



Anne Arundel County Recovery Workgroup

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Agenda

- Priorities
- Actions from July
- Recovery metrics and additional data
- State Announcement
- Reopening school
- Recommendations

Priorities

- Keep Anne Arundel Open by suppressing cases:
 - Keep people healthy by preventing illness and death
 - Allow school to open in person
 - Keep businesses open
 - Promote mental and social well being
- Prevention

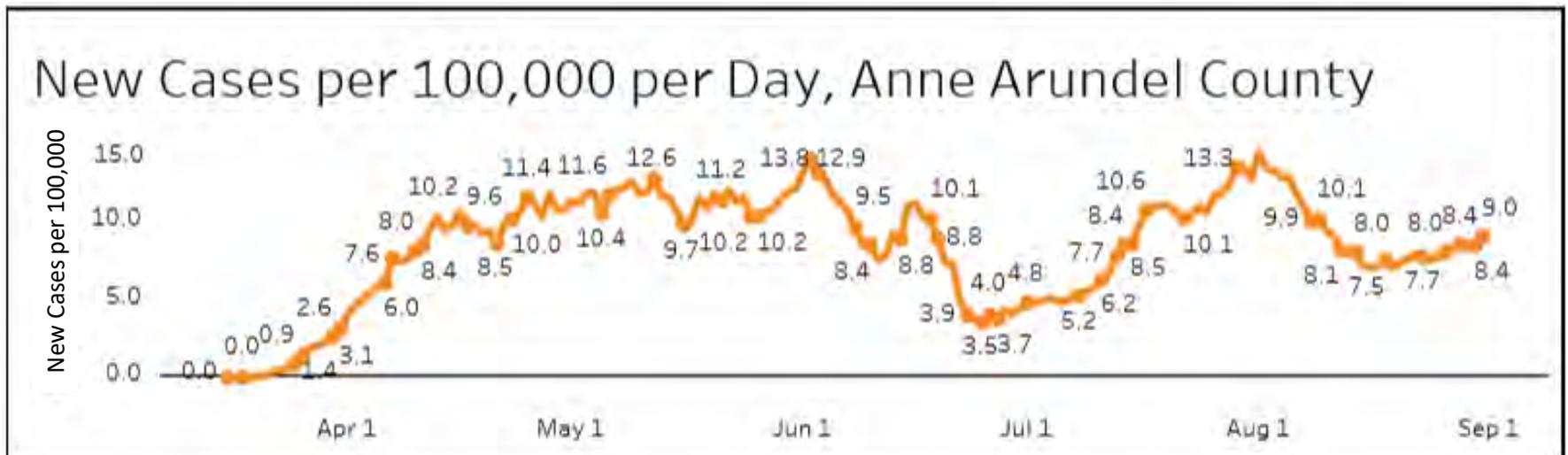
Actions Taken In July

- Public mask order outdoors when distancing not possible
 - Providing masks and literature in public spaces
- Restaurants and bars
 - Closing to indoor dining after 10 pm
 - Outdoor dining and pickup/delivery continue unchanged
- Malls
 - Pedestrian areas only to access shops and not for gathering
 - Food court restaurants open only for takeout
- Gatherings: social gatherings excluding business
 - Limited to 25 indoors
 - Limited to 50 outdoors
- Enforcement
 - Increasing penalties with first time fines and second violation suspension at ALL businesses
 - Liquor licensee enhanced monitoring

