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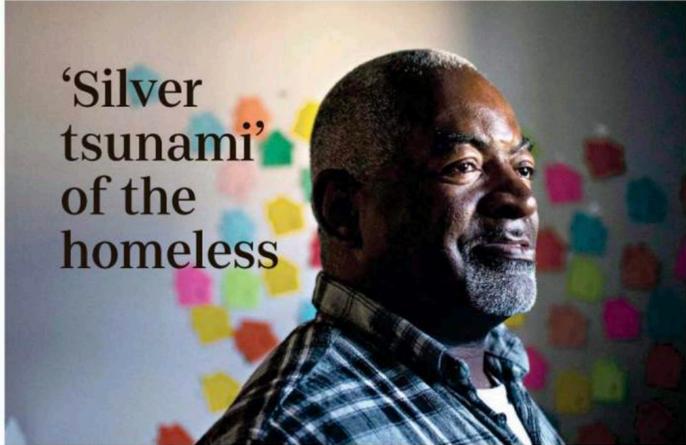
WHERE WERE
YOU ON
MARCH 11?

2018 PULITZER PRIZE WINNER

ARIZONA REPUBLIC
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COMING SUNDAY
\$249
IN COUPON SAVINGS

ELECTIONS 2020



'Silver tsunami' of the homeless

Curtis Townsend says that as an older person, he is often afraid to walk through large encampments many people experiencing homelessness live in. He is moving into an apartment in April. ELI IMADALI/THE REPUBLIC

Fast-growing population of older people without housing spurs proposal for West Valley shelter

Jessica Boehm Arizona Republic
USA TODAY NETWORK

Anette Reeh, 62, rocks back and forth in a chair inside the Central Arizona Shelter Services downtown Phoenix shelter, playing with her crocheted cross necklace and listing off the things that would make shelter living better for seniors like her.

Wider sidewalks for wheelchairs. Hand rails in showers. Backgammon and checker boards. A library. Fewer people. Maybe a physical therapist.

Reeh may soon get some of her wishes.

A bill that would allocate \$5 million from Arizona's general fund to build a new emergency shelter for people age 55 and older is quickly making its way through the state Legislature.

Senate Bill 1283, sponsored by Sen. David Livingston, R-Peoria, would provide funding for CASS to build a 200-bed shelter in the West Valley, where unsheltered homelessness (people living on the streets, preserves, desert washes or vehicles) has increased by 213% since 2016.

The bill doesn't designate where in the West Valley the shelter would be built.

CASS operates the largest emergency homeless shelter in Arizona, with 470 beds on the Human Services Campus in downtown Phoenix.

On any given night, seniors take up just under 200 of those beds.

Seniors are the fastest-growing homeless population in the Phoenix area and across the country as housing prices climb and those on fixed incomes can't keep up. Nationally, the epidemic is dubbed the "silver tsunami."

"It's this crisis for seniors," CASS CEO Lisa Glow said.

She's advocating for a separate shelter for seniors because elderly people have different needs than the broader homeless population. They need more medical care, some need dementia care and

See SENIORS, Page 18A

Yvonne Wingett Sanchez
Arizona Republic | USA TODAY NETWORK

No live audience for debate in Phoenix

Coronavirus fears affect Biden-Sanders faceoff

With fears mounting about the coronavirus threat, the Democratic National Committee announced Tuesday that Sunday's first head-to-head presidential debate between former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders will take place without an audience.

The announcement came a day after party and city officials said they would be following the guidance of local officials, but that there were no plans to cancel the debate. Biden's and Sanders' campaigns asked the DNC to dispense of the audience, according to a written statement Tuesday from the DNC.

"At the request of both campaigns

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USA TODAY

Inside: Former FDA official predicts spike in new infections. **8A**

In Arizona: More coverage on how virus is affecting state, **10A, 21A, 6B**

Biden's win in Michigan hurts Sanders

Will Weissert and Laurie Kellman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden decisively won Michigan's Democratic primary on Tuesday, seizing a key battleground state that helped propel Bernie Sanders' insurgent candidacy four years ago. The former vice president's victory there, as well as in Missouri and Mississippi, dealt a serious blow to Sanders and substantially widened Biden's path to the nomination.

Biden again showed strength with working-class voters and African Americans, who are vital to winning

See PRIMARIES, Page 16A

Plans emerge to find 'forever chemicals' in AZ water

Jen Fifield Arizona Republic
USA TODAY NETWORK

For decades, military bases and fire departments in Arizona and across the nation used a toxic foam to put out fires, often allowing it to seep into the ground and into our water supply.

Luke Air Force Base announced last year that these chemicals are still in its groundwater, and an Arizona Republic review found that they have also recently been found in nine drinking water systems in the state.

There's now growing interest among state and federal officials to find out how widespread the problem is, and to set enforceable limits on the level of the chemicals in drinking water.

The Environmental Protection Agency announced last month that it is proposing to set legal limits on the level of the chemicals, perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), that can be found in drinking water. This would require all public utilities to test drinking water for the chemicals, and shut down or fix

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TIMELINE: COVID-19 IN ARIZONA

**ARIZONA CONFIRMS
FIRST CASE OF
COVID-19**
JANUARY 26, 2020

**STATE LAB BECOMES ONE OF
THE FIRST CDC CERTIFIED LABS
TO TEST FOR COVID-19**
MARCH 2, 2020

**SUSPENDED
VISITATION TO
NURSING FACILITIES**
MARCH 11, 2020

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
ISSUED TO SUSPEND
ELECTIVE SURGERIES**
MARCH 19, 2020

**ARIZONA ACTIVATES THE
HEALTH EMERGENCY
OPERATIONS CENTER**
JANUARY 27, 2020

**PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY
DECLARATION**
MARCH 11, 2020

**ARIZONA SCHOOL
CLOSURE
ANNOUNCED**
MARCH 15, 2020

**NATIONAL GUARD
ACTIVATED FOR
GROCERY SUPPORT**
MARCH 19, 2020

TIMELINE: COVID-19 IN ARIZONA

HALTED
EVICTIONS FOR
ARIZONANS
MARCH 24, 2020

EXTENDED SCHOOL CLOSURES
MARCH 30, 2020

HALTED EVICTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS
& NONPROFITS
APRIL 6, 2020

STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY,
STAY CONNECTED ORDER
ISSUED
MARCH 30, 2020

RECEIVED MAJOR DISASTER
DECLARATION
APRIL 4, 2020

TIMELINE: COVID-19 IN ARIZONA

ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR NURSING HOMES
APRIL 7, 2020

ANNOUNCED ST. LUKES ALTERNATE CARE SITE
APRIL 9, 2020

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA ANTIBODY TESTING ANNOUNCED
APRIL 14, 2020

