



Fairfax County COVID-19 Update

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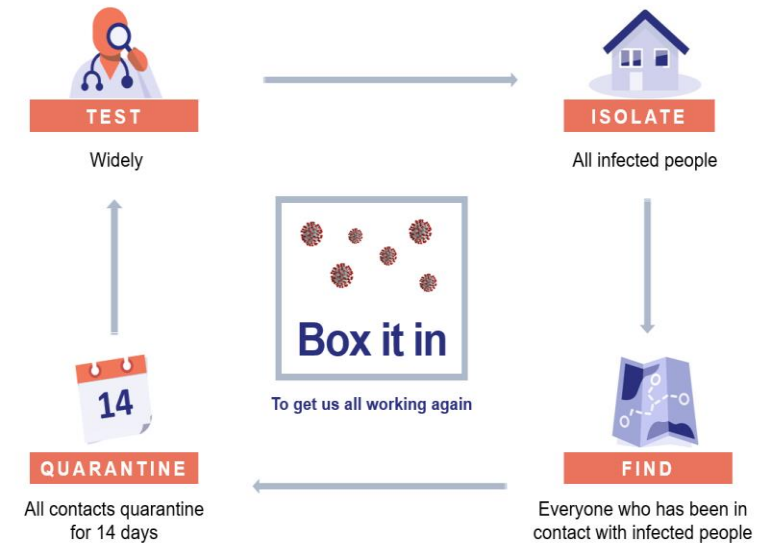
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Box It In COVID-19 Suppression Strategy

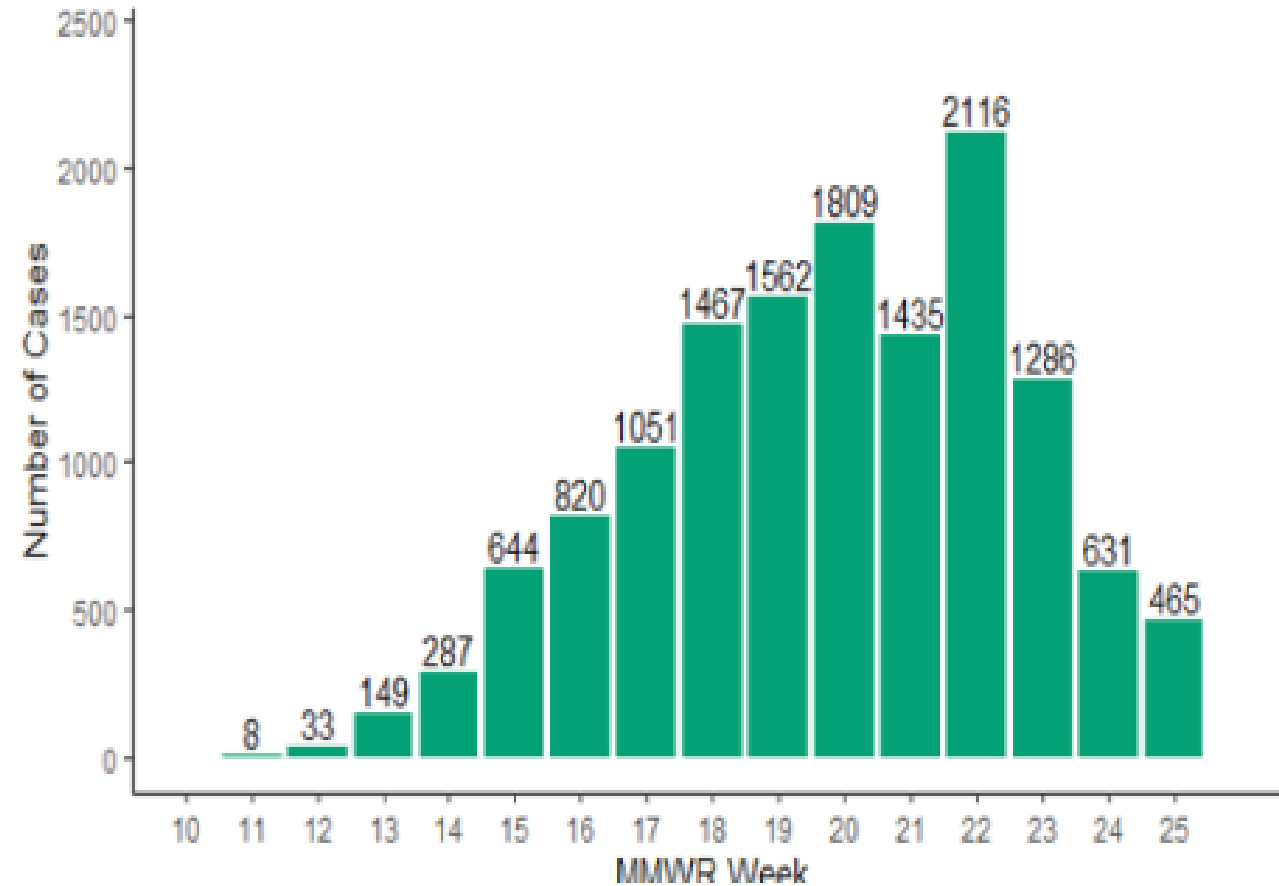
- Ongoing hiring and training for case investigation, contact tracing, and community health worker cohorts
- Transition to intensive contact tracing is ongoing
 - Pilot test with current Health Department staff
 - New contract workforce begins next week
- Managing expectations
 - As restrictions are relaxed, cases will increase
 - Essential for public to maintain protective behaviors – 6 ft. social distancing, face coverings, hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when sick
 - Identifying cases and contacts is only the first step – ability to successfully isolate and quarantine is the key to stopping spread



