



COVID-19 Pandemic Response Ottawa City Council Update

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Approach to the Pandemic

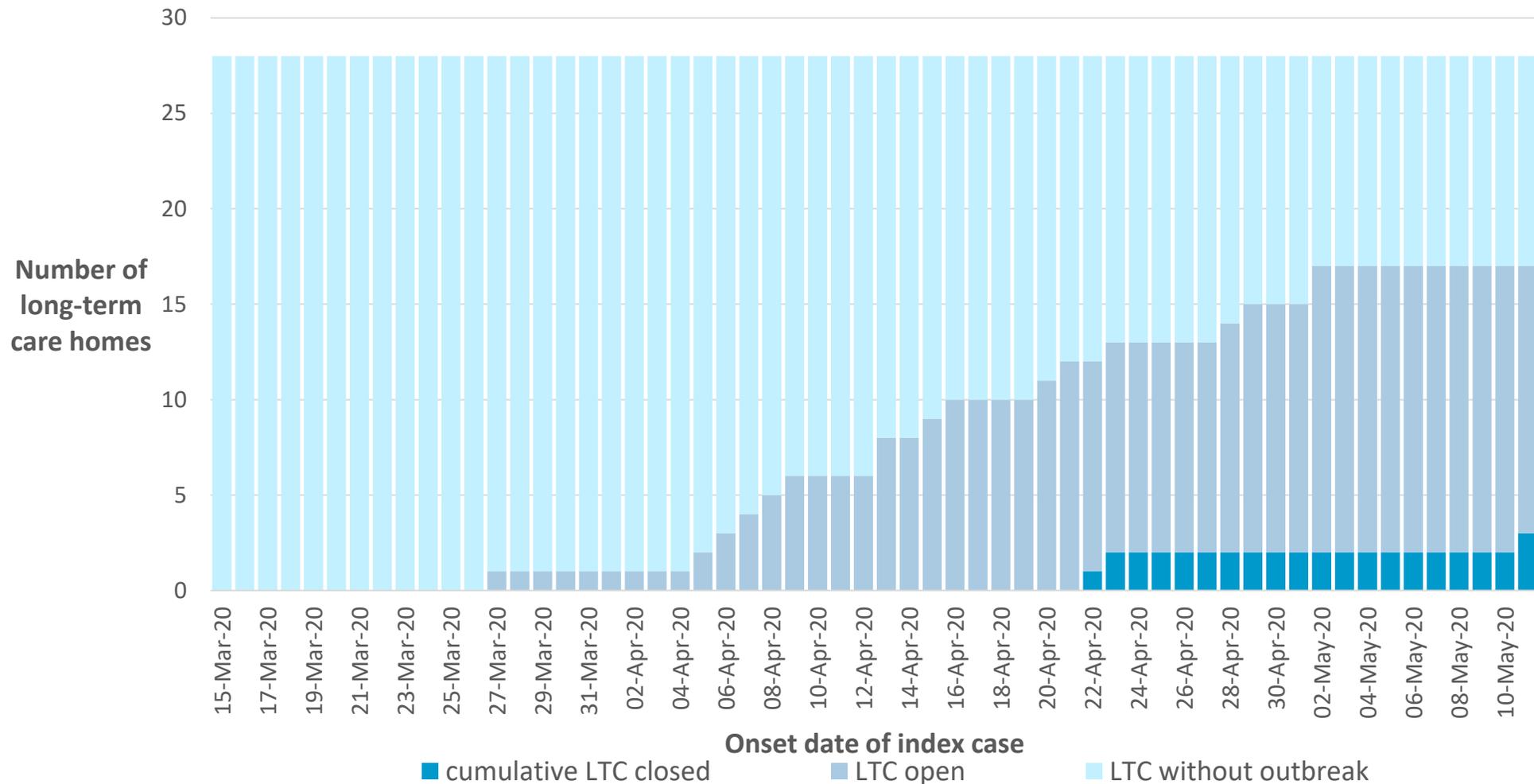
- Epidemiology Update
- Long-Term Care Homes Update
- Other Congregate Care Supports
- Expanded Testing & Lab Capacity
- Looking Ahead



