

# CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

## Update on Public Health Response to COVID-19 in Mecklenburg County, NC

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**6/16/2020 Data**

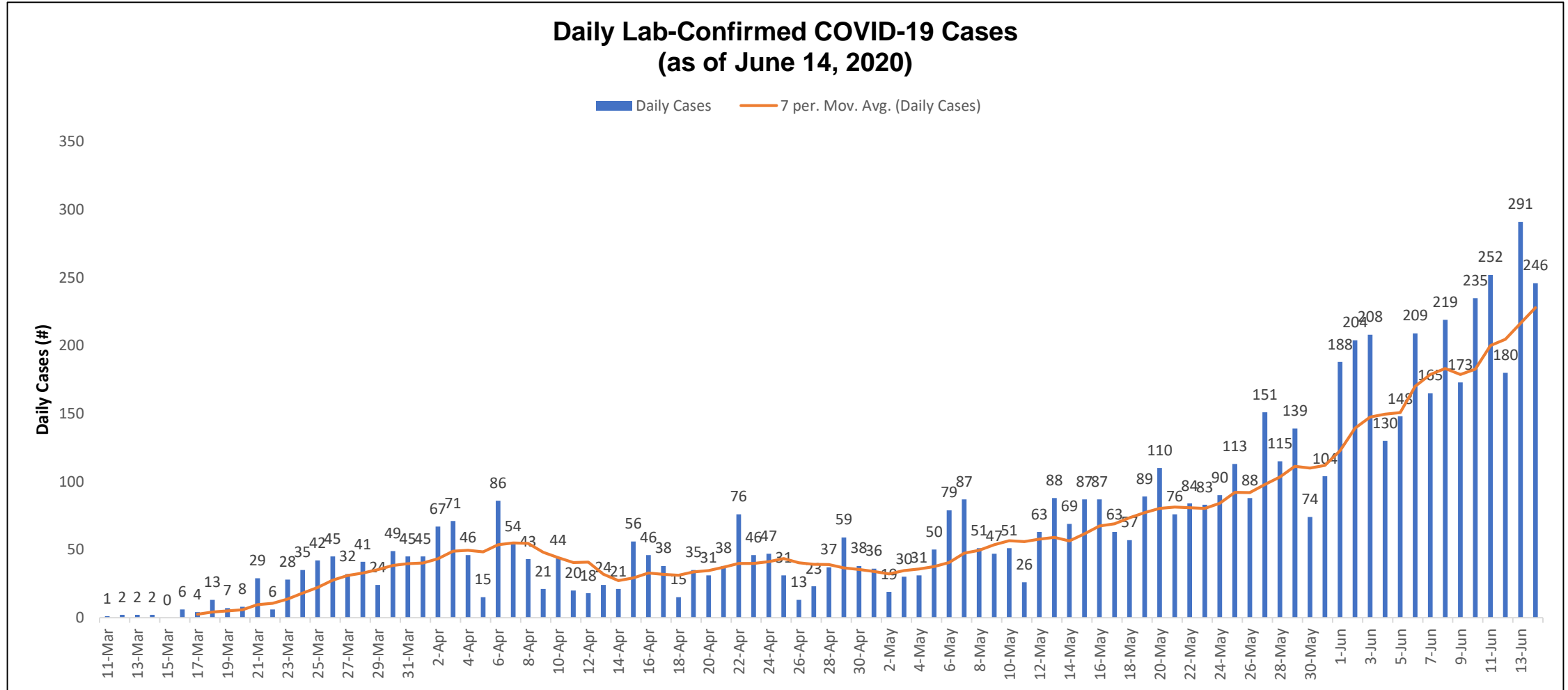
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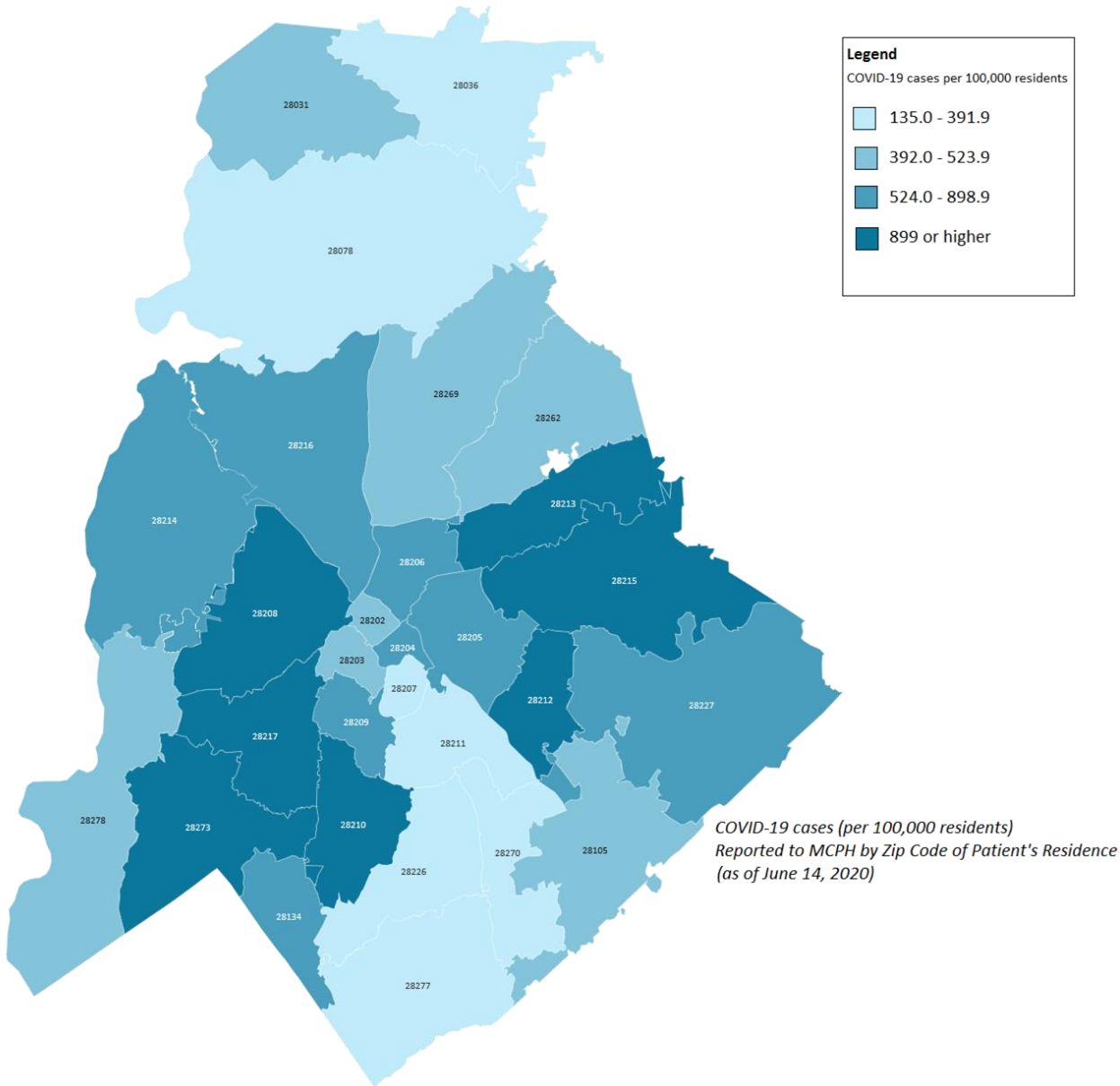
# 6,810 Lab-Confirmed Cases among Mecklenburg County Residents



