



# **Qatar's COVID-19 Response**

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- **A whole-government approach** to the pandemic from the start
- **An integrated command structure:**
  - Supreme Committee for Crisis Management;
  - Council of Ministers;
  - National COVID-19 Committee;
  - Health Sector multi-institution committees.

**Our plan sets out a clear set of actions to ensure that the health, well-being and prosperity of Qatar is protected. It aims to achieve three outcomes:**

**1**

**Minimize the impact of the disease** and mitigate its effect on the people of Qatar

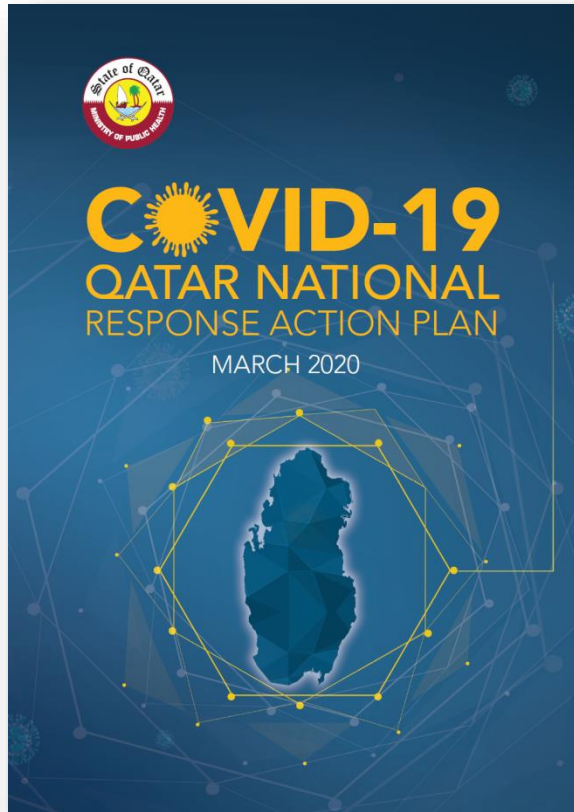
**2**

**Enable society to continue to function** as normally as possible during and after the pandemic

**3**

**Minimize and mitigate the economic impact** of the pandemic

# CONSIDERING QATAR'S UNIQUE POSITION



- A crossroads and a hub for trade and travel, implementing sensitive and effective border control;
- The culture and timings of Ramadan and Eid;
- A uniquely young population;
- Our values of safe, high quality, universal health access;
- Protect the most vulnerable and at-risk populations.

# KEY FACTS



- **First case identified on February 28** followed by a cluster (about 300 cases) in early March which was promptly addressed and contained.

- **High number of tests (40,384 per million)**, intense contact tracing and case finding allowed for the identification of a large number of cases (3,685 per million)

- **A large proportion of positive cases is asymptomatic** or with very mild disease (91%). Only 1% required treatment in ICU and 8% hospitalization.

