



## **AGENDA**

### **State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board Quality of Care Sub-Committee Meeting**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**1:00 p.m.**

**EBD Board Room – 501 Building, Suite 500**

- I. Call to Order.....Dr. John Vinson, Chair*
- II. Approval of May Minutes .....Dr. John Vinson, Chair*
- III. COVID Update.....Elizabeth Montgomery & Mike Motley, ACHI*
- IV. Director’s Report ..... Chris Howlett, EBD Director*
- V. Adjournment.....Dr. John Vinson, Chair*

#### ***Upcoming Meetings***

***July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>***

***NOTE: All material for this meeting will be available by electronic means only.***

***Notice: Please silence your cell phones. Keep your personal conversations to a minimum.***

# State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board

## Quality of Care Sub-Committee Minutes

### June 9, 2020

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Date | time 06/9/2020 1:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Dr. John Vinson, Chair

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#### Attendance

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##### Members Present

Dr. John Vinson – Chair  
Margo Bushmiaer – Vice-Chair  
Michelle Murtha  
Dr. Arlo Kahn  
Cindy Gillespie  
Zinnia Clanton  
Dr. Terry Fiddler  
Dr. Appathurai Balamurugan  
Pam Brown  
Chris Howlett, Employee Benefits Division (EBD) Director

##### Members Absent

##### Others Present:

Rhoda Classen, Shalada Toles, Stella Greene, Mary Massirer, EBD; Elizabeth Montgomery, Mike Motley, ACHI; Jessica Akins, HA; Micah Bard, Octawia DeYoung, UAMS EBRx; Kristie Banks, Mainstream; Nima Nabavi, Amgen; Sidney Keisner, UAMS; Daniel Faulkner; Alan Whitley; Jim Musick, GSK; Brent Flaherty, Medimpact; Ronda Walthall, ARDOT; Gary Behrens, Sanofi

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#### Approval of Minutes: *Dr. John Vinson, Chair*

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##### MOTION by Brown

I motion to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes.

Dr. Fiddler seconded. All were in favor.

##### Minutes Approved.

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#### COVID Update: *Elizabeth Montgomery & Mike Motley, ACHI*

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Montgomery and Motley presented ongoing analyses regarding COVID-19 impact on the plan and reviewed framework to assess telemedicine utilization within the plan.

##### Discussion:

Howlett: On slide 10, correlate those numbers. What's the difference between slide 10 with the total number hospitalized (32) versus the slide with those on ventilators? What is the delta there?

Motley: That was a statewide look. There's not really a delta there between those two that we have here today. This is a statewide look at patients on a ventilator- the number of hospitalized cumulative for the plan. We do know that less than ten members of the plan

have been on a ventilator. We would report that when it goes above ten. That'll be something that we can bring as well, but it is a lower number. We will be bringing some statewide information that we think is meaningful or might be informative. Of course, we will drill down into plan experience to the extent that we can.

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**Director's Report: *Chris Howlett, EBD Director***

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Howlett provided a brief fiscal update as we go into rate setting. We are still monitoring the potential fiscal impact that COVID has financially, not just on our membership, but as a whole and what that's doing statewide as well as for this plan. We are looking at other opportunities to be able to report back the total impact to the plan for this committee, as well as the other subcommittees and the Board. One of the pieces that came out of the April meeting for this committee was dealing with the wellness and some of the previous recommendations from the Quality of Care committee regarding flu shots and such. Those items will be addressed after we set rates. The plan has been working behind the scenes on other opportunities that have come up in previous Quality meetings regarding options the plan can take to look at a wellness program. How can we make the current program better and facilitate questions related to the flu shot vaccinations as well as other pieces regarding tobacco and just the overall health of the plan? That will more than likely kick off around August or September.

Dr. Fiddler: Can we plan on having a face to face in the summer?

