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PLAN FOR FLORIDA'S RECOVERY



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## for Re-Opening

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### Public Health & Safety

The first priority in re-opening is maintaining the health and safety of all Floridians. Every measure taken by state and local governments, businesses, and individuals should consider the general health and safety of the public.



### Health Care System Readiness

Health facilities should be able to return to normal operations through a prudent approach that ensures available capacity to treat COVID-19 patients in the event of a medical surge. Health care systems also need to develop models for the sustainability of medical supplies and preservation of medical resources without the need for public augmentation of medical supplies.



### Protection of the Vulnerable

Targeted measures should focus on Floridians over the age of 65 and those who have serious underlying medical conditions to prevent exposure to COVID-19.



### Economic Recovery

The **Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step.** plan to re-open Florida should support the highest practicable level of business operation while maintaining public health and safety, so that all Floridians can return to work and the economy can recover.

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### Protection of Civil Liberties & Maintaining Individual Rights

Measures taken by the government must not impair the fundamental rights of Floridians, and when restrictive measures are imposed they should be the least restrictive measures feasible to accomplish a specific medically necessary objective.



### Public Confidence

The **Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step.** plan to re-open Florida must be rooted in sound medical judgement and driven by health metrics so every Floridian feels safe as they return to work and their daily activities. An effective communications strategy is critical to ensuring public confidence in the COVID-19 mitigation strategies.



### Partnership with Local Communities

Local communities are partners with the state as the **Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step.** plan to re-open Florida is implemented. Florida is a geographically large and diverse state and each of our local communities has unique insight into their individual circumstances. Local communities will play an important role in the plan to re-open Florida.

# FLORIDA'S PLAN AGAINST COVID-19

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- 1. Protect the Vulnerable*
- 2. Increase Testing*
- 3. Promote Social Distancing*
- 4. Support Hospitals and Protect Health Care Workers*
- 5. Prevent Introduction from Outside of the State*

# FACTS VS. FEAR

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## FLORIDA COULD BE THE NEXT NEW YORK IN THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

“Florida has reported more than 6,700 confirmed coronavirus cases in the last week, with 85 deaths and 850 hospitalizations. The state is quickly becoming the next national hot spot for the COVID-19 virus, yet health experts are concerned its government is woefully unprepared.”

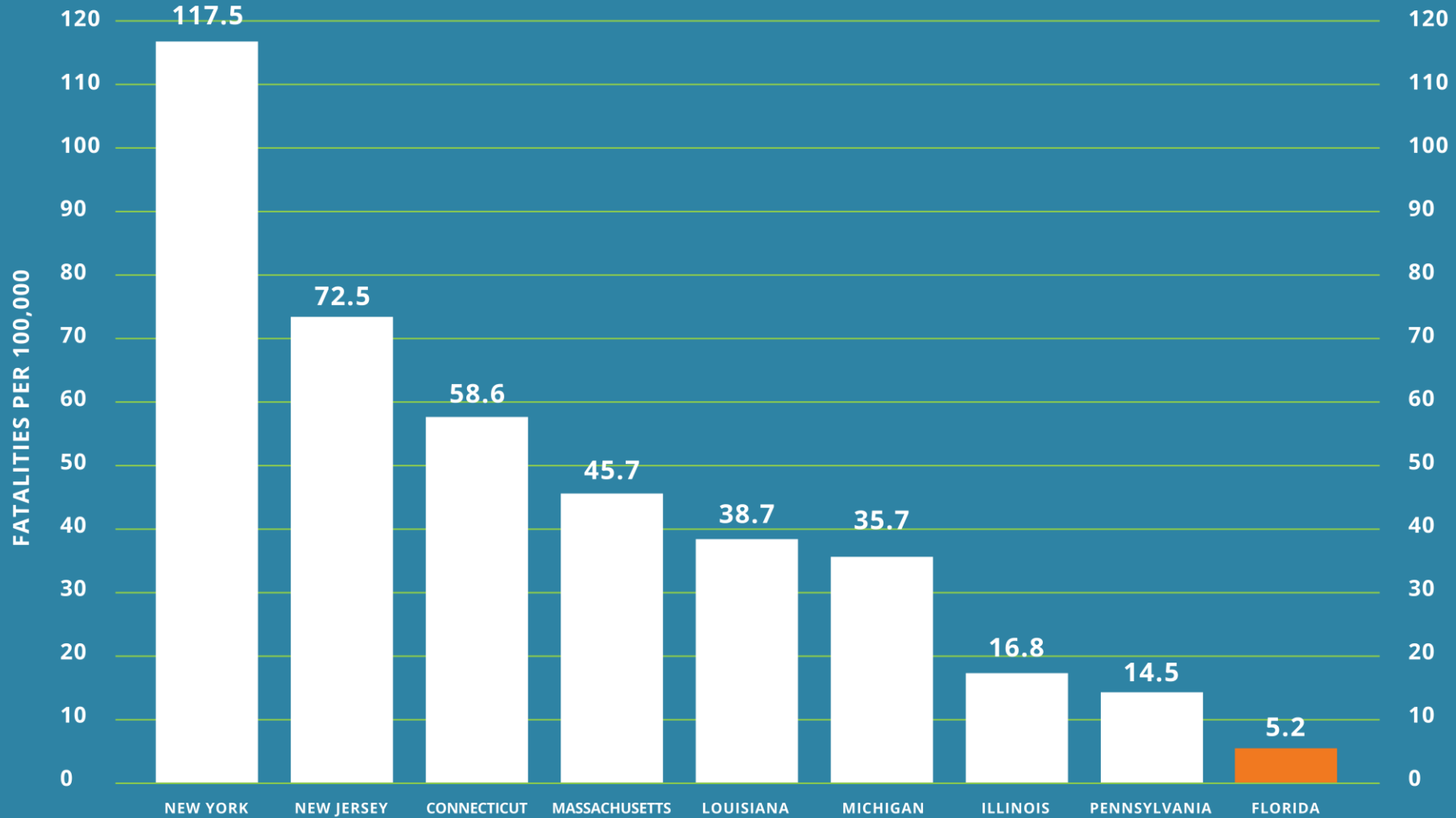
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# COVID Fatalities

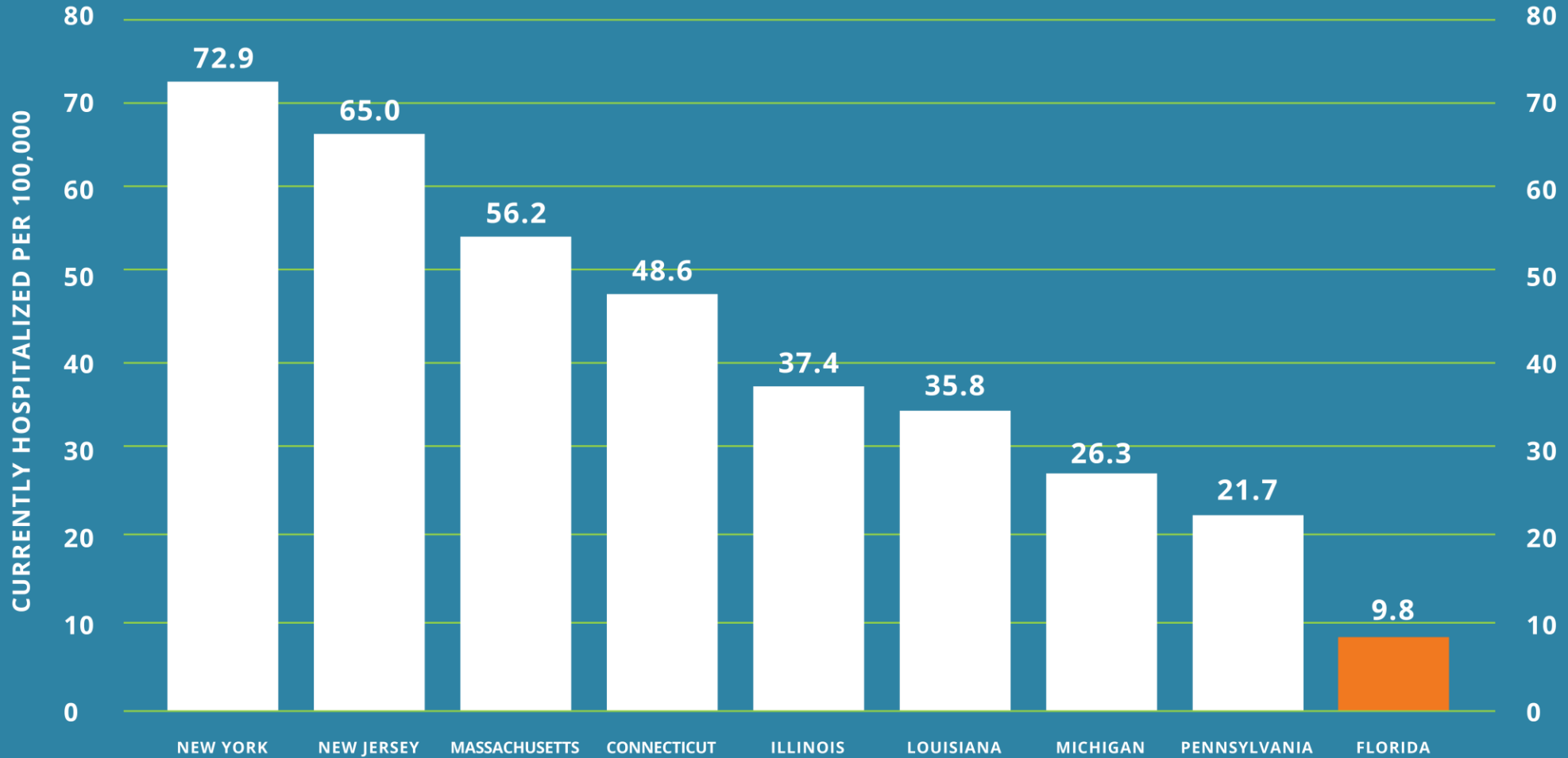
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# COVID Hospitalizations

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**FLAPOL**

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MAR 20, 2020

# DEMOGRAPHER SAYS FLORIDA COULD BE 'LIKE AN UBER-ITALY' DURING CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Some scientists are pointing toward Florida with grave concern for a potential major outbreak of COVID-19 and deaths, due to the Sunshine State's large populations of older and younger generations and largely unchecked spring break celebrations in the past week.

