

COVID-19 Update

June 3, 2020

Agenda

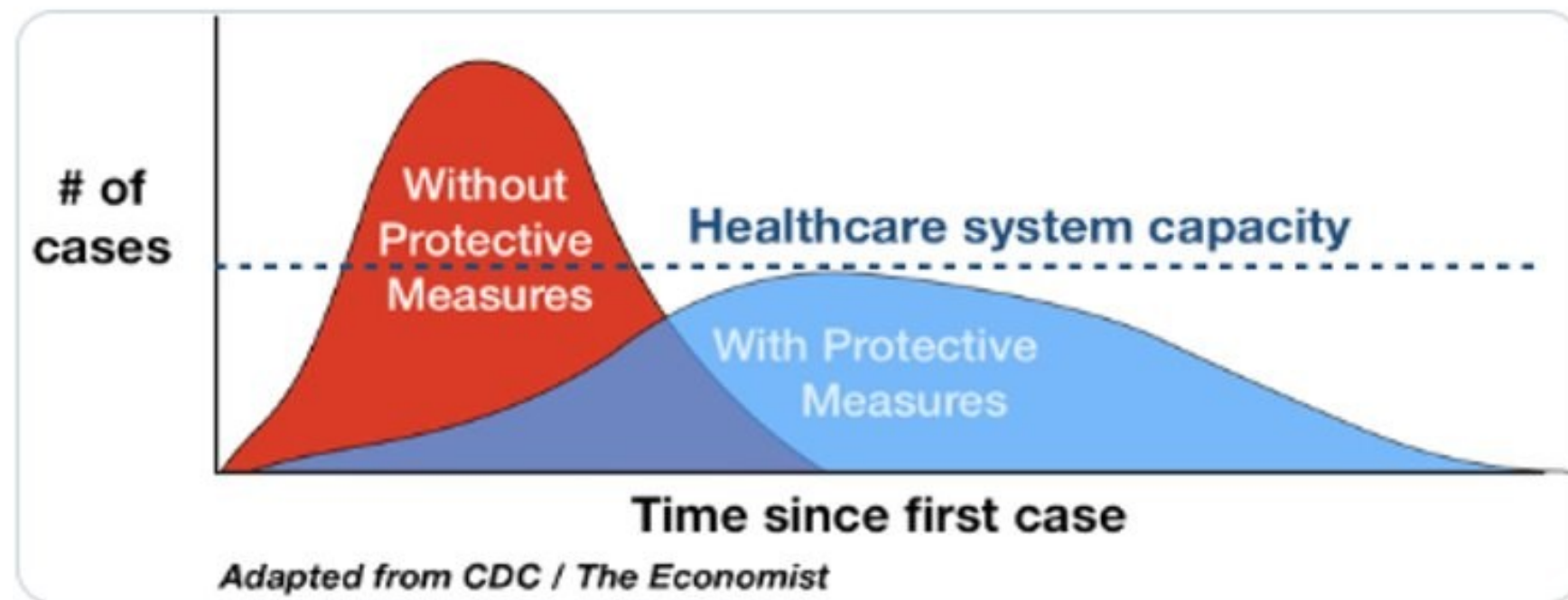
- 1. Provincial update**
- 2. Relaunch plans**
- 3. Family & Community Services**
- 4. Transit fares**



Approach

Important to remember that COVID-19 epidemic control measures may only delay cases, not prevent.

However, this may limit surge and gives hospitals time to prepare and manage.



PROVINCIAL

Alberta Health

- March 17 – Alberta Government declared a public health emergency

June 1, 2020	Alberta
Total cases	7,044
New Cases*	34
Recovered cases	6,501
Deaths	143

June 1, 2020	Sherwood Park**	Strathcona County**
Cases	21	14
Active*	0	0
Recovered	21	14
Deaths	0	0

*Please note the row titles in the Alberta and Local table are not identical.

