Norway's response to COVID-19

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The current situation

• Population 5.3 million
• Reproduction rate = 0.6
• 8000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in total
• 239 deaths
• 21 patients in hospital
• 2 patients in hospital receiving invasive respiratory treatment
Development and key milestones

COVID-19: Number of hospitalised patients and patients receiving invasive respiratory treatment

- **April 1**: Peak
- **March 12**: Implementation of invasive restrictions
- **April 20-today**: Gradual reopening of society

The graph shows the situation per day.
Source: Directorate of Health
The Norwegian strategy

• Shift from suppressing to **controlling** the virus
• Low disease burden and sufficient health capacity
• Recommendations of the WHO and ECDC
• Priority given to lifting restrictions affecting children, followed by workplaces
Key factors in the response

- Public trust
- Openness
- Clear, understandable, honest and accurate communication
- Acting together
- Testing, tracing, isolation & quarantining
- Increased health care capacity in ICU
International collaboration

• Dialogue at Nordic, European and global level
  • Procurement of medical equipment
  • Development of vaccine (CEPI)
  • Fair distribution and global accessibility of vaccine
  • WHO Solidarity Trial

• Solidarity
Thank you for your attention