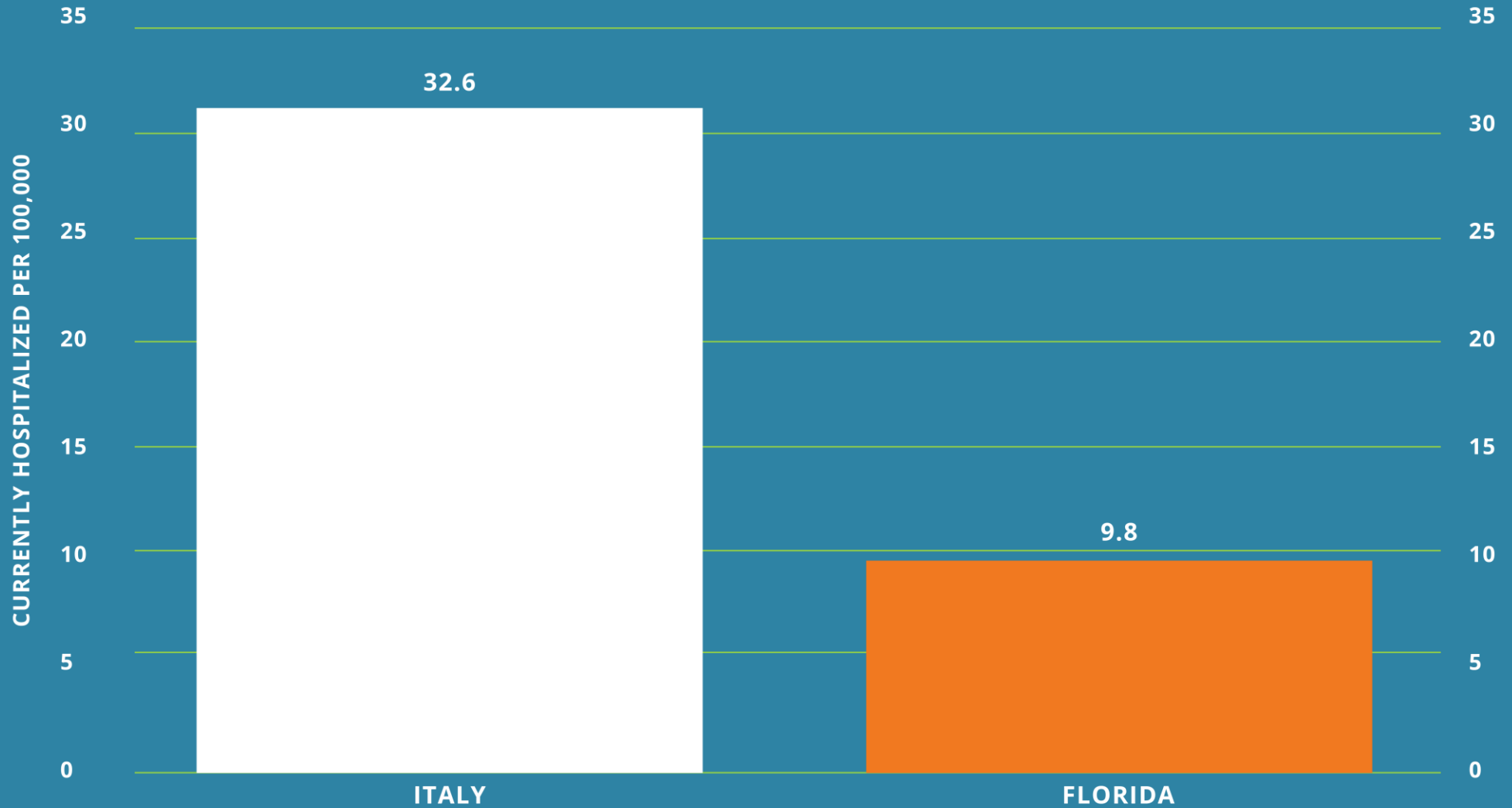
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# COVID-19 Hospitalizations

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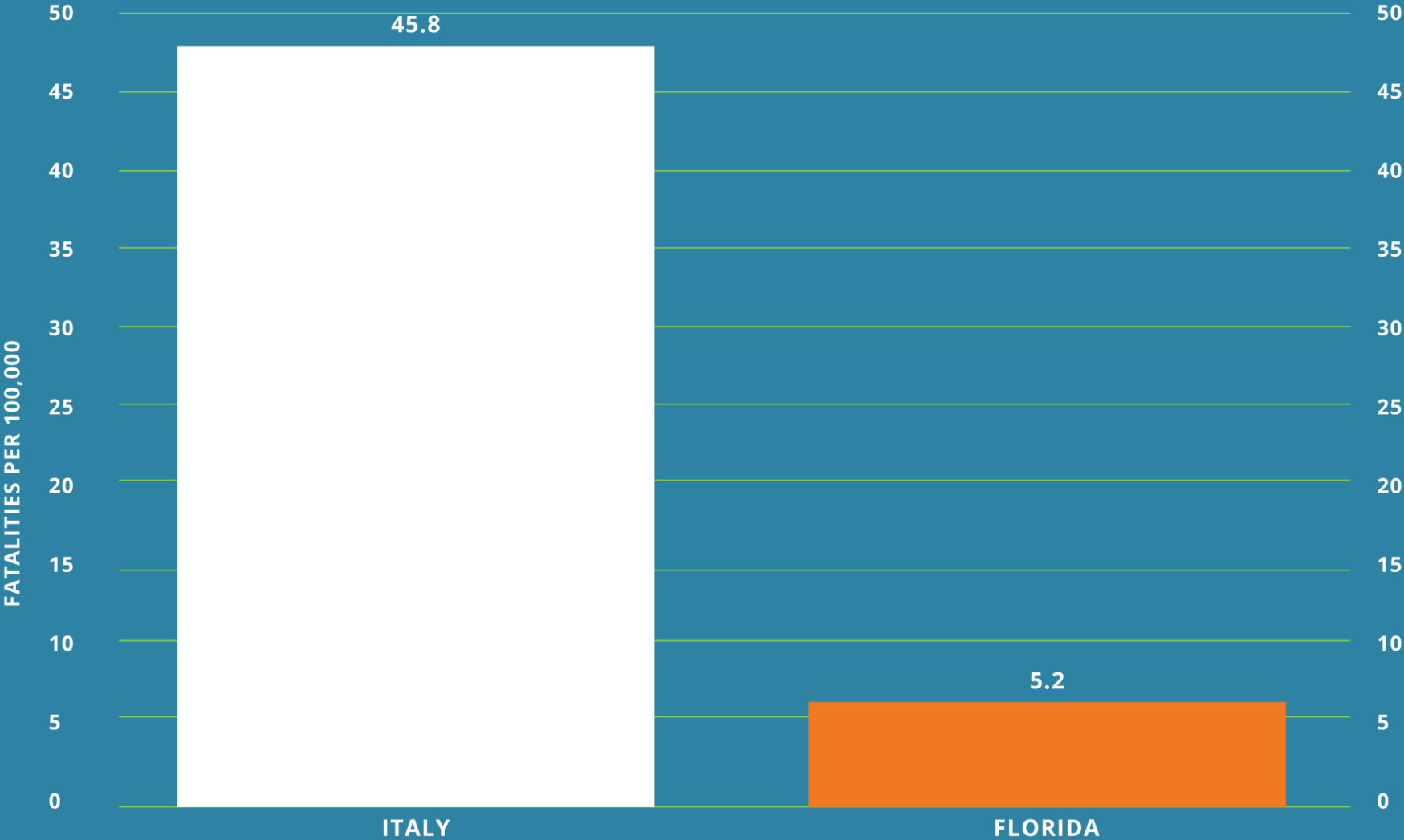
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**Tampa Bay Times**

MARCH 24, 2020

**“In Florida, the model predicts 465,699 people will be hospitalized because of COVID-19, the illness caused by complications from the virus, by April 24 but there will only be 36,384 hospital beds available by that date.”**