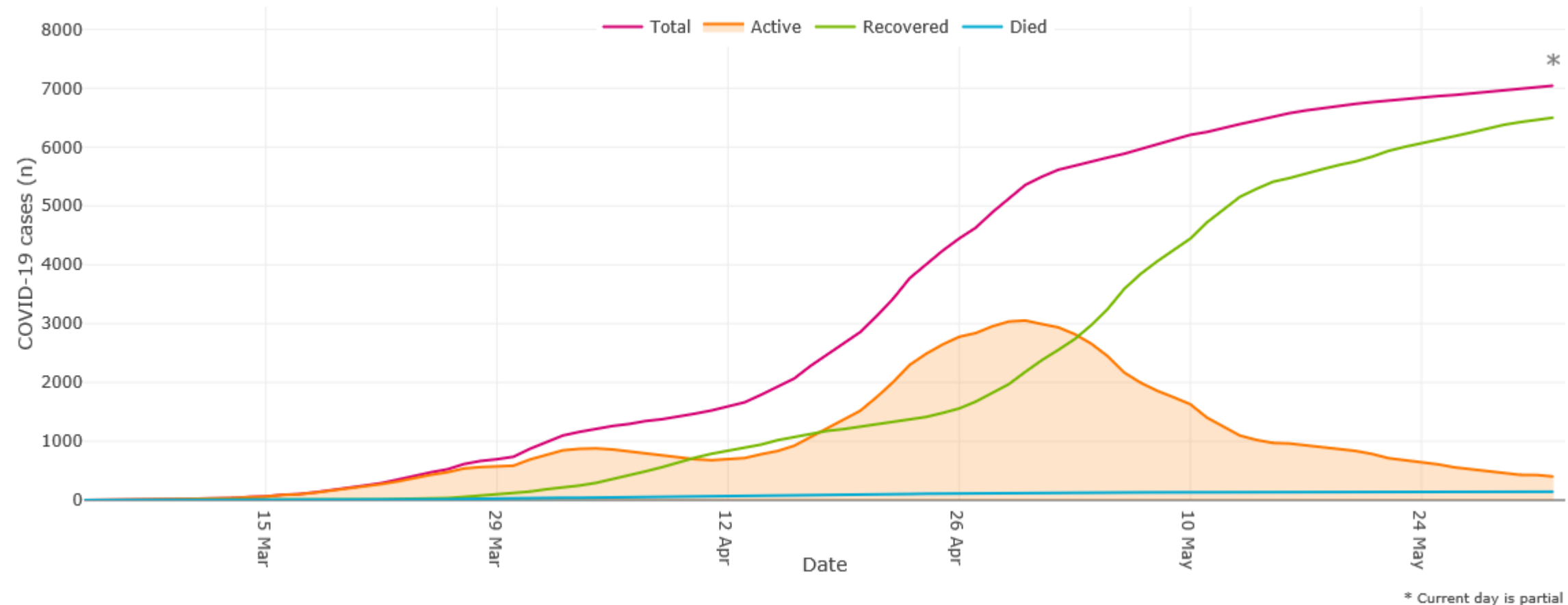
**As defined by Alberta Health

Alberta Health

- Leading indicator's

June 1, 2020	Alberta	Edmonton Health Zone**
Active hospital beds (COVID-19)	53	9
Hospital bed capacity	8483	3020
Active ICU beds (COVID-19)	6	1
ICU bed capacity	700	331

COVID-19 Cases



June 1, 2020

Figure 1: COVID-19 cases in Alberta by day and case status. Recovered is based on the assumption that a person is recovered 14 days after a particular date (see data notes tab), if they did not experience severe outcomes (hospitalized or deceased).⁷

Supporting the Region

- EnviroService Centre AHS Test Site
 - Asymptomatic testing of all Albertan's
 - 1 of 3 test sites in the Edmonton Health Zone
 - Plan to increase testing capacity to 3000 test /day in the zone
 - Community surveillance
 - Strathcona County test site at least to the end of June
 - Month to month evaluation of site use

Alberta Relaunch Strategy

Key measures and timing

Getting to each stage of relaunch will depend on our ability to keep infection rates low, and well within the capacity of the healthcare system. Health measures we will be watching include:

	Percentage of tests that are positive
	Hospitalization and intensive care unit (ICU) rates

Confirmed cases will be monitored in real-time to inform proactive responses in localized areas of the province.

We need to learn as we go and evaluate as we take careful, considered steps from one stage to the next. There may be times we need to take a step back, but in time, we will adjust and move forward together.

Continuous evaluation of health triggers could result in restrictions being removed or reapplied in some localized areas of the province.

Public health measure	Current	Stage 1 (to start as early as May 14)	Stage 2	Stage 3
Physical distancing	Maintain distance of 2m	Maintain distance of 2m	Maintain distance of 2m	Maintain distance of 2m
Gatherings	Gatherings > 15 prohibited	Gatherings > 15 prohibited	Size of permitted gatherings will increase	Size of permitted gatherings will increase
Public masks	Encourage wearing a mask where unable to physically distance	Encourage wearing a mask where unable to physically distance	Encourage wearing a mask where unable to physically distance	Unnecessary
Vulnerable Albertans (outside facility)	Remain home unless medically necessary	Stay at home as much as possible	Resume normal activities and interactions	Resume normal activities and interactions
Vulnerable Albertans (facility-based)	Visitor, staff, and operational restrictions	Visitor, staff, and operational restrictions	Visitor, staff, and operational restrictions	Lifted
Non-essential domestic travel	Non-essential travel not recommended	Non-essential travel not recommended	Non-essential travel not recommended	Lifted
Isolation and quarantine	14 days for cases, close contacts, and returning travelers 10 days if symptomatic but don't fit above categories	14 days for cases, close contacts, and returning travelers 10 days if symptomatic but don't fit above categories	14 days for cases, close contacts, and returning travelers 10 days if symptomatic but don't fit above categories	Lifted