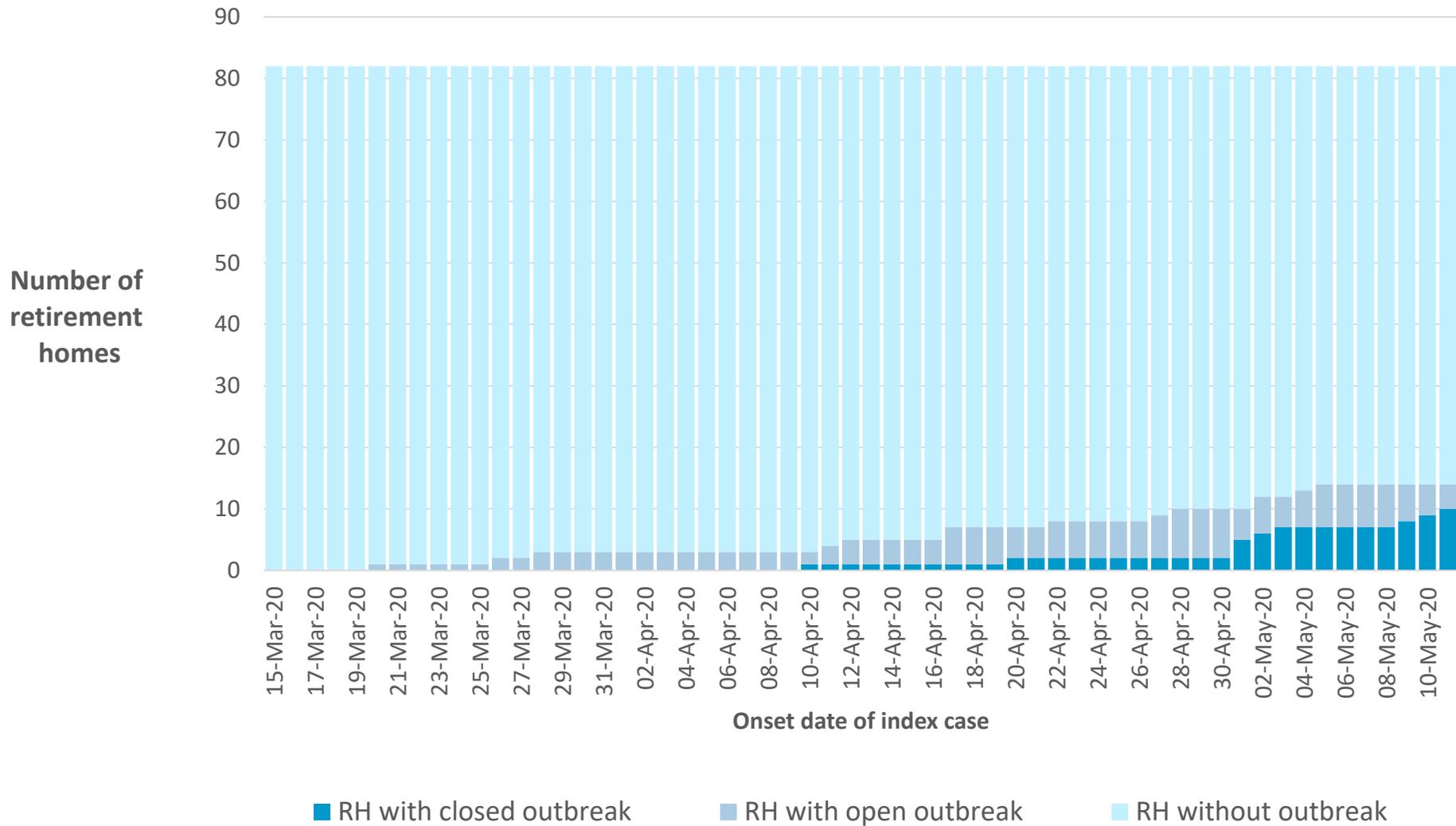
Ottawa Update

- Case counts are decreasing in the community and in LTCHs
- Deaths per week decreased from last week
- The number of ongoing outbreaks is stable
- Over 90% of cases are reached within 24 hours
- New hospital admissions in Ottawa hospitals or ICUs with COVID-19 is stable
- PPE supply is adequate for 2 weeks
- Ottawa laboratory testing capacity is being maximized

Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Outbreaks in Long-term Care Homes, Ottawa



Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Outbreaks in Retirement Homes (RH), Ottawa



Infection Prevention & Surveillance Testing

- Infection, Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures are essential
- Staffing supports contributed by hospitals, including for cleaning, are making a difference in LTCHs in the worst situations.
- Testing in Ottawa's 28 long-term care homes and of staff in 3 emergency childcare centres planned to be completed by May 15.
- Ministry has not directed to expand testing to other settings, however work is underway in Retirement Homes in need.

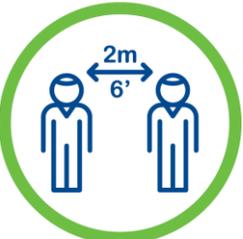


Supporting Congregate Care



■ Preparedness and Prevention:

- Providing information on PPE use and access, screening, enhanced IPAC measures, physical distancing
- Customized guidance documents
- Relocating residents out of shelters
- Rooming House Task Force



