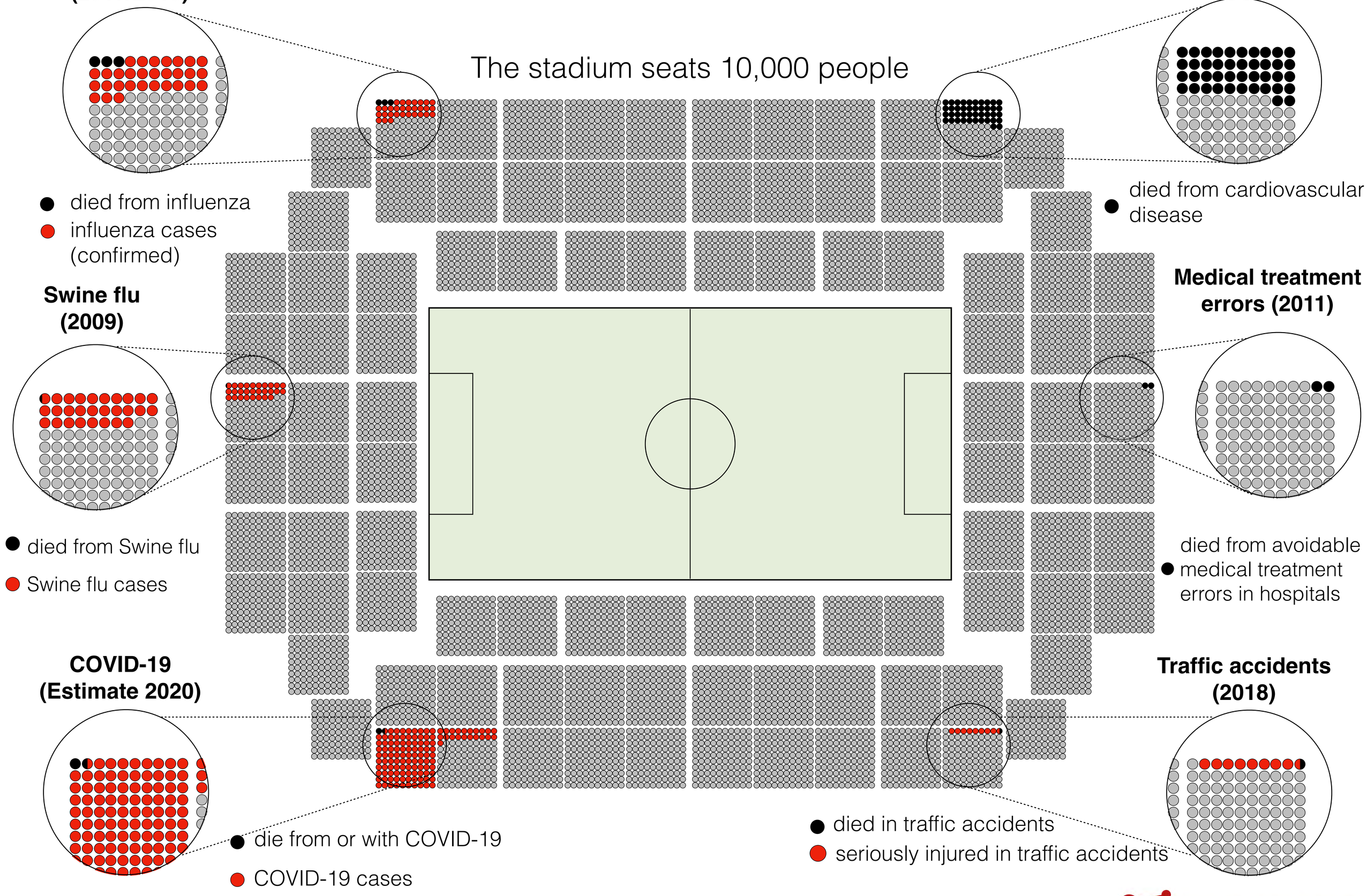
COVID-19 in Germany - a comparison

The graph compares the possible corona case numbers (COVID-19) in 2020 with past disease outbreaks and everyday hazards. Numbers are taken from the Federal Government's ("Hammer and Dance") scenario: current restrictions are reduced, testing is continued throughout the year, and infected persons and their contacts are isolated. All figures have been converted to a football stadium with 10,000 seats.



Sources:

1. The figures for influenza and swine flu are from the Robert Koch Institute. Please note that the flu season 2017/18 was particularly bad. In the previous season there were 14 cases of flu per 10,000 people and 3 per 10,000 deaths.
2. The COVID-19 numbers are from the Bundesministerium des Innern, für Bau und Heimat (2020). How to get COVID-19 under control [Wie wir COVID-19 unter Kontrolle bekommen], Strategy paper.
3. The figures on cardiovascular mortality and traffic accidents are from the German Federal Statistics Office.
4. The figures on deaths due to treatment errors are from the WIdO-Krankenhaus-Report 2014.

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