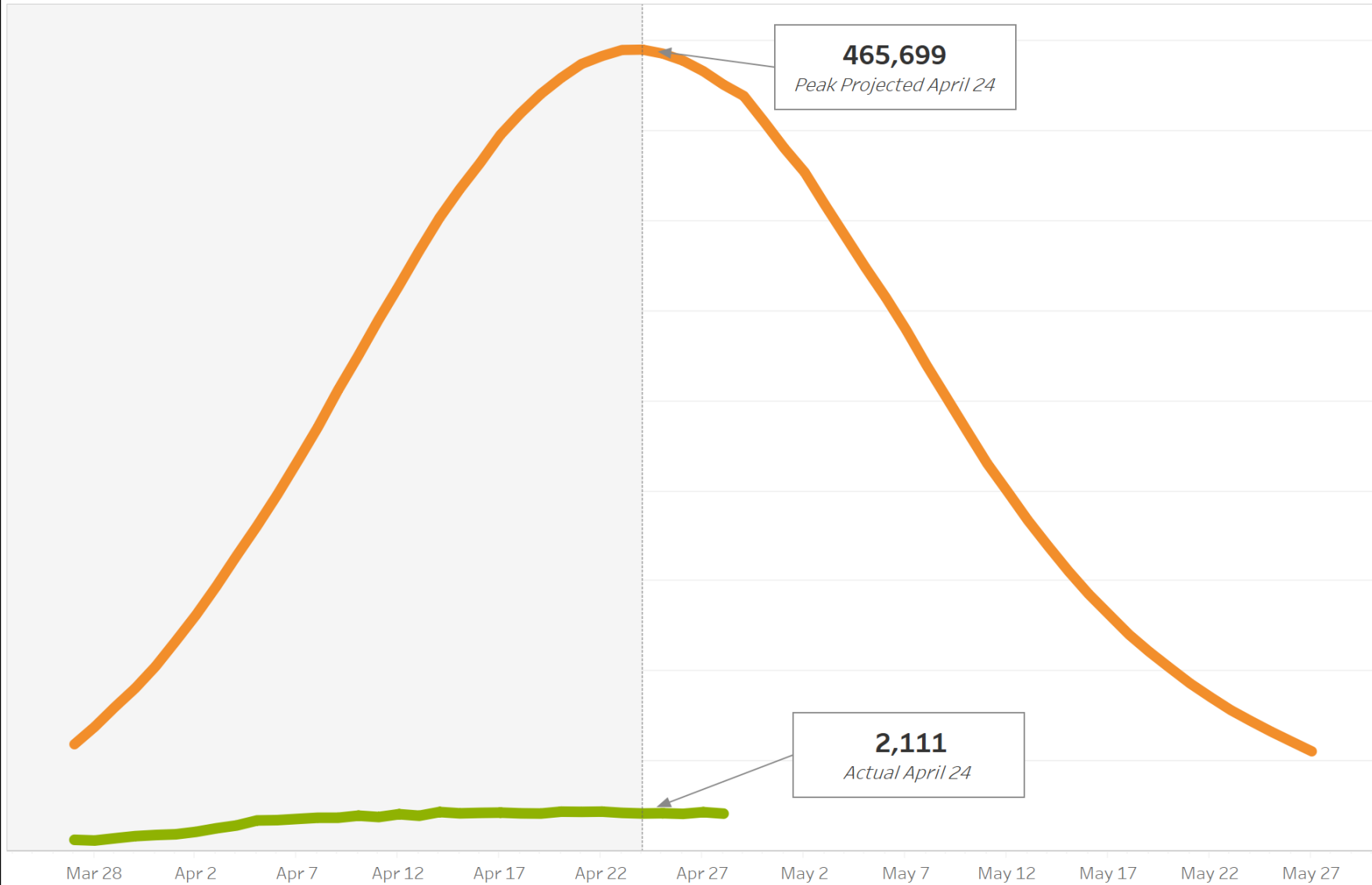
*‘THE COST OF HAPPY TALK’: MEDICAL EXPERTS WARN OF DEATH TOLL IF SHUTDOWNS DON’T HAPPEN NOW*

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# Actual Hospitalizations vs. Model Cited by the Media



Actual hospitalization data from AHCA Emergency Status System (ESS)

Orlando Sentinel

APRIL 6, 2020

**“Projections say the state could run out  
of ICU beds by April 14.”**

*EARLIER DATE PREDICTED FOR FLORIDA'S CORONAVIRUS PEAK*

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# **FACT:**

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*Florida's ICU Bed  
Availability is 36.5%*

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## WHEN NO MORE VENTILATORS ARE LEFT

**“As political and health leaders look into the face of rapidly approaching peaks in COVID-19 cases, the need for ventilators has hit crisis levels.”**

**“There will likely come a point when there will be no more ventilators to shuffle around, and when that happens, what next?”**





# FACT:

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Florida has never had a shortage of ventilators.

*We currently have 74.6% available*

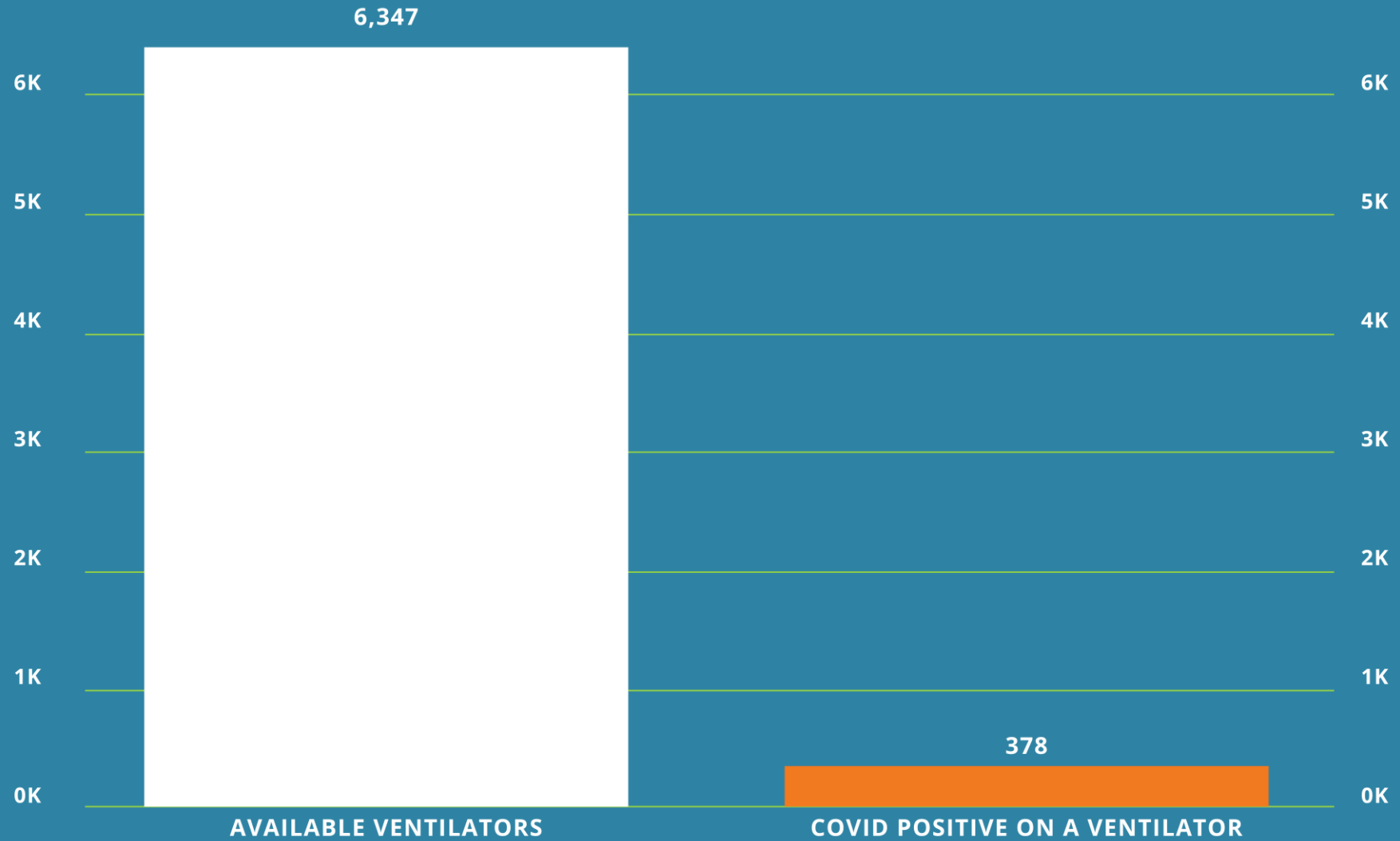
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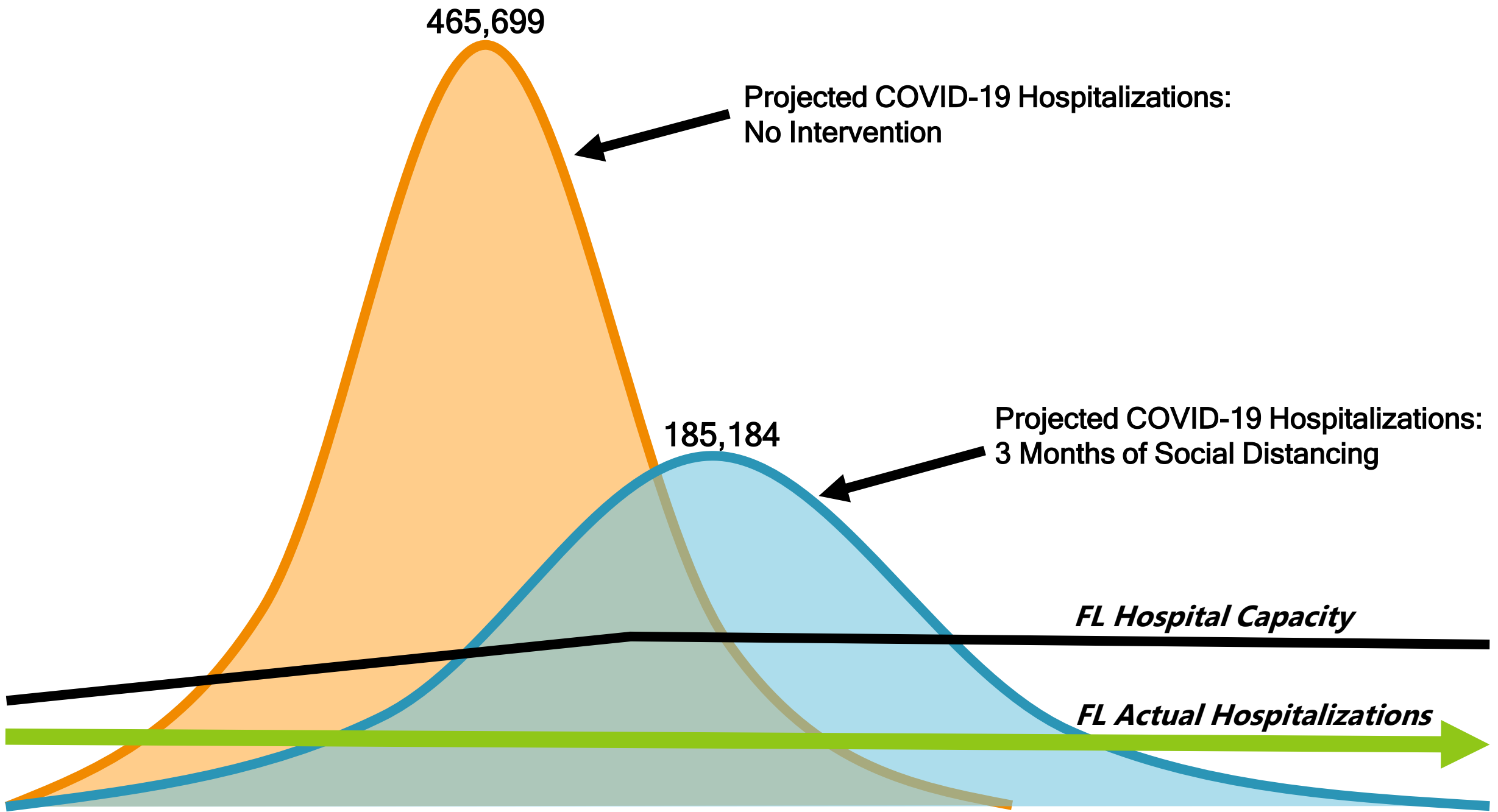
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# AVAILABLE VENTILATORS IN FLORIDA

