



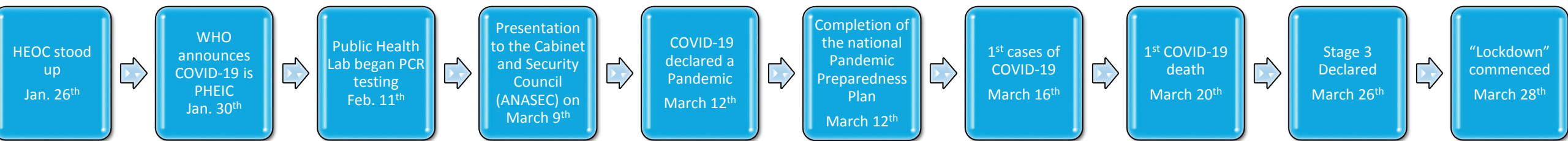
The Barbados Response to COVID-19

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This brief presentation will cover:

1. Milestones of the COVID-19 Response in Barbados
2. Overview of the epidemic
3. The Barbados Response to COVID-19
4. Economic impact of COVID-19 on Barbados
5. Looking forward....

Milestones in the COVID-19 Response





Ministry of Health and Wellness, Barbados COVID-19 Situation Report

COVID-19 Hotline (246) 536 4500 Wednesday May 27, 2020 9:00 A.M.