EXTENDED STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY, STAY CONNECTED
MAY 1, 2020

RESTRICTIONS FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVELERS
APRIL 7, 2020

100 ADDITIONAL VENTILATORS RECEIVED FOR NAVAJO NATION
APRIL 10, 2020

LIVES & LIVELIHOOD

CALM & STEADY APPROACH

URGENT ACTION
TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

LATER TIMING AND LIGHTER
TOUCH IN PLACING RESTRICTIONS
ON THE ECONOMY

EMPHASIS ON MAKING
DATA-INFORMED DECISIONS

WHITE HOUSE PROPOSES STATE OR REGIONAL GATING CRITERIA

FLEXIBILITY FOR STATES TO TAILOR APPLICATION OF THESE CRITERIA TO LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES

SYMPTOMS

Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses (ILI) reported within a 14-day period

AND

Downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period

CASES

Downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period

OR

Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period

HOSPITALS

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AND

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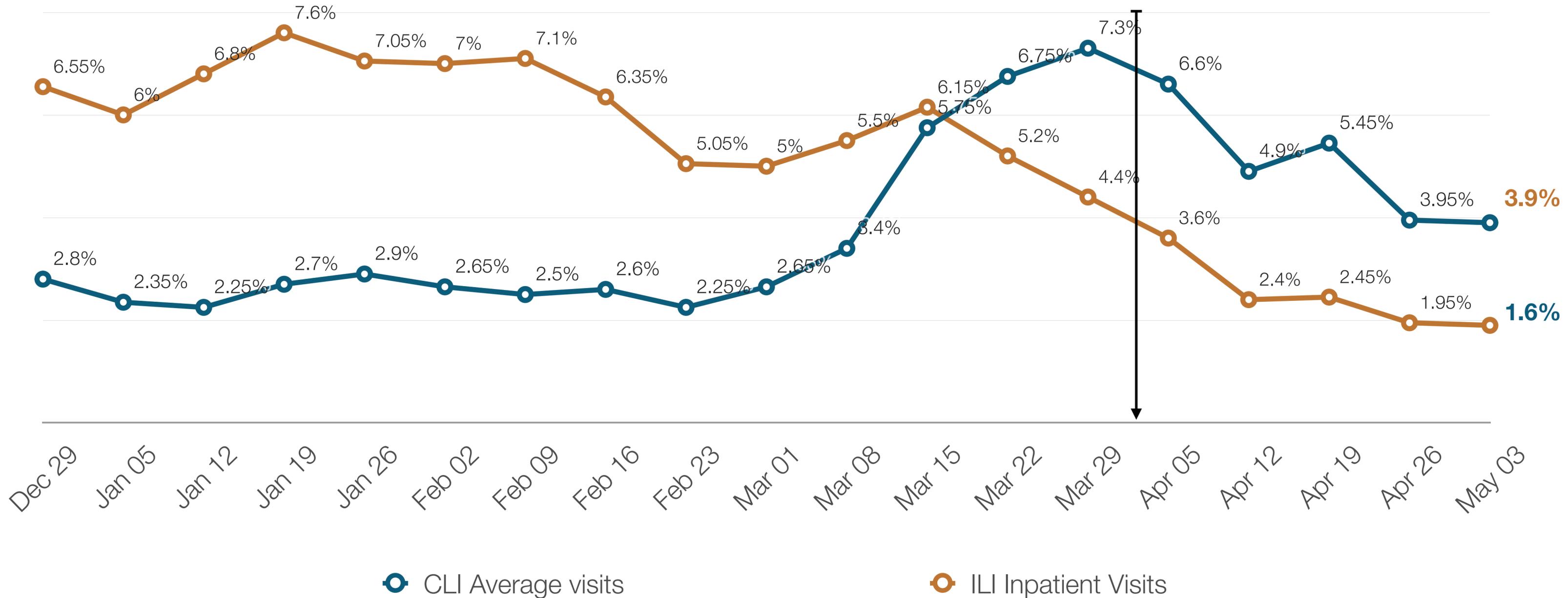
AND

Downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period

COVID-LIKE-ILLNESS (CLI) SURVEILLANCE

INFLUENZA-LIKE-ILLNESS (ILI) SURVEILLANCE

Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected Order
3/31/2020



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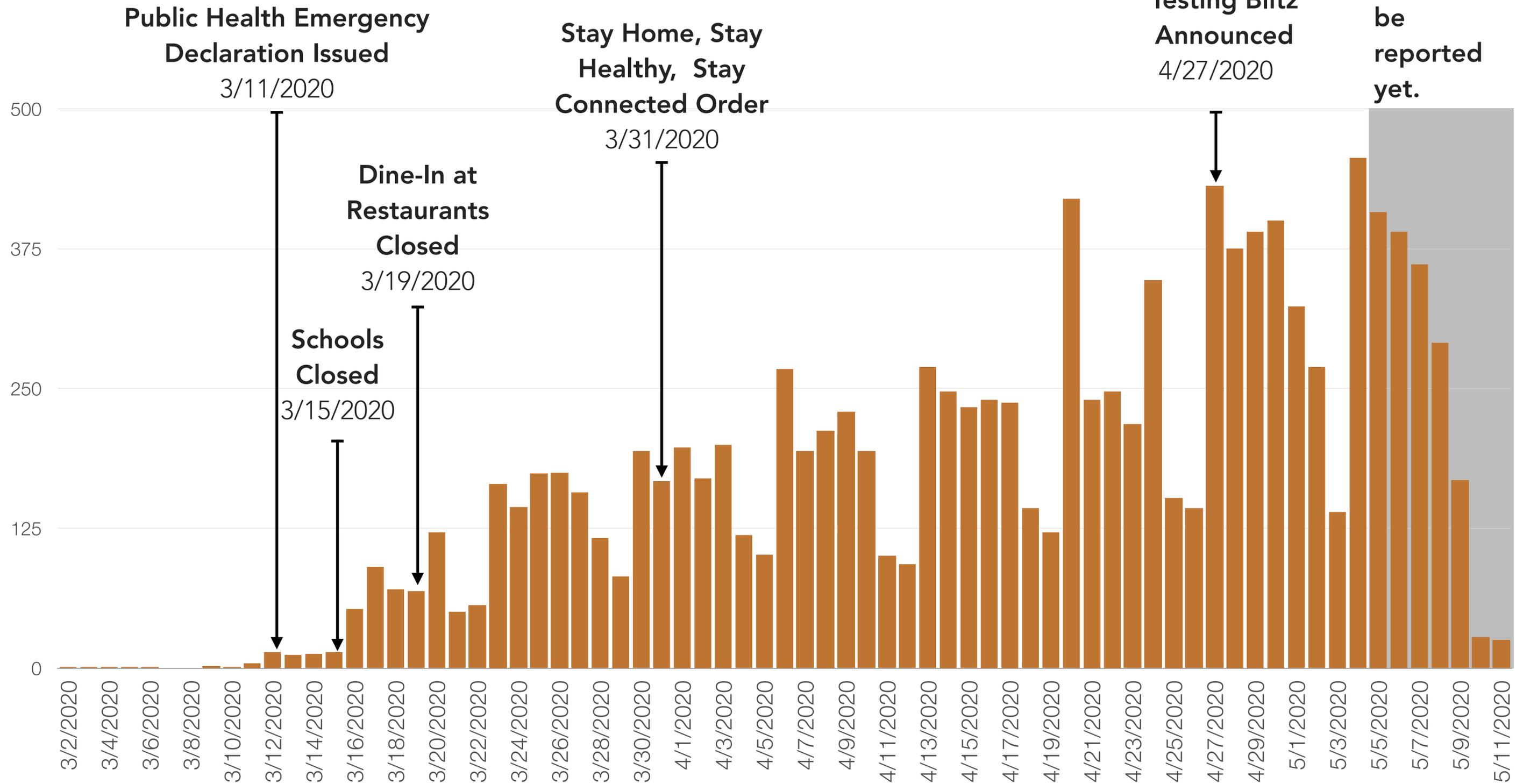
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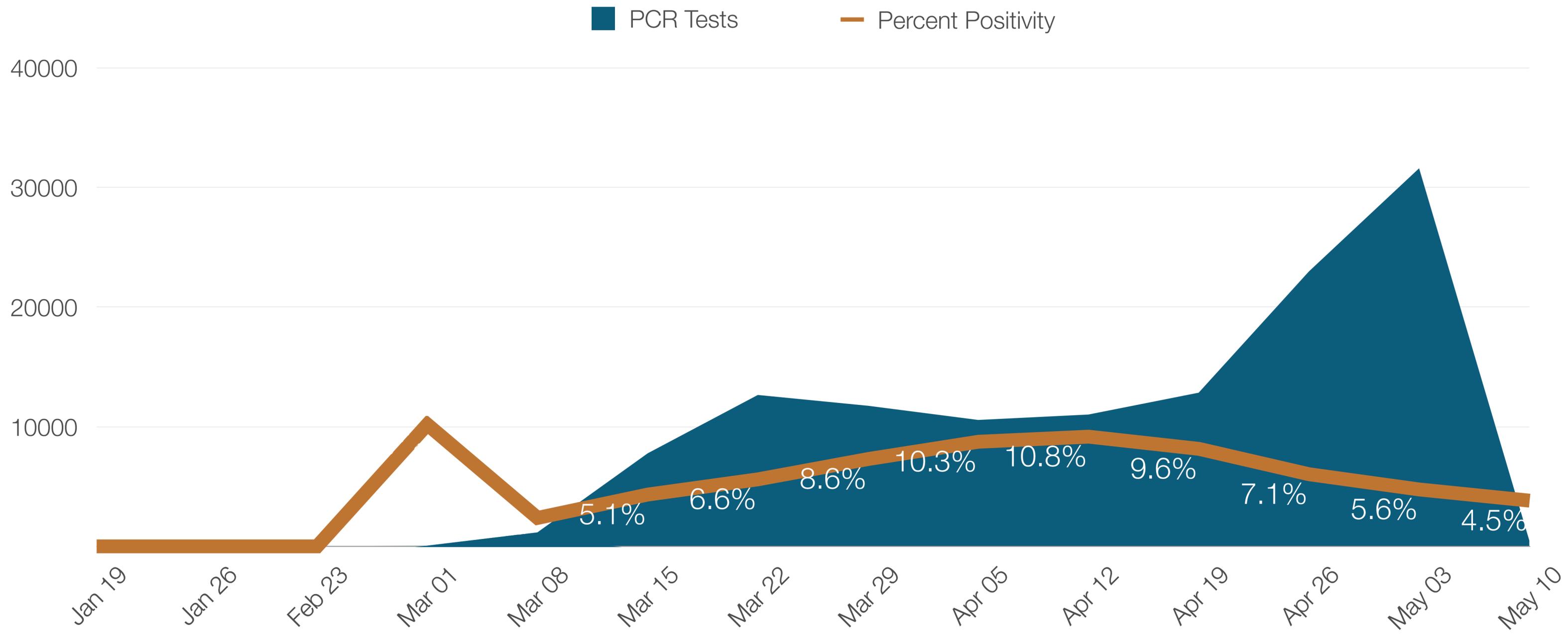
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COVID-19 CASES BY DAY