Available ventilators and ventilator use for COVID in Florida



Ventilator data from AHCA Emergency Status System (ESS)

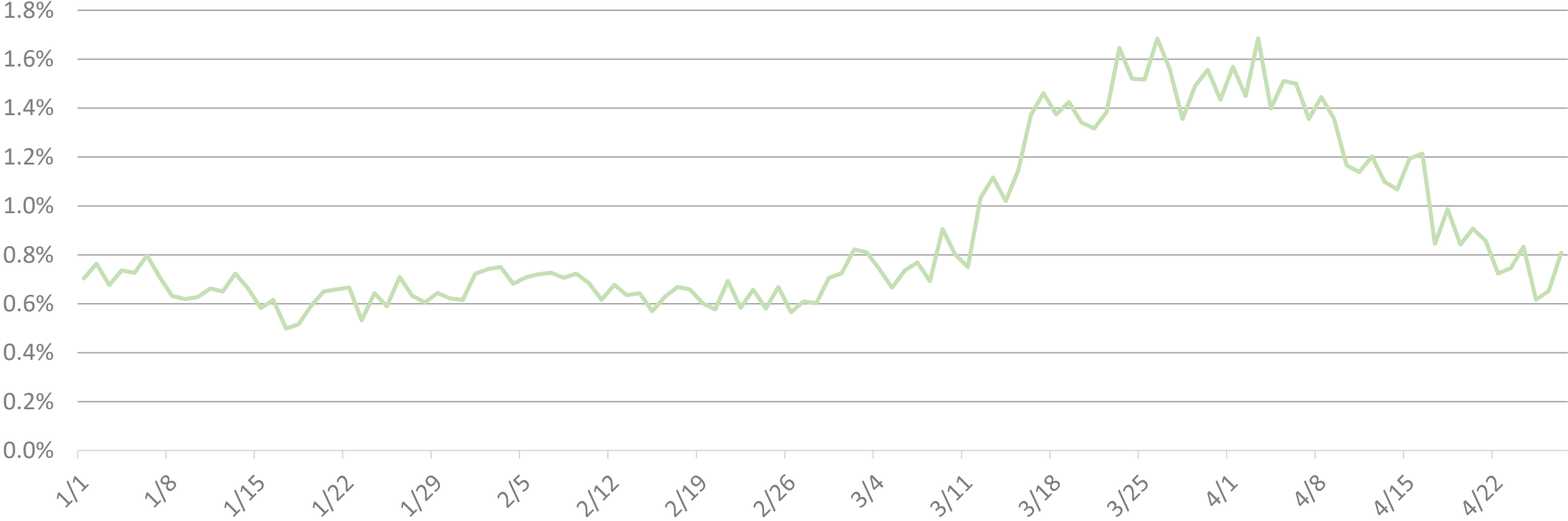


Source: Image adapted from COVID Act Now: "Hospitalizations in Florida," Projected March 19, 2020.