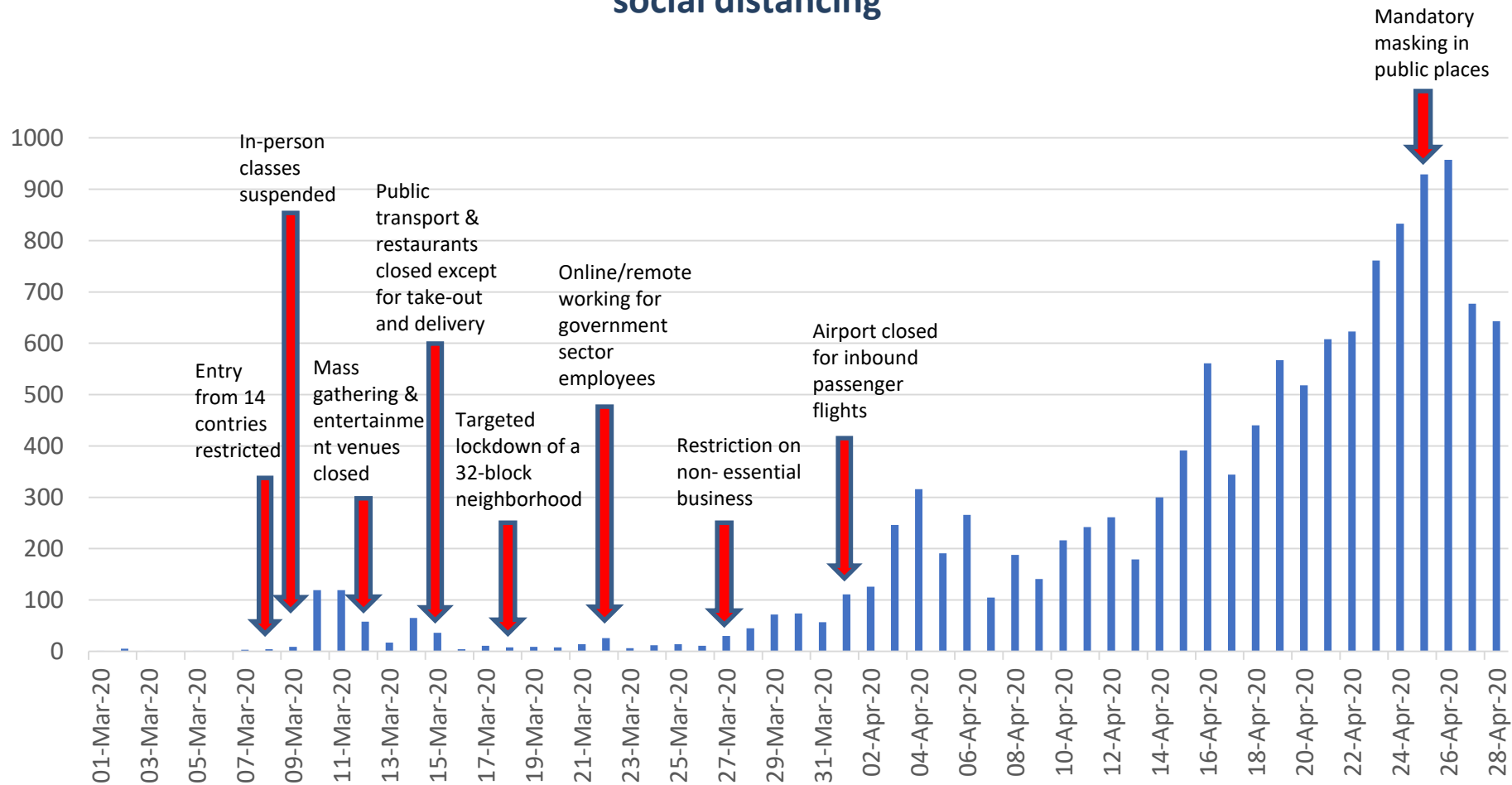
- **Deaths remain very low:** 10 in total (CFR 0.83 per 1000), mostly among patients with co-morbidities.

- **A number of measures undertaken to increase social distancing** have managed to keep the infection low in the population at large and allowed for a proper surge of hospital capacity