Alberta Relaunch Strategy

Stage 1 (as early as May 14)	Stage 2 (timing to be determined based on health indicators)	Stage 3 (timing to be determined based on health indicators with gradual implementation)
<p>With increased infection prevention and controls, some businesses and facilities will be allowed to resume operations as early as May 14.</p> <p>This stage will allow some businesses and services to reopen and resume operations with two metre physical distancing requirements and other public health guidance in place. This includes:</p> <p>Post-secondary institutions will continue to deliver courses; however how programs are delivered – whether online, in-person, or a blend – will be dependent on what restrictions remain in place at each relaunch phase.</p> <p>Retail businesses such as clothing, furniture and bookstores.</p> <p>Some personal services, such as hairstyling and barber shops.</p> <p>Museums and art galleries.</p> <p>More scheduled surgeries and dental procedures.</p> <p>Daycares with limits on occupancy.</p> <p>Summer camps with limits on occupancy. This could include summer school.</p> <p>Cafés, restaurants (minors allowed in liquor-licensed establishments) with no bar service to reopen for public seating at 50 per cent capacity.</p> <p>Some additional outdoor recreation.</p>	<p>Timing of this stage will be determined by the success of Stage 1, considering the capacity of the health care system and continued limiting and/or reduction of the rate of infections, hospitalization, and ICU cases.</p> <p>This stage will allow additional businesses and services to reopen and resume operations with two metre physical distancing requirements and other public health guidelines in place. This includes:</p> <p>Potential Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools with restrictions.</p> <p>Libraries.</p> <p>More scheduled surgeries, including backlog elimination.</p> <p>Personal services such as artificial tanning, esthetics, cosmetic skin and body treatments, manicures, pedicures, waxing, facial treatments, massage and reflexology.</p> <p>Restaurants, cafés, lounges and bars continuing to operate at reduced capacity.</p> <p>Permitting of some larger gatherings (number of people to be determined as we learn more about the levels of risk for different activities) in some situations.</p> <p>Movie theatres and theatres opening with restrictions.</p>	<p>Timing of this stage is to be determined and will involve:</p> <p>Fully reopening all businesses and services, with limited restrictions.</p> <p>Permitting larger gatherings (number of people to be determined).</p>

- ❖ Enhanced infection and control measure remain in place throughout all stages:
 - Limiting groups sizes
 - Enhanced cleanings and hygiene
 - Physical distancing
 - Use of non-medical masks

Alberta Relaunch Strategy

- Stage 1 updates:
 - Outdoor gatherings increased to 50
 - Launch of the Biz Connect webpage. Specific activity guidance:
 - Outdoor recreation
 - Place of worship & Retail
 - Dog parks & Playgrounds
 - Outdoor patio expansions
 - Supporting activities that enhance our community spirit
- Stage 2 – Tentative June 19
 - Libraries, Personal services & theatres
 - PPE distribution to all Albertan's



OUR RELAUNCH – *ADAPTATION PHASE*

Purpose

- Implement tools and guidance to ensure safe and efficient resumption of services during the Adaptation Phase
 - 🔧 **READY Service modifications (re-entry/sustainment)** – to enable staff and citizens to safely return with new systems and processes in place
 - ⚙️ **SET Controls, communication and training** – internal (procedures and guidelines); external (education and awareness)
 - ✅ **GO Service delivery (re-opening)** – welcoming public back to our facilities (rebuilding user relationships, reputation management and managing expectations)
- Set the conditions for an effective transition to the Recovery Phase

Guiding principles

1. People first
 - Ensure the safety of our staff
 - Maintain services and service levels for citizens
2. Thoughtfully follow guidance from Alberta Health
 - To date this has been a key strength of our response
3. A phased and scaled approach
 - Opening is more difficult than closing, requires thoughtful preparation i.e. time
4. Constant, coordinated communication, centralized as much as possible
 - The importance of being unified during challenging times

Guiding principles

5. Flexibility

- Health guidelines can change
- Outbreaks are possible, a second wave is expected

