

Update on COVID-19 Projections

Science Advisory and Modelling Consensus Tables

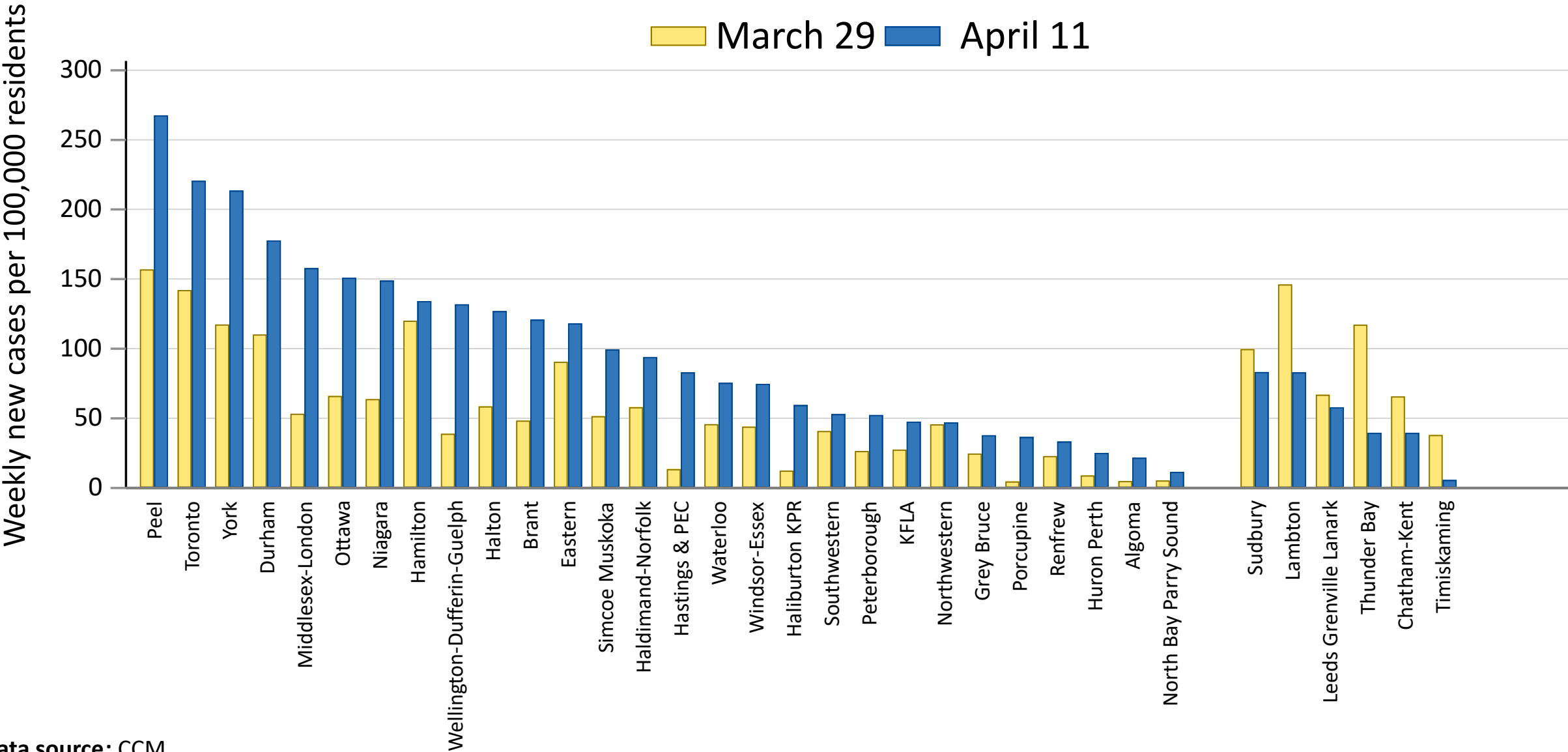
April 16, 2021



Key Findings

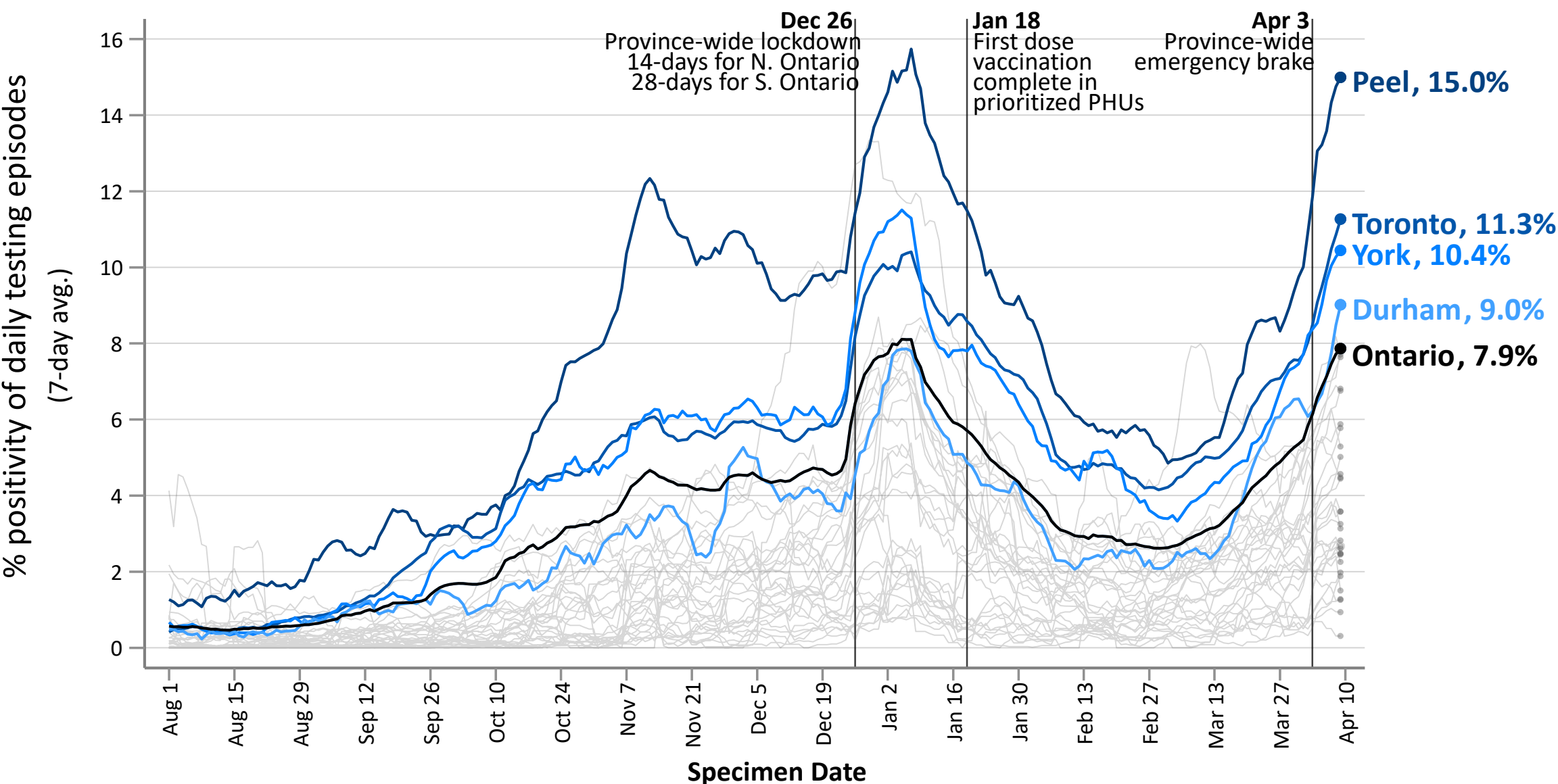
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- Although improving, vaccination is not reaching people at high-risk fast enough to overcome the level of serious illness in our communities and our hospitals.
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Cases are **rapidly** increasing in most Public Health Units