First Case of
COVID-19
1/26/2020



PERCENTAGE OF POSITIVE TESTS



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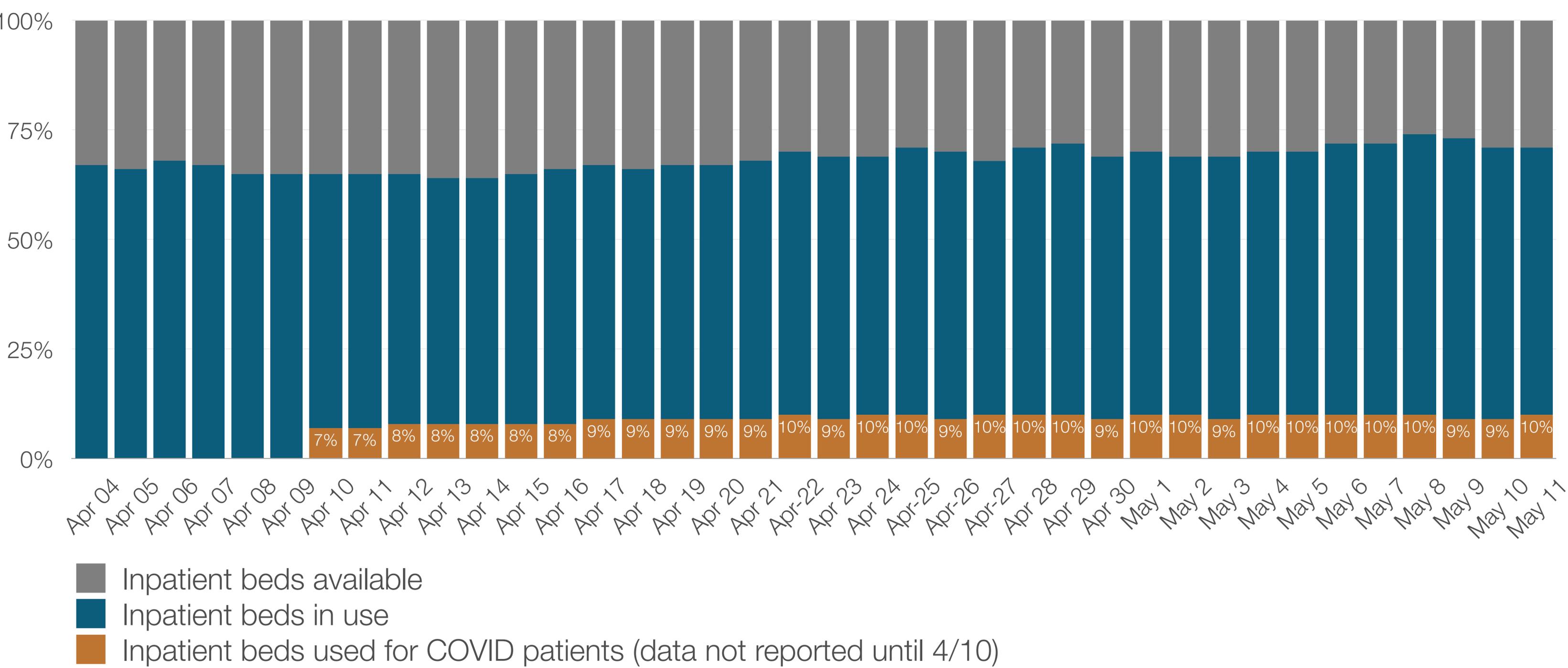
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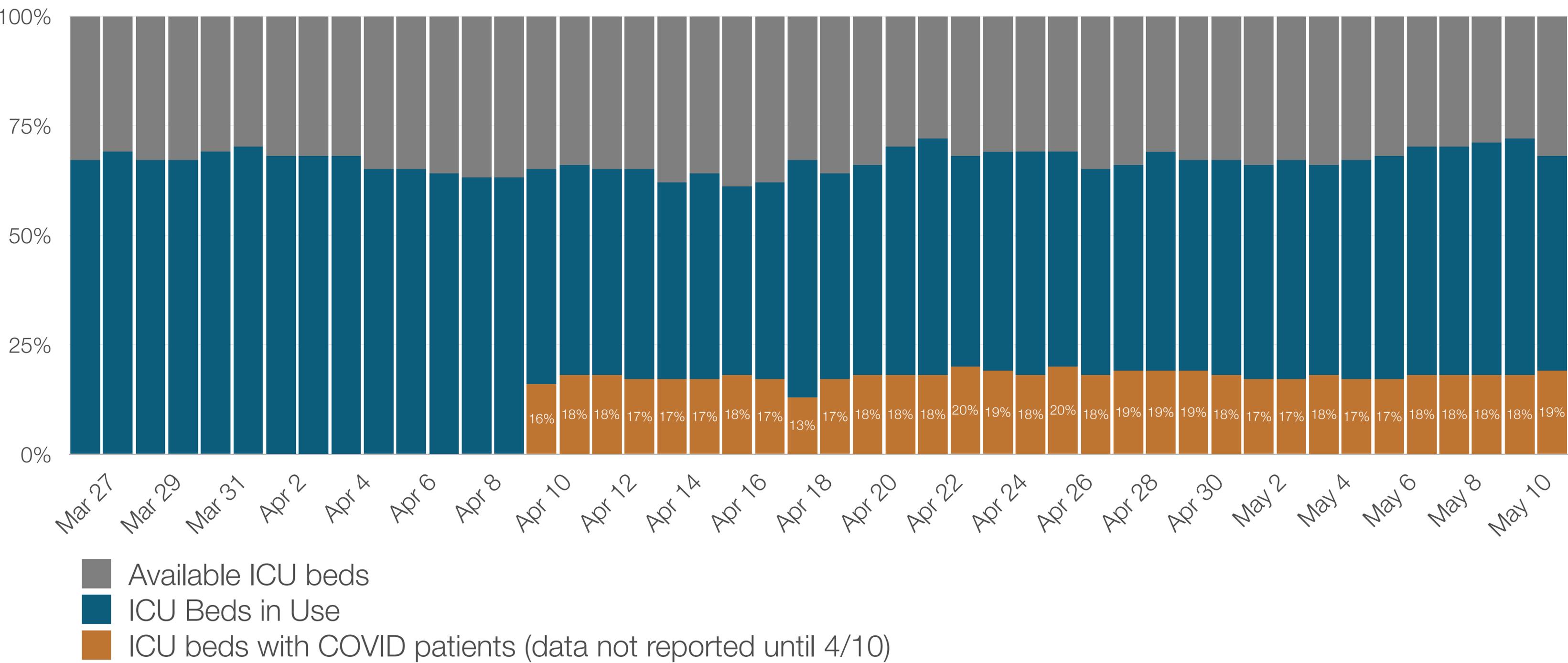
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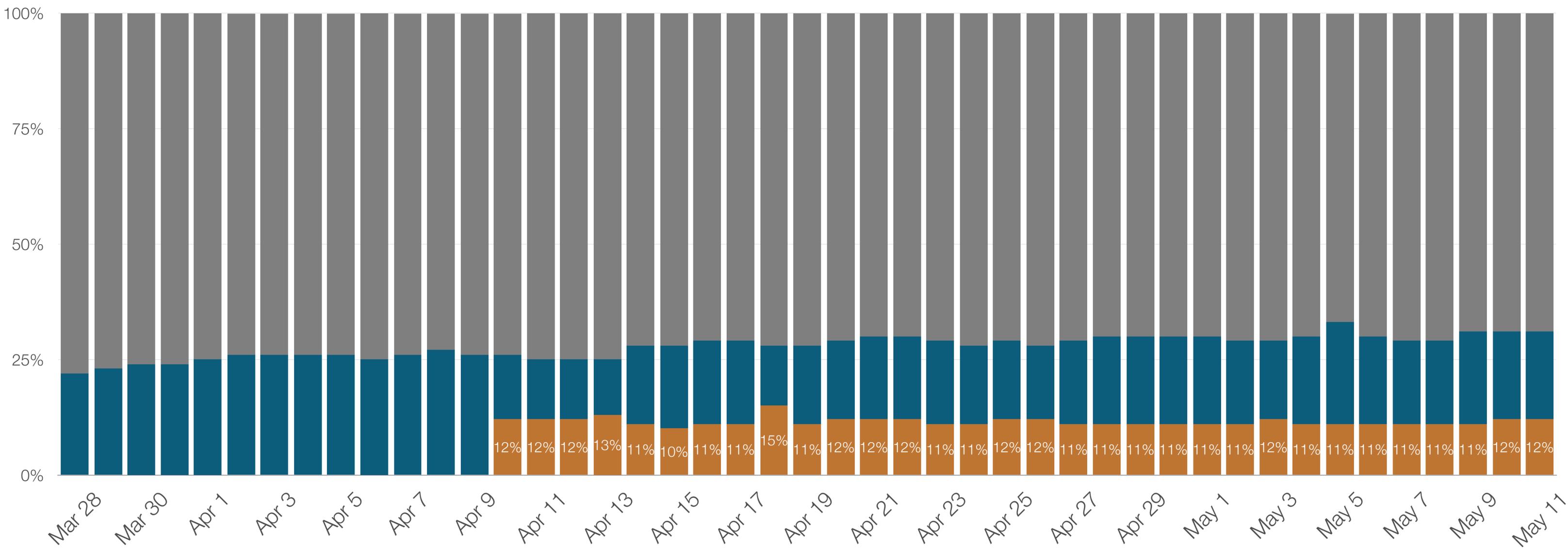
HOSPITAL BEDS



