

2020 COVID-19 Response Hearing

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP

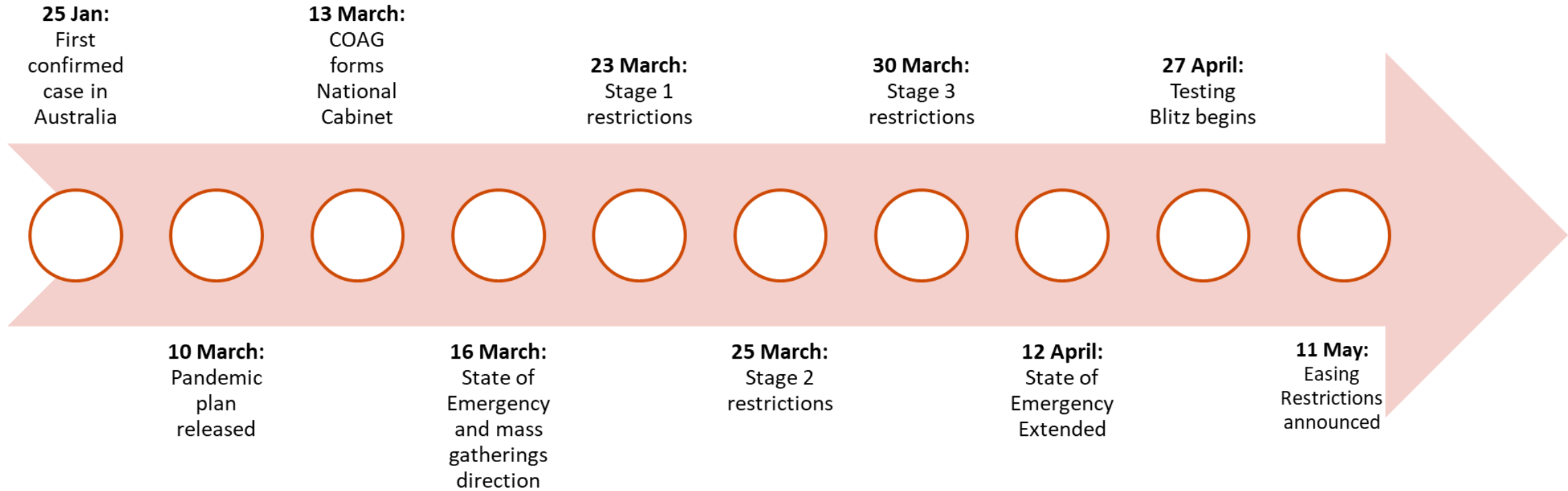
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Tuesday 12 May 2020



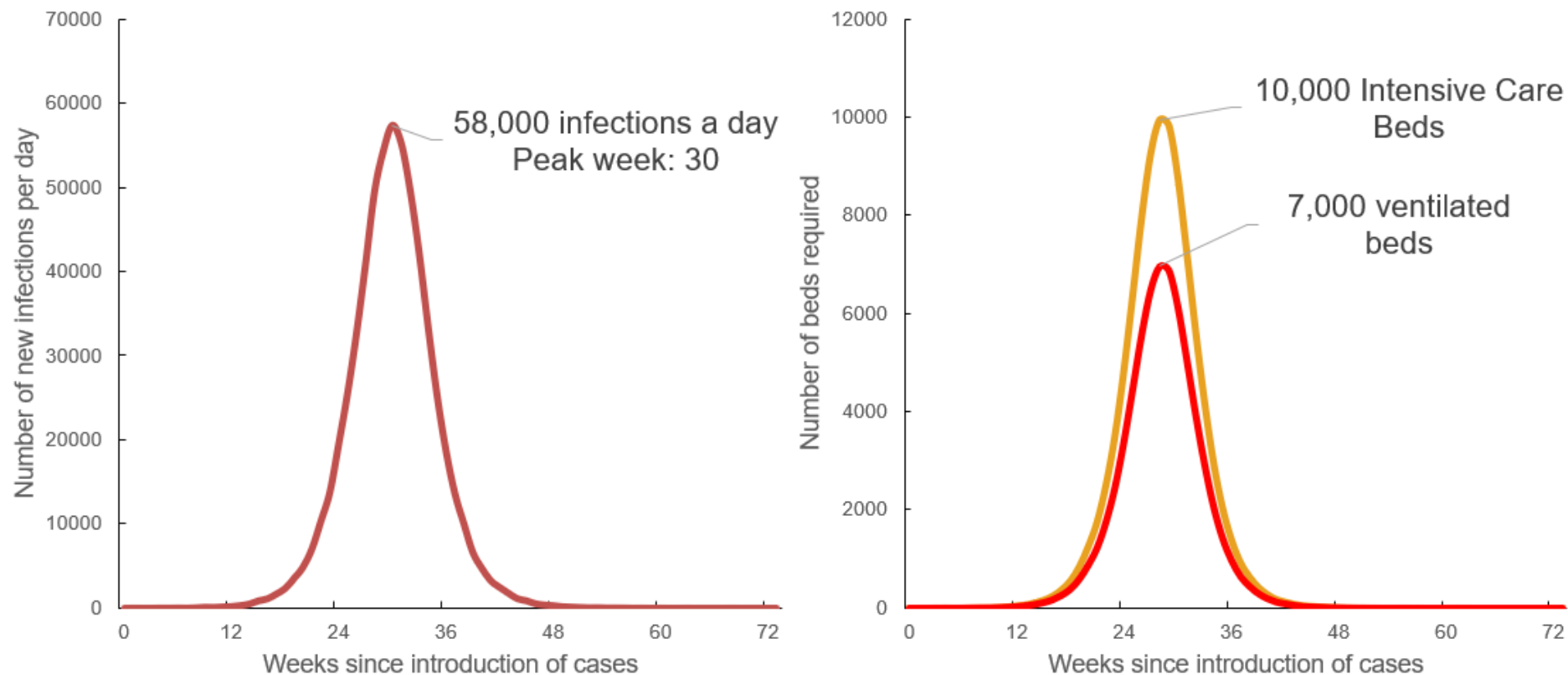
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Key Events