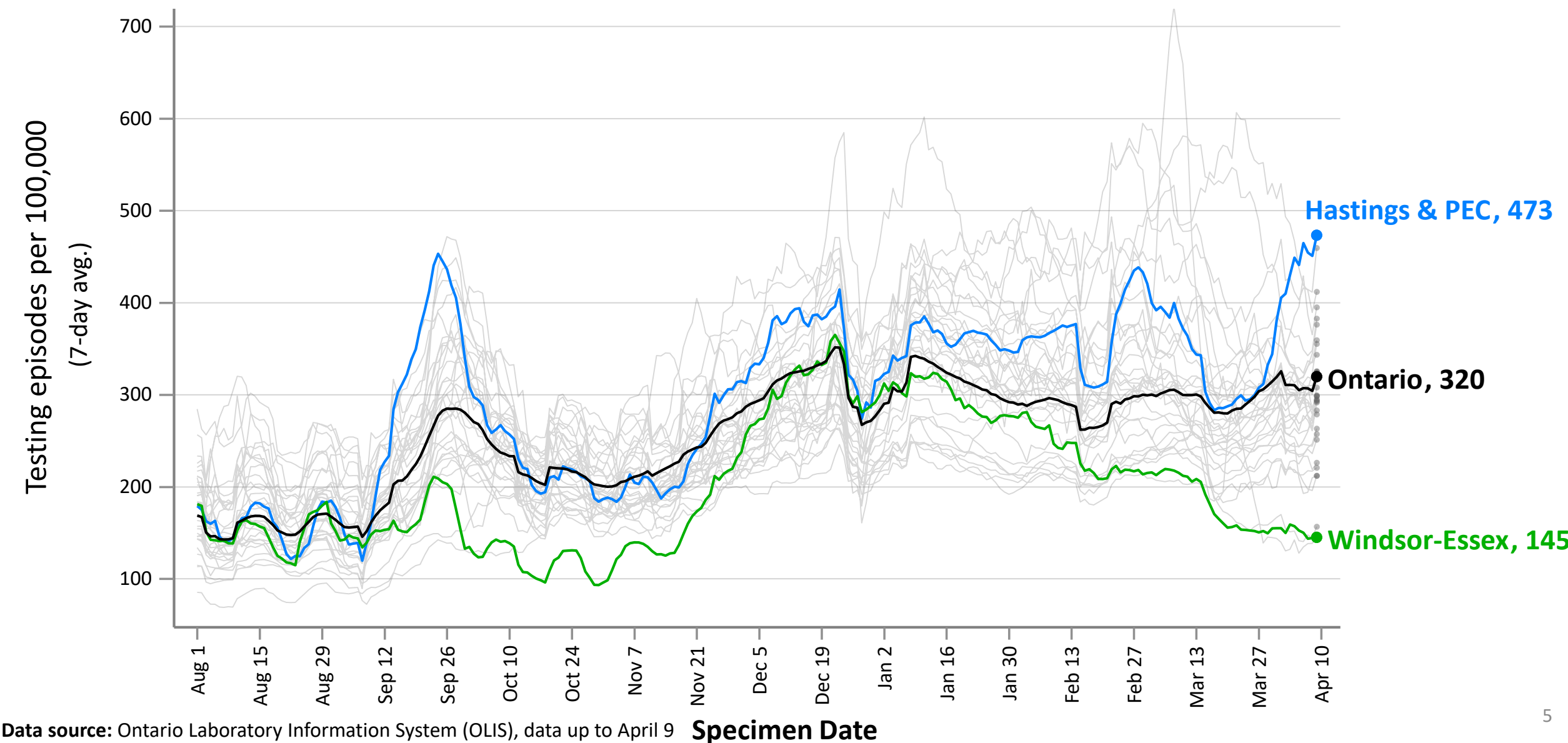
Data source: CCM
Data note: Data for the most recent day have been censored to account for reporting delays

Test positivity rates are increasing across Ontario



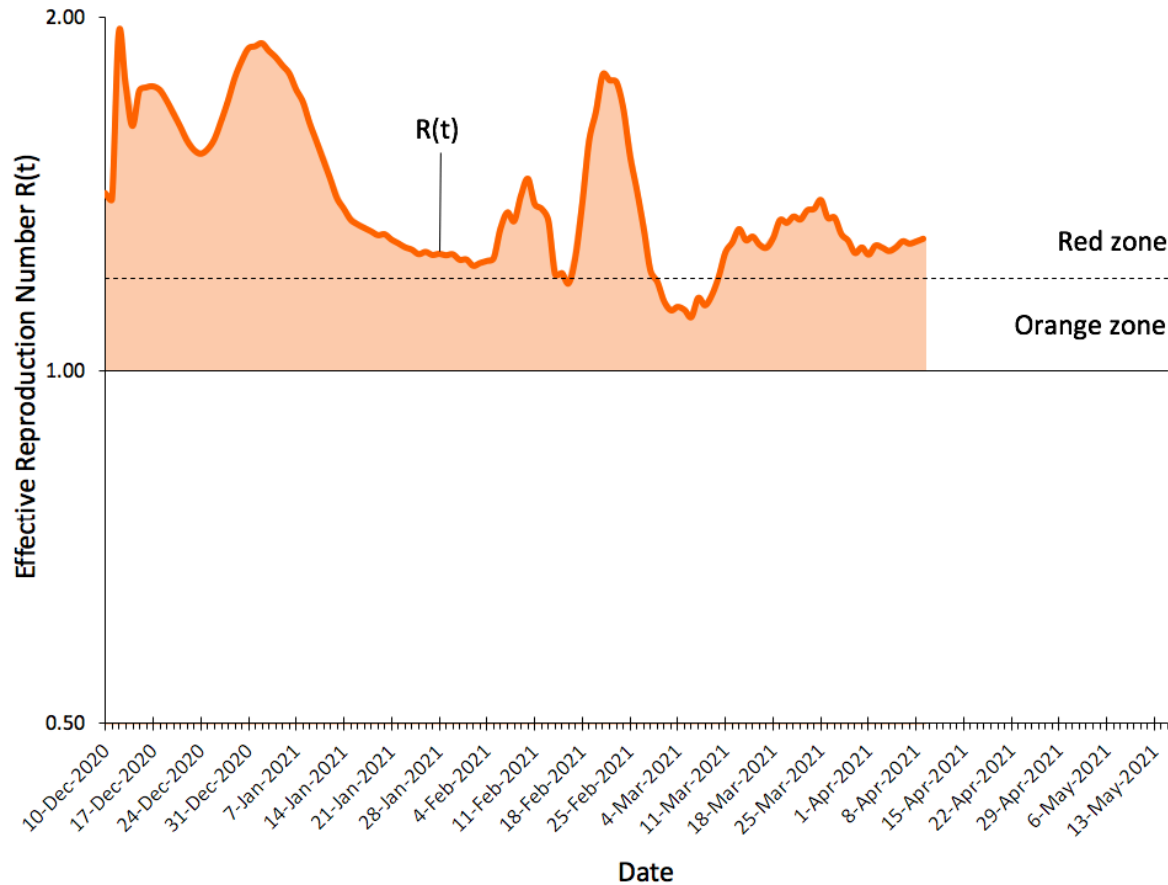
Data source: Ontario Laboratory Information System (OLIS), data up to April 9

