



Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC)

Inquiry into the Victorian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

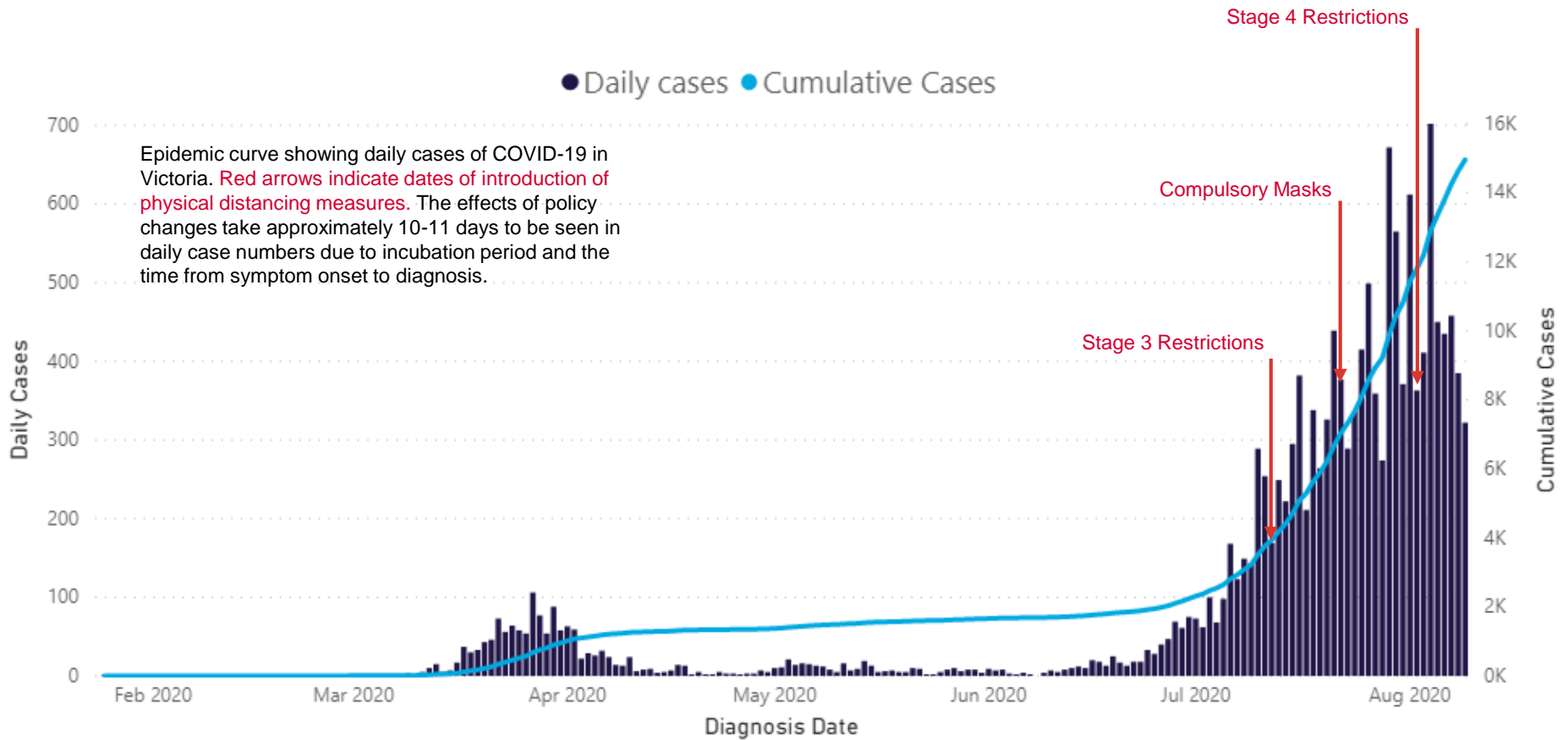
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Hon Jenny Mikakos MLC