Without action, 58,000 cases per day were forecast

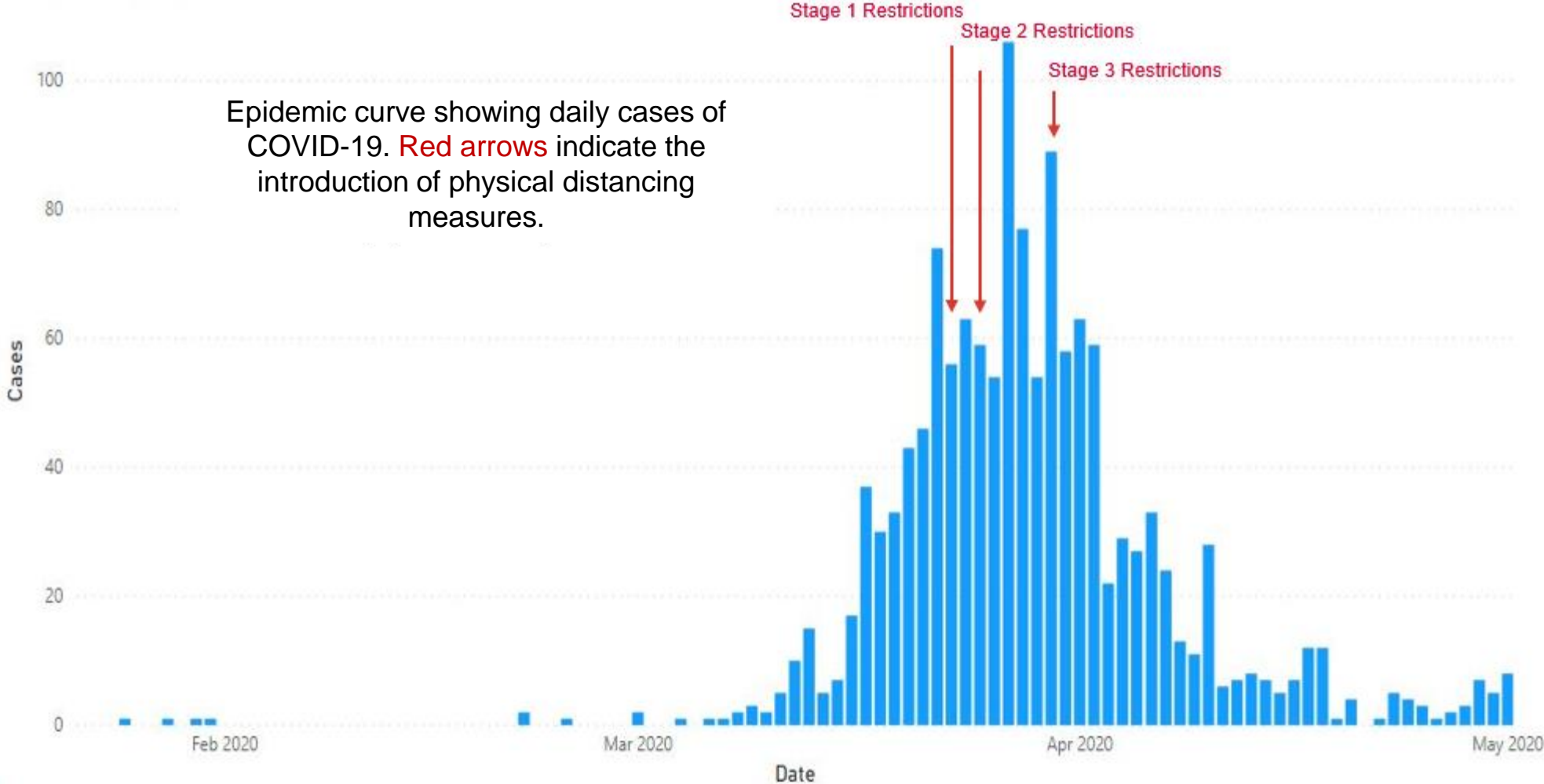
Our modelling shows that without physical distancing Victoria would have seen up to 58,000 cases per day and some 36,000 Victorians would have died.