Howlett: It will depend on how state fairs as we move forward as we move into phase two and three and getting back to some of the extra activities. At the present time, we have no indication of that just yet.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Brown

Dr. Bala seconded. All were in favor.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

# JUNE 2020 QUALITY OF CARE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Mike Motley, MPH  
Director, Analytics

Izzy Montgomery, MPA  
Policy Analyst

6.9.2020

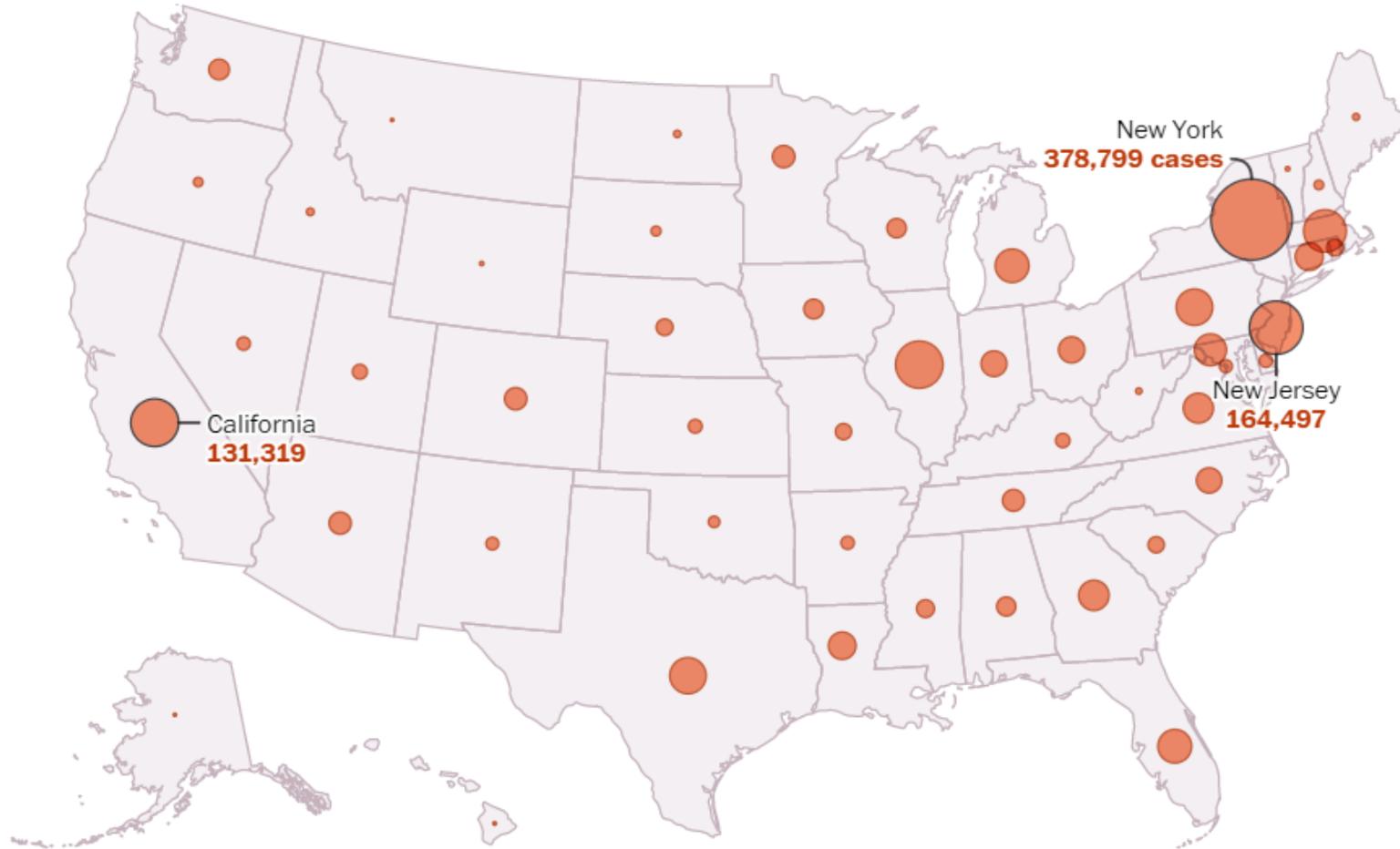


# OBJECTIVES

- Present ongoing analyses regarding COVID-19 impact on plan
- Review framework to assess telemedicine utilization within plan