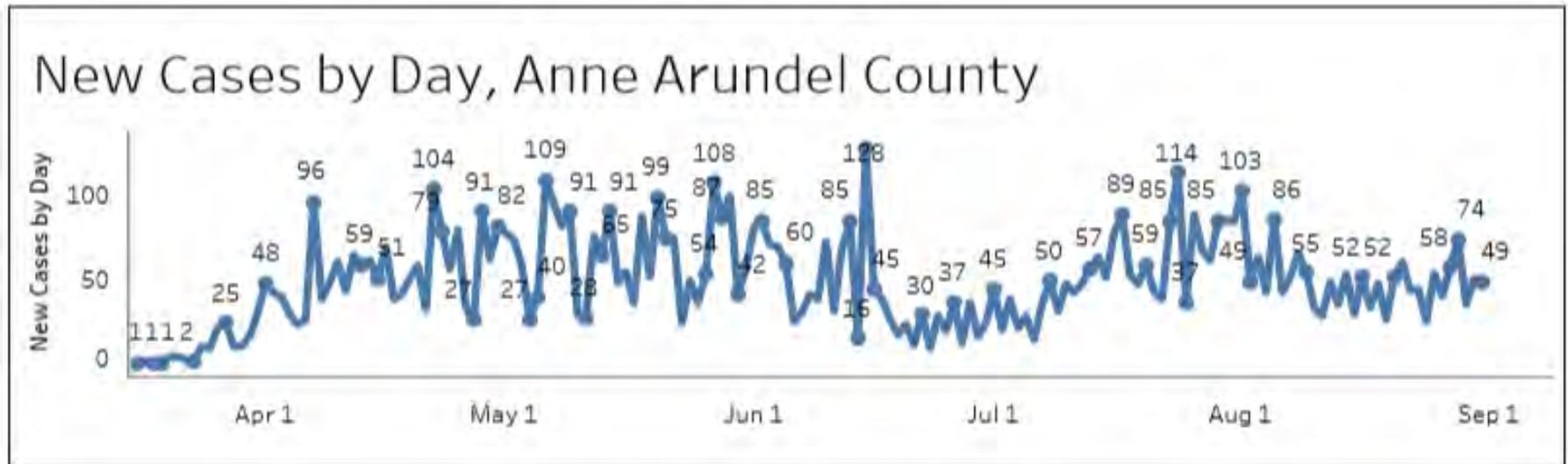
Results of Actions

- Changes were announced July 24th and went into effect July 25th
- Peaked 11 days later and downward trend started about two and a half weeks later
- Contact tracing from state showed indoor and outdoor restaurants as the third and fourth leading location
- County contact tracing data identified bars, restaurants, parties, and malls as main locations
- Decrease plateaued at case rate of 7 and is now increasing for 2 weeks