6. Risk-based decision-making

- Cost benefit, ties directly to hierarchy of controls

7. Collaboration

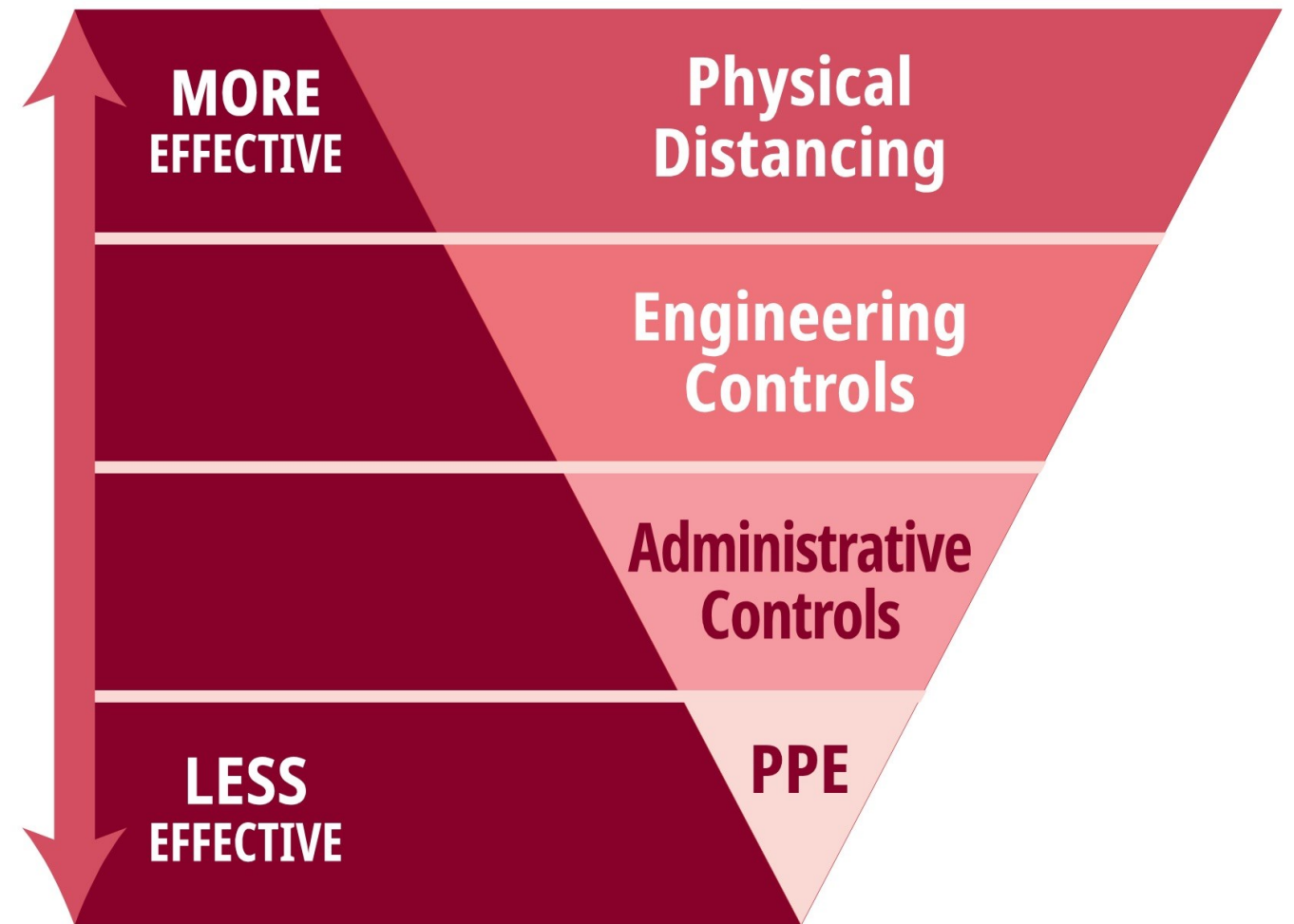
- Where service delivery is interdependent
- To ensure support resources go to most critical in person services first

8. Engagement

- Continue to encourage alternative service delivery
- Supports for staff

Hierarchy of controls

- Engineering controls
 - Review, purchase, implement
- Administrative controls
 - Define, engage and communicate
- PPE controls
 - Inform, distribute and supply