# COVID-19: CONFIRMED CASES & DEATHS IN U.S.



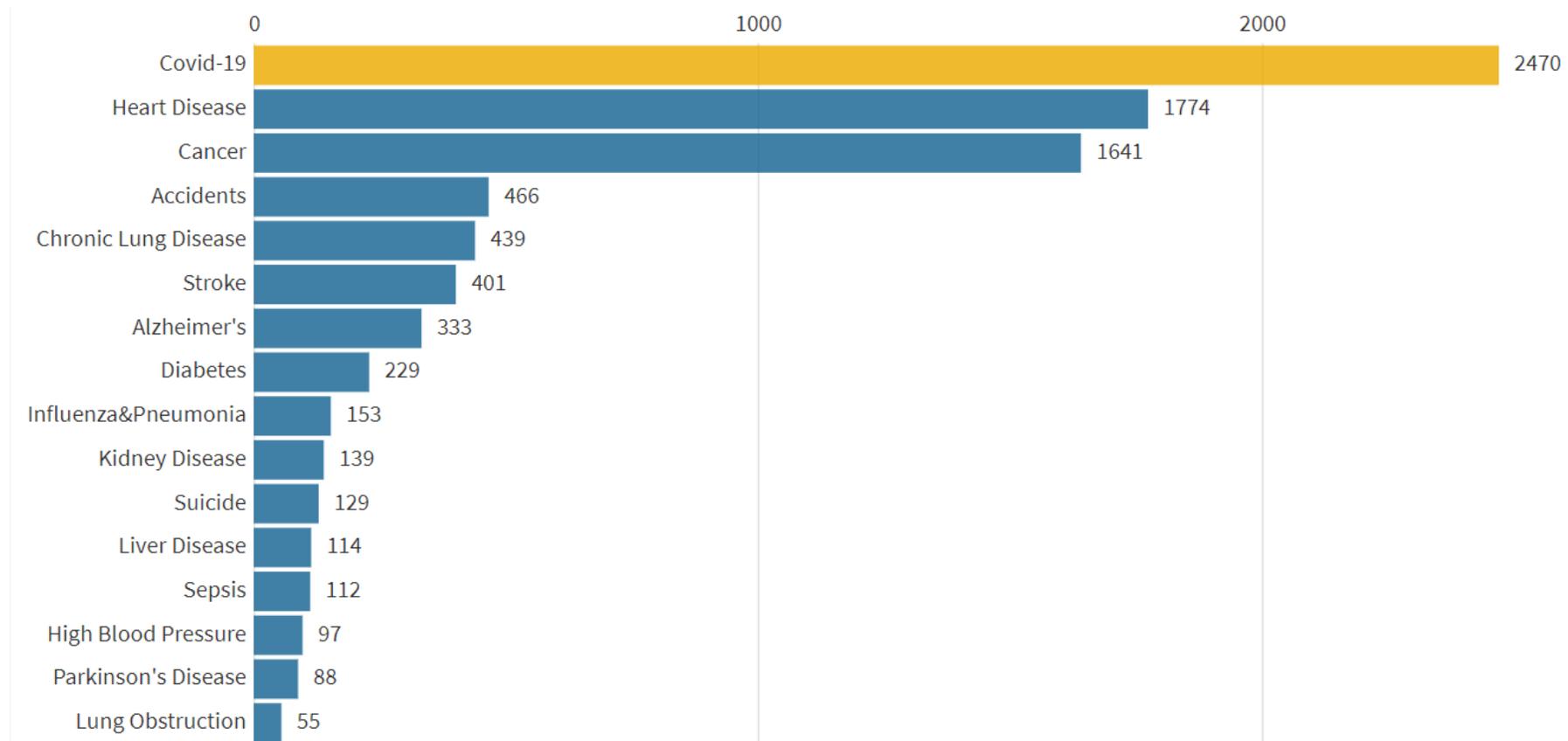
At least  
**1,952,000**  
confirmed cases