# EPIDEMIOLOGIC CURVE



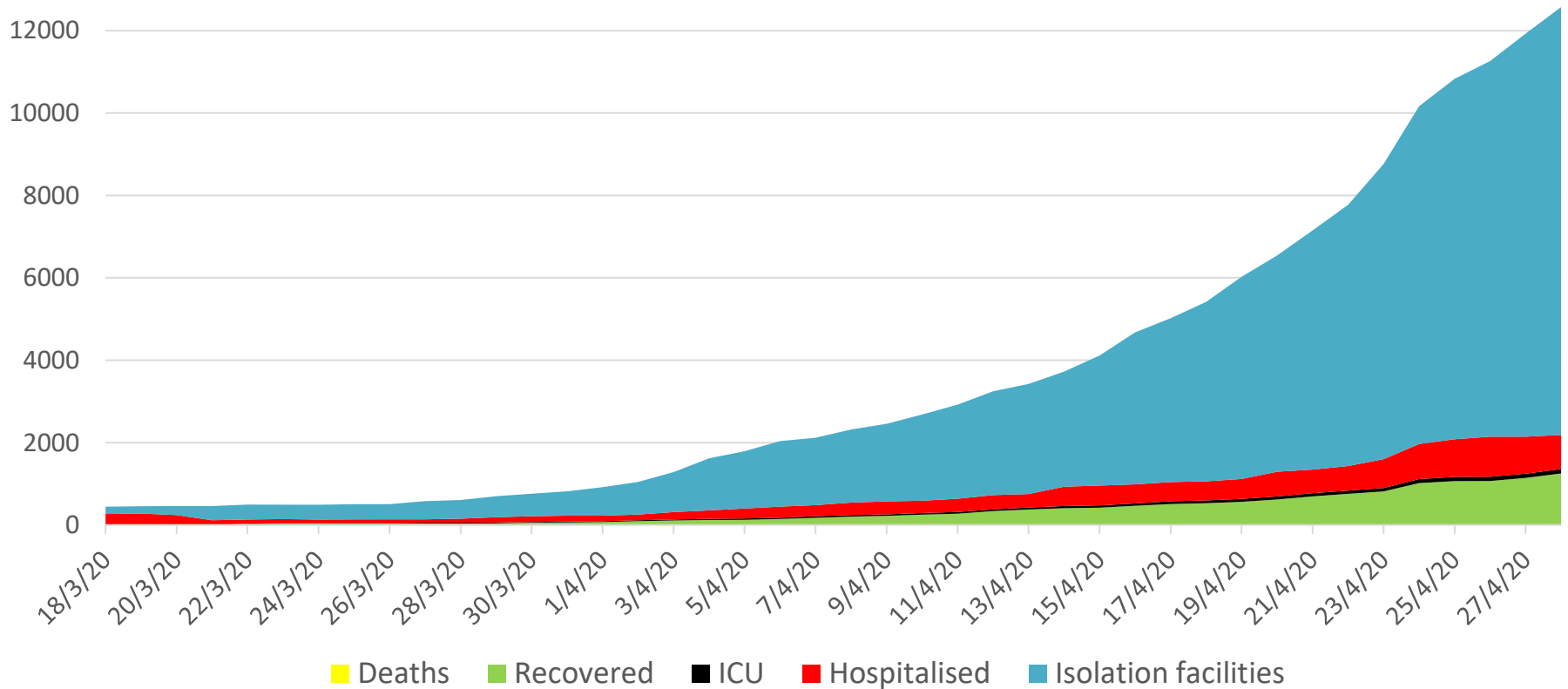
## COVID19 positive cases in Qatar by day of diagnosis and major measures taken for social distancing



# COVID-19 CASES BY SEVERITY



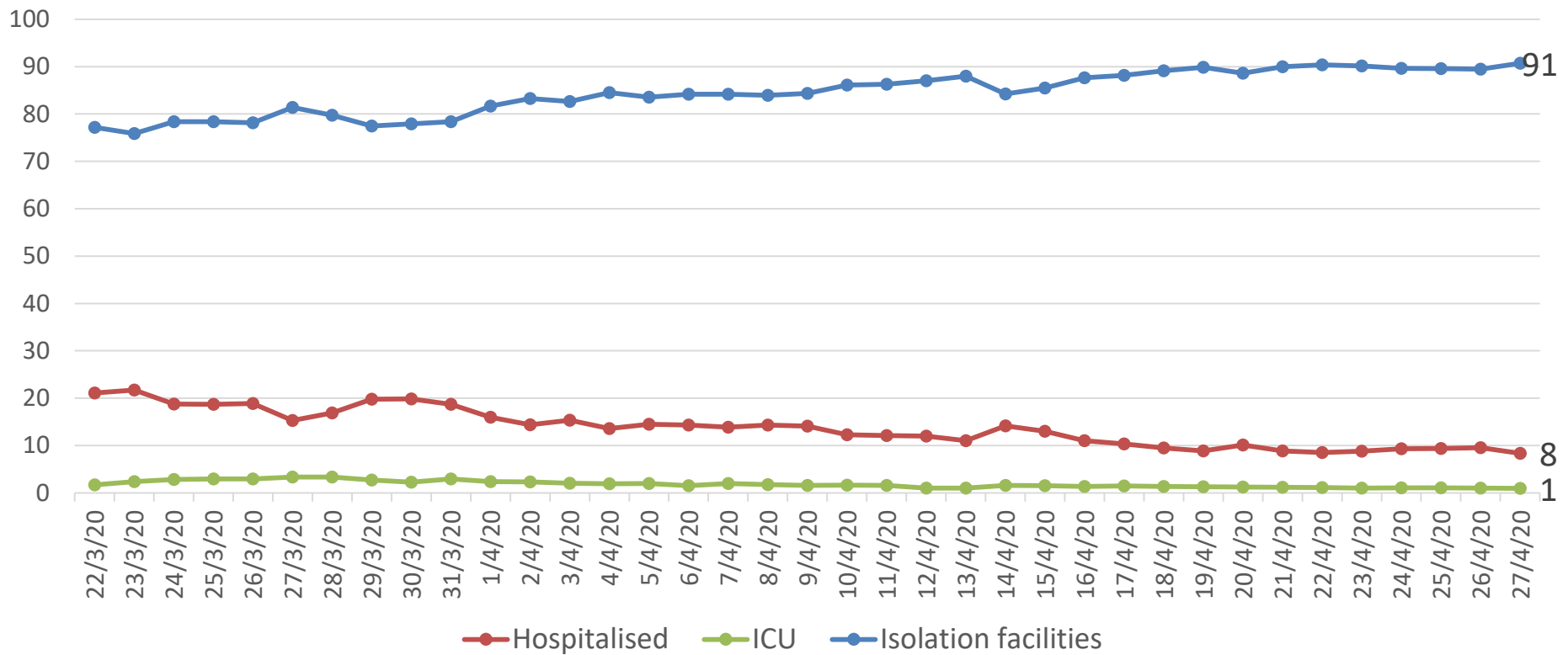
**Total cases of COVID 19 by severity. Qatar.  
By 28 April 2020**