New Cases per 100,000 per day Anne Arundel County

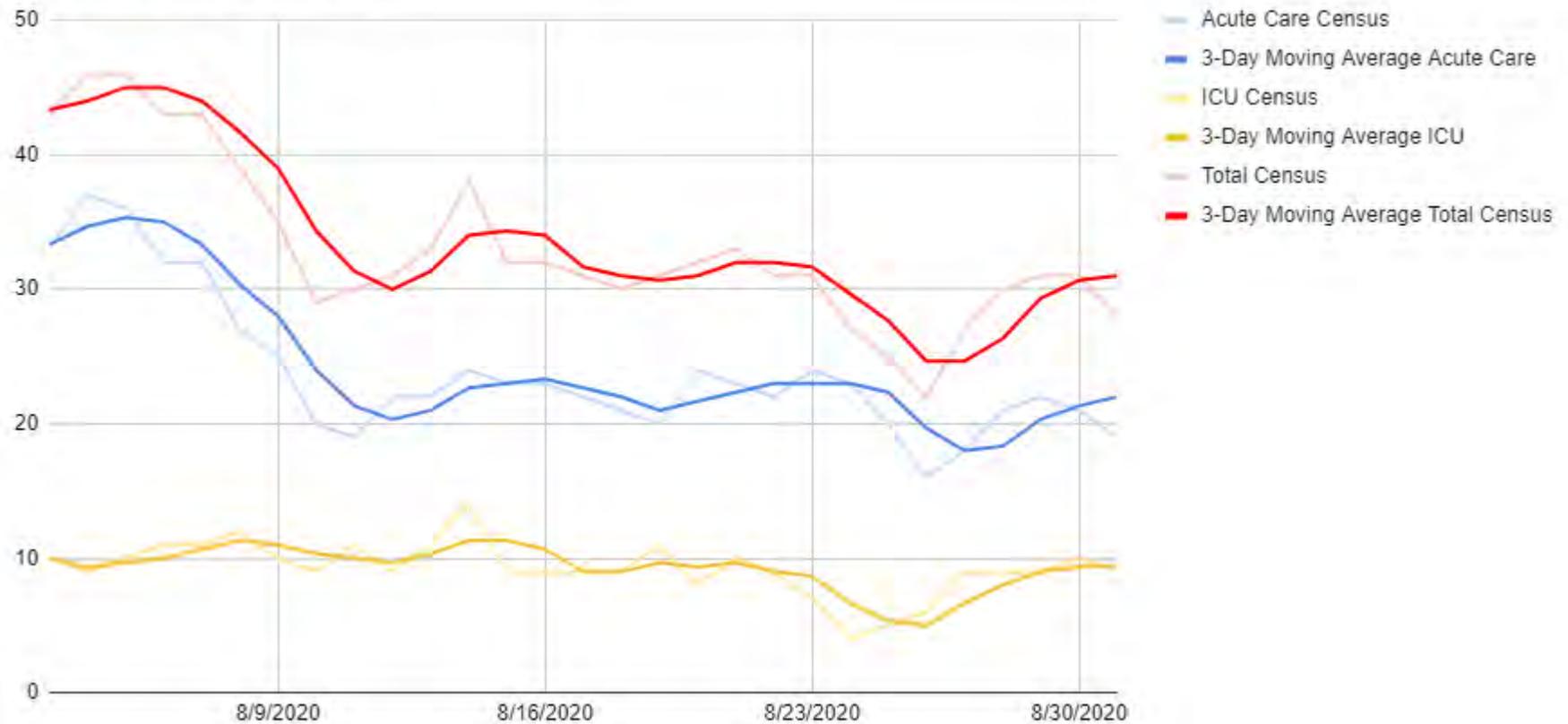


Trend in Cases



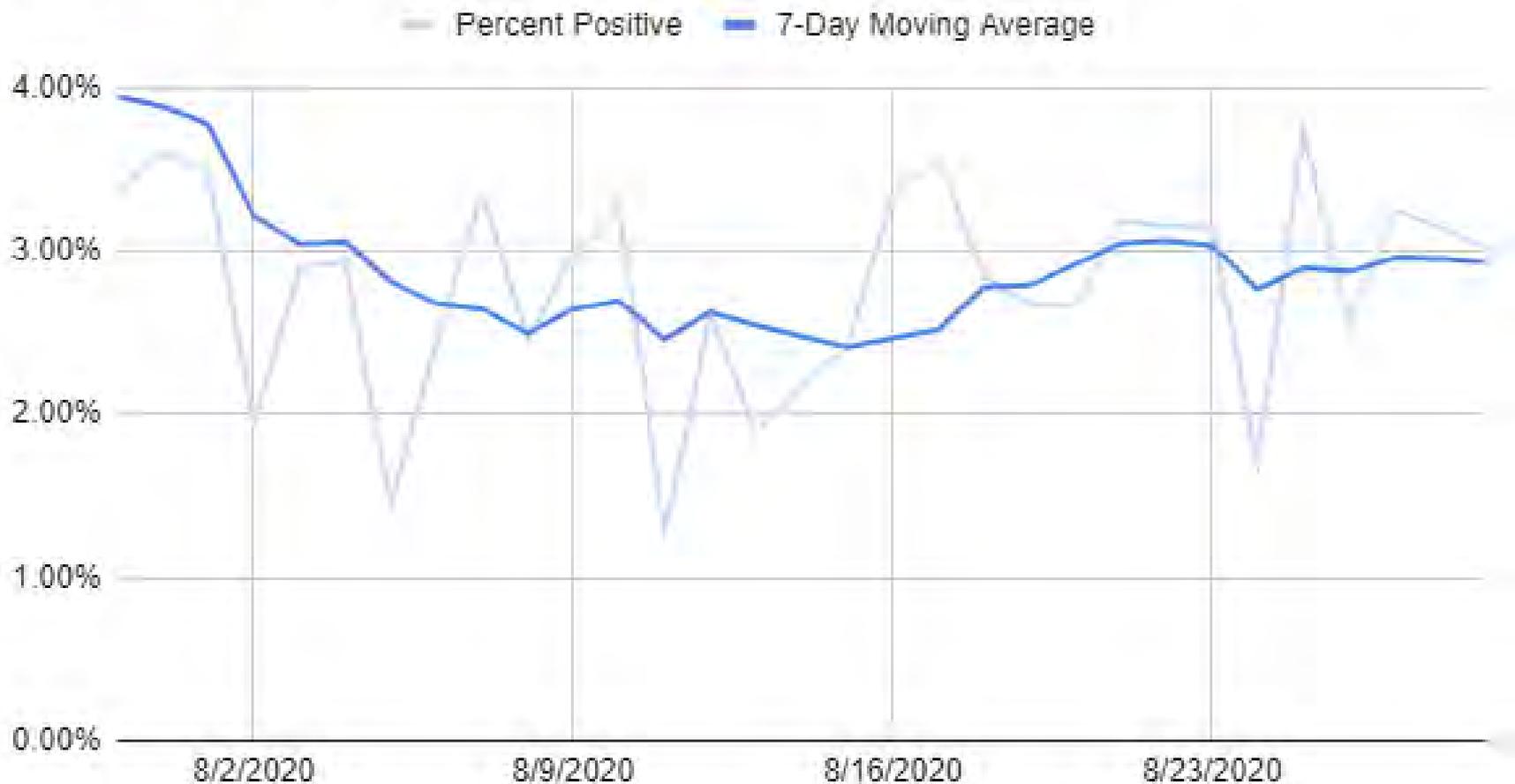
Hospitalizations

COVID-19 Patients by Day



Percent positive

Daily Percent Positive, Past 4 Weeks

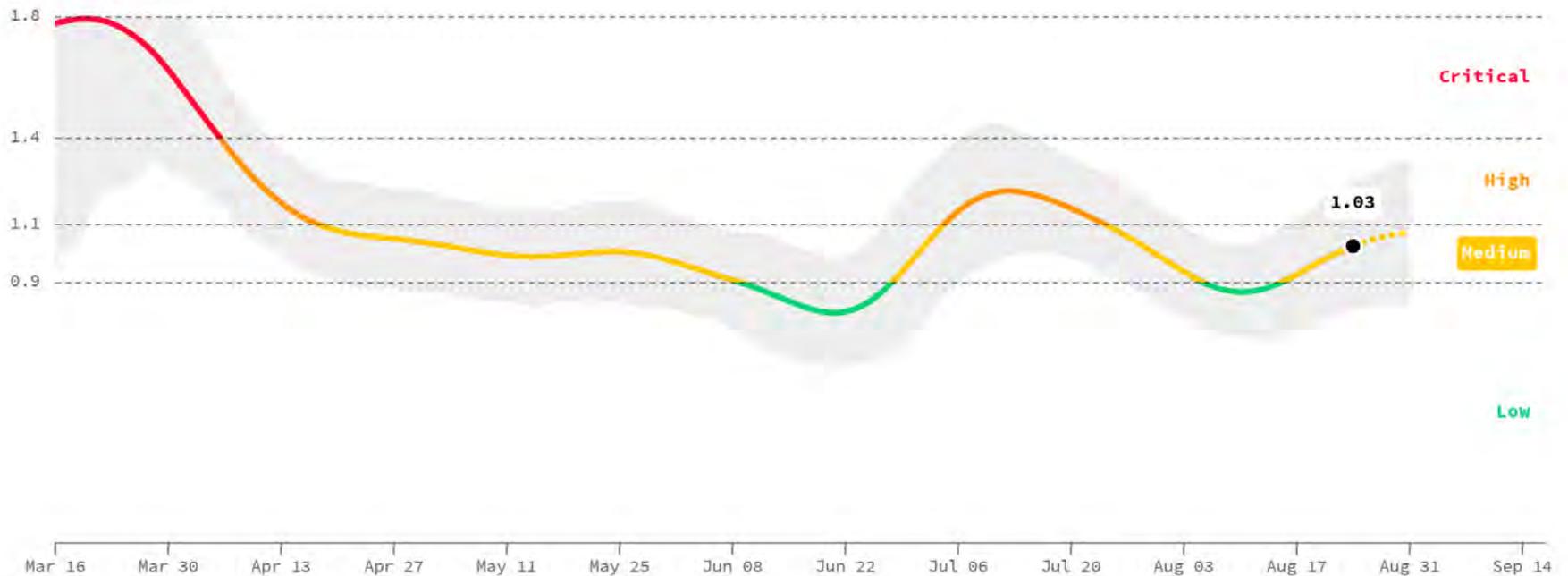


Infection Rate

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND Infection Rate

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State Announcement

- Governor Hogan announced state can move to Stage 3
- State case rate is decreasing
- Our challenge: Anne Arundel Co case rate is **increasing**