Ontario testing rates are flat – the increase in cases is because there are more cases, not more tests being done

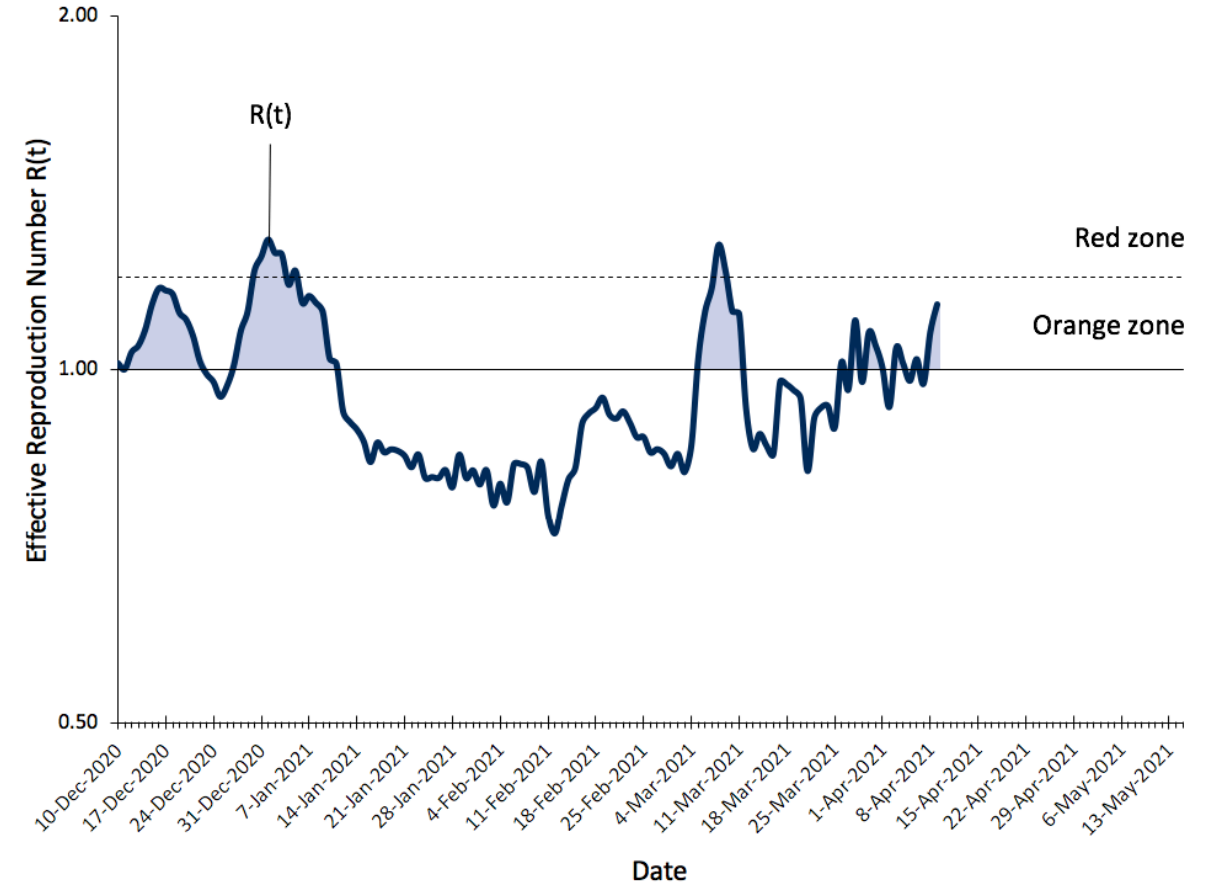


The number of variant cases continues to rise and variants now dominate, but even the original strain is rising.