STATISTICS WORLDWIDE *

5,710,855
Confirmed Cases

2,451,594
Recovered

352,870
Deaths

*Coronavirus Worldometer



STATISTICS LOCAL

92
Confirmed Cases

49 | 43
Females Males

7-95
Age Range

5,038
Total Tests Completed

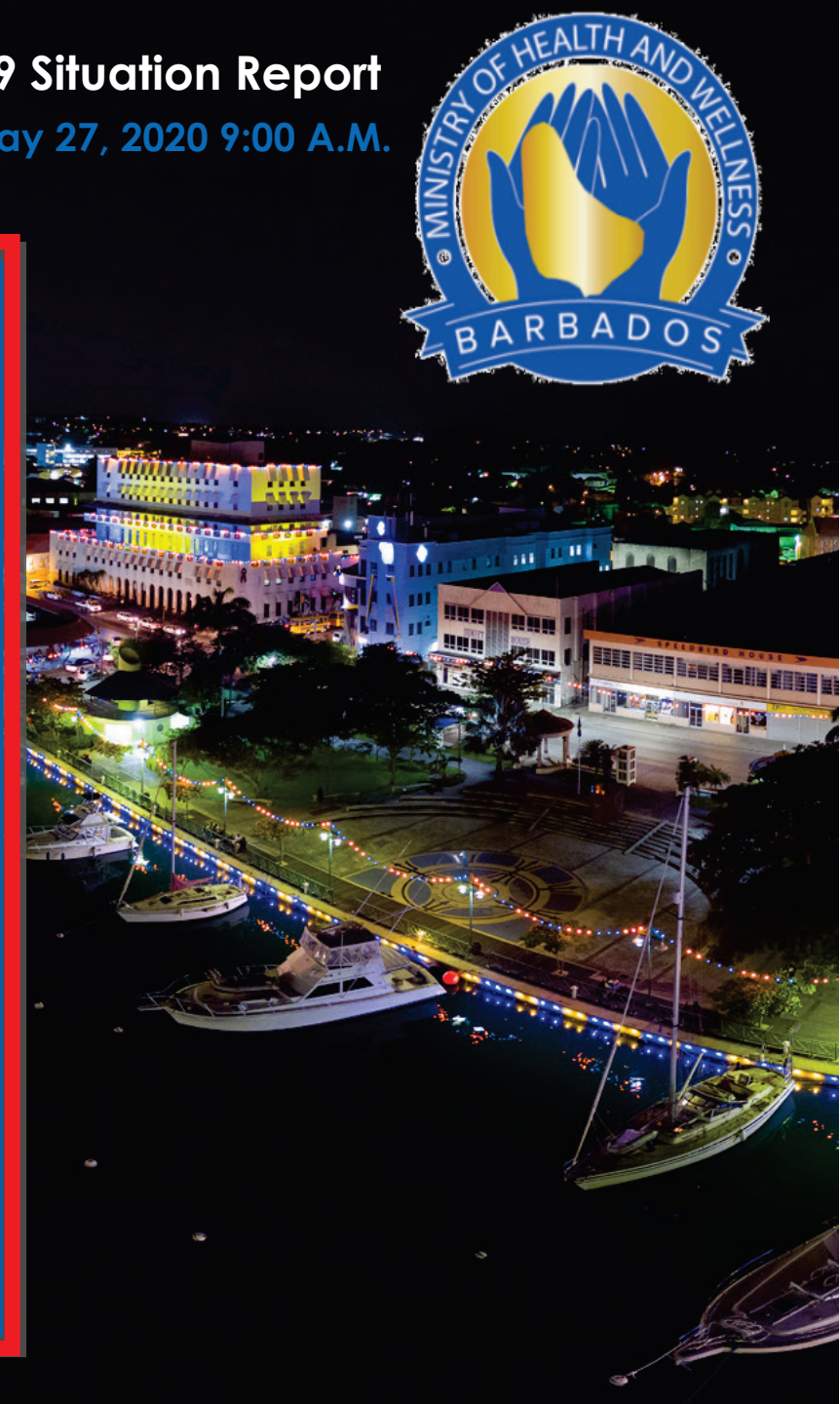


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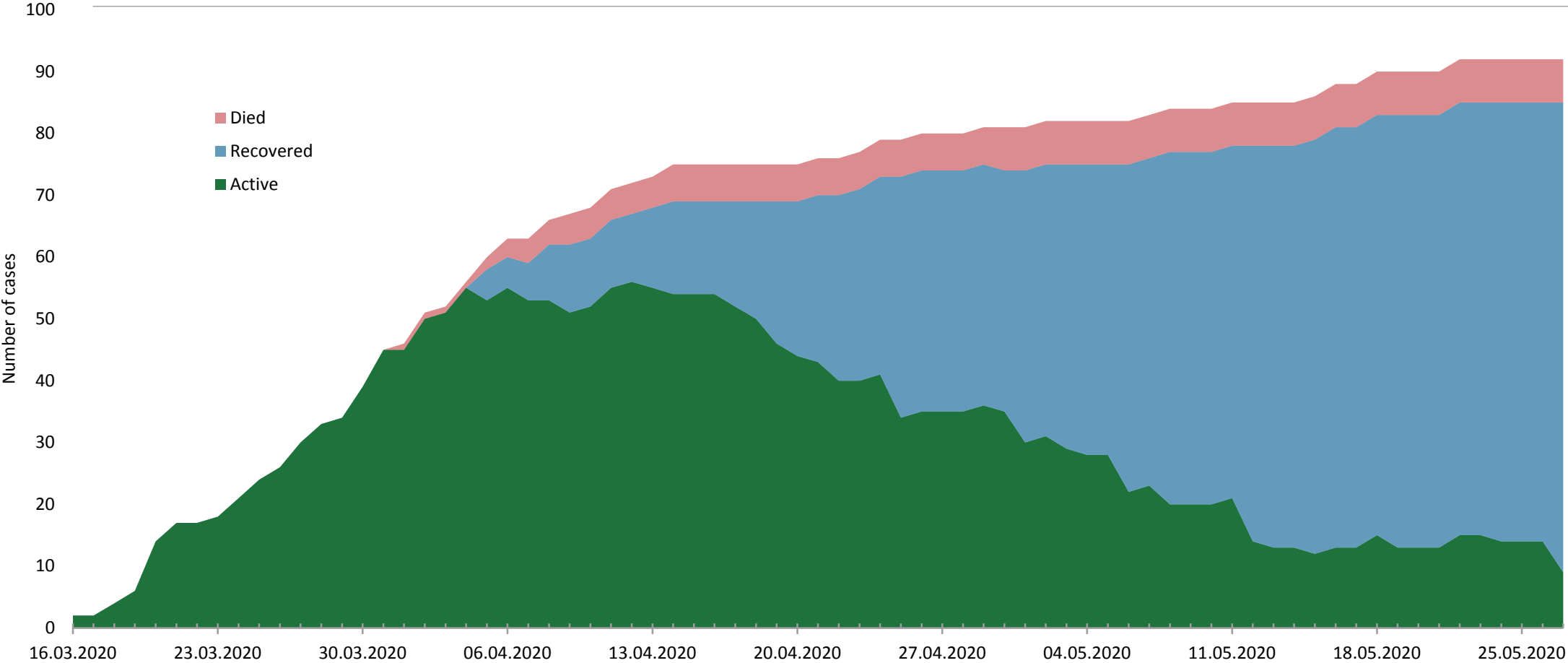
9
In Isolation