Case Rate

7 Day Moving Average Case Rate per 100K by Jurisdiction

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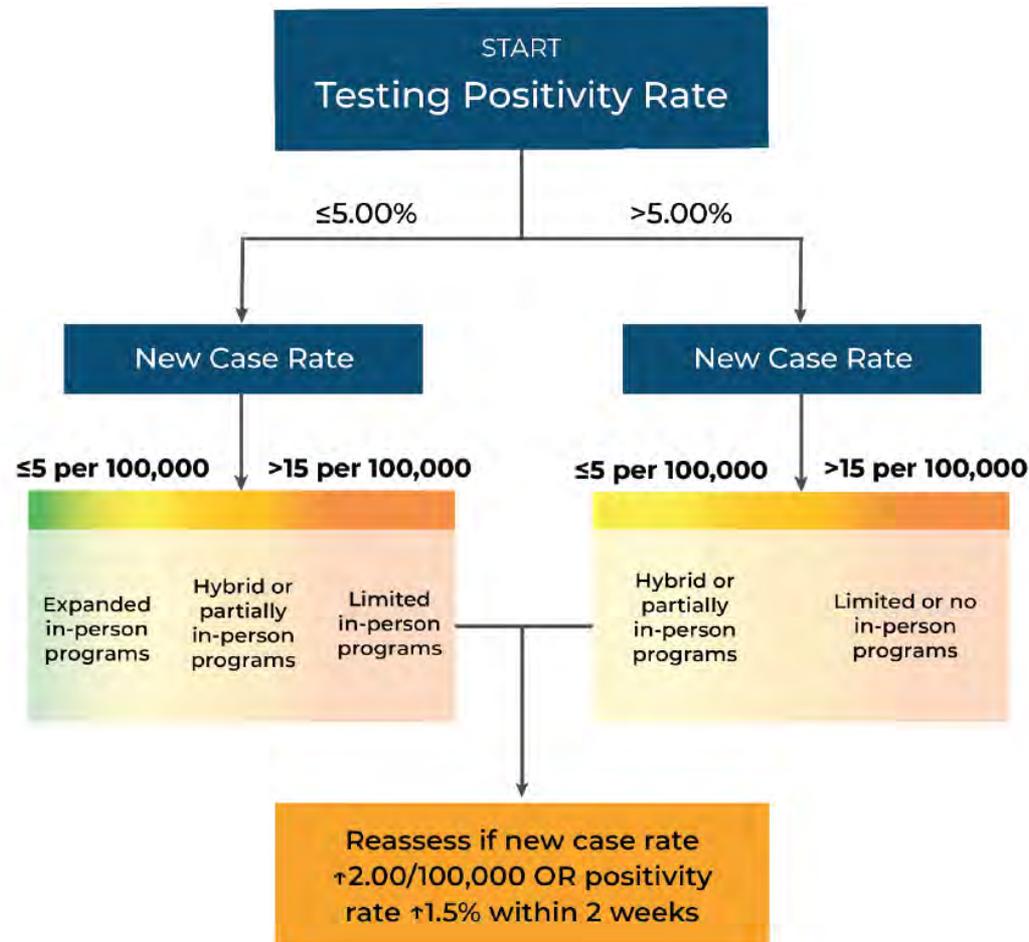
Stage 3 Changes

- **Indoor theater-** Indoor theaters where live performances occur or motion pictures are shown may open to the general public at 50% capacity, or 100 people per auditorium—whichever is less—with appropriate health and safety protocols in place.
- **Outdoor venues-** Outdoor venues where live performances occur or motion pictures are shown outdoors may open to the general public at 50% capacity, or 250 people—whichever is less—with appropriate health and safety protocols in place.
- **Retail and Religious Facilities-** Capacity for retail establishments and religious facilities may increase from 50 to 75 percent.

Reopening Schools

- Reopening school recommended by American Academy of Pediatrics
- Important for development
 - Cognitive
 - Social/emotional
 - Physical
- AACPS and Department of Health are working together on defining metrics for reopening and putting into place the COVID-19 mitigation strategies needed to provide hybrid in-person learning
- The lower the case rate, better ability to keep students and staff safe and keep schools open

MDH School Reopening Guidance



Metrics for School Reopening

- MDH guidance is a broad framework
- School year beginning with hybrid in-person learning for
 - Special needs
 - Technology classes
 - English language learners
- In development are specific guidelines for K-5, 6-8, 9-12 by case rate at greater detail
- Cohort size
 - K-5 cohort size in the 10's (classroom)
 - 6-8 cohort size in the 100's (grade)
 - 9-12 cohort size in the 1000's (school)

School Reopening Goals

- Release plan in late September
 - School reopening metrics
 - Testing approach
 - Managing outbreaks in school
 - Cross jurisdictional contact tracing

Public Health Responses

- Goal is to stop rise in cases before they lead to rise in hospitalizations, illness and death
- Take additional actions
 - Goal is to stop and reverse increasing case rate
- No actions at this time
 - Unclear how we will stop the rise in case rate
- Move to part or all of Stage 3 per Governor's plan
 - Accelerate already increasing case rate

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Recommendation

- Take additional actions to stop and reverse increasing case rate
 - Decrease additional cases of illness and death
 - Creates conditions to allow public schools to reopen
 - Equity issues for students
- Potential steps include
 - Further limiting indoor and outdoor dining
 - Limiting outdoor events this fall
 - Target case rate of 5 to aid school reopening