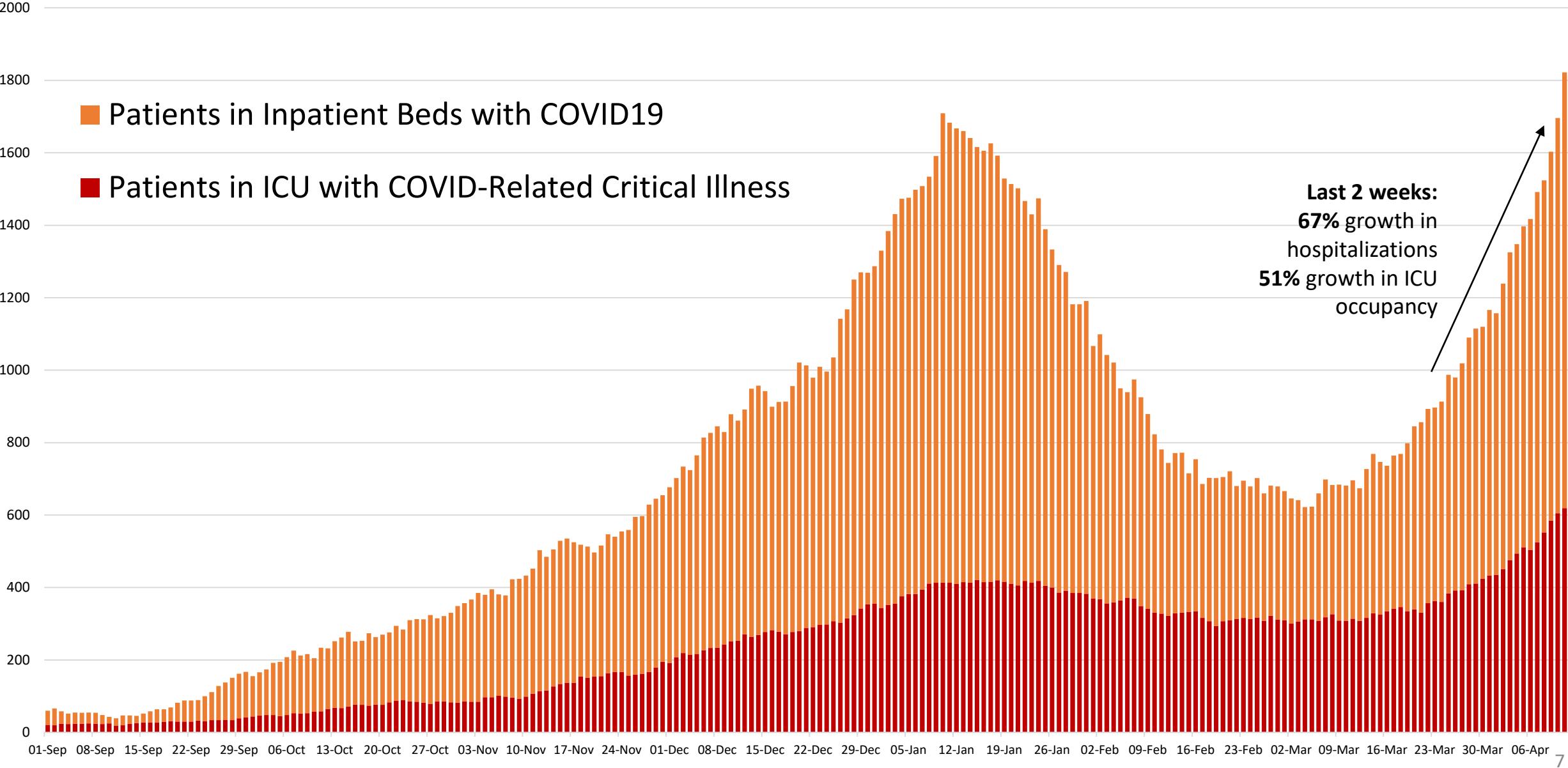
New Variants of Concern (VOCs)



Early Variant (non-VOCs)



A record number of Ontarians are in hospital due to COVID-19



A 6 week stay-at-home order with a vaccination rate of at least 100K doses per day is the only way to flatten the curve.

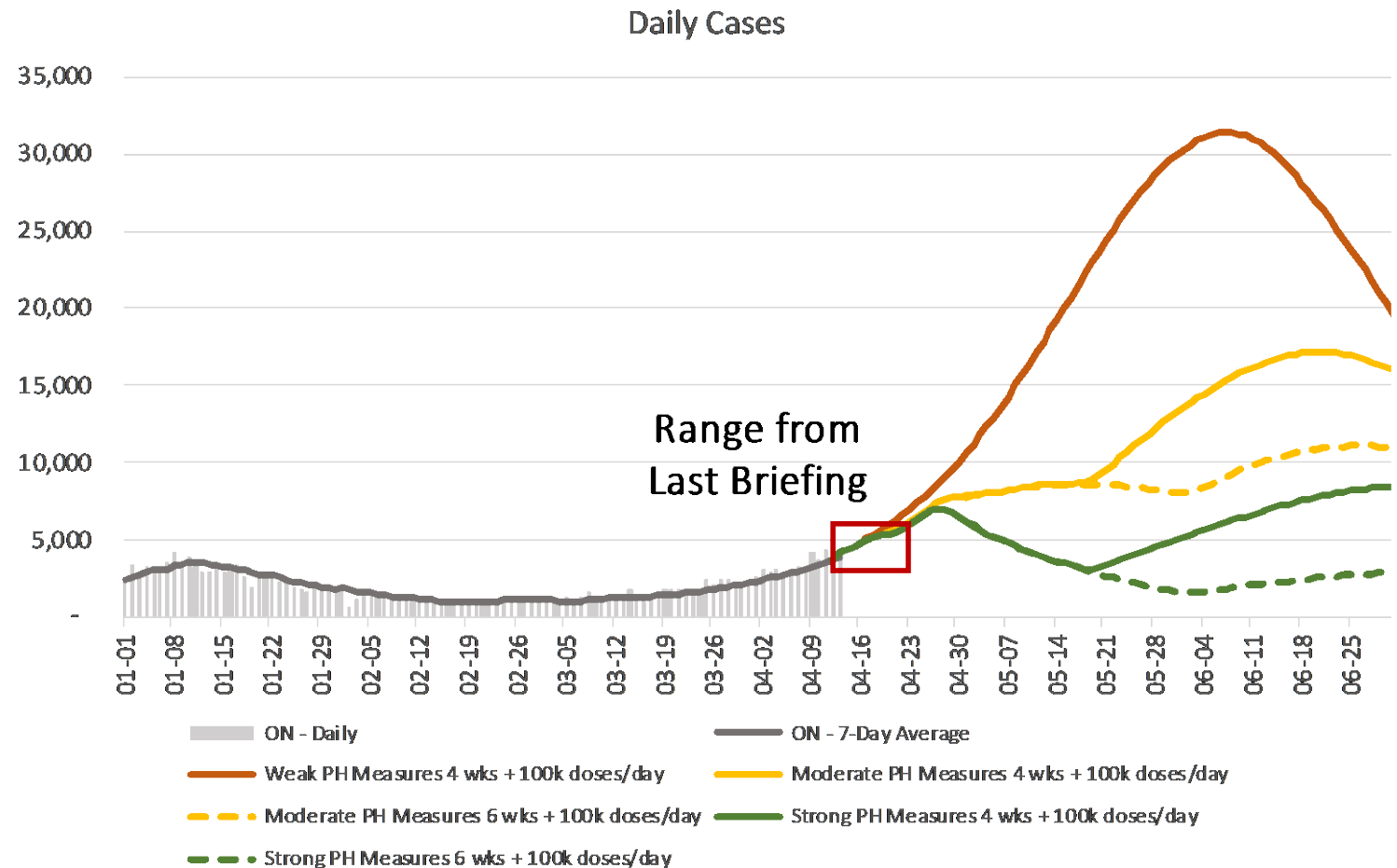
Figure summarizes predictions across 4 models with many scenarios.