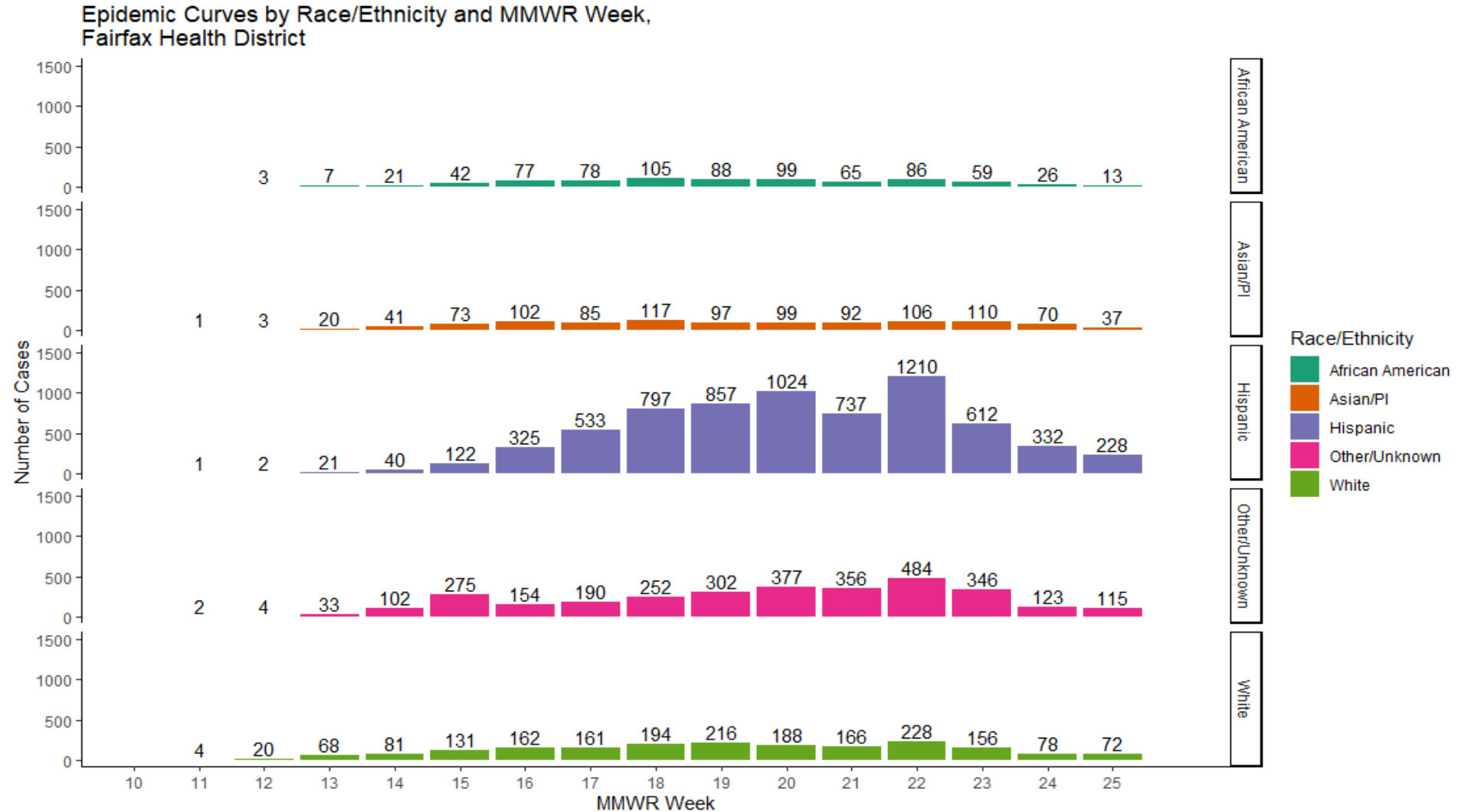
COVID-19 Case Update, through June 20

- Continued decline in new cases – from average of 302/day at peak to 66/day
- Narrowing of racial/ethnic disparities
- Decreased proportion of PCR tests with positive result

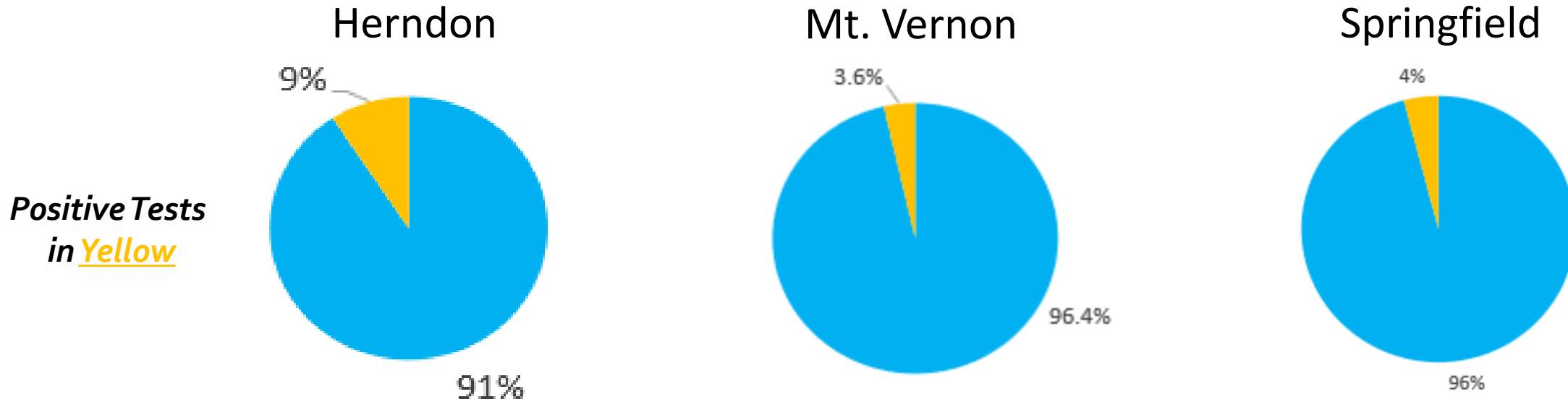
Epidemic Curve and MMWR Week, Fairfax Health District



COVID-19 Cases in Fairfax County by Race & Ethnicity



Community Testing Clinics in High Case Areas



- Almost 169-196 people tested per site; 74% lived within 2 miles; 68% Hispanic
- Among those who tested positive
 - All with known race/ethnicity were Hispanic
 - 75% were working aged adults and 25% were children

Addressing the Disproportionate Impact in Hispanic Residents



- Engaging with community organizations and advocacy groups
- High-Risk Communities Taskforce established to coordinate testing & outreach
- Active recruitment of Hispanic community health workers and contact tracers
- Working with non-governmental and county agencies to meet support needs for individuals and families in isolation and quarantine
- Using targeted media to provide culturally appropriate messaging on prevention
- Developing a COVID-19 language portal with information and resources in several languages including Spanish and providing Spanish-only text service
- Collaborating with One Fairfax on broader initiatives to address underlying factors that increase COVID-19 risk