INTENSIVE CARE UNIT HOSPITAL BEDS



VENTILATORS



- Ventilators available
- Ventilators in use
- Vent use by COVID patients (data not reported until 4/10)

HOSPITAL CAPACITY

1,405

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
WITH
ADEQUATE
PPE TO
RESUME
ELECTIVE
SURGERIES

51

HOSPITALS
WITH A
ROBUST
TESTING
PLAN AND AT
LEAST 14 DAY
SUPPLY OF
PPE

36,209

ANTIBODY
SEROLOGY
TESTING
REPORTED
TO AZDHS

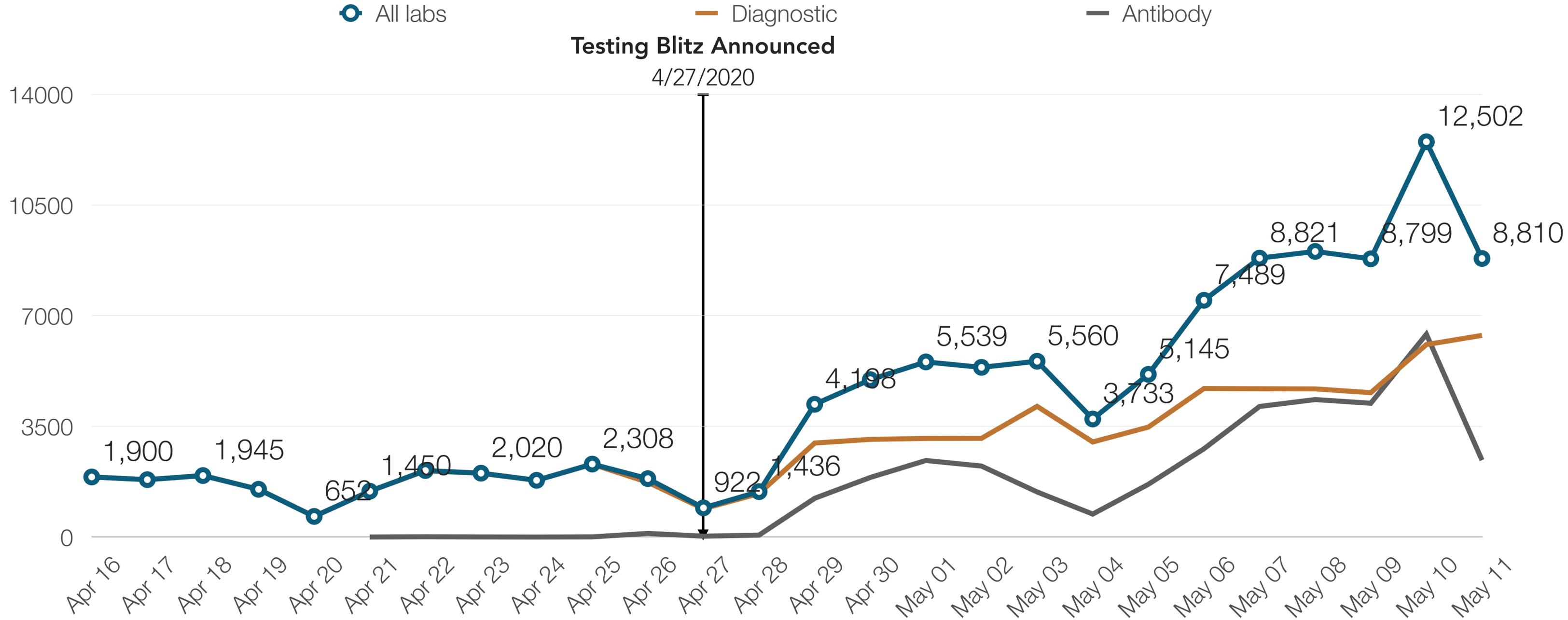
~210M

**ADDITIONAL
PPE
ACQUIRED**
SINCE
MARCH 1
FROM
FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT

TESTING →

Robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing and trace contacts of COVID-19 results.

TESTING BY DAY



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DR. CARA CHRIST

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

OUR TOP PRIORITY

- Governor Ducey's First Executive Order in Response to COVID-19
 - Required symptom facts for staff and visitors.
- Continued Action
 - Halting visitation, requiring electronic visitation capabilities.
 - Providing certainty for family members with loved ones in a long-term care facility.
- Goal
 - Increase testing for the vulnerable population within the congregate setting of Arizona's Medicare-certified skilled nursing facilities (SNF) and to enhance infection control recommendations.

LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

- Actively working with 147 Long Term Care Facilities to test residents and staff.
- Collecting specimens for all unknown or previously negative COVID-19 tested residents and staff:
 - PCR on residents
 - Serology and PCR on staff
 - 147 LTC facilities statewide
 - Maximum Capacity
 - 16,228 licensed beds
 - 11,772 staff
 - Current occupancy: 73%
- Facilities will be provided:
 - Test results
 - Technical assistance on infection control guidance
 - Personal Protective Equipment, if needed
 - Assistance with staffing, if needed

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

GOAL

- Expand testing capacity for inmates and correctional officers

CURRENTLY

- Testing for all symptomatic correctional officers
- Testing inmates with COVID- like symptoms

MOVING FORWARD

- Antibody testing of all correctional officers
- ADHS is working with the U of A to test first responders and healthcare workers, including approximately 9,000 correctional officers

CONTACT TRACING

WHAT IS IT?

- Provides the ability to rapidly trace the contacts of cases and test those exposed to identify new cases.
- Helps to contain new infections to prevent or slow transmission of COVID-19 in their communities.
- Included in the White House gating criteria guidelines as one of the core state preparedness activities.

OUR PLAN

- Last week ADHS implemented enhanced statewide contract tracing.