■ Outbreak Prevention and Management:

- Identifying and isolating symptomatic individuals
- Providing accessible screening and testing
- Supporting the self-isolation of residents and isolation centres



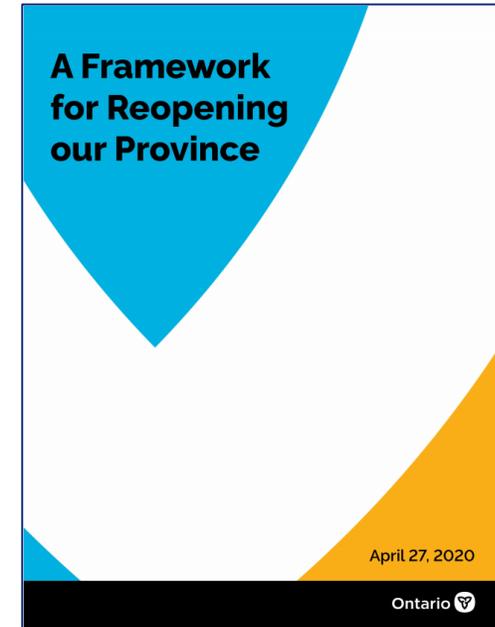
Expanding Testing

- **Expanding capacity to test every person in Ottawa with COVID-19 symptoms:**
 - Common Symptoms: feeling feverish, cough, or difficulty breathing
 - Less common symptoms
 - New or worsening respiratory symptoms
- **Continued Brewer Assessment Centre Testing:**
 - 94.6% of people seen were tested (total of **15,222** tested)
 - 56.9 % of total tested were Health Care Workers (total of **8,055** tested)
- **East and west Care Centres: 2,333 tested**



Looking Ahead – Recovery Phase

- Provincial Government has policy lead
- OPH's role in recovery phase includes:
 - Communication + Engagement
 - Supports for Re-opening
 - Epidemiology and Surveillance
 - Testing, Case and Contact Management
 - Supporting At Risk Settings and Populations
 - Organizational Adaptation



What We've Heard

- 1472 residents engaged, 8381 site visits
- >90% plan to continue practicing physical distancing as restrictions are eased
- 90% would be willing to wear non-medical masks in public in order to access service
- Park closures, reduced family/social connectedness, physical distancing requirements and school/childcare closures have been especially difficult