76
Recovered

7
Deaths



COVID-19 Case Progression in Barbados



Disease Surveillance (including Lab testing) are key weapons

Disease surveillance began at our Ports of Entry

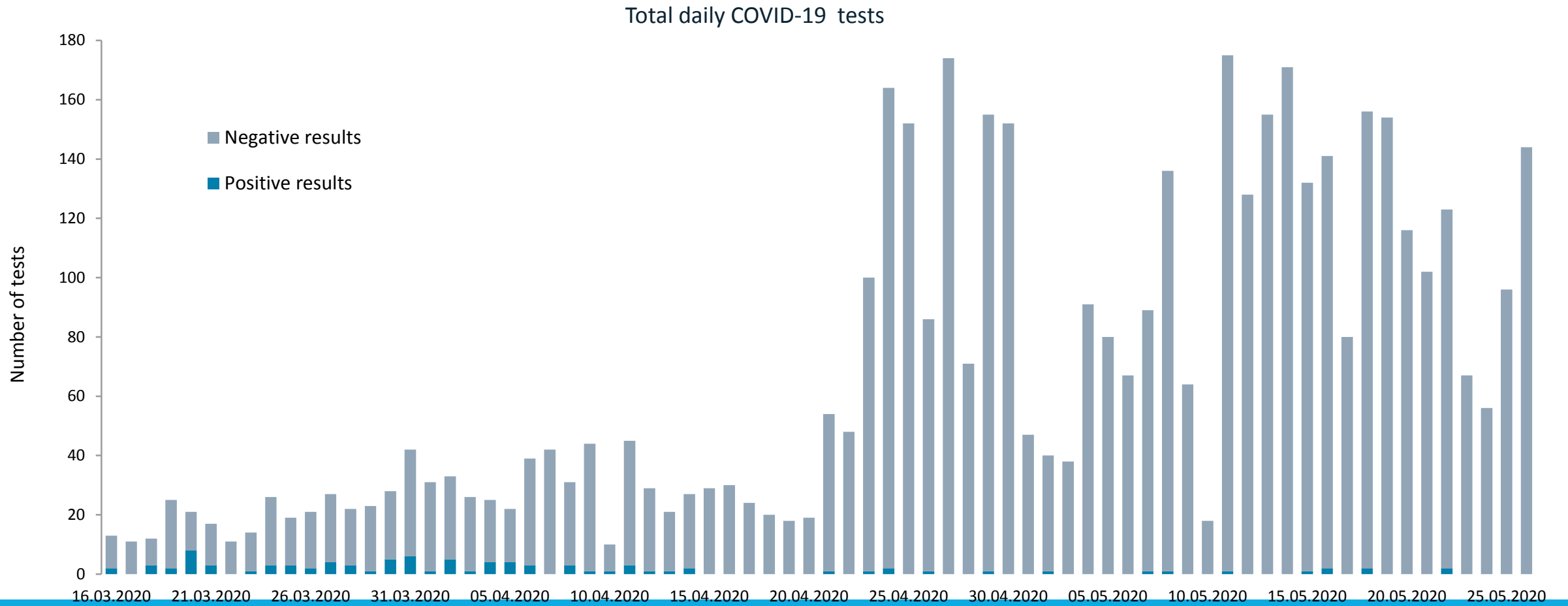
We began testing at the public health lab on Feb. 11th, 2020

- We do RT-PCR testing
- We are currently expanding testing
- Hoping for a reliable rapid test!