Stay-at-home order assumptions:

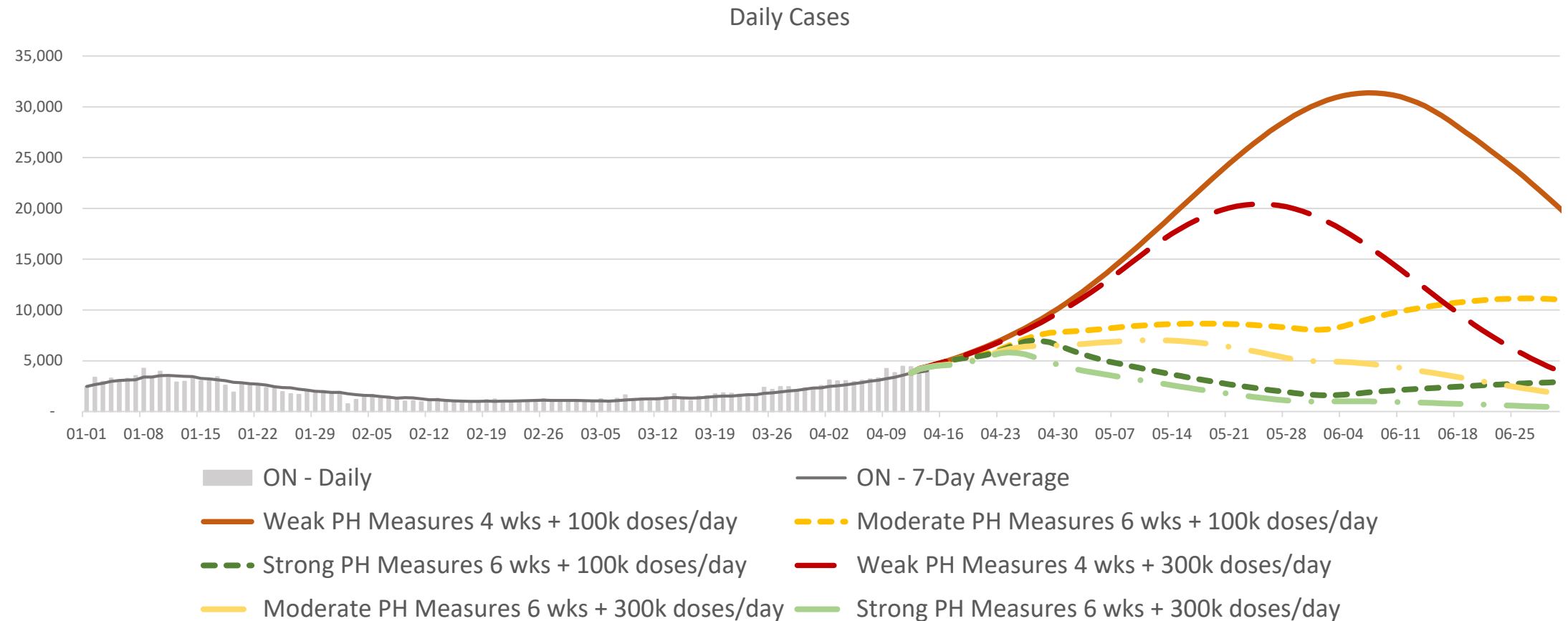
- 4 or 6 weeks starting Apr 8
- Weak to strong effect on transmission

Vaccine assumptions:

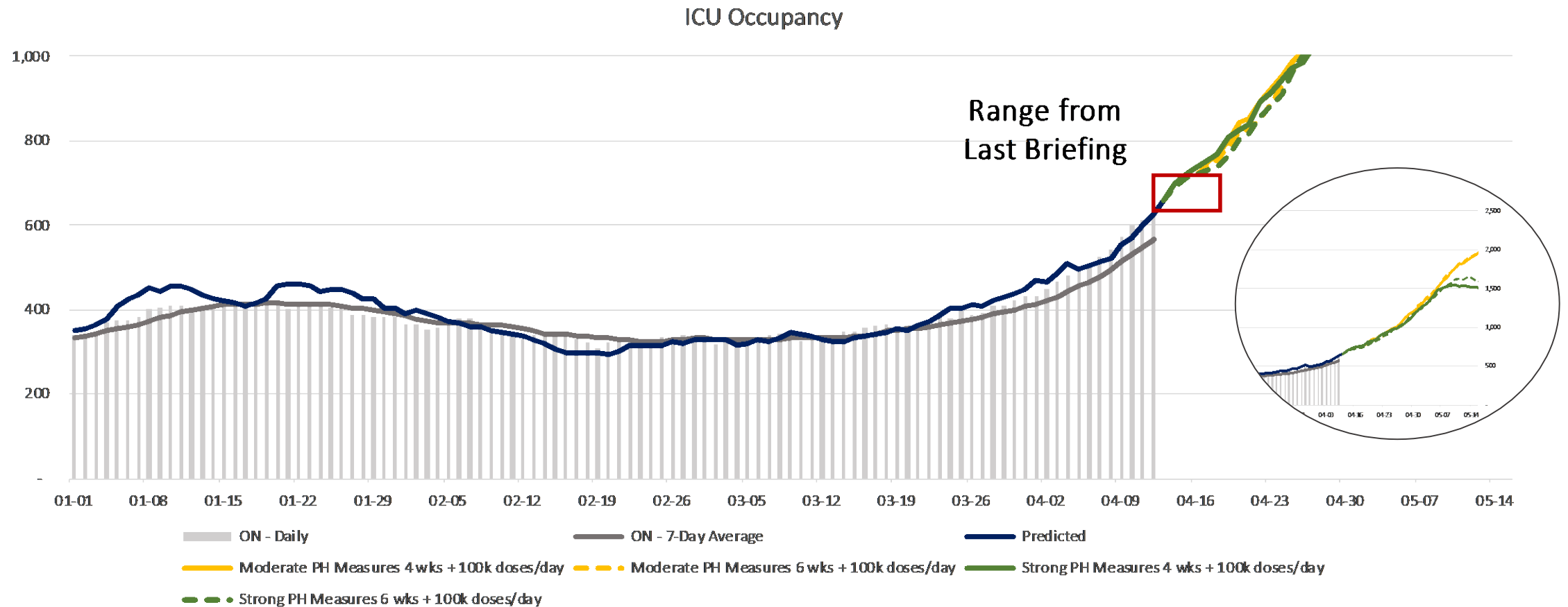
- 60% effective in preventing infection
- 100,000 doses/day
- Administered at random