# Characteristics of COVID-19 Cases

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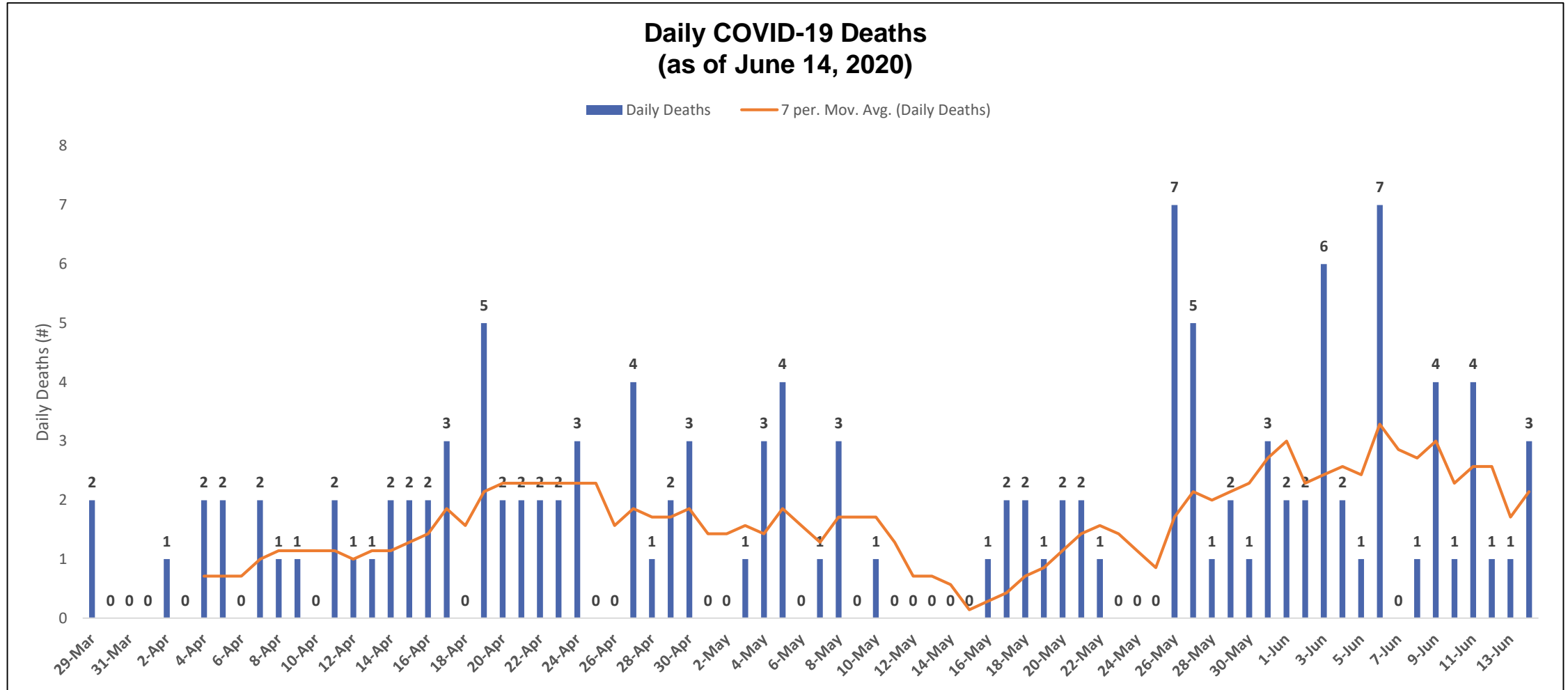
- Among reported COVID-19 cases:
  - 3 in 4 were adults ages 20 to 59
  - 36.8% were Hispanic – most of whom are younger adults ages 20 to 39
  - 2 children with Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)
  - 1 in 10 were hospitalized
  - Just over half (3421) were released from isolation



# Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 Cases (per 100,000 residents) by Zip Code of Patient's Residence (as of June 14, 2020)