At least  
**109,000**  
reported deaths

Source: *Washington Post*, as of June 9



# COVID-19 VS. U.S. DAILY AVG. CAUSE OF DEATH

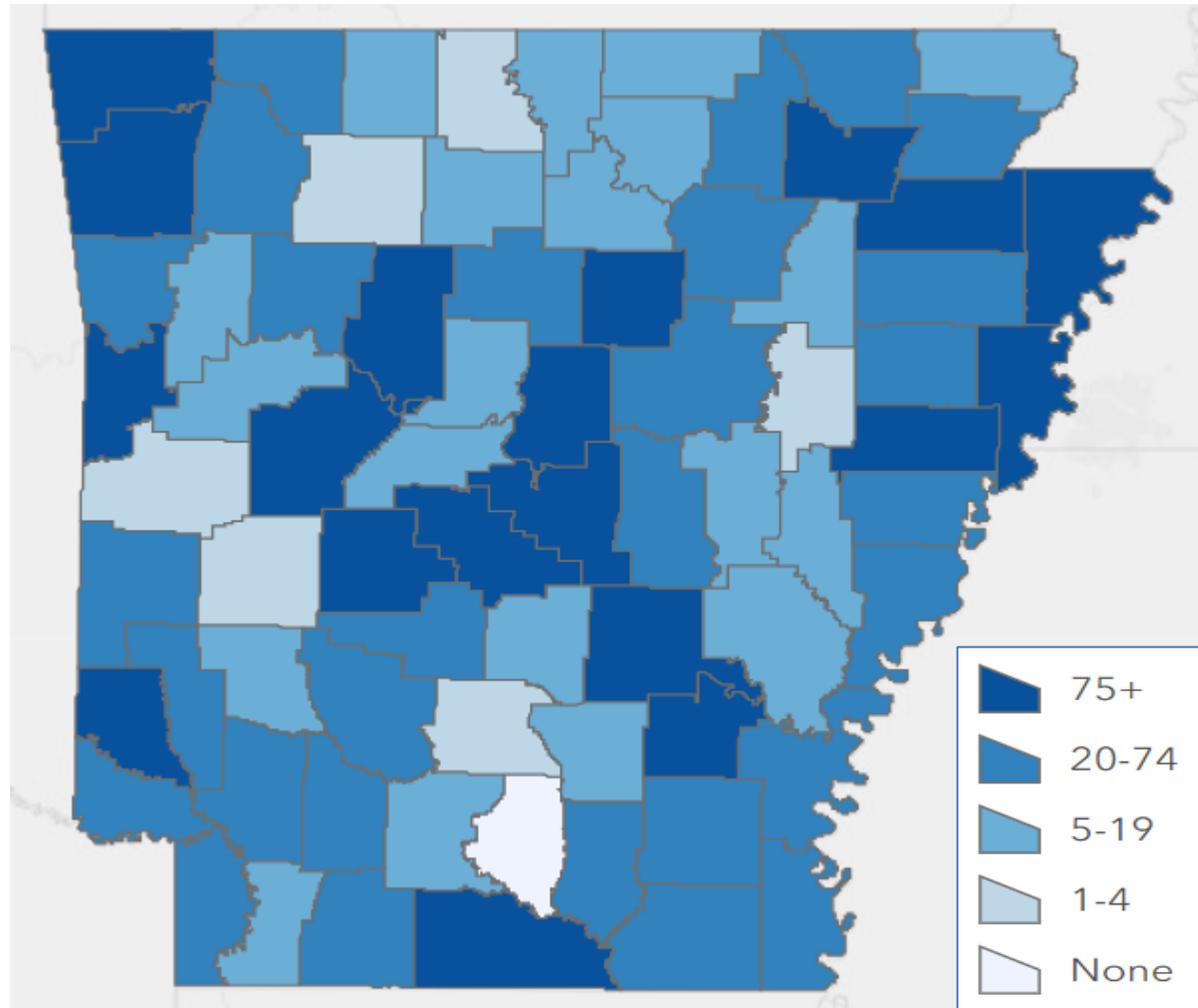


■ Top-15 ■ Covid-19

Source: Worldometer, National Vital Statistics Report V.68#9; Visualization by Robert Martin, <https://app.flourish.studio/visualisation/1712761/>