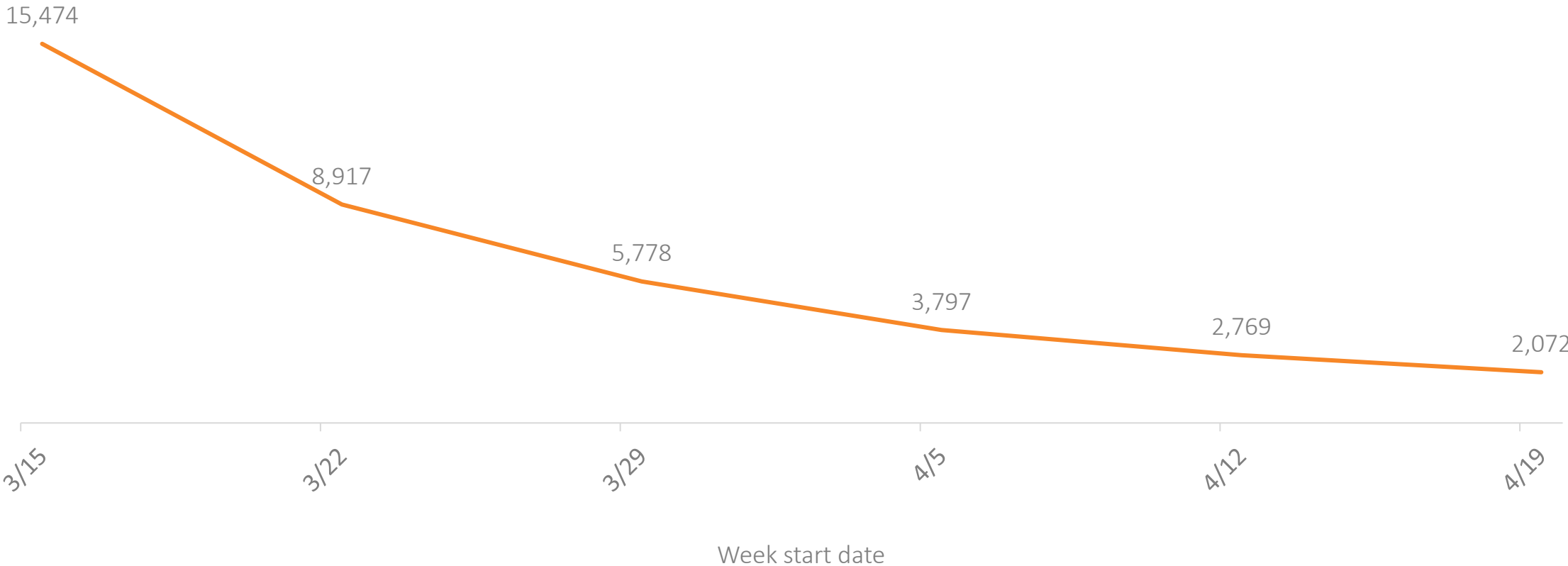
# STATE GATING CRITERIA

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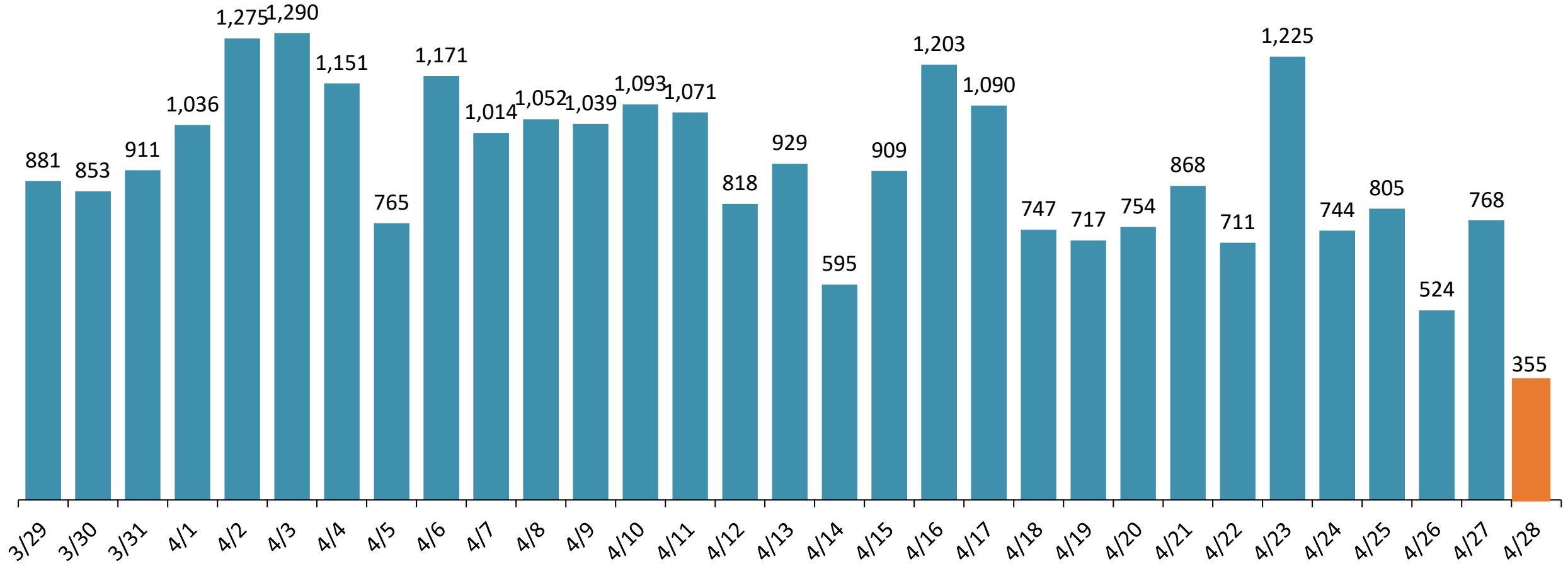
# Cough-Associated Admissions



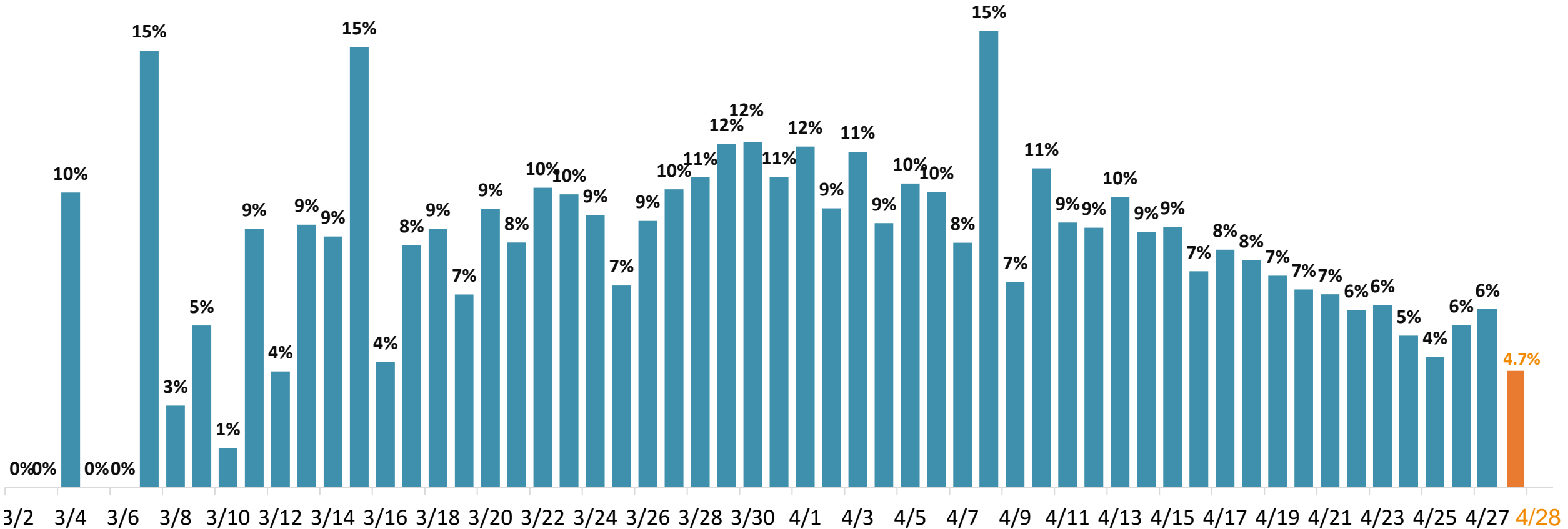
# Influenza-Like Illness Visits



# Florida COVID-19 Cases



# New Case Positivity Rate Trend



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## ALL HOSPITAL BED AVAILABILITY

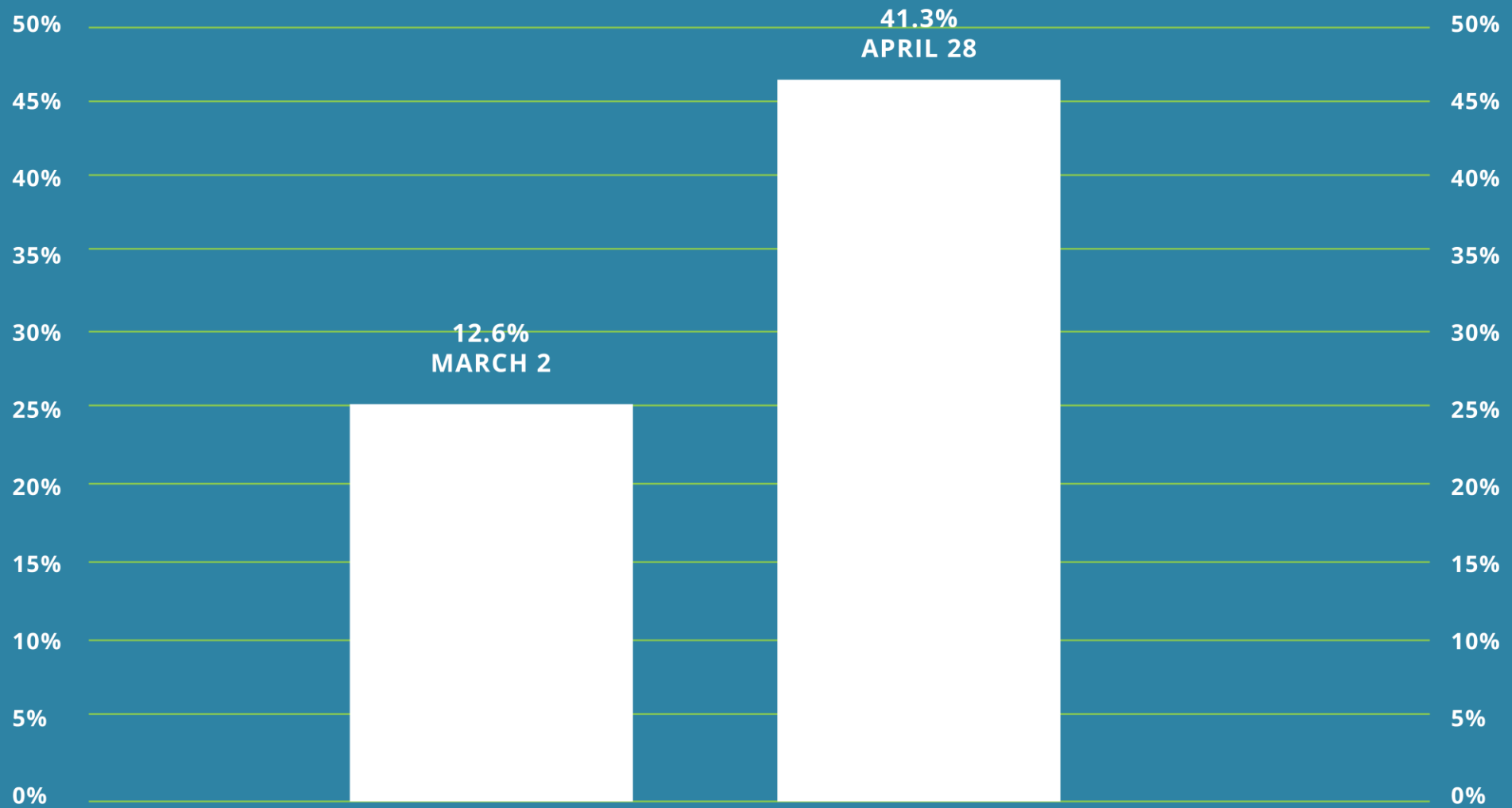
	FLORIDA	MIAMI-DADE	BROWARD	PALM BEACH	HILLSBOROUGH	ORANGE	DUVAL
<b>TOTAL LICENSED BEDS</b>	68,735	9,455	6,816	4,332	4,378	4,751	3,927
<b>TOTAL STAFFED BEDS</b>	58,742	8,102	5,403	4,044	3,982	3,743	3,794
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE BEDS</b>	22,060	2,991	1,739	1,815	1,470	1,204	1,684
<b>AVAILABLE CAPACITY</b>	37.55%	32.19%	32.19%	44.88%	36.92%	32.17%	44.39%
<b>HOSPITALIZATION CHANGE IN LAST 24 HRS</b>	30	38	-12	7	4	-1	-3
<b>HOSPITALIZATIONS</b>	2,131	767	324	230	41	52	58

