COVID-19 in Arizona and Banner Health

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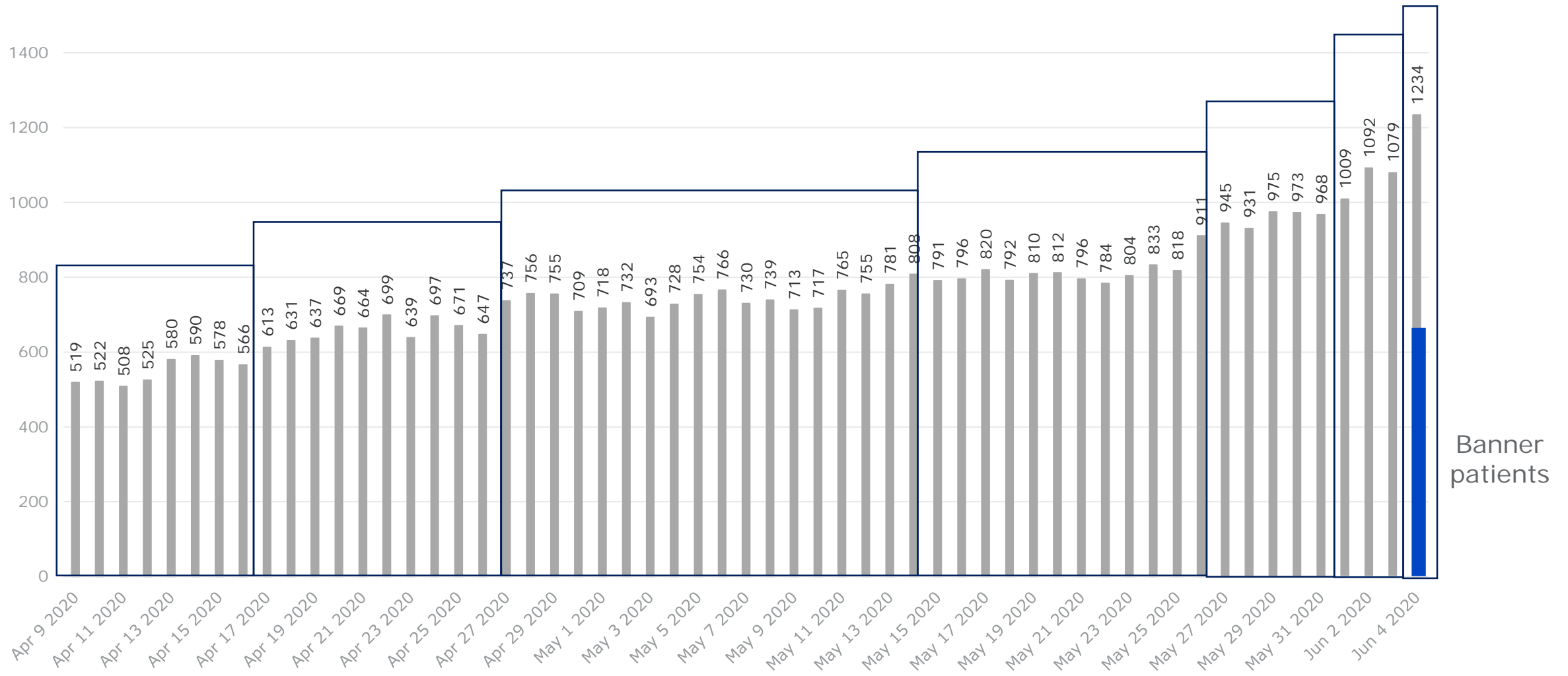
Our Commitment

- Our Nonprofit Mission: "Making health care easier, so life can be better."