# COVID-19: CONFIRMED CASES BY AR COUNTY



**Cumulative Cases:**  
**9,740 (2,955 active)**

Hospitalized: 171

On Ventilator: 46

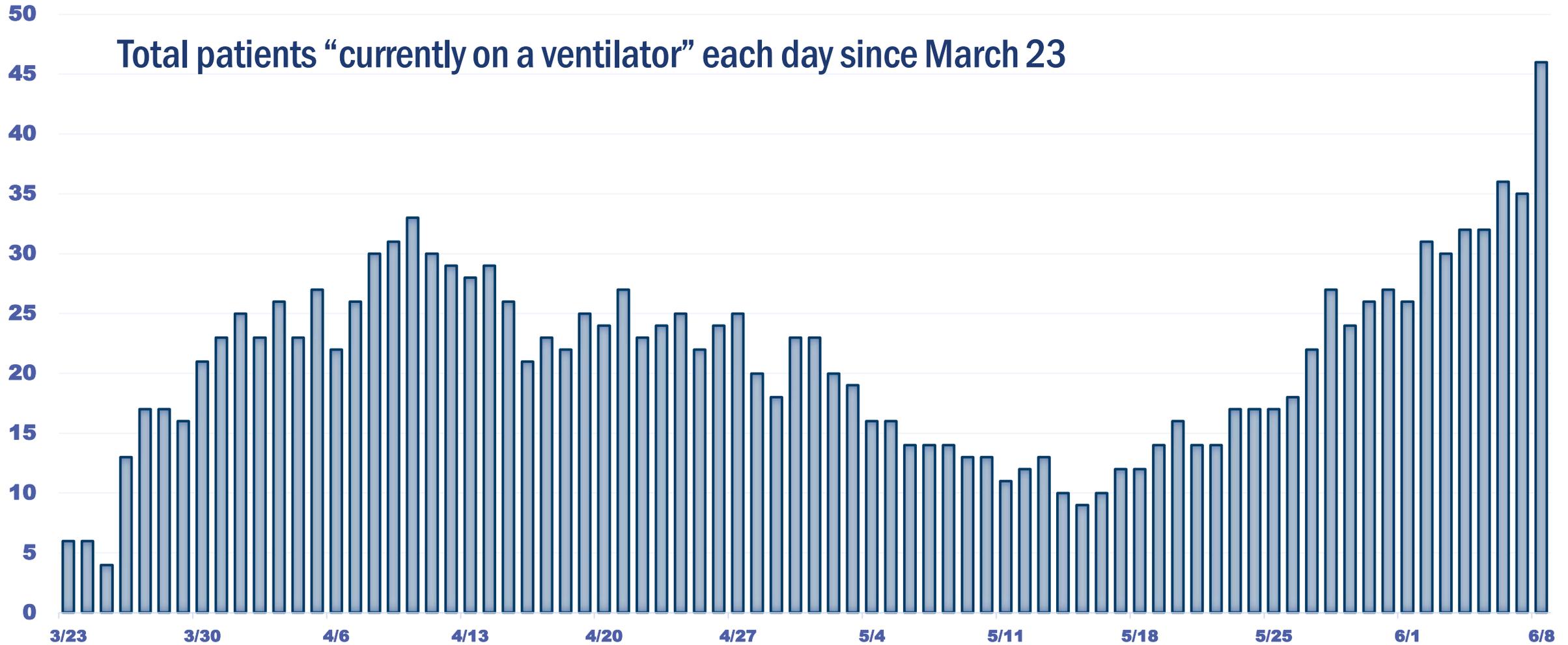