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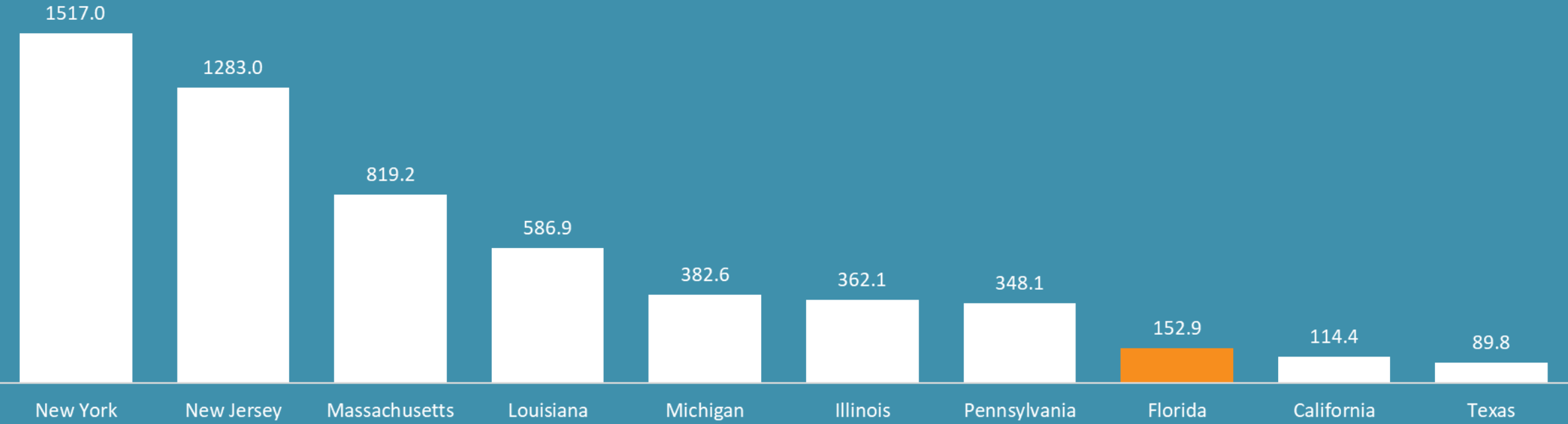
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# % of Class 1 Beds Available on Selected Dates



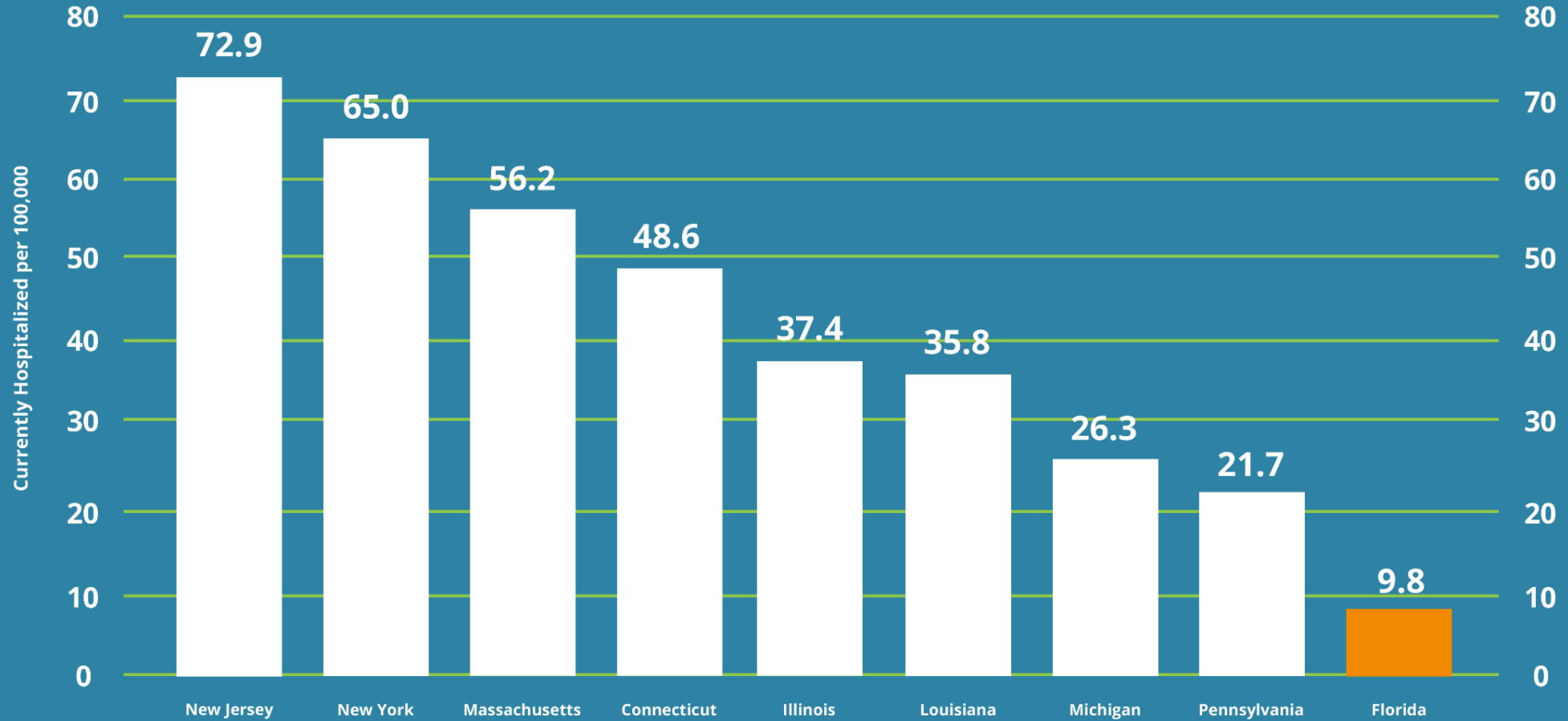
*Includes data reported by facilities in the AHCA Emergency Status System (ESS).*