CONTACT TRACING

HOW DOES IT WORK

1. A positive case of COVID-19 is reported to public health
2. Public health reaches out to the patient and conducts an interview to:
 - Identify symptom onset
 - Educate on how to prevent transmitting COVID-19 to others
 - Identify contacts: household, close/community contacts, healthcare workers

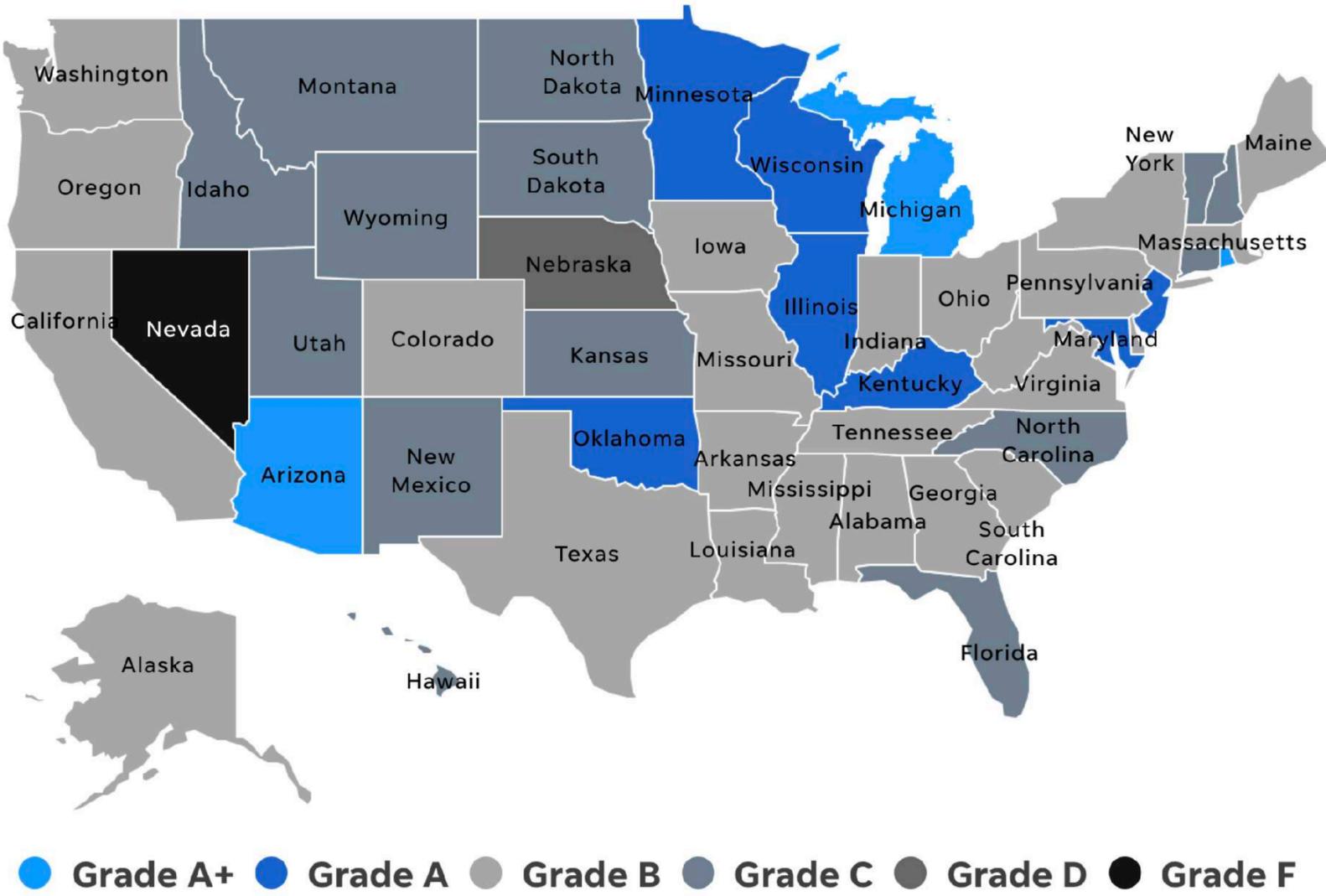
CONTACT TRACING

HOW DOES IT WORK

3. Public health then reaches out to members of the household and close contacts
 - Makes recommendations
 - Educates them what to do if they develop symptoms
 - Continues to check up on them for 14 days
 - If symptoms develop: arrange for testing
4. Public health reaches out to health care institutions and health care workers that treated the person
 - Identify individuals that may have worked with the patient
 - Make recommendations

NATION-LEADING DATA

- We're going to continue making data-informed decisions.
- We were grateful for recognition by the COVID Tracking Project for our data quality.

