

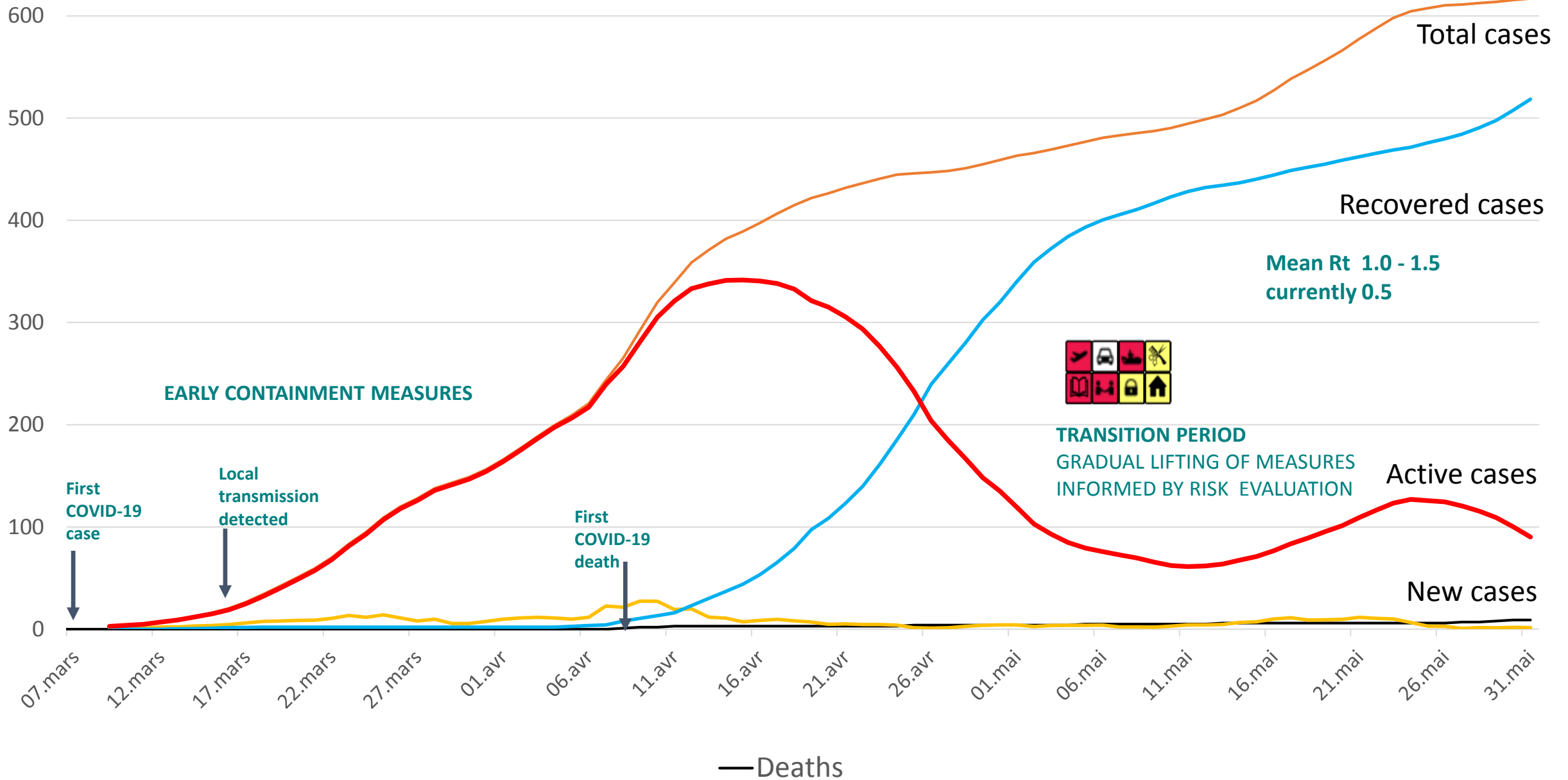
WHO WEEKLY COVID-19 INFORMATION SESSION

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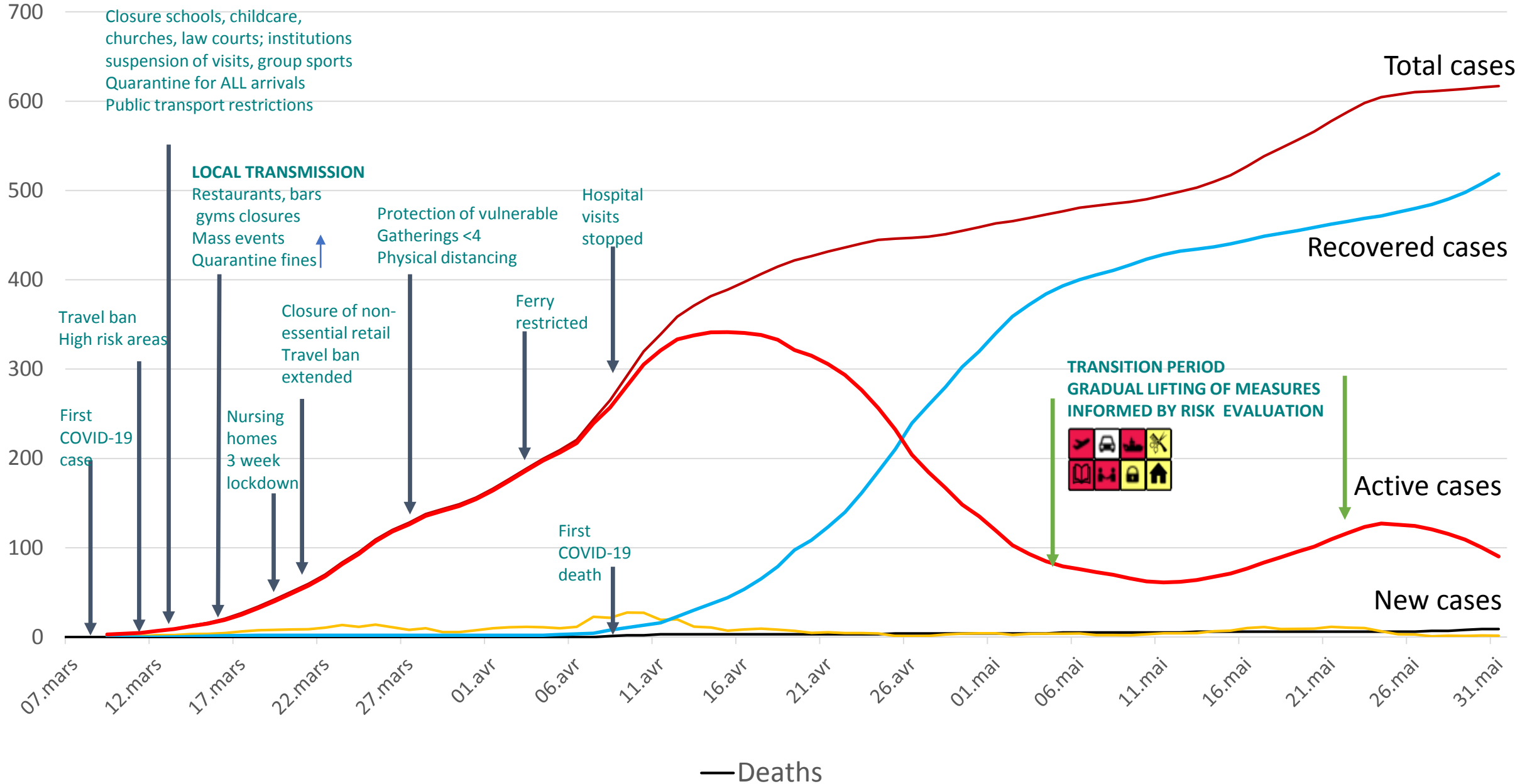