Deaths: 155

Recoveries: 6,630

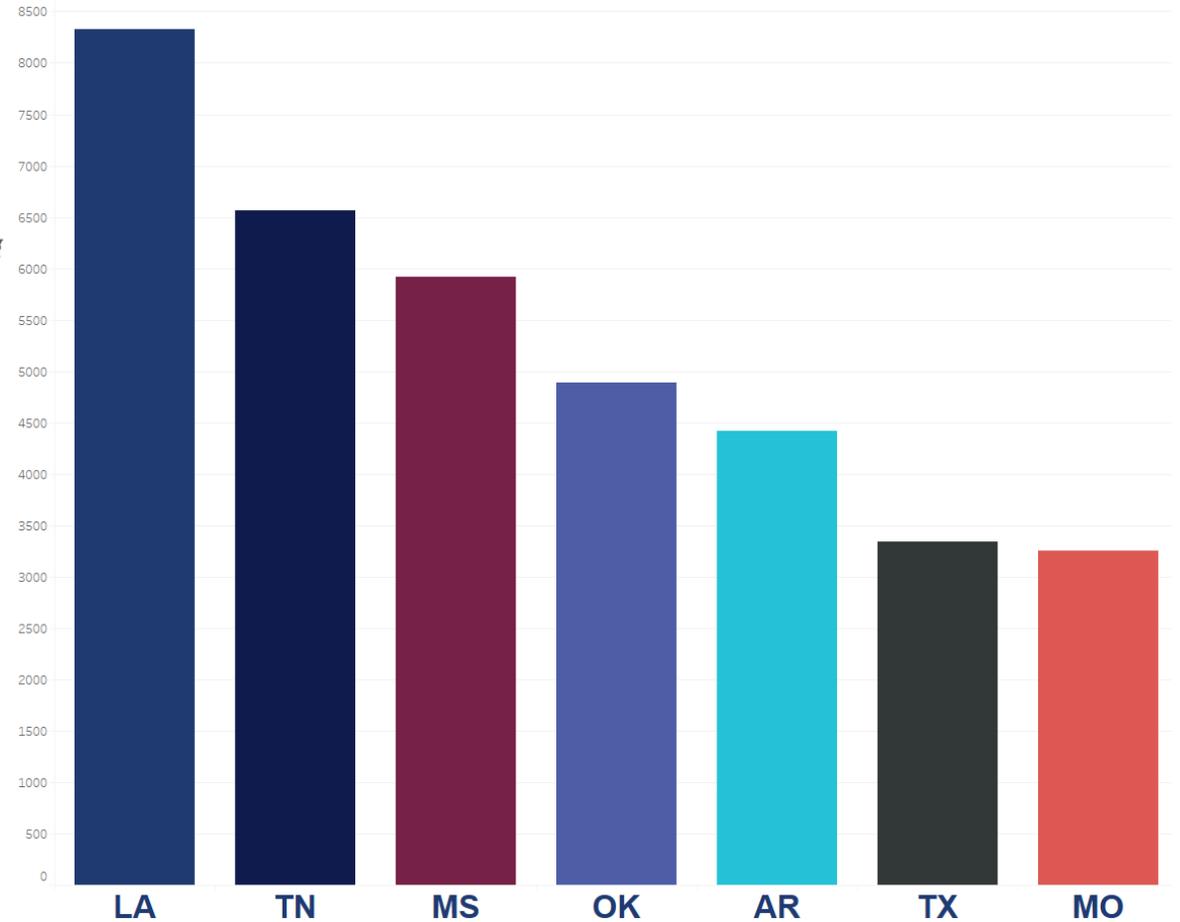
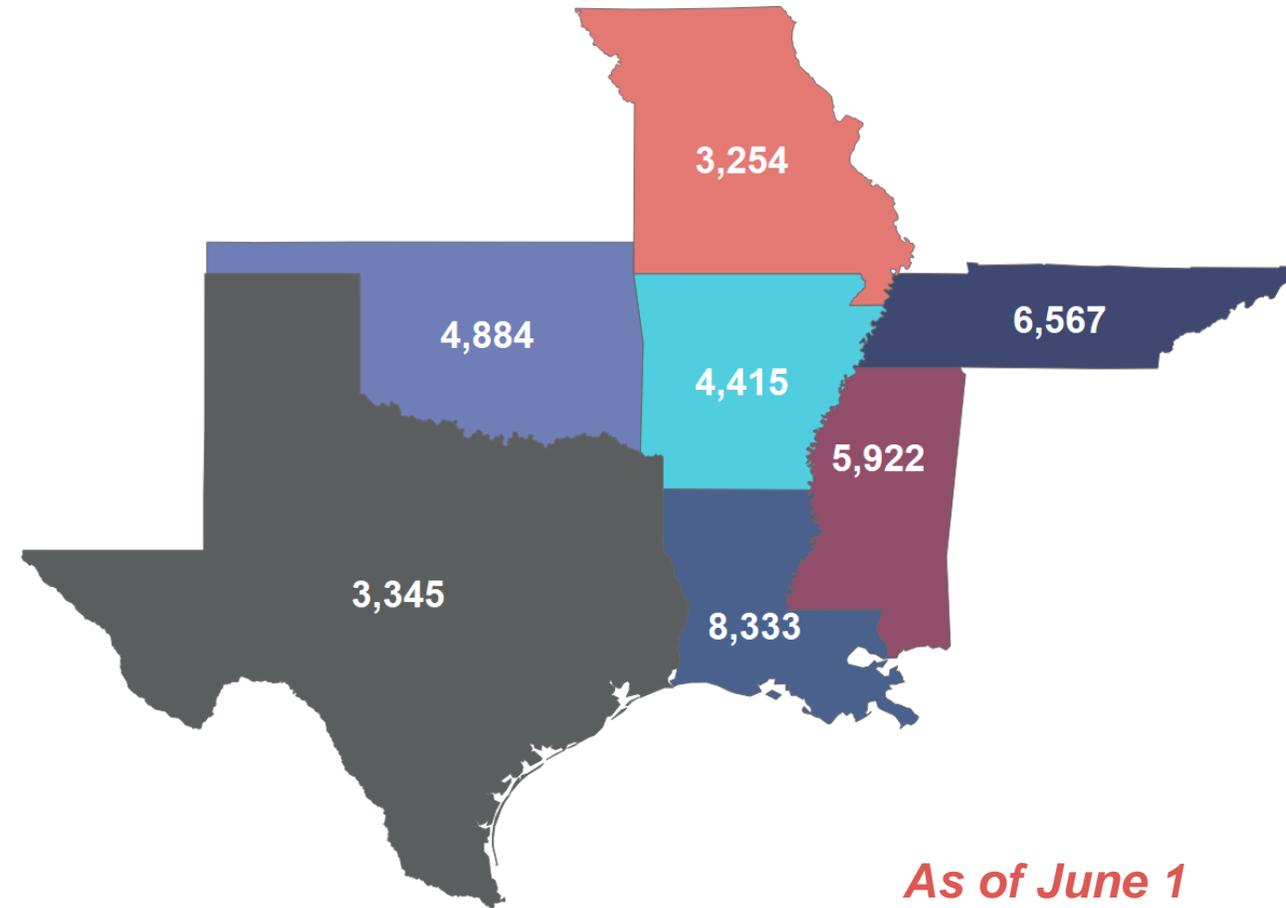
Source: Arkansas Department of Health, as of June 9