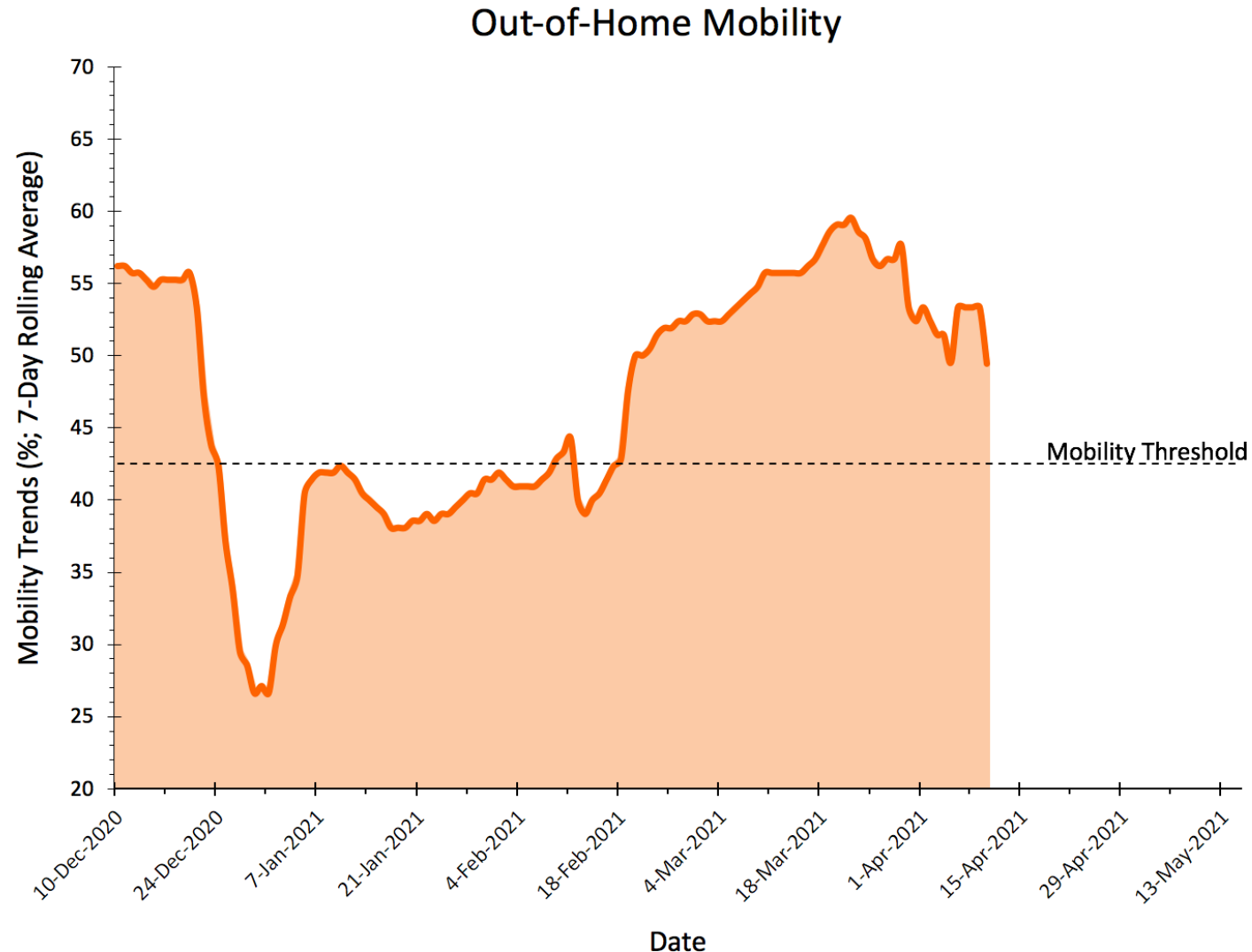
Under every scenario, more vaccines mean a faster resolution in the long-run



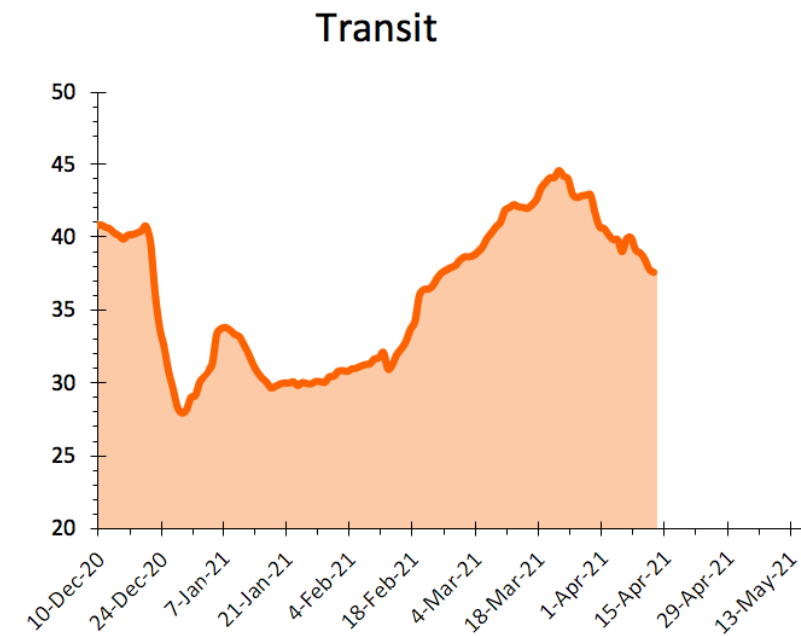
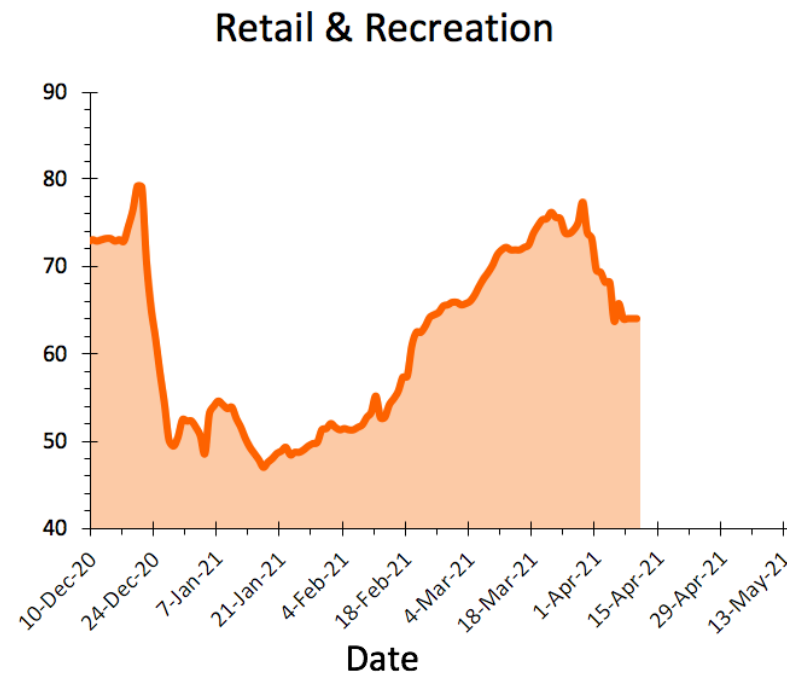
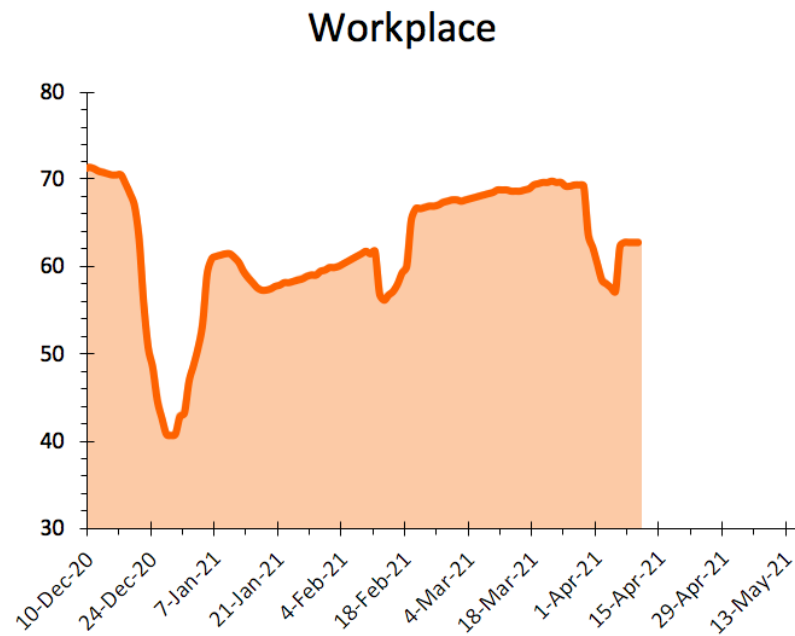
As predicted, ICU occupancy is rising dramatically. System-level public health measures will help blunt some of the impact.