# Case Rate per 100,000 Population



# COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS

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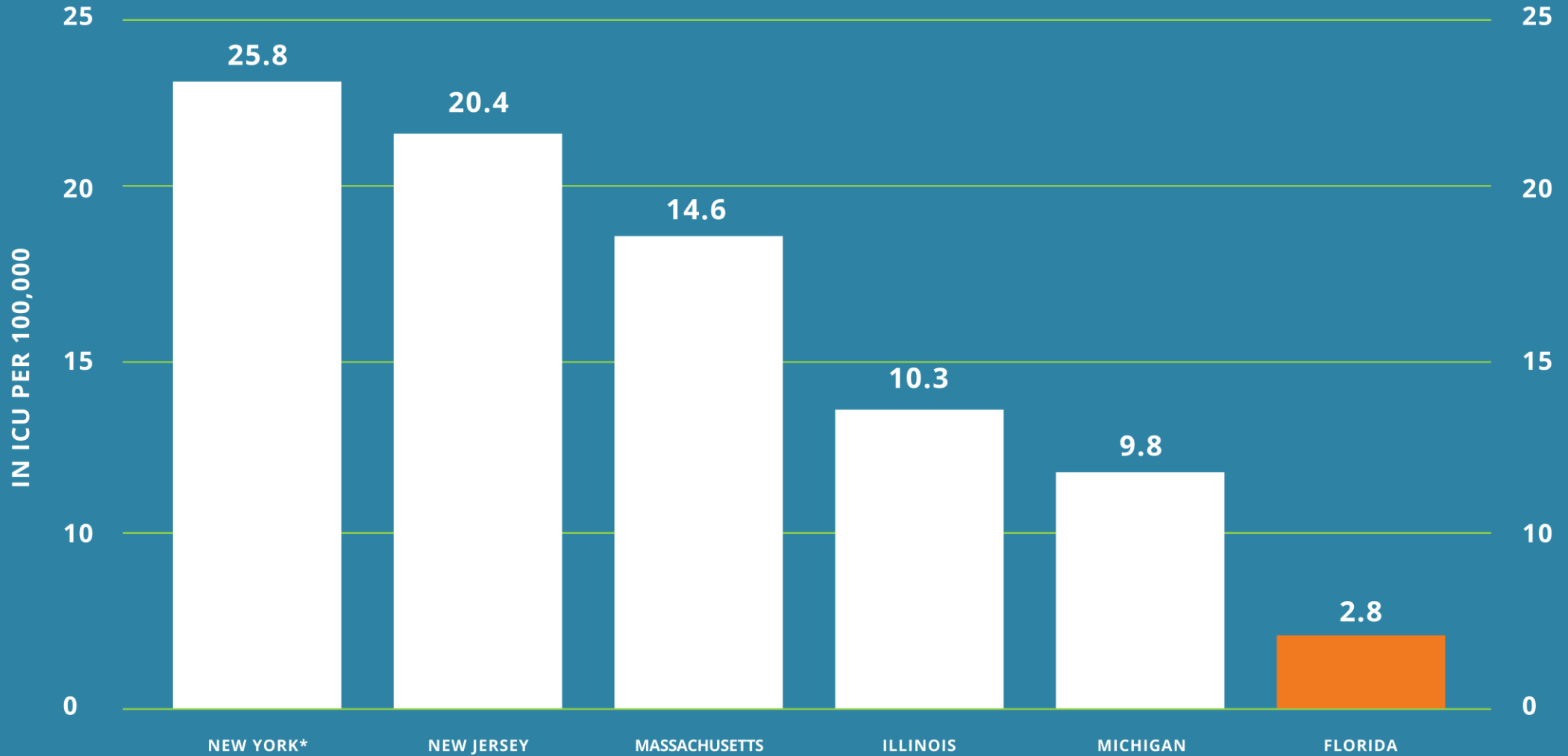
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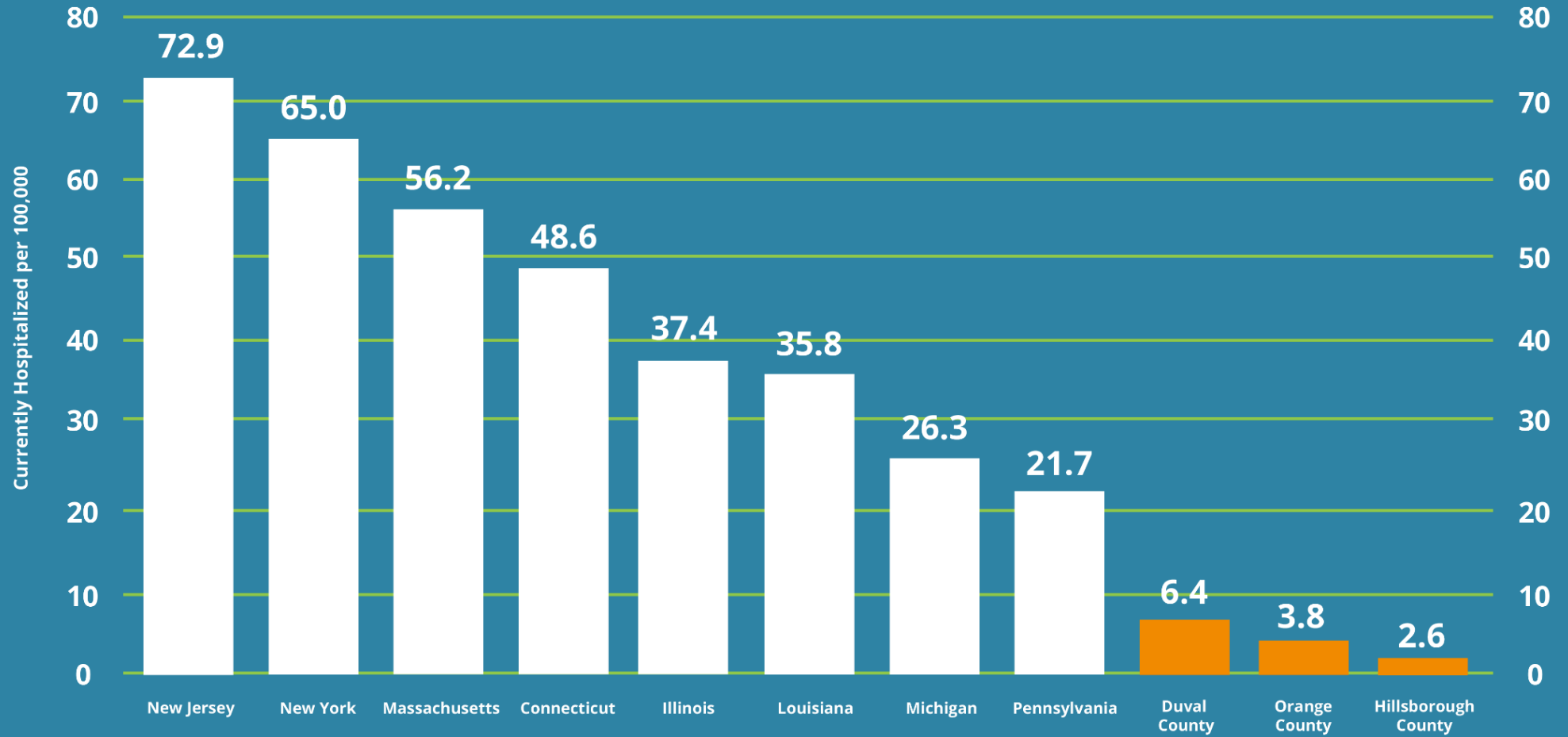
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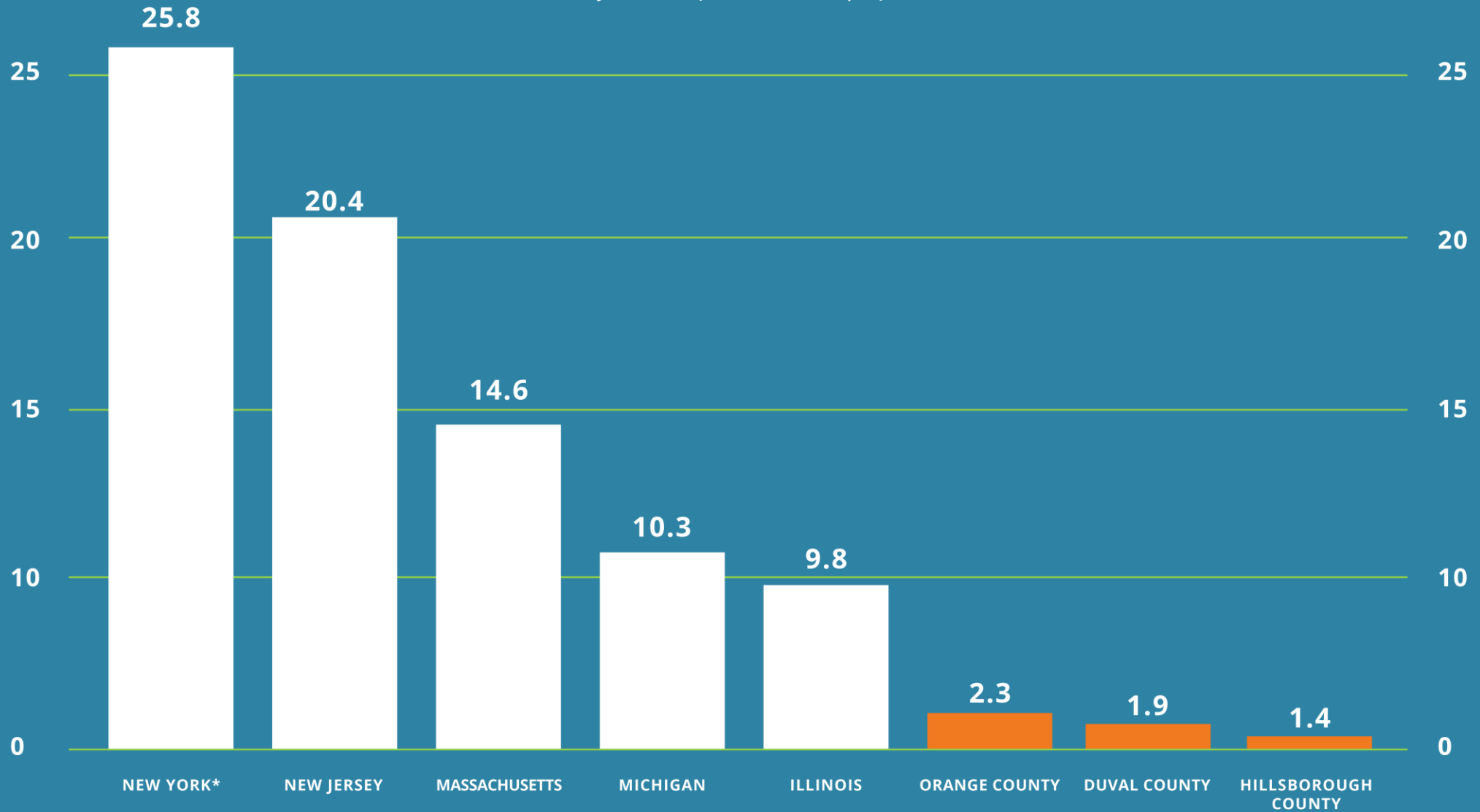
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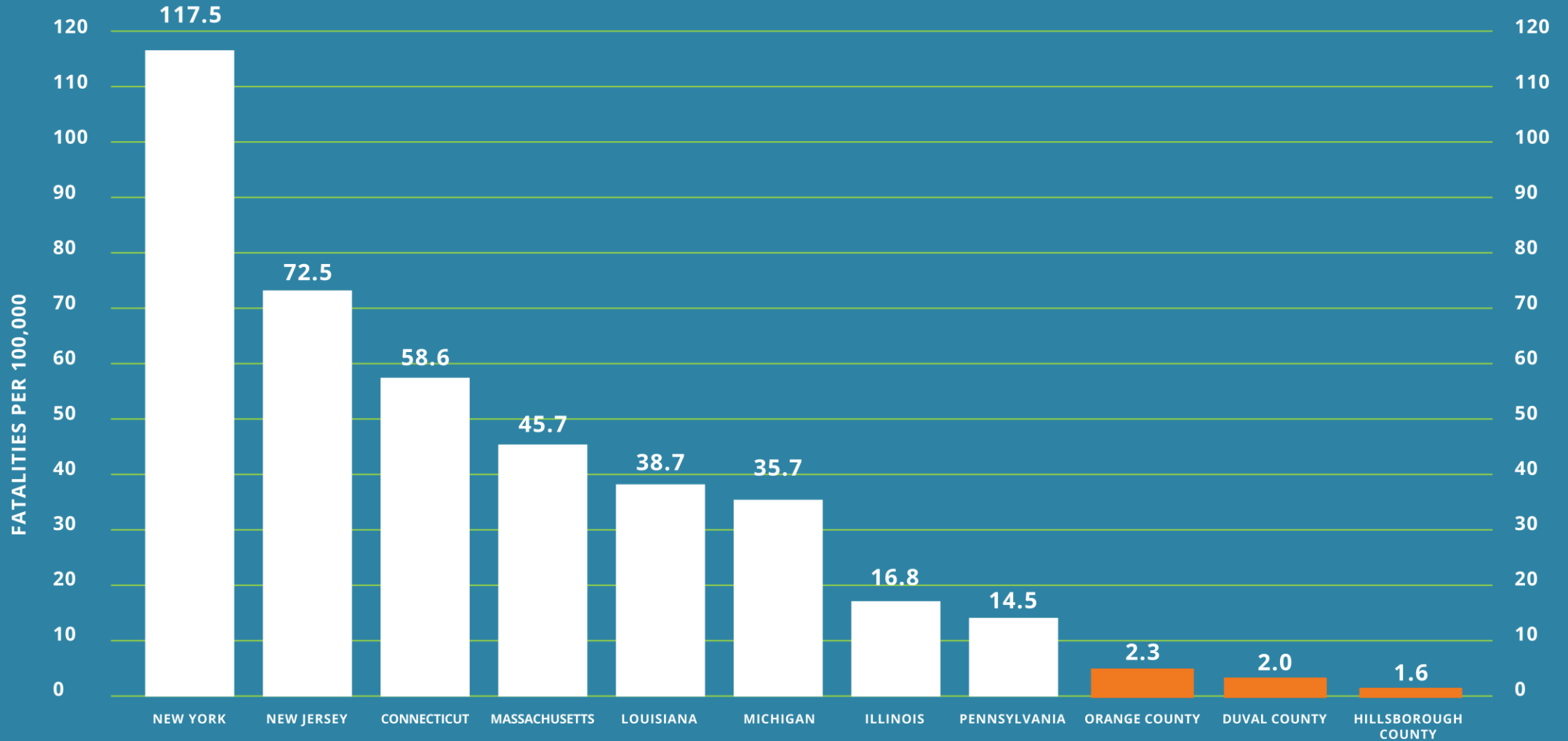
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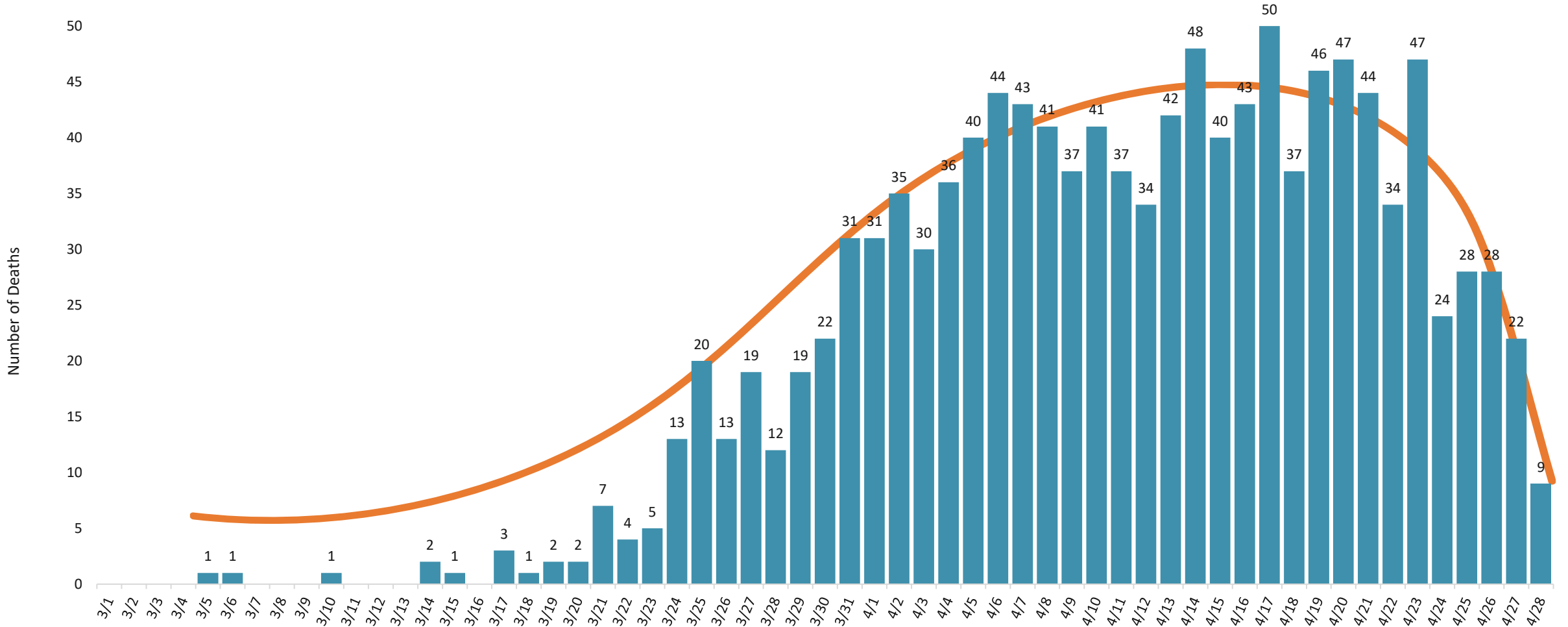
# LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