- Guiding principle for the pandemic response: "save as many lives as we can and do so by keeping our health care workers as safe as possible"
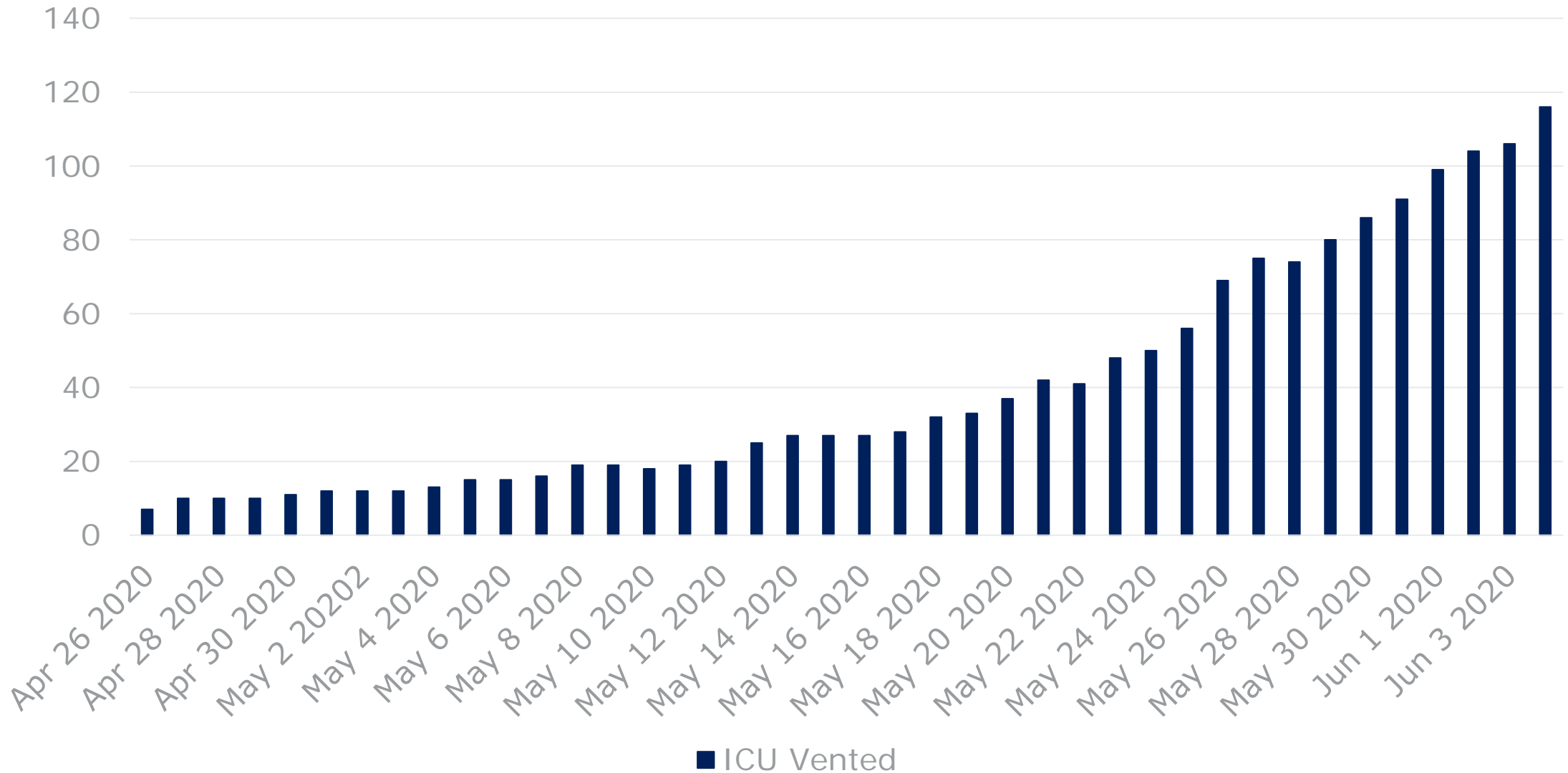
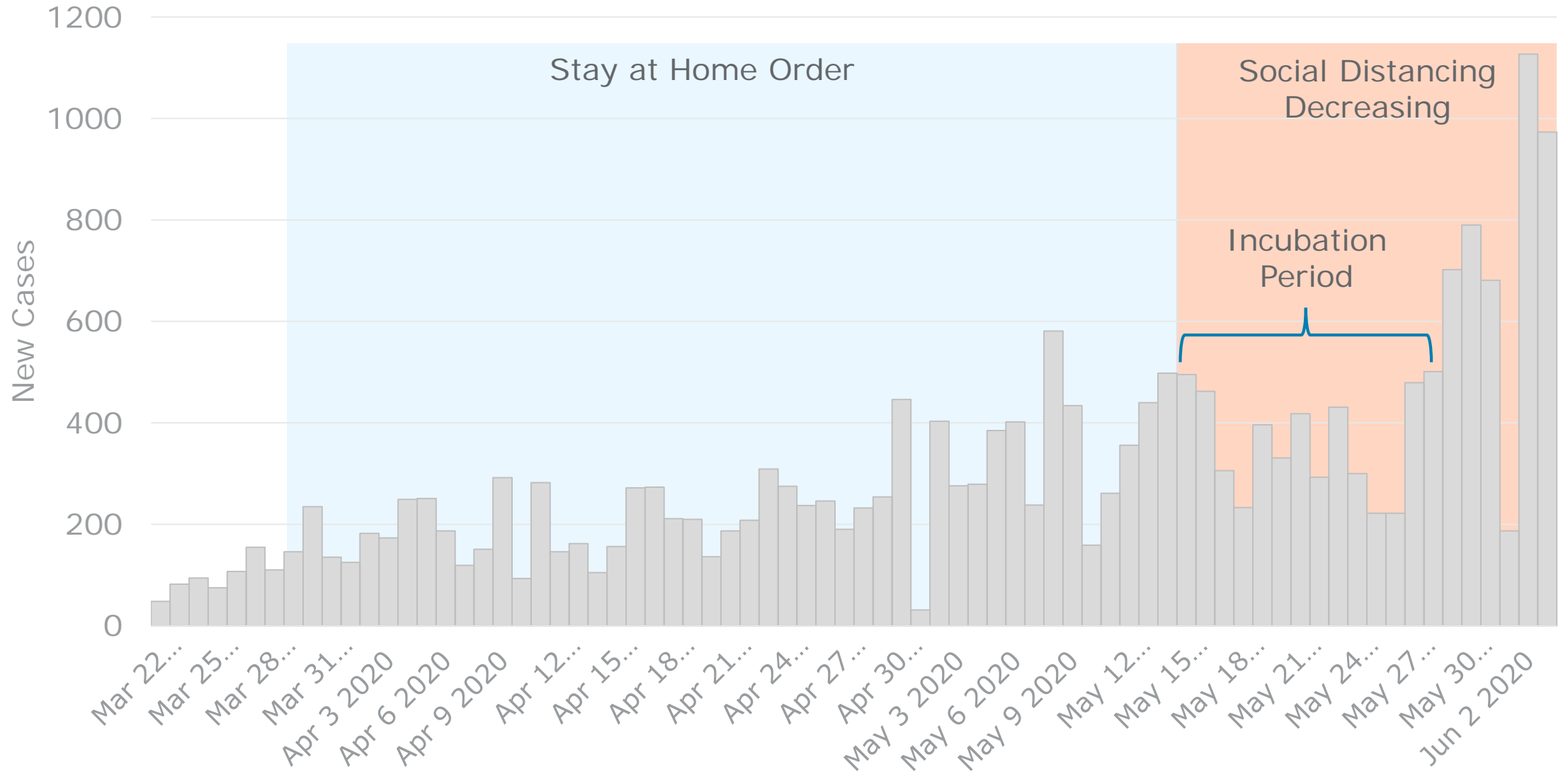# Arizona Hospitalization Trend is Rapidly Increasing