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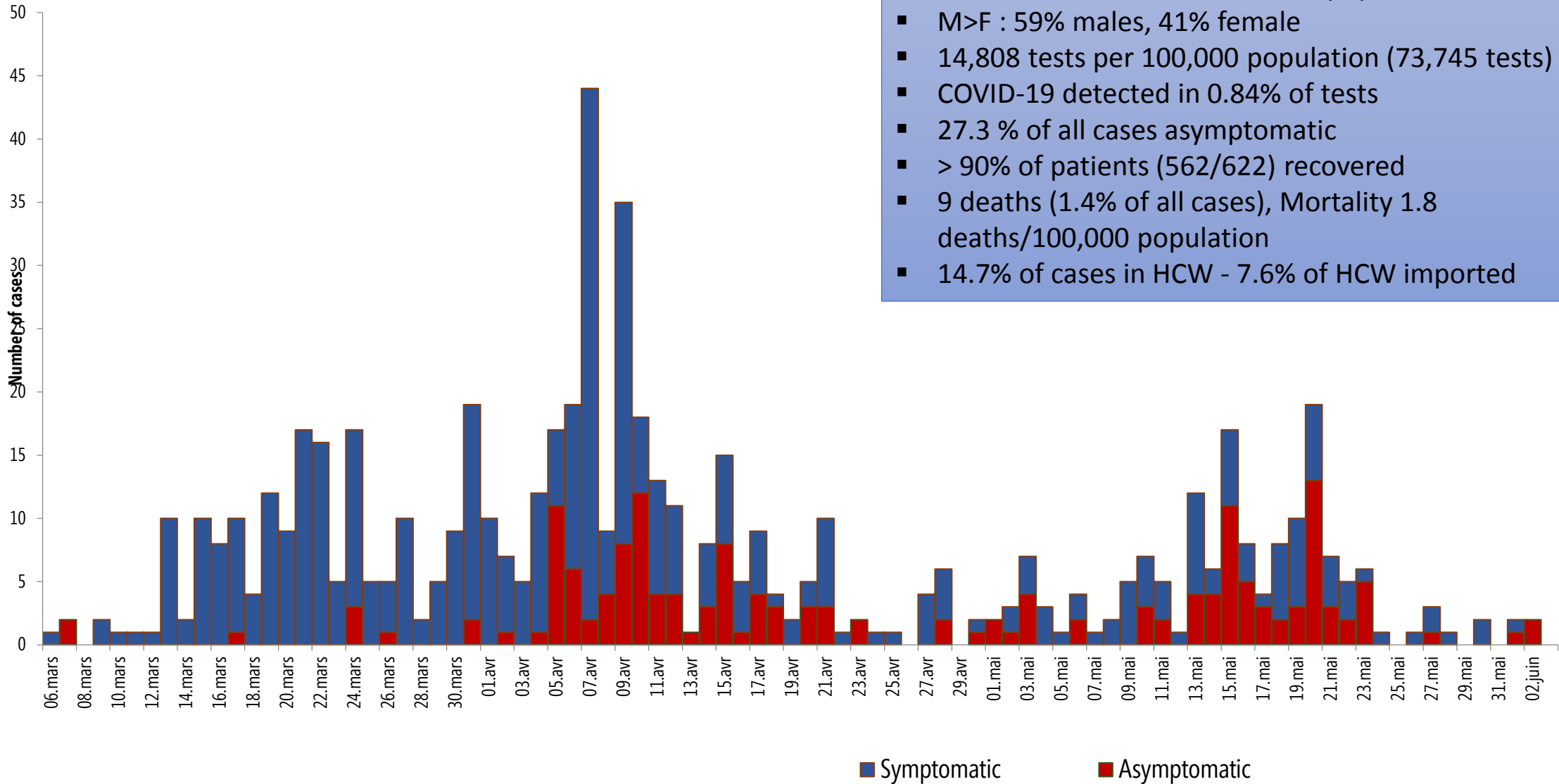
SITUATIONAL OVERVIEW COVID-19 CASES, MALTA 2020