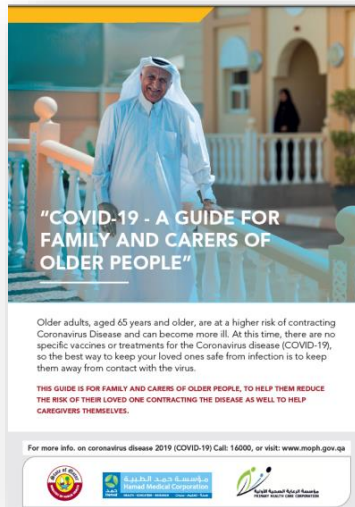
# PERCENT OF COVID-19 CASES BY SEVERITY



Percent cases of COVID 19 by severity. Qatar. By 27 April 2020



# PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES



- Active case finding, aggressive tracking and tracing;
- Screening and testing (all hospital sites, five health centres, mobile units and drivethroughs);
- Cluster and outbreak investigations;
- Quarantine hotels and isolation facilities sourced (over 30,000 beds);
- Ehteraz mobile tracing application launched;
- Education for health providers, businesses and public;
- Social distancing measures to reduce attack rate and re-production rate.





# HEALTH SERVICE READINESS



**16000**  
**HEALTHCARE**  
**HOTLINE**

Call **16000** for any of the services below

- Hotline for all enquires related to COVID-19: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- HMC Urgent Consultation Hotline: 7am to 10pm, 7 days a week  
11 specialties for urgent care needs only
- PHCC Community Call Center for Virtual Consultations: 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week

When you don't know where to go  
**We can help you**



- Rapidly expanded capacity by 2,900 new hospital beds across 5 hospitals and 700 new ICU beds dedicated to COVID-19 ready to deploy as first line of defense;
- Aim to maintain continuity of services in all our community and tertiary hospitals;
- Optimise use of resources across all parts of the health sector;
- Rapid innovation such as telemedicine; home delivery of medicine and other medical supplies, helplines, telephone triage and community support for those with multiple conditions

# QATAR'S GLOBAL EFFORTS TO CONTAIN THE GLOBAL COVID-19 OUTBREAK



- Qatar Airways helped over 1 million passengers return home safely amid the global pandemic and supported evacuation and repatriation efforts of a number of countries;
- Qatar has provided aid in the form of medical equipment and supplies to China, Iran, Palestinian Authority, Gaza, Italy, Spain, USA, Lebanon, Tunisia, Algeria, Nepal and Rwanda;
- Qatar has also aided refugee camps in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon
- Supporting UNDP's Accelerator Labs Programme with focus on corona outbreak incubators;
- Participation in global clinical trial and research to share our experience;





1

Creating new norms which encourage personal, social and business responsibility to protect public health as well as deliver value for money: **Good Public Health = Good Business;**

2

De-escalation plan for post peak is in development;

3

Innovations in digital information systems, remote care, community and primary care and care integration that arose out of the necessity of providing care during COVID-19 must continue and be further expanded.