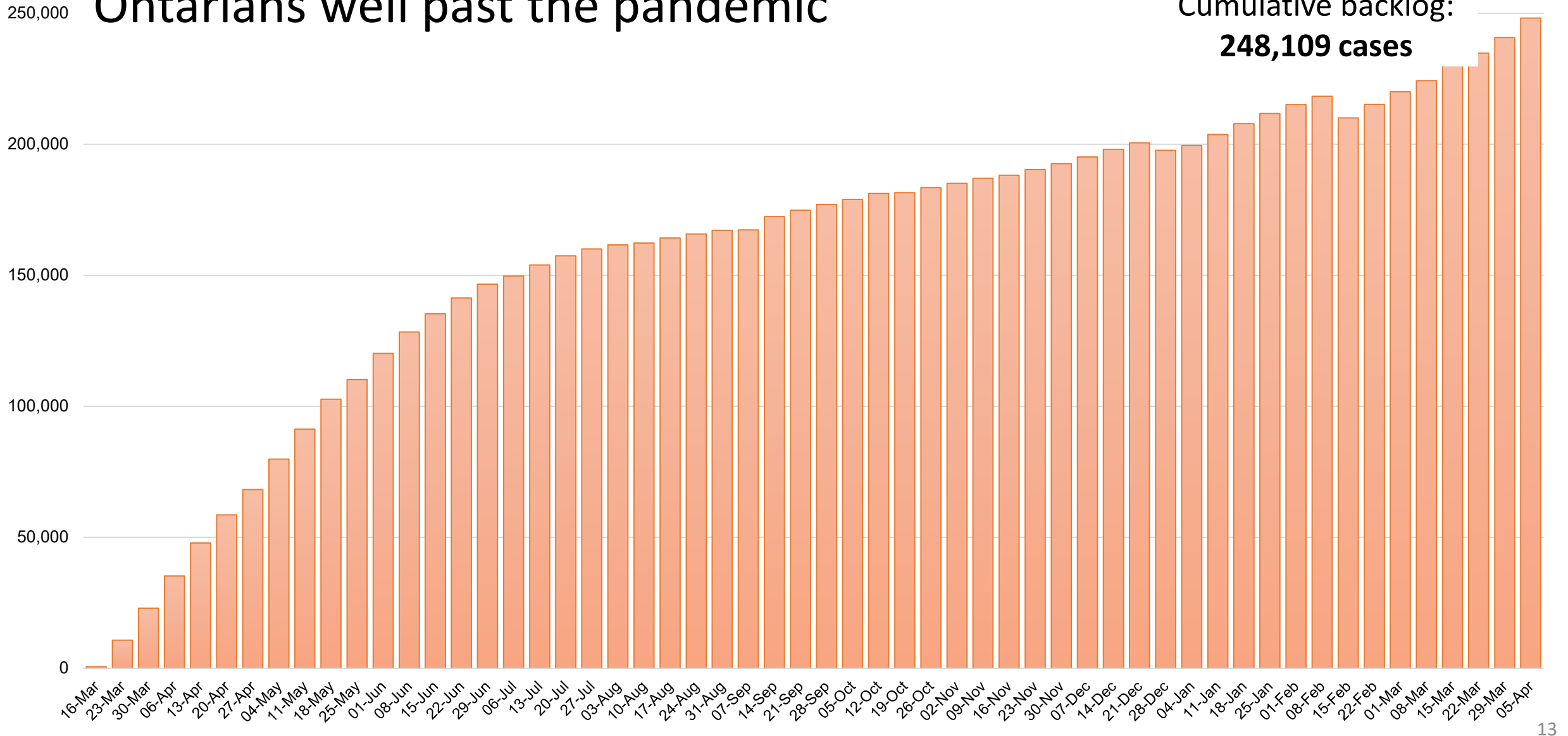
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Mobility has declined slightly across settings. Further reducing mobility and always wearing a mask and distancing is how Ontarians help reduce cases.