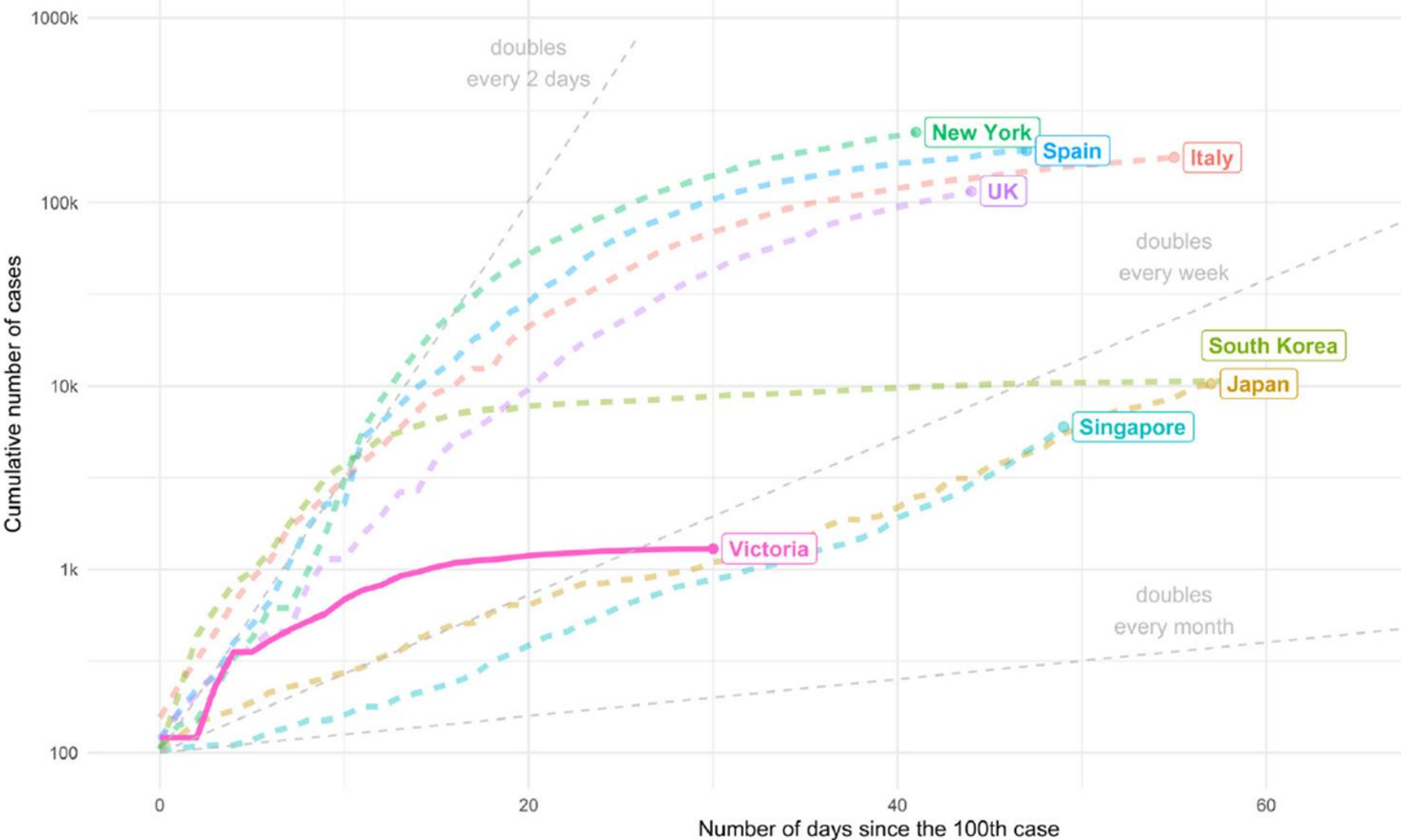
Stage 1 to 3 restrictions flattened the curve

Classification ● Confirmed

Epidemic curve showing daily cases of COVID-19. Red arrows indicate the introduction of physical distancing measures.