## *PROTECTING MOST VULNERABLE*

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- Suspended visitation, mandated strict staff screening, and directed ALL staff that interact with residents to wear masks in long-term care and residential facilities.
- Deployed Rapid Emergency Response Teams to more than 300 long-term care facilities to train staff on infection controls and augment clinical patient care.
- Deployed 50 mobile testing teams with the Florida National Guard tested more than 6,000 resident and staff at facilities throughout Florida.
- Deployed 120 ambulatory assessment teams to long-term care facilities that visited over 3,800 facilities to complete needs-assessments.
- Directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to send PPE to ALL 697 Nursing Homes and 3,098 Assisted Living Facilities.
- To date, the Division of Emergency Management has delivered nearly 7 million masks, nearly 1 million gloves, more than 500,000 face shields, and 160,000 gowns.

# COVID-19 Deaths by Day, Florida



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# **WALK-UP TESTING SITES: 6,330 people tested**

## **Focus on underserved communities**

### **CURRENTLY OPEN:**

- **2 in Broward County**
- **1 in Duval County**
- **2 in Hillsborough County**
- **1 in Leon County**
- **1 in Palm Beach County**
- **Several Sites in Orange County that rotate day-to-day.**

### **NEW:**

- **MIAMI-DADE – Holy Family Catholic Church opened yesterday. Focused on the Haitian community, with Creole speakers.**
- **PALM BEACH – Site in Riviera Beach is opening early next week.**
- **COLLIER COUNTY – Site in Immokolee is opening.**

**\*\*Total of 11 state-supported walk-up sites across the state.**

# DRIVE THRU TESTING SITES

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## CURRENT STATE SUPPORTED SITES:

- Miami Hard Rock
- TIAA Bank Stadium Lot J
- Orange County Convention Center
- CB Smith Park in Broward County
- Marlins Stadium
- FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches in Palm Beach County
- South County Civic Center in Delray Beach
- Raymond James Stadium

**\*\*The state is opening five drive thru testing sites in the coming week, which will bring our total to 13 state-supported drive-thrus. To date, these sites have already tested 88,000 individuals.**

## NEW STATE SUPPORTED SITES:

- BROWARD COUNTY – The War Memorial in Fort Lauderdale is opening a site tomorrow.
- ESCAMBIA COUNTY – UWF is opening a site on Friday.
- LEE COUNTY – Early next week, we will be opening a site at the Minnesota Twins spring training stadium.
- SARASOTA/MANATEE COUNTY – We are opening a site near the University Town Center mall to serve the area. Opening early next week.
- MIAMI-DADE COUNTY – Next week, we are opening a site that can do drive-thru and walk up tests at the Miami Beach Convention Center. One side walk up, one side drive thru.

# MOBILE LAB

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- The State has secured a mobile lab that can conduct 3,500 tests per week through a deal with Cepheid.
- 3,500 cartridges per week to support rapid testing – 45 minute results.
- This testing will start early next week, and we expect to have the cartridges on Tuesday.
- The State are going to use it to test long-term care facilities and will be able to get results same day.
- As testing continues, it has multiple applications – homeless, homebound, underserved populations, etc.

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# CONTACT TRACING

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- The Florida Department of Health has recruited hundreds of professors and students from universities to assist with the COVID-19 response, including contact tracing.
- The Florida Department of Health has more than 500 epidemiologists dedicated to responding to COVID-19, this includes 223 epidemiologists hired during the response and approximately 300 others not including the HIV, STD, TB programs.
- The schools that are contributing students for contact tracing efforts are the following:
  - FSU, USF, UF, FAMU, UCF, FIU, UM, Columbia, Nova Southeastern University, George Washington University, University of Kentucky, and Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis.

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# FLOKIDA PHASE 1

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# FLORIDA PHASE 1

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**Received input and advice from prominent physicians, health care system executives, small business owners, elected officials, unemployed Floridians, and law enforcement**

**Convened the Re-Open Florida Task Force, which produced a report with recommendations**

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# FLORIDA PHASE 1 (Continued)

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- Schools remain distance learning.
- Visits to senior living facilities are prohibited.
- Elective surgeries can resume.
- Restaurants may offer outdoor seating with six foot space between tables and indoor seating at 25% capacity.
- Retail can operate at 25% of indoor capacity.
- No change for bars, gyms, and personal services such as hair dressers.

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# FLORIDA PHASE 1 (Continued)

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- **Vulnerable individuals should avoid close contact with people outside the home.**
- **All individuals, when in public, should maximize physical distance from others.**
- **Avoid socializing in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for physical distancing.**
- **Face masks are recommended for all those in face-to-face interactions and where you can't social distance.**

# FLORIDA'S NEXT STEPS

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Key metrics to consider as we move to next steps:

- The state maintains the health benchmarks of the **Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan**
- Maintaining hospital bed capacity
- Monitoring COVID-19 test positivity rate

This does not need to take months. It will be based in our health metrics and guided by medical authorities.

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