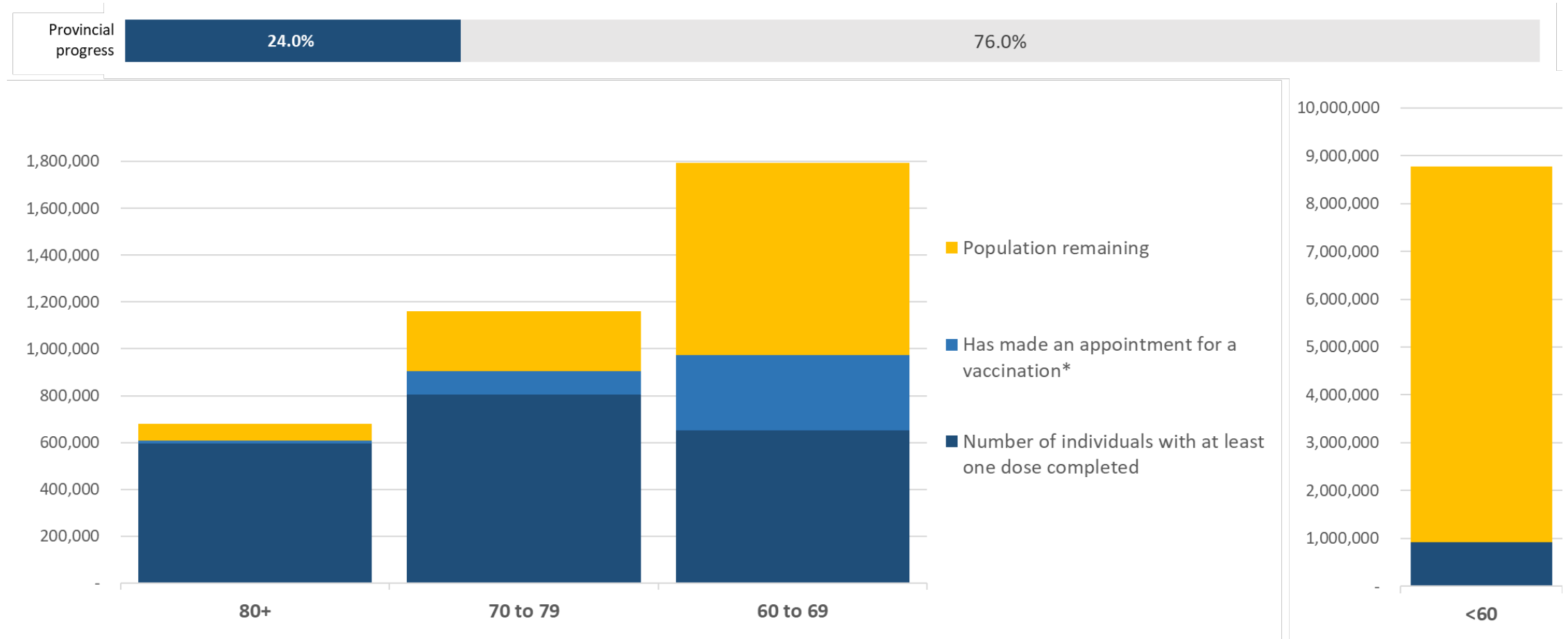


The access to care deficit is building which will be felt by Ontarians well past the pandemic



First dose vaccine coverage expanding but remains incomplete

More than 3m doses administered



Data Sources

MOF Population Projections

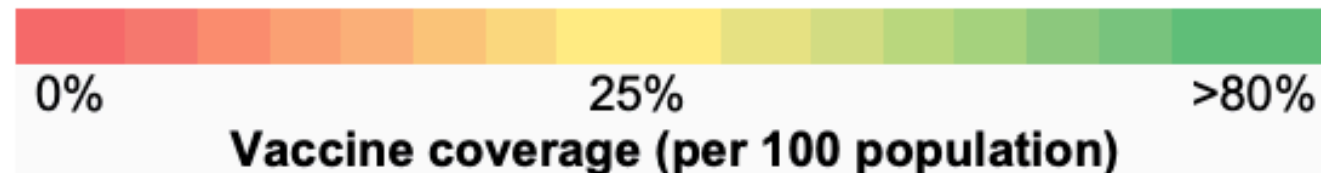
COVAX analytical file, extracted, 8:00 pm Apr 12 2021, CPAD, MOH

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Vaccination by risk is improving but remains a key to controlling spread

Figure excludes long-term care vaccination – at least 1 dose as of April 12, 2021

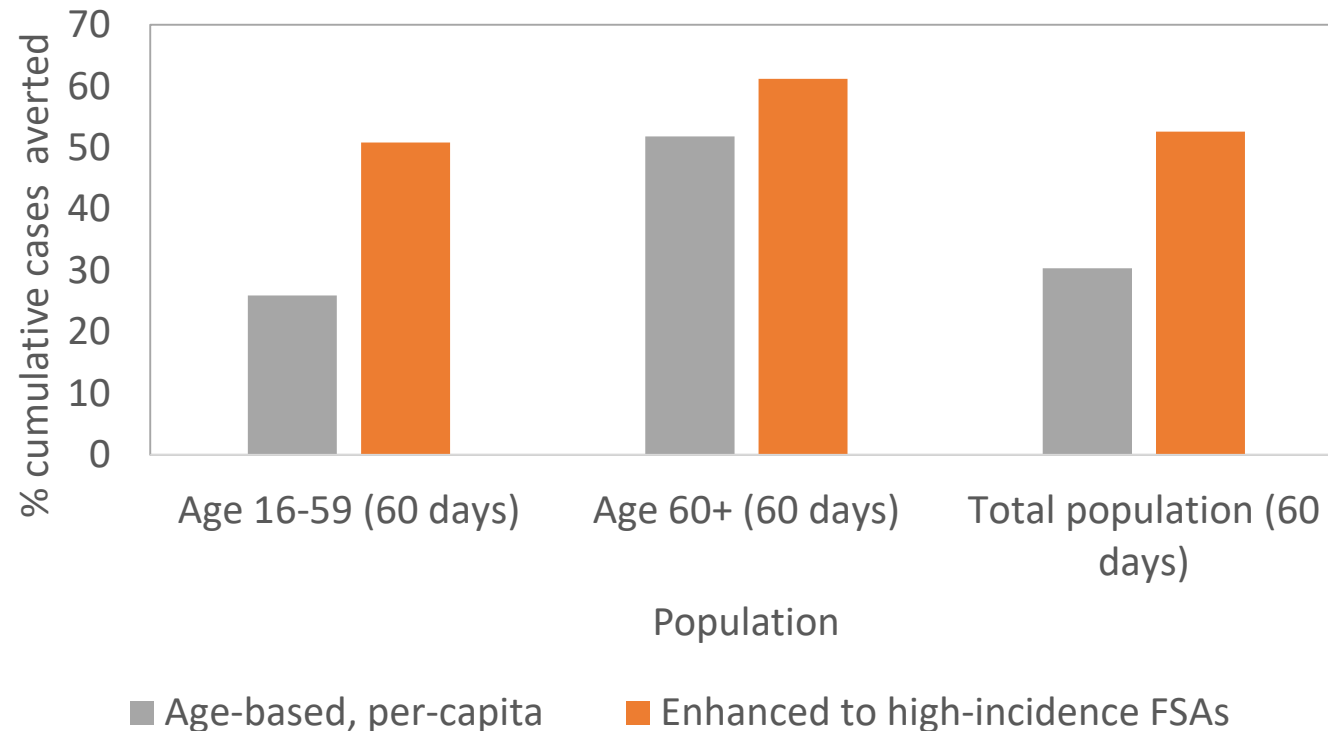
	Neighbourhood Risk[‡]										
	1 = high incidence of COVID-19 infections					→	10 = low incidence of COVID-19 infections				
Age group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Overall
80+	65%	68%	70%	75%	77%	77%	79%	81%	82%	82%	76%
75-79	63%	68%	70%	73%	75%	74%	75%	77%	74%	71%	72%
70-74	57%	64%	62%	66%	65%	64%	63%	62%	51%	39%	58%
65-69	42%	48%	44%	39%	41%	38%	36%	34%	22%	19%	35%
60-64	40%	42%	38%	36%	35%	34%	30%	27%	23%	27%	33%
55-59	20%	25%	21%	20%	21%	22%	20%	20%	17%	17%	20%
50-54	14%	18%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	14%	14%
45-49	9%	14%	9%	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%	13%	14%	11%
40-44	7%	9%	9%	10%	10%	11%	10%	11%	12%	13%	10%
16-39	5%	7%	6%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%	10%	8%
Overall	15%	20%	18%	19%	20%	20%	19%	19%	20%	20%	23%



What happens if we vaccinate 3 million adults over the next 30 days?

100,000 vaccinations per day, top 20% highest incidence neighbourhoods

Potential impact at 60 days: % of cumulative cases averted, compared to no vaccination moving forward



**Number
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per case
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