Continued disease surveillance including augmented laboratory testing will remain our key strategies as we seek to test, diagnose, contain!



Testing is a critical strategy



COVID-19 is devastating the economy!

St George, West Terrace grab NAPSAC glory **19, 24&25**

A love for children **32&33**

Leave police alone! **34**



MIDWEEK **Nation**
The Newspaper of Barbados

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 BARBADOS, W.I. www.nationnews.com BDS\$1.75

Quarantined Trini ready to go home
Page 5

Crane guests test positive
Page 7

Reduced traffic on roads
Pages 18&19

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Weekend Nation
The Newspaper of Barbados

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020 www.nationnews.com BARBADOS, W.I. BDS\$2.30

Realtors LIMITED Recently Reduced
Traditional Bajan Home
Open Plan Living/Dining Rooms
Well Maintained
3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom
Waters Terrace, St. Michael
\$595,000.00
Tel: (246) 537-6946

Cold storage business booming
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Centenarian celebrates by Zoom
Page 8

Long lines still for shoppers
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FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020 www.nationnews.com BARBADOS, W.I. BDS\$2.30



Covid-19 is here!
Minister, health officials tell of Barbados' first two cases **3**

• Search on to track contacts with two women testing positive

• BCCI puts limit on toilet paper purchases

• Bajans flock to supermarkets in frenzied buying

• Visits to hospitals, elderly being limited

• Bajan in US offering \$100 000 to help shoppers

• Restriction on more than 100 gathering

• Undertakers preparing to trim numbers



MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS Jeffrey Bostic after announcing Barbados' first two COVID-19 cases yesterday morning. (Picture by Sandy Pm.)

COVID-19 CURFEW
PM announces new measures as cases rise to 24 – Page 3



Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley addressing the nation last night. (Cm)

THE CURFEW
From tomorrow at 8 p.m., Barbadians who are not part of the essential services must desist from travelling around from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day until April 14.
The first day when 24-hour movement will be allowed for all people again, unless further extended, will be Wednesday, April 15.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES EXEMPTED:

- Uniformed organisations
- Security organisations
- Royal Barbados Police Force
- Fire Service
- Prison Service
- Immigration officers
- Customs officers
- Medical professionals, paramedical officials
- Caregivers
- Hospital providers
- Provision of electricity and telecommunications
- Media and broadcasting services
- Provision of essential transport
- Collection, storage, purification and distribution of water by the public or any section of the public.
- Collection, storage, treatment, disposal of sewage, garbage or refuse, and the handling of people who have passed away.

• Outside of the curfew hours, some businesses will still operate, but their hours will vary.
Among them are: Grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants (only for takeaway and drive-thru), pharmacies, shops, commercial bakeries, butcher shops, abattoirs, fishermen, farmers, gas stations and critical Government cases (to be identified) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Cm)

HUNDREDS OUT OF WORK
Covid-19 deals big blow to projects – Page 3

Frustration at fish market

Frustration was rife among fish vendors and customers yesterday at the Bridgetown Fisheries Complex.
Some vendors asked to be able to access the complex before the 8 a.m. start to prepare for the work day, while customers complained of having to wait well after the stipulated start to buy fish.
After the matter was brought to the attention of Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy Kirk Humphrey, he said vendors would be able to access all markets half hour before the stipulated start time to better prepare.
Also, a security guard allowing the vendors in at 8:05 a.m. (RA)



(Picture by Nigel Brown.)
Please also see Page 4.