TIMELINE OF COVID-19 CASES AND MEASURES, MALTA 2020



KEY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS, COVID-19, N=622, MALTA 2020






Early preparedness

Health System
Strengthening

Strong Surveillance

- **Organisation** of COVID-19 public health response team
- **Use of WHO tool Go.Data** for COVID-19 Response
- **Continuity** of health services
- **Structural capacity and procurement** – ITU, acute, isolation beds, PPEs, hubs
- **Workforce** – redeployment, training, recruitment, volunteers, support for HCWS
- **Surveillance** - Screening, Broad testing strategy, Symptom checker app
- **Serological assay** validation
- **Seroprevalence** studies ongoing



Early Containment
Mandatory Quarantine

Protection of
Vulnerable

Support

- **Mandatory quarantine**
- **Travel Restrictions**
- **Early detection**, isolation and management of cases and contacts
- **Closures** and prevention of gatherings, physical distancing measures
- Protection of **vulnerable population** -
- **Social and Economic Support**



- ✓ Risk assessment
- ✓ Gradual lifting of restrictive measures and evaluation in between tranches
- ✓ Health services re-introduced - increased vaccinations, screening, NCD clinics
- ✓ Community measures
- ✓ Public Health Communication Campaigns and guidelines
- ✓ Surveillance - Screening, Enhanced testing
- ✓ Symptom checker App
- ✓ Seroprevalence studies



- ✓ Return to new normal
- ✓ Lifting of most measures
- ✓ Re-opening of ports on 1st of July
- ✓ Safe Travel Corridors based on epidemiological criteria
- ✓ Hygiene and Physical distancing measures, no mass gatherings
- ✓ Public Health advice for protection of vulnerable
- ✓ Enhanced surveillance and Testing
- ✓ Increased and maintained Health System Capacity
- ✓ Vaccination Strategy (influenza / COVID-19)



**WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT
AND WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY
APPROACH**



**WIDE PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMUNICATION
STRATEGY**



**PRIORITISATION OF PUBLIC
HEALTH WITH ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL SUPPORT**



**ENSURING CONTINUITY OF
HIGH QUALITY CARE**



**CAUTIOUS TRANSITIONING TO A
NEW NORMAL UNDER STRICT
PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEILLANCE**



**GRADUAL MITIGATED
TRANSITION BASED ON
EVALUATION OF RISKS**



**REBUILDING THE ECONOMY
SAFE-GUARDING PUBLIC
HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**