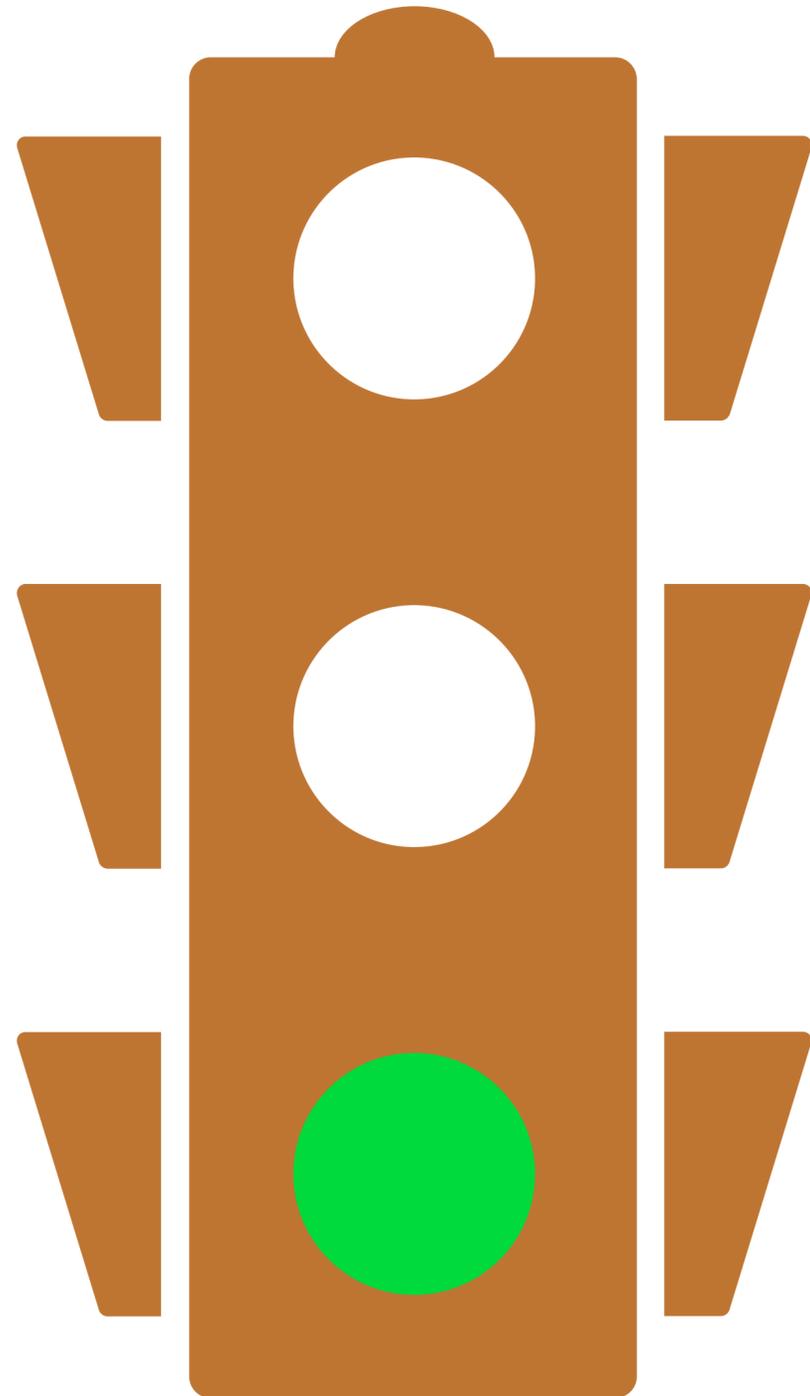


UPDATED: April 27, 2020
SOURCE: The COVID Tracking Project

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ARIZONA IS HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



DOWNWARD TRAJECTORY OF INFLUENZA
AND COVID-LIKE ILLNESS

DOWNWARD TRAJECTORY OF POSITIVE
TESTS

TREATING ALL PATIENTS WITHOUT CRISIS
CARE

EXPANDED TESTING AVAILABILITY,
INCLUDING ANTIBODY TESTING AND CONTACT
TRACING

RETURNING STRONGER

A PLAN TO REINNVIGORATE
ARIZONA'S ECONOMY

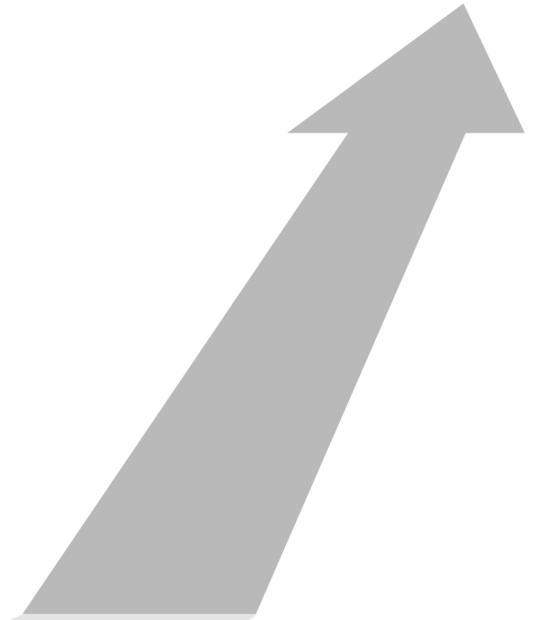
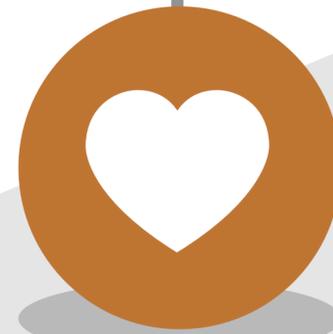
OUR PLAN: RETURNING THE ARIZONA WAY

PHASE IN RETURN BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CDC
AND HEALTH EXPERTS THROUGH MAY AND JUNE

INCREASE TESTING TO RETURN IN MAY
WHILE MAINTAINING STRONG PHYSICAL DISTANCING

BALANCE PUBLIC HEALTH & RETURNING STRONGER

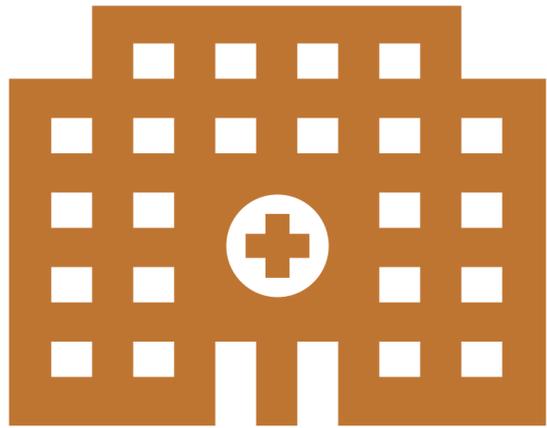
GRADUAL & PHASED IN





OUR APPROACH TO
REENERGIZING →
ARIZONA'S ECONOMY

SERVICES CURRENTLY RESUMING IN ARIZONA



ELECTIVE SURGERIES

May 1st: Authorized hospitals and outpatient surgical centers to resume elective surgeries if they can demonstrate adequate capacity.



RETAIL SHOPPING

Monday, May 4th: Limited opening through appointments, curbside pickup, or delivery.

Friday, May 8th: Fully reopen with strict physical distance and CDC guidelines.

SERVICES CURRENTLY RESUMING IN ARIZONA



BARBERS AND SALONS

May 8th: Implement public health protections and CDC guidelines.

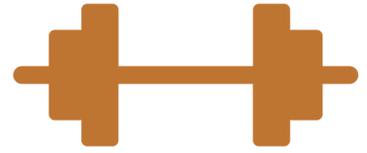


DINE-IN SERVICES

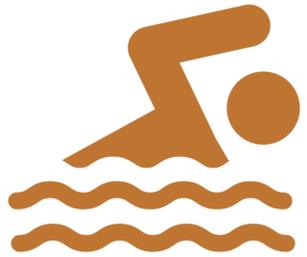
Monday, May 11th: Implement public health protections and CDC guidelines.



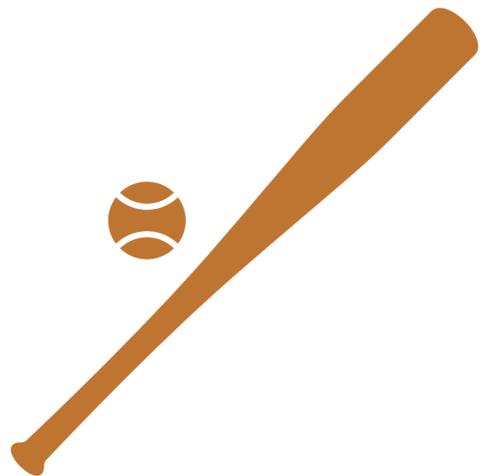
NEW TODAY



GYMS & POOLS



Wednesday, May 13th: Implement public health protections and CDC guidelines.



MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS

After May 15: Limited reopening, without fans. Implement public health protections and CDC guidelines.

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ORDER EXPIRES MAY 15, 2020

- The Data
 - Declining Symptoms
 - Declining Percentage of Positive Tests
 - Adequate Hospital Capacity
 - Expanded Testing

WHAT'S NEXT →

NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

STAY HEALTHY ❤️

RETURN SMARTER 🧠

RETURN STRONGER 💪

REPLACES STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY, STAY CONNECTED

STAY HEALTHY, RETURN SMARTER, RETURN STRONGER

INDIVIDUALS

- **Vulnerable individuals** should remain at home
 - Individuals in these households should avoid returning to work where distancing is not practical
 - Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents
- All Arizonans should continue to **physically distance**
 - Social settings where appropriate distancing is not practical should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed and CDC guidelines are followed

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BUSINESSES

- Develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with Federal, State and local regulations and guidance, and informed by industry best practices, regarding:
 - Social distancing and protective equipment
 - Temperature checks
 - Testing, isolating and contact tracing
 - Sanitation
 - Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas
 - Business travel
 - Do not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by a medical provider

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EMPLOYERS

- Continue to **ENCOURAGE TELEWORK**, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.
- If possible, **RETURN TO WORK IN PHASES**.
- Close **COMMON AREAS** where personnel are likely to congregate and interact, or enforce strict social distancing protocols.
- Minimize **NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** and adhere to **CDC** guidelines regarding isolation following travel.
- Strongly consider **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS** for personnel who are members of a **VULNERABLE POPULATION**.

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RECAP:

- Vulnerable individuals should remain at home
- All businesses and services to follow CDC guidance, implement protocols
- Continue to encourage telework
- Continue to physically distance
- Avoid large gatherings
- Schools remain closed
- In-person visitations to nursing homes prohibited

REMEMBER TO DO YOUR PART

CONTINUE TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

- ✓ **Wash your hands** with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- ✓ **Avoid touching your face.**
- ✓ **Cover your cough** or sneeze, cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- ✓ Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
- ✓ Strongly consider using face coverings while in public, and particularly when using mass transit.

PEOPLE WHO FEEL SICK SHOULD STAY HOME

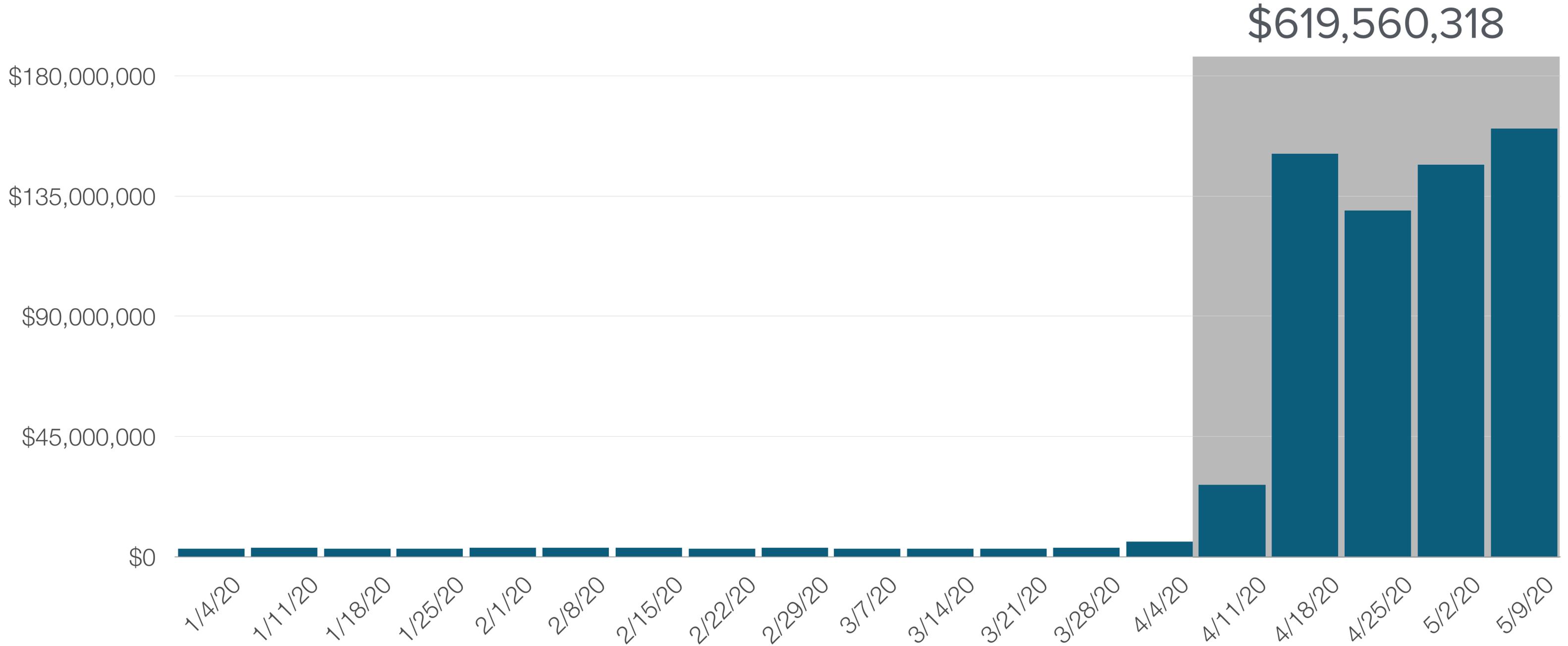
- ✓ Do not go to work or school.
- ✓ Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider.

RETURNING STRONGER

A PLAN TO REINNVIGORATE
ARIZONA'S ECONOMY

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PAID

Total Paid in 2020: \$659,839,008



PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- Provides benefits for certain individuals who would not otherwise be eligible for unemployment insurance.
- Distribution yesterday, **roughly \$350 million distributed by week's end.**
- **Up to 39 weeks** of benefits to qualifying individuals.
- **Payments will be retroactive** to the date of eligibility back to the week of **February 2, 2020.**
- Individuals will also be eligible for the **additional \$600 per week** included in the **CARES Act.**

WHO'S HIRING

VISIT [ARIZONATOGETHER.ORG](https://arizonatogether.org) FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- McKesson Corporation
- Vanguard Resources, Inc.
- University of Arizona
- Crayola
- Daisy Brand
- Valleywise Health
- U-Haul
- Pitney Bowes
- Hickman Family Farms
- Intel
- Target
- Amazon
- Penske
- Salvation Army
- & more

The background of the image is a dark blue, semi-transparent overlay of the Arizona State Capitol building. The building's ornate facade, including its pediment with decorative scrollwork and the central dome, is visible through the blue tint. The overall composition is centered and balanced.

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