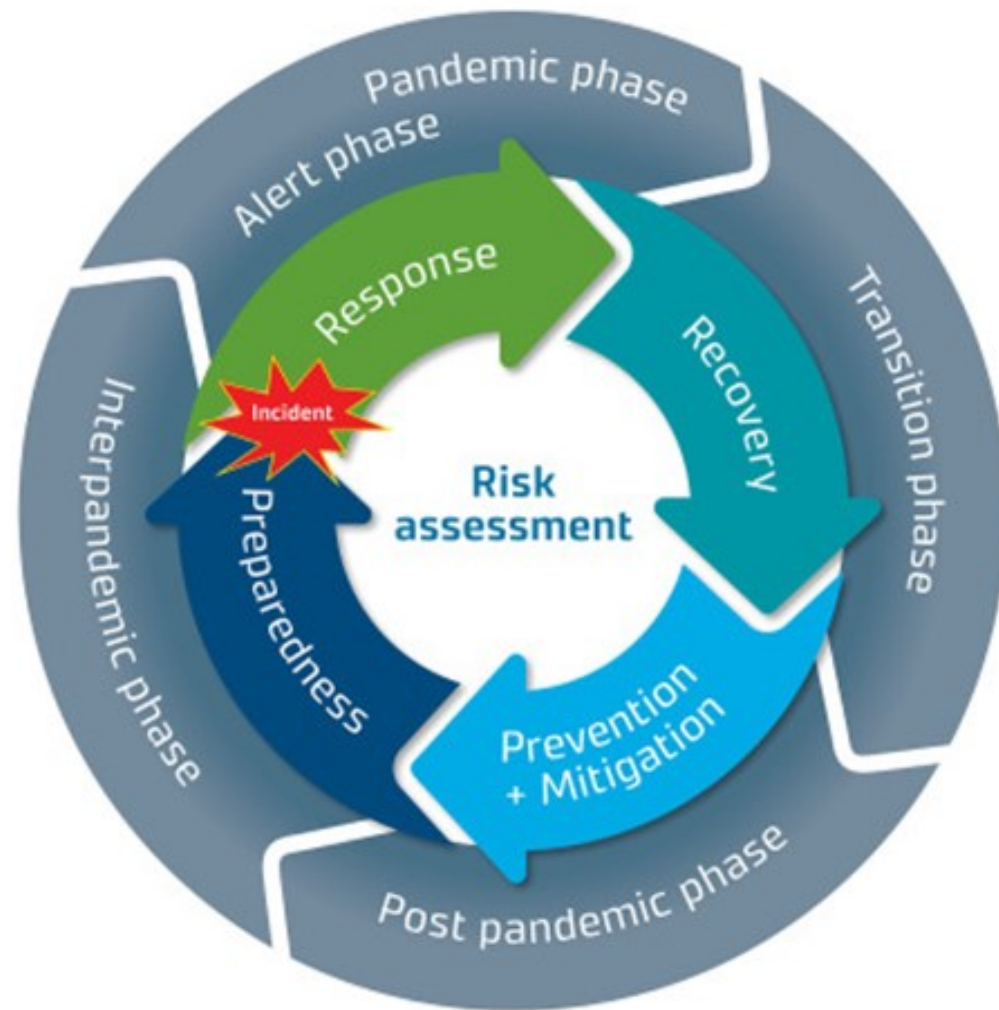


Decisions to guide action

- Resume in person service delivery during Stage 2 only where necessary
- Defer resumption of all remaining in person services until August 31.
- A facilities survey of workspaces and an OHS review of workplace mitigation plan for each area are important pre-requisite steps
- Follow timelines that permit for the deliberate installation of hierarchy of controls

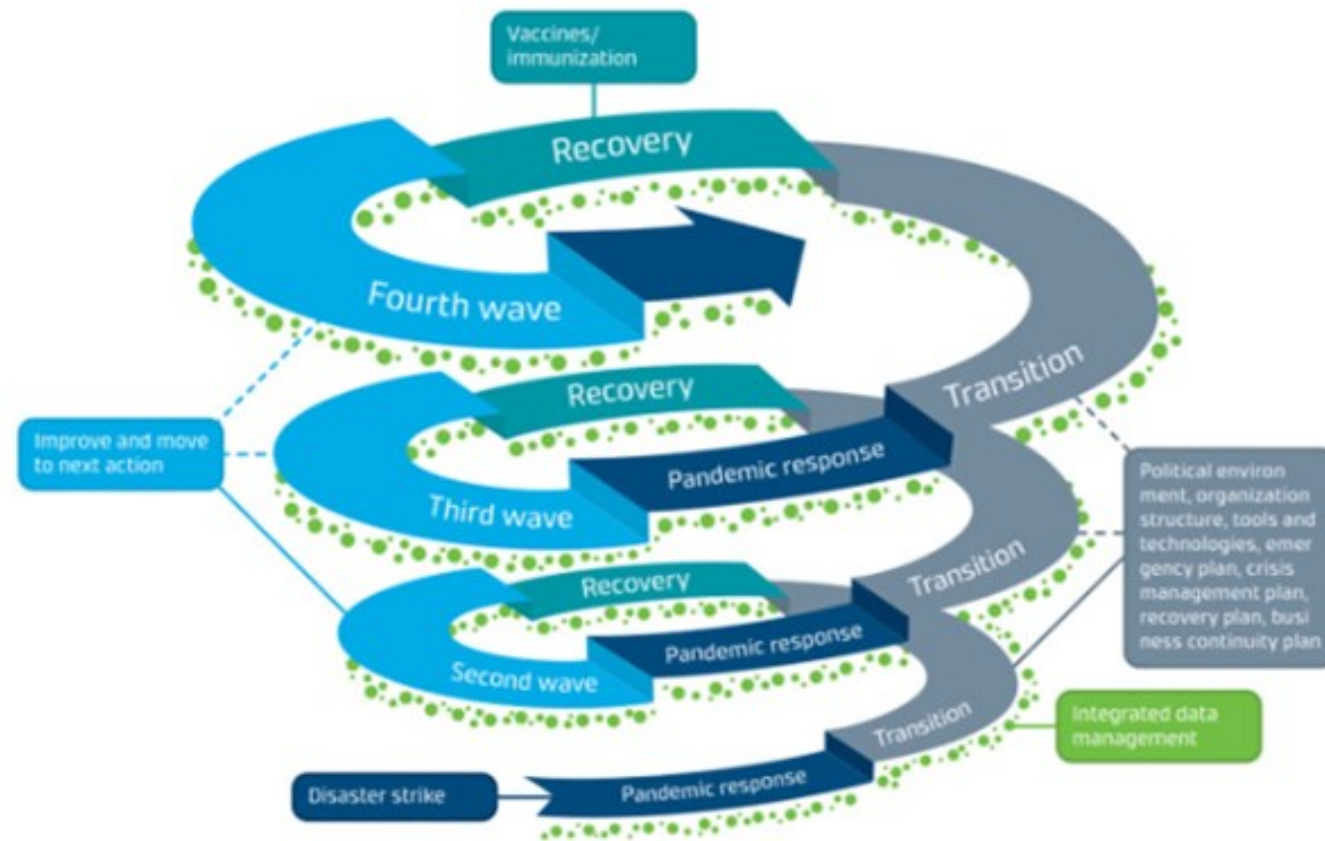
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Progress In Disaster Science