Banner patients

Source: https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/covid-19/dashboards/index.php

Impact of Social Control Measures on COVID-19 Cases in Arizona

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html

Banner: A Safe Place For Care

In our locations:

- In order to keep our patients and health care workers safe, visitors are restricted at Banner Health facilities with few exceptions.
- Patients, employees and visitors at all Banner locations are continuously masked.
- All employees and visitors are screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering facilities.
- Lobbies and high-touch surfaces are cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- At Banner hospitals, all COVID-19 patients are kept in separate and strictly isolated quarters.
- Anyone scheduled for surgery has a COVID-19 test prior to surgery.
- Banner hospitals have entrances for surgical patients to avoid lobbies or waiting areas with other patients.
- Banner clinics have reconfigured waiting-room layouts to maintain proper social distancing.
- Banner Urgent Care and Banner Imaging have non-respiratory locations where patients with no fever or respiratory symptoms can receive care.
- 100% of our Banner physicians are able to see patients remotely via telehealth video.
- Virtual waiting rooms are available for all telehealth and in-person physician office visits.

# World Health Organization Endorses Universal Masking June 5, 2020

- Medical grade face mask when social distancing cannot be maintained
  - Those over 60 years of age
  - Those with underlying medical conditions
- General public should wear cloth face covering when social distancing cannot be maintained
  - Public transportation
  - Shops and stores
  - Other confined or crowded environments

What Can You Do?

Change behaviors now to prevent exceeding hospital capacity

- Follow Everyday Health Habits (CDC, April 3)
    - Wear a mask in public or within 6 feet of another person
    - Stay home if you are sick
    - Stay at least 6 feet away from others
    - Avoid gatherings of any size outside of your household, but especially groups larger than 10
    - Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds
    - Don't touch your face

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html
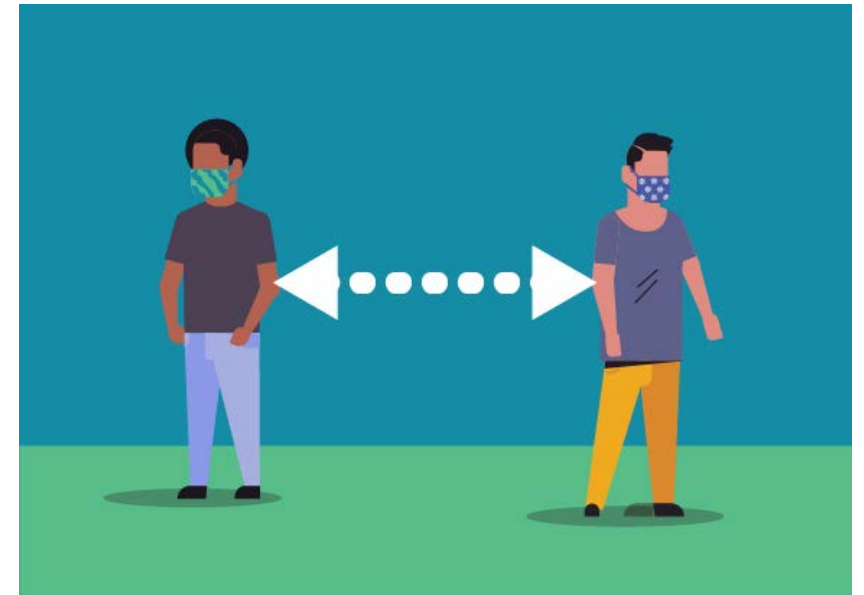
Wear Your Face Covering Correctly

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
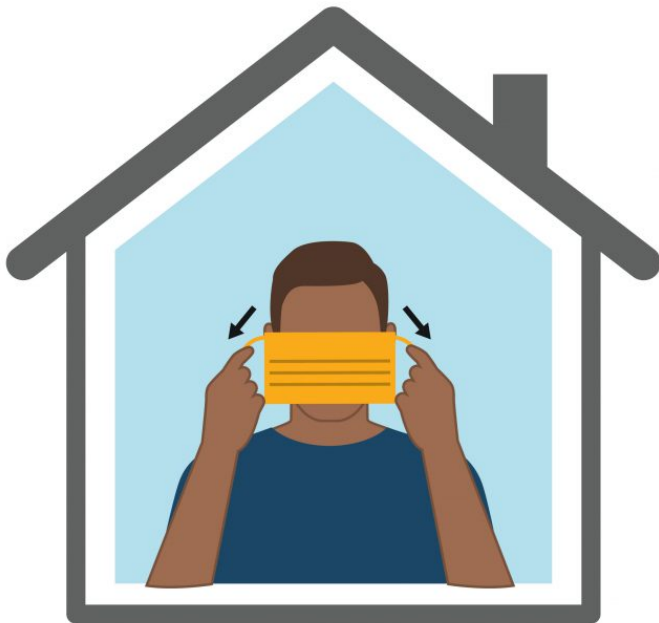
Take Off Your Cloth Face Covering Carefully, When You're Home

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing.

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