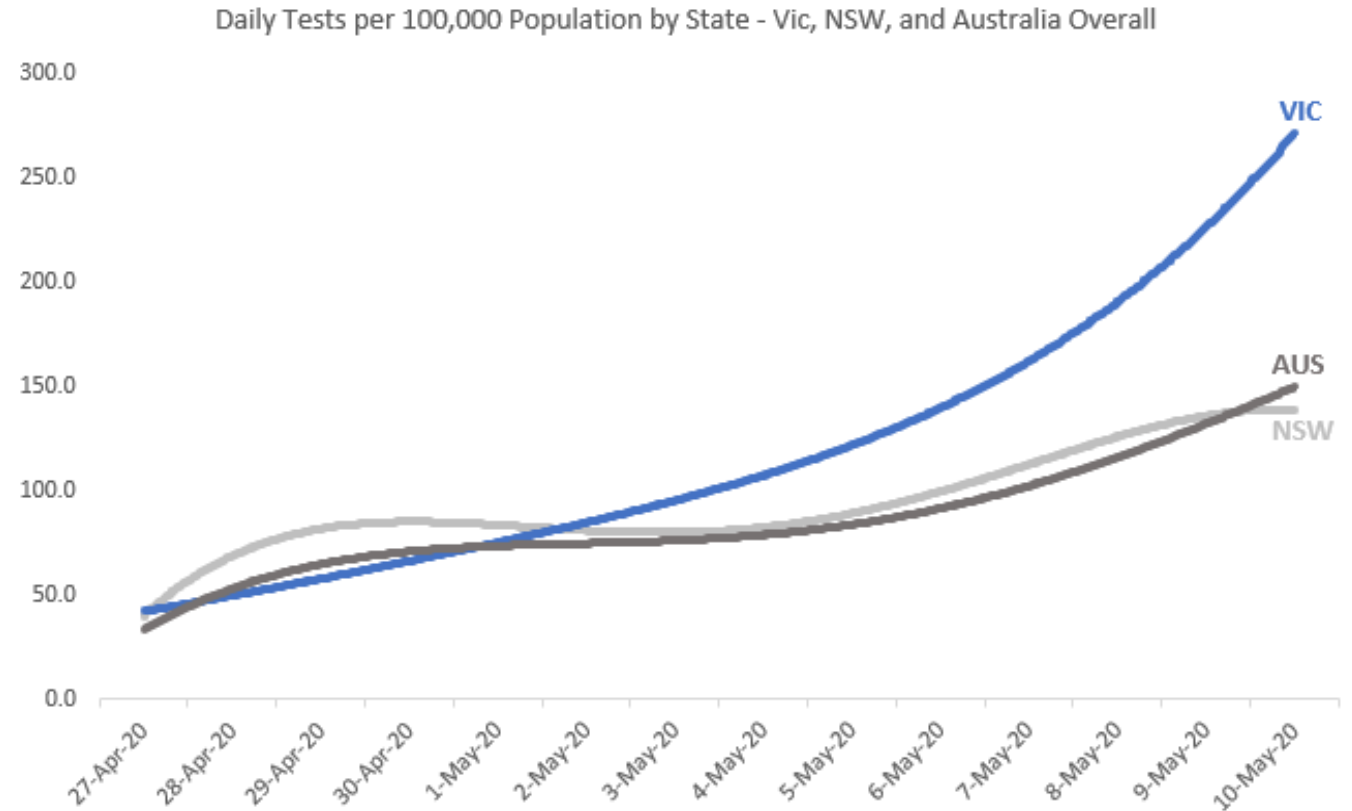


Victoria's curve is flat compared with other jurisdictions



Testing is key to relaxing restrictions

- A target of 100,000 tests was set to better understand community transmission with the widest testing criteria in Australia.
- As of yesterday, over 161,000 samples had been collected and 141,000 tests had been analysed.
- 30 total cases were identified as part of the blitz, that were not through contact tracing or hotel quarantine.



Kids will start returning to classrooms on 26 May

- From Tuesday 26 May, all Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students, specialist school students, as well as VCE and VCAL students will return to on-site learning at government schools.
- Staff, schools and parents will use the next fortnight to prepare, with a pupil free day scheduled for Monday 25 May.
- Students in Years 3 to 10 will continue to learn remotely until Tuesday 9 June.
- We will invest up to \$45 million for enhanced cleaning that will occur every day at every school across the state for all of Term 2 and Term 3.



Where to from here?

- From 11.59pm tonight, new restrictions are in place including: adding a fifth reason to leave home to visit family and friends, outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people, and recreational activities like fishing, hunting and hiking (all with physical distancing).
- These new rules and the renewed State of Emergency will be in place until 31 May.
- Future decisions will be informed by our ongoing testing and health data.