- Science Direct (May 2020)
- Beyond typical emergency management
- Mitigation: sound policy
- Natural hazard: linear phases
- Pandemic: non-linear

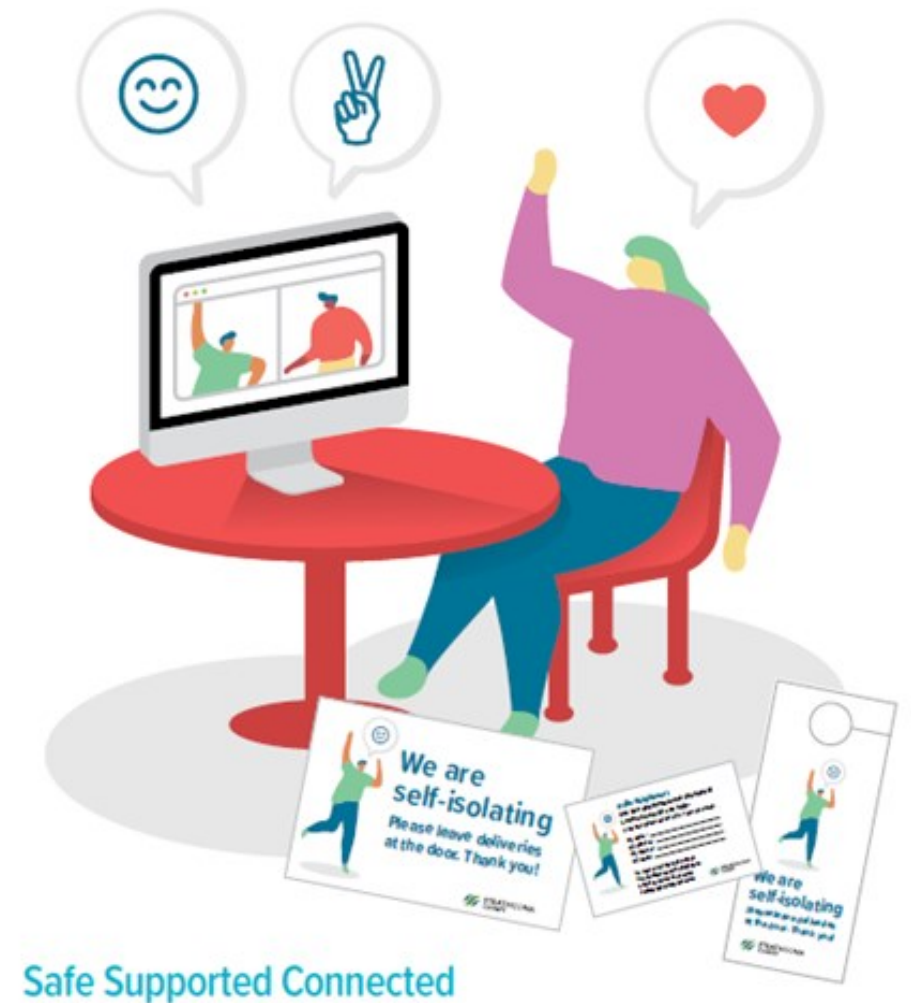
Response to Recovery: Spiral



- Complexity in response and recovery stages
- Constant change in approach and implementation
- Revisions after each wave may be required to minimize new consequences