# COVID-19 PATIENTS ON A VENTILATOR IN ARK. PER DAY



# COVID-19 TESTS PER 100K PEOPLE



Source: The Covid Tracking Project, State Current Values, <https://covidtracking.com/api>  
Populations Estimates: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division: April 1, 2010, to July 1, 2019.

# COVID-19 TESTING

- Two categories of testing: molecular and serological
- Most tests in Arkansas have been molecular



# COVID-19 PLAN IMPACT

- ACHI has worked with Arkansas Department of Health to obtain COVID-19 data
- Developing analyses to determine ongoing impact of COVID-19
- Analyses today include updates on estimated number of members tested, number of positive tests, and number of hospitalizations

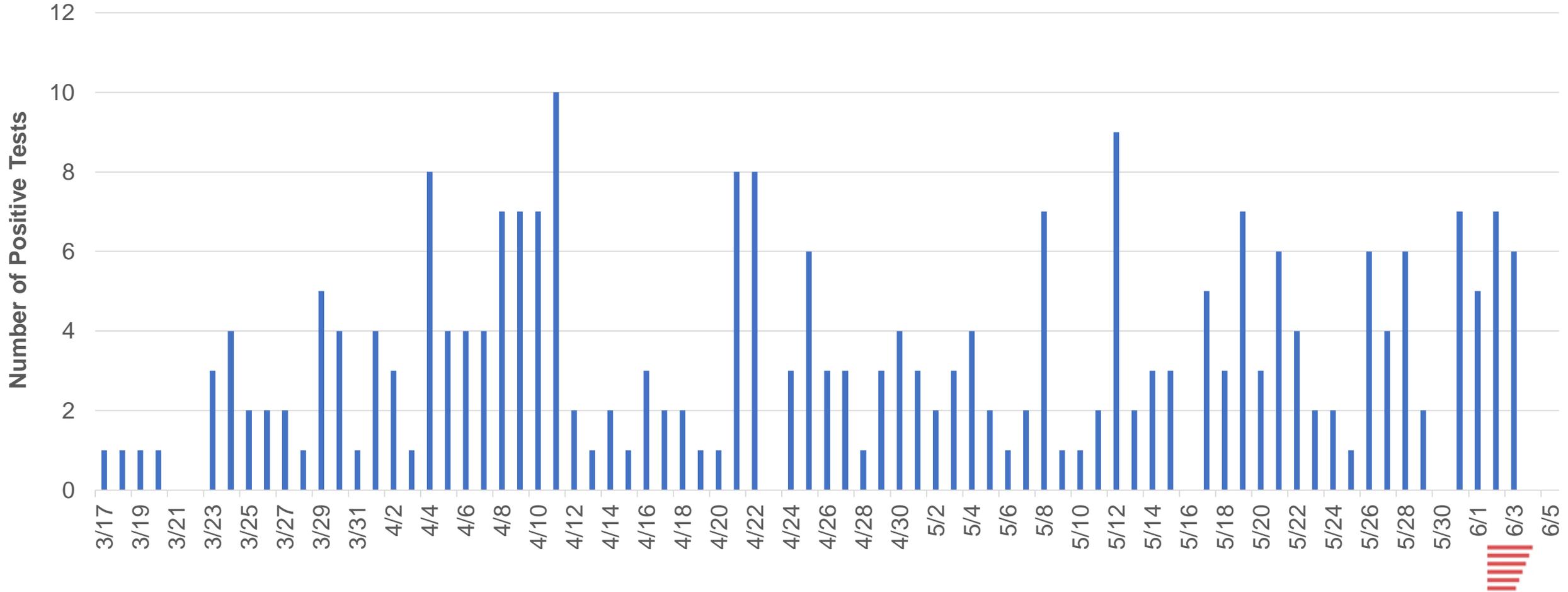


# COVID-19 ANALYSES

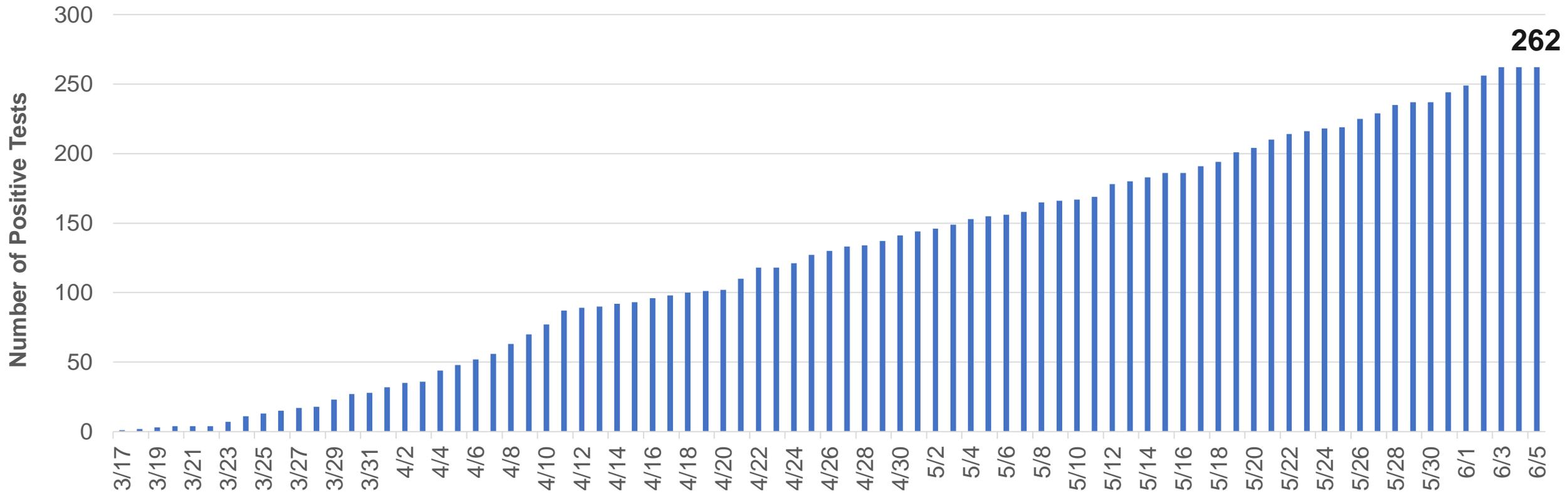
- Data from March 17 through June 4, 2020
- Estimated total number of members tested: 7,300
- Total number of members with positive test: 263
- Total number of members hospitalized: 32



# DAILY POSITIVE TEST COUNT AMONG EBD MEMBERS



# CUMULATIVE POSITIVE TEST COUNT AMONG EBD MEMBERS



*Note: 263 positive tests were identified among EBD members, but one member did not have an associated test date.*



# ASSESSING IMPACT ON UTILIZATION OF TELEMEDICINE AND IN-PERSON CARE

- Beginning in March, EBD plan aligned with executive order set forth by Gov. Hutchinson to allow for expanded telemedicine services



# ASSESSING IMPACT ON UTILIZATION OF TELEMEDICINE AND IN-PERSON CARE

- Effective March 20, phone-based consultations and audio-visual telemedicine visits rendered by in-network providers available at zero cost sharing for treatment of eligible diagnoses
- Effective April 1, additional telemedicine services for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, chiropractic medicine, podiatric medicine, dietician services, and behavior health services were made available



# ASSESSING IMPACT ON UTILIZATION OF TELEMEDICINE AND IN-PERSON CARE

- ACHI is assessing current trends in uptake of telemedicine with comparative analyses of prior year utilization
- Initial analysis will compare March – May 2019 vs. March – May 2020
- Analysis will also include trends in in-person primary care services



# NEXT STEPS

- ACHI will continue to provide updates on estimated number of members tested, number of positive tests, and number of hospitalizations
- ACHI will also be assessing financial impacts to plan of COVID-19