# 128 COVID-19 Related Deaths *among* Mecklenburg County Residents



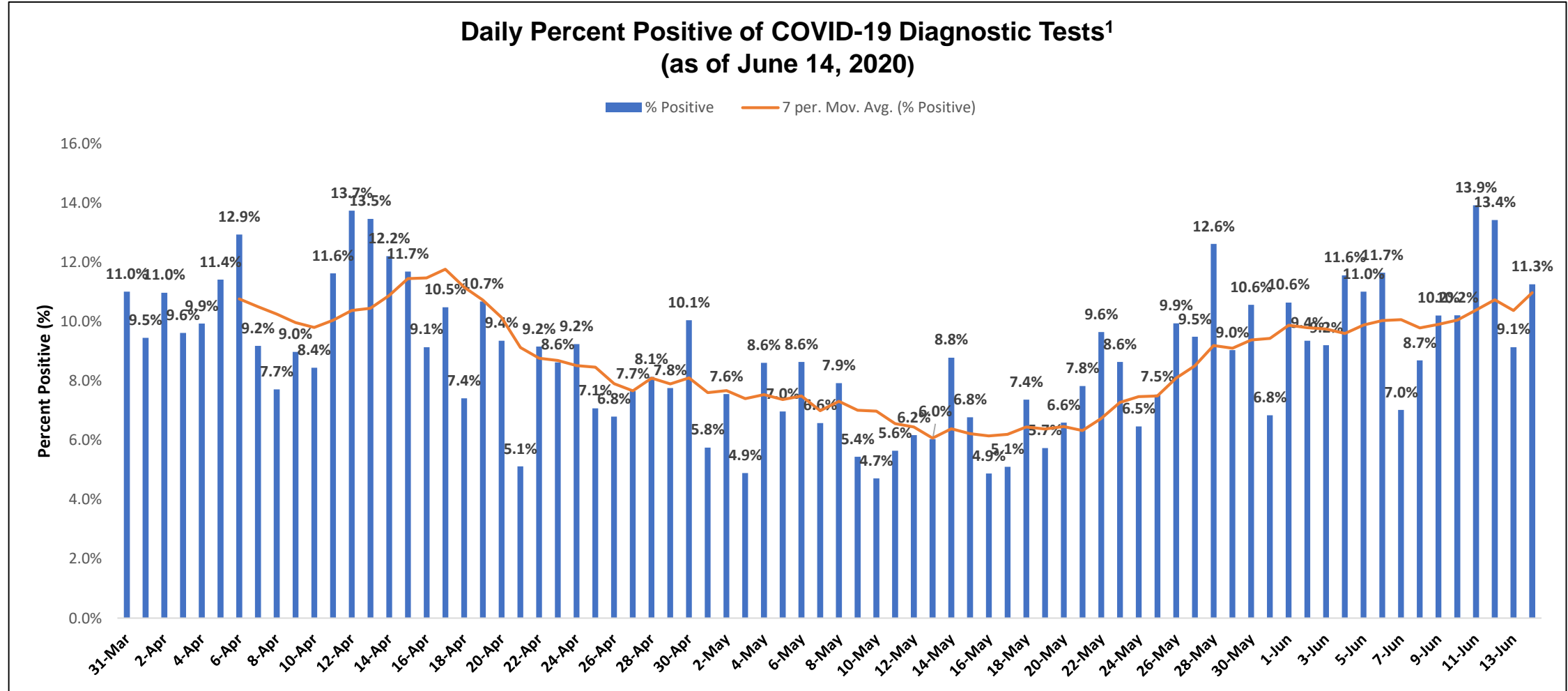
# Characteristics of COVID-19 Deaths

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- Among COVID-19-related deaths:
  - Most (91%) were adults 60 years and older, with underlying chronic health conditions
  - Increasing numbers (8.6%) in 40 – 59 age group
  - All but 2 with underlying health conditions
  - 62% were residents at LTC facilities
  - 58.7% were non-Hispanic White