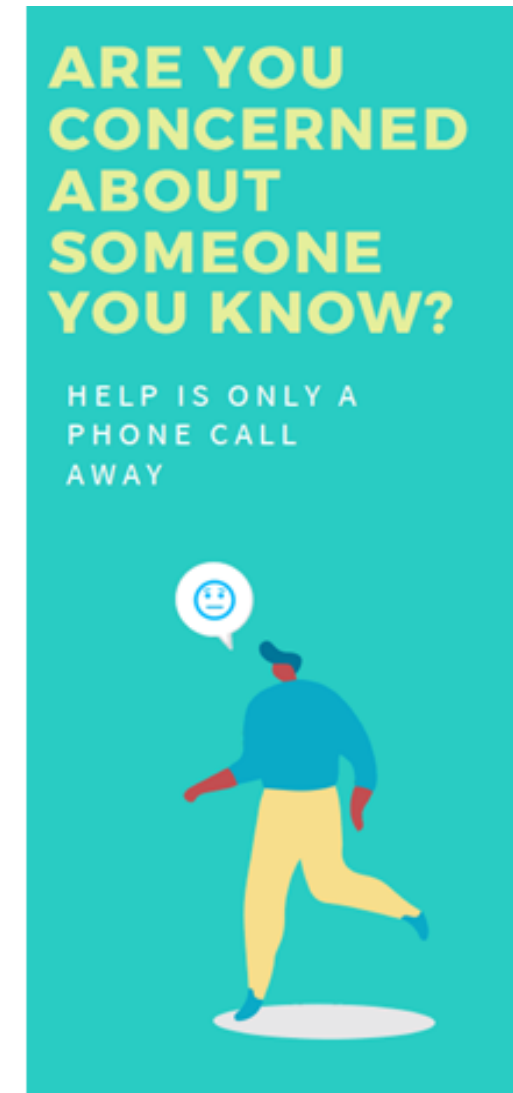
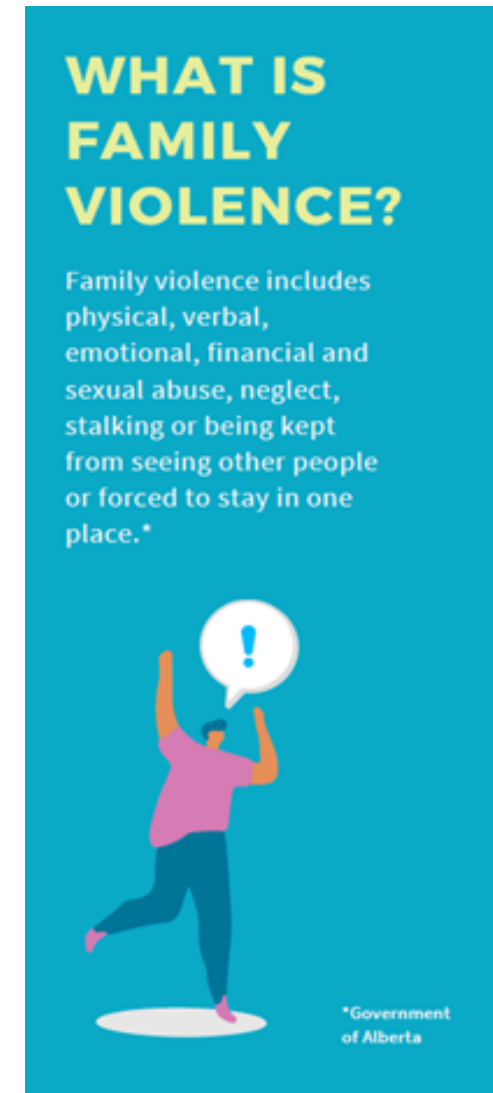
Psychosocial Response and Recovery

- Leadership - Trauma Informed
 - Social Framework Protocol Development
 - Mental Health supports and training
- Supporting our Community
 - Communications
 - Counselling and Navigation Psychosocial supports
 - Community Connection grants



Let's Flatten a New Curve Family Violence

- A Critical Period
- Make it Your Business
- Pharmacy and Physician Initiative
- Communication
- Community Tool Kits



Coronacoaster

CORONACOASTER

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The ups and downs of your mood during the pandemic. At times like these life is an “emotional coronacoaster”.