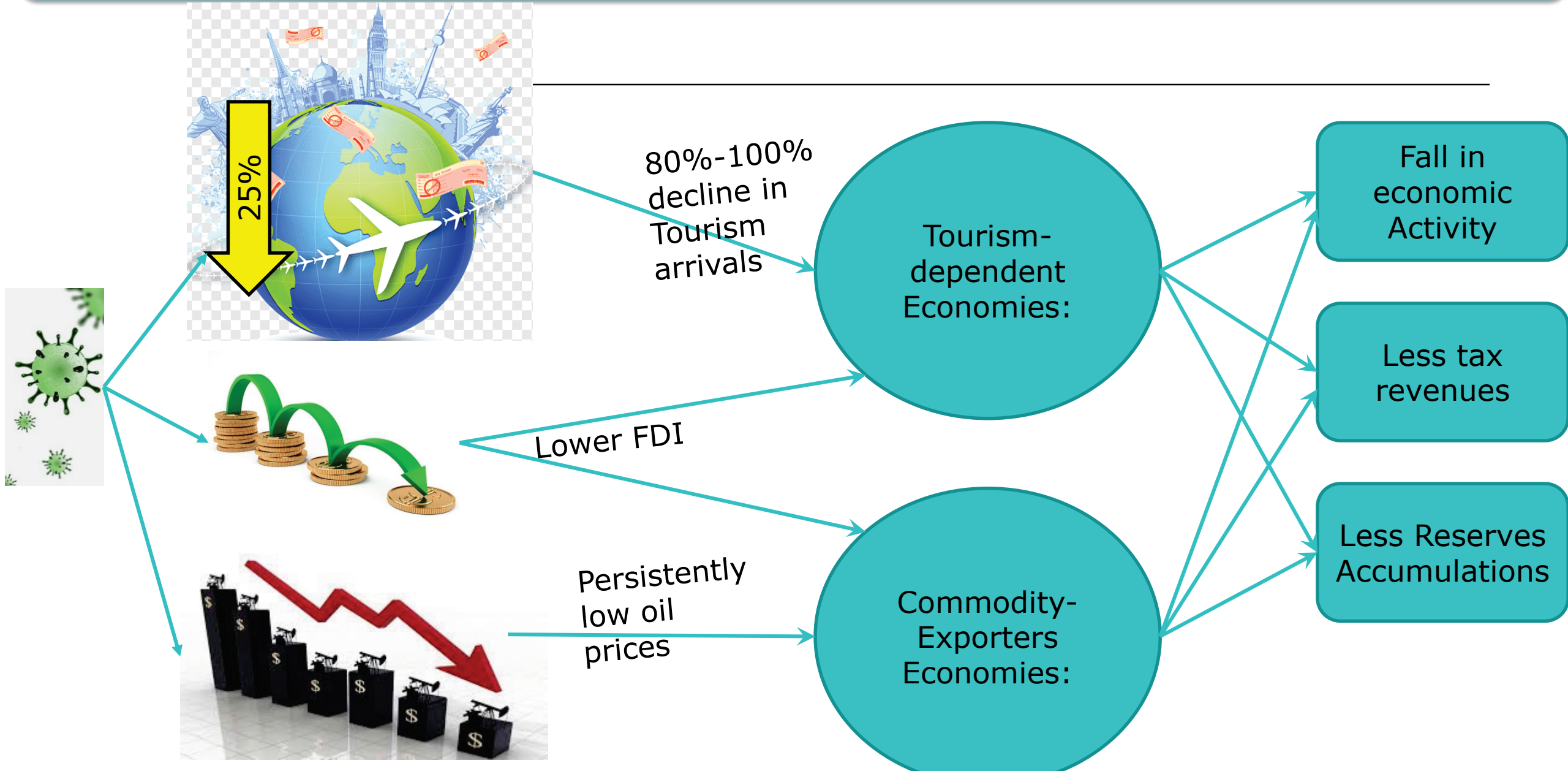
Stop Talking and Taste it!