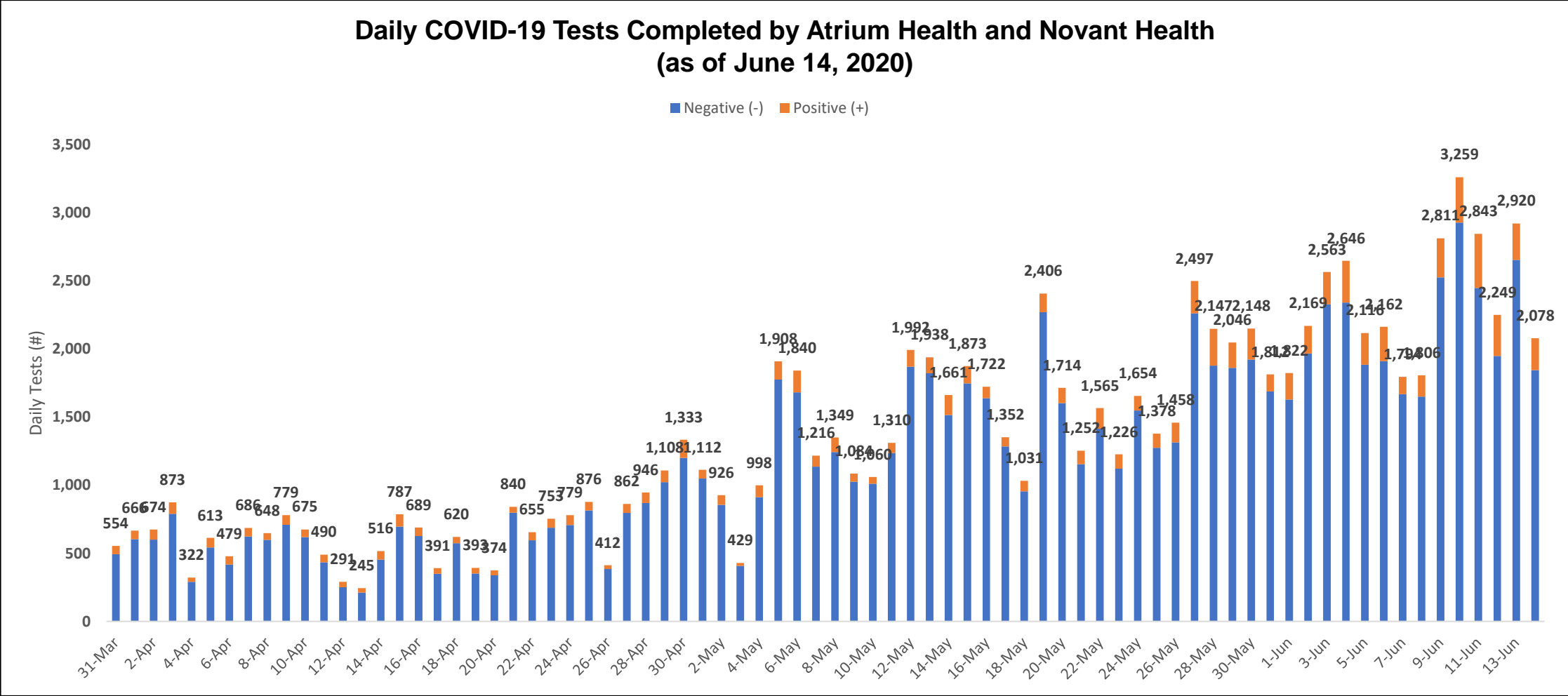


# ~10.5% Percent Positive Over Last 7 Days

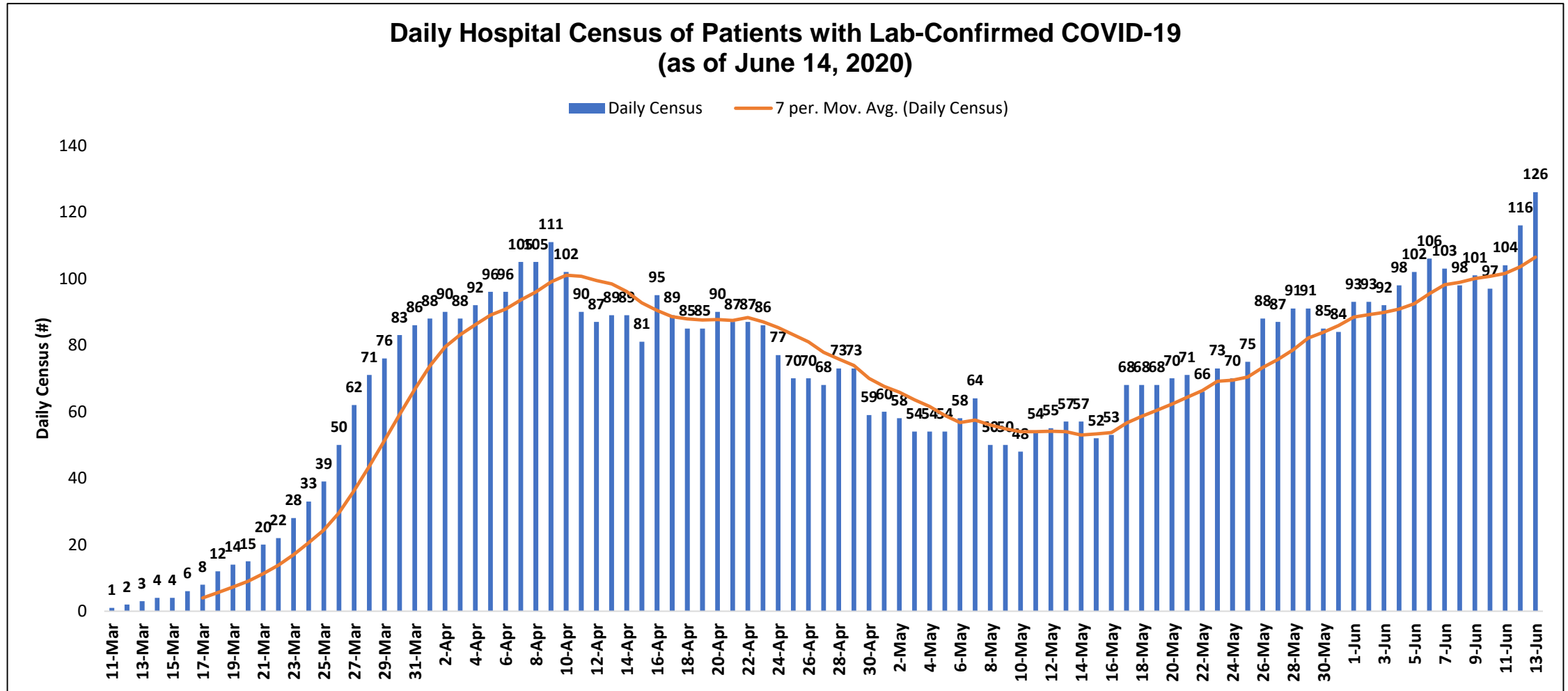




# About 2,400 Tests per Day through Health Systems; More than 113,000 Tests Completed in Mecklenburg County



# ~106 Daily Hospital Census of COVID-19 Patients Over Last 7 Days



# Expanding COVID-19 Testing

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- Expanded testing guidance for additional priority groups
- Health systems will continue testing at facilities and mobile sites
- New retail testing locations at 15 CVS Pharmacies and 2 Wal-Mart Stores
- Increased testing and wrap-around services through federally qualified health centers
- Planning additional community-based testing sites with NC DHHS and commercial laboratories