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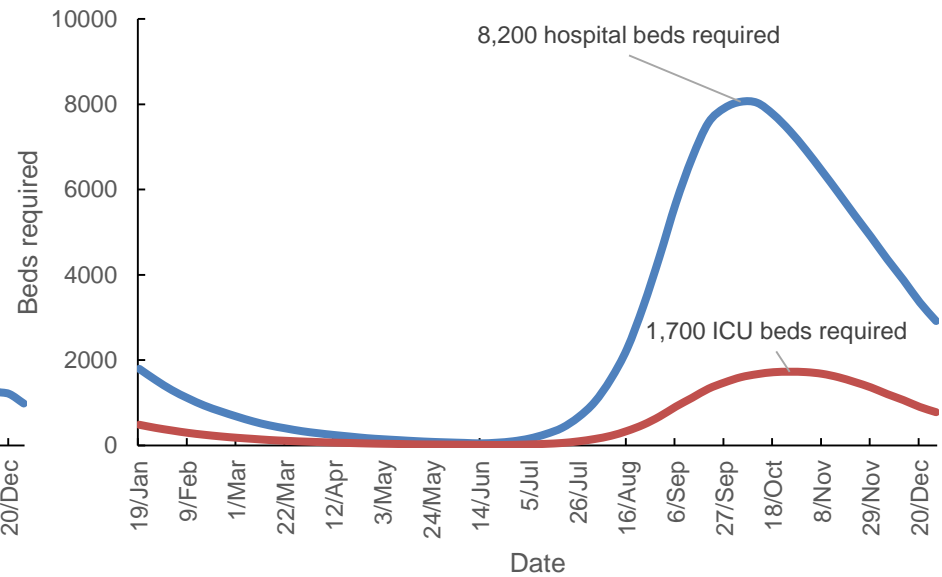
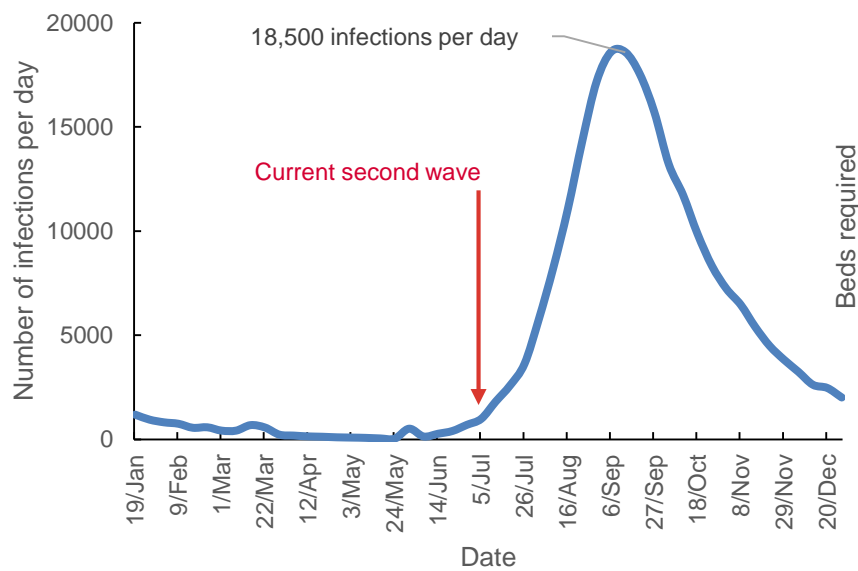
Victoria's second wave

Restrictions have slowed the growth in cases



Modelling has shown what could have happened

Restrictions have protected our health system



Protected health system

Invested \$1.9 billion early

Built new hospital beds

- Boosted inpatient capacity by more than 400 more beds, ensuring hospitals can manage COVID-19 demand and continue to treat patients with other conditions across metropolitan and regional Victoria.
- 84 new beds at St Vincent's on the Park (the former Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre)
- 50 new beds and consulting rooms at Baxter House in Geelong
- 45 new beds at Bendigo Hospital

Accelerated projects to early completion

- 140 beds at Casey Hospital
- 88 beds at the new inpatient tower at Shepparton Hospital

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Critical care capacity

- 1,556 ICU and critical care spaces have been prepared to date across public and private hospitals.
- Extra ICU and critical care beds in three stages: 1,556 prepared to date, 1,300 in stage 2 and 1,400 in stage 3 if required.
- Ordered 5,216 ventilators, 130 dialysis machines and 2,945 patient monitors
- Utilised the agreement with Victoria's private hospitals to add significant capacity for a system-wide response
- Rapid expansion of innovative models of care including Telehealth and Hospital in the Home to keep patients and healthcare workers safe

Strengthened the healthcare workforce

Acted early to protect our heroes

Prepared our workforce

- Centralised PPE procurement and distribution
- Ordered more than 805 million gloves, 154 million masks and 26 million gowns
- Launched the Working for Victoria – Health Portal
- Training to help prepare and protect our frontline workers
- Planning for backfill for healthcare workforce
- Accommodation to support frontline health workers who need to self-isolate

Our public health response continues to grow and evolve

Testing, tracing and isolating

Testing

- Built an extensive network of 188 testing sites across Victoria
- More than 1,700,000 tests completed included a massive testing blitz
- Adaptation of testing strategy based on emerging needs and priorities
- Targeted engagement and testing in high risk settings
- Rapid response testing squads
- Call to test

Contact tracing

- More than 2600 disease detectives
- ADF doorknocking
- Outbreak unit – rapid response squads
- Regional public health teams

STAYING

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