DOORLY'S BARBADOS RUM

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The combined effects are a contraction in economic activity, reduced government tax revenues, and a loss of international reserves.



"No retreat, no surrender!"

Considerations in adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19
Interim guidance
16 April 2020



Background

Across the globe, countries have implemented a number of control measures to comprehensively prepare for and respond to COVID-19. The overarching goal of the WHO global COVID-19 response strategy¹ is for all countries to control the pandemic by slowing down transmission and reducing mortality associated with COVID-19, with the ultimate aim of reaching and maintaining a state of low-level or no transmission. Based on local epidemiology, some countries are in the process of scaling up public health and social measures, while others are or currently considering scaling down these measures.

Although the goal in all countries is to suppress transmission and provide care for all patients, the intensity of implementation of control measures to achieve this — including identification, testing, isolation and care for all cases, tracing and quarantine of all contacts, public health and social measures at individual and community levels, etc. — varies based on the transmission scenario each country is facing (no cases, first cases, clusters of cases, or community transmission).²

Public health and social measures

Public health measures include personal protective measures (hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette), environmental measures, physical distancing measures, and travel-related measures. Physical distancing measures apply to individuals (e.g. isolation of cases and quarantines of contacts) or to communities, specific segments of the population, or to the population as whole. These measures are not mutually exclusive.

WHO recommends that all suspected cases be identified, tested, isolated and cared for, and their contacts identified, traced, and quarantined.³

Additional large scale public health and social measures (PHSM), including movement restrictions, closure of schools and businesses, geographical area quarantine, and international travel restrictions have been implemented by a number of countries. These are sometimes referred to as "lockdown" or "shutdown" measures.

An assessment of the public health impact of PHSM for COVID-19 is not yet available but is needed. This assessment needs to take into account the social consequences and economic costs of such measures, which may be considerable. As such, a careful risk assessment and staged approach is needed to balance the benefits and potential harms of

adjusting these measures, so as not to trigger a resurgence of COVID-19 cases and jeopardize the health of the population. Until specific and effective pharmaceutical interventions (e.g. therapies and vaccines) are available, countries may need to continue to loosen or reinstate measures throughout the pandemic.

Decisions to tighten or loosen or re-institute PHSM should be based on scientific evidence and real-world experience and take into account other critical factors, such as economic factors, security-related factors, human rights, food security, and public sentiment and adherence to measures.

Individual measures, including medical masks for symptomatic people,⁴ isolation and treatment of ill individuals, and hygiene measures (hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette) should be sustained.

This document is intended for national authorities and decision makers in countries that have introduced large scale PHSM and are considering adjusting them. It offers guidance for adjusting public health and social measures, while managing the risk of resurgence of cases.

Scenarios

WHO has previously defined four transmission scenarios to describe the dynamic of the epidemic: no reported cases (whether truly no cases or no detected cases), sporadic cases, clusters of cases, and community transmission.⁵ A country or area can move from one transmission situation to another (in either direction) while experiencing different situations at subnational levels. Each transmission scenario requires a tailored control approach at the lowest administrative level.⁶

Although it is unknown how the pandemic will continue to evolve, three outcomes can be envisaged:

- i. complete interruption of human-to-human transmission;
- ii. recurring epidemic waves (large or small); and
- iii. continuous low-level transmission.

Based on current evidence, the most plausible scenario may involve recurring epidemic waves interspersed with periods of low-level transmission. This guidance has been developed in the context of these scenarios and will be updated as knowledge of the dynamics of the pandemic evolves.

COVID-19
GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
(COVID-19) ORDER, 2020

DIRECTIVE 5
MAY 18 - 31
CURFEW: 8:00 P.M. TO 5:00 A.M. DAILY

16/05/2020

Thank you for your attention!