# Support for Congregate Living Sites

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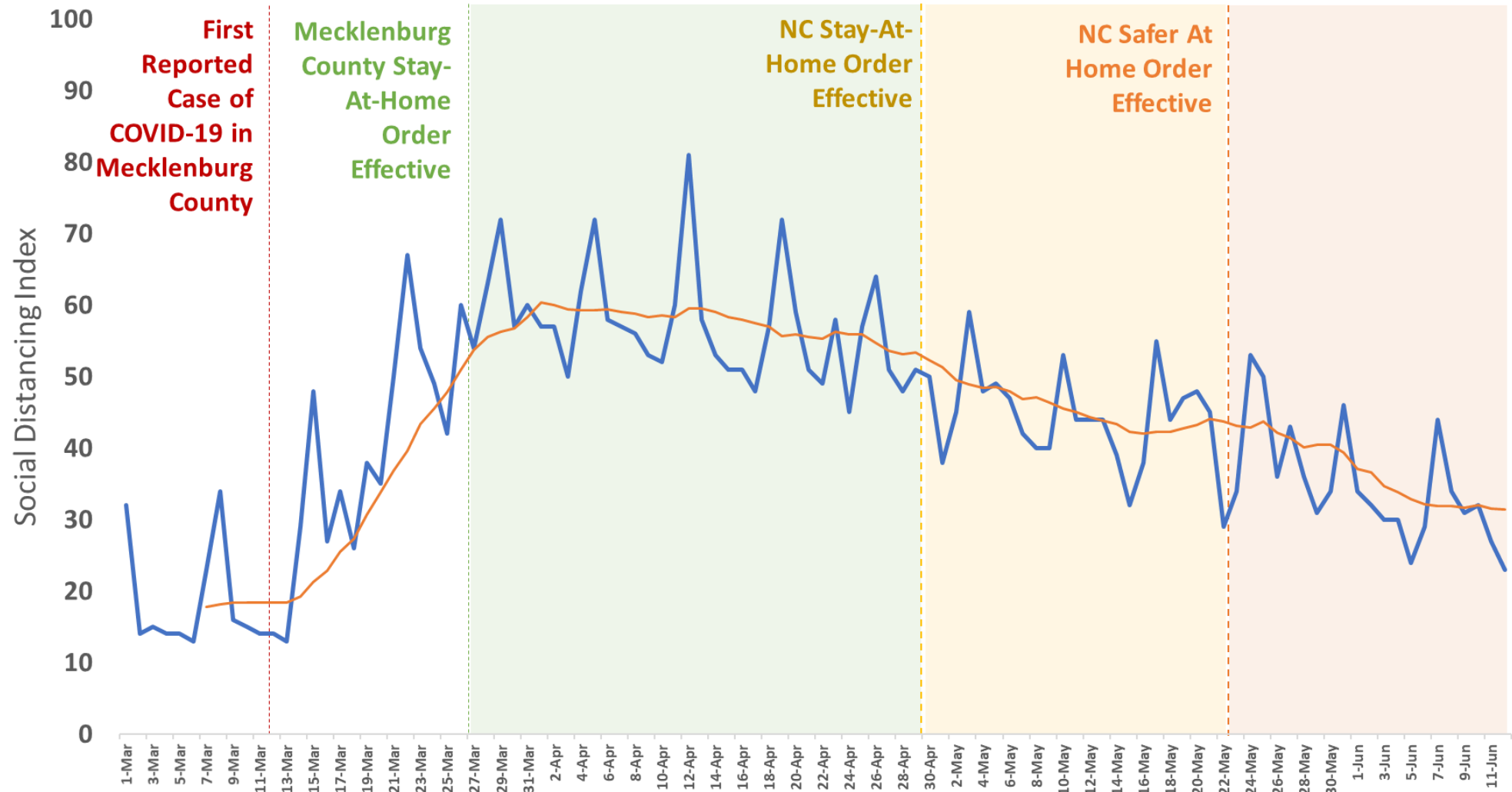
- MCPH began conducting routine outreach to all Congregate Living Sites to provide guidance and assistance with COVID-19-related issues
- Working with facilities that are in outbreak status to increase testing, especially among staff (seeking State support in this effort)
- For facilities experiencing outbreaks, MCPH provides initial guidance on infection control, helps coordinate PPE, and regular follow-up until the outbreak ends
- Moving towards increased frequency of testing of staff in all congregate living sites

# Outreach to Vulnerable Populations

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- Identifying locations for mobile testing sites in minority communities
- Setting up new data feeds to monitor testing data by race and geography
- Spreading key messages and up-to-date information through media partners (tv, radio, print, web)
- Proactive outreach to minority owned/servicing businesses and churches to seek guidance on messaging and best approaches to reach these communities; provide guidance, toolkits, and signage as needed

# Mobility in the county is nearing baseline levels...



# If you leave home, know your Ws!



**WEAR**  
a cloth face  
covering.



**WAIT**  
6 feet apart. Avoid  
close contact.



**WASH**  
your hands often or  
use hand sanitizer.

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## Questions

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