See also *weepy*, *happy*



TRANSIT

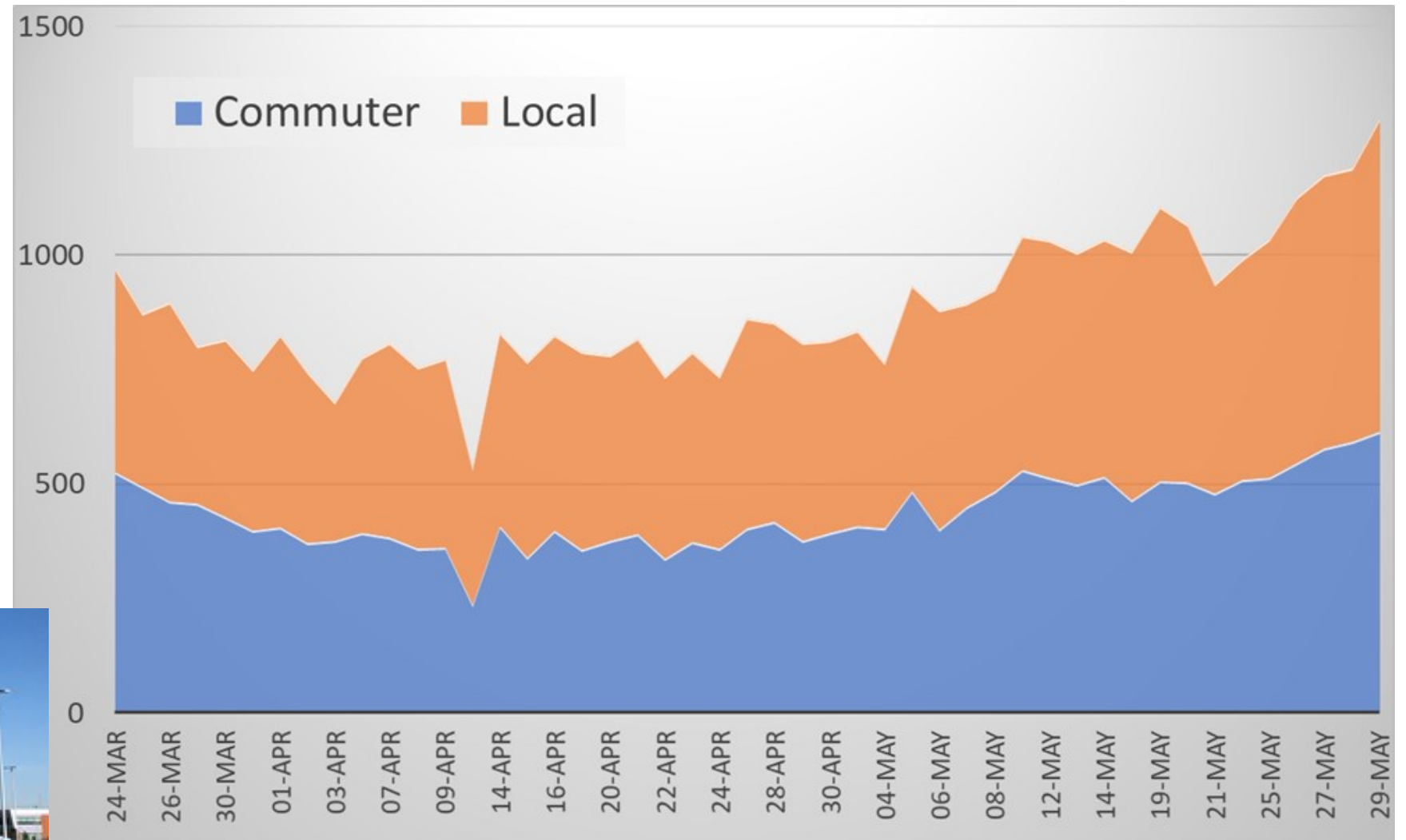
Transit Responses

- **Transit fares have been suspended to allow rear door boarding only since March 21**
- **In-person customer service and fare sales have been suspended since March 24**
- Transit has been operating reduced service and Mobility Bus service has been reserved for essential needs only
- Increased cleaning of transit facilities and vehicles
- Additional inspectors present at transit terminals and on buses as well as reduced facility hours
- Physical distance has been maintained for conventional transit operators



Transit Usage

- Decreased by 85-90%
- Majority customers use both local and commuter
- No crowding issues
- Estimated revenue lost in May was less than \$30,000

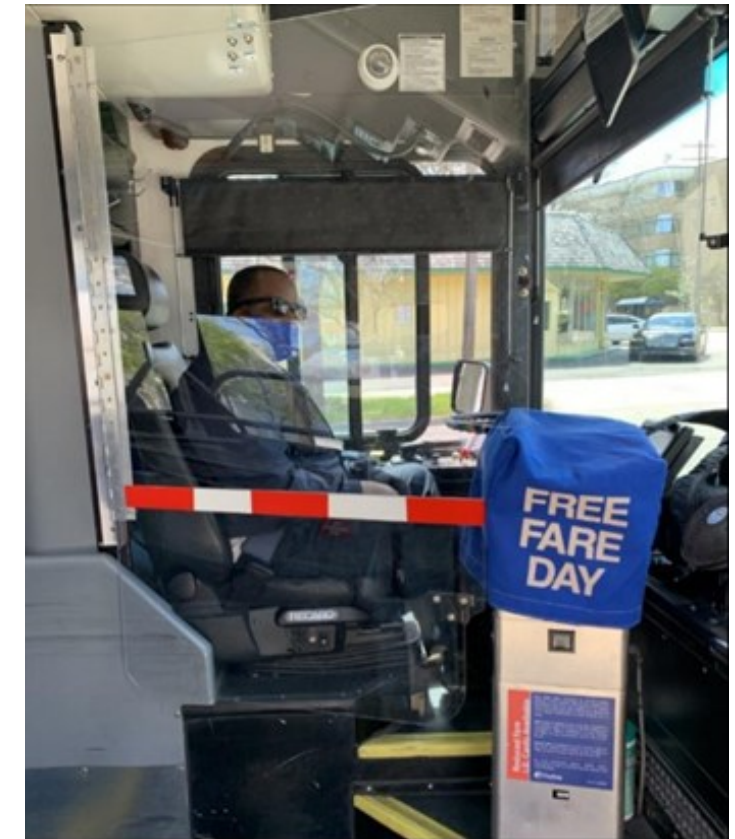


Regional Context

	Date to Resume Fares	Shields for Operators
Edmonton	June 15	Yes
St. Albert	July 1	No
Leduc	July 1 – planned	No
Spruce Grove	July 2 – planned	Commuter buses only

Plan to Resume Fares

- Suspending transit fares until the end of June for employee and customer safety
 - March/July commuter passes will be accepted by ETS
 - Managing potential crowding issues
- Working with Fleet to install shields
 - Short-term solutions
 - Expected installation in June
- Resume fares sales and collection subject to the installation of shields
 - Sales and in-person customer service – June 19
 - Fare collection and front door boarding – July 1



COVID-19 INFORMATION

HELP RELAUNCH, SAFELY

Prevention starts with awareness.
Be informed on how you can protect
yourself and others from COVID-19:

- Isolate if you're feeling sick
- When out, maintain physical distancing of 2 metres
- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap
- Cover coughs and sneezes and stay home if you are sick
- Avoid touching your face
- Wear a mask in public places where keeping a distance of 2 metres is difficult

STAY INFORMED

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