Roadmap to a Resilient Louisiana

May 11, 2020



"New normal" for all people*

- Everyone should wear appropriate face coverings in public except children under 2 and individuals with severe breathing issues
- Everyone should practice good hygiene
 - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer if soap and water not available
 - Clean high-touch surfaces and high traffic areas frequently
 - Avoid touching your face
 - Sneeze and cough into tissue, elbow or mask
- Maintain physical distance of at least 6 ft from nonhousehold contacts
- Sick individuals stay home, isolate from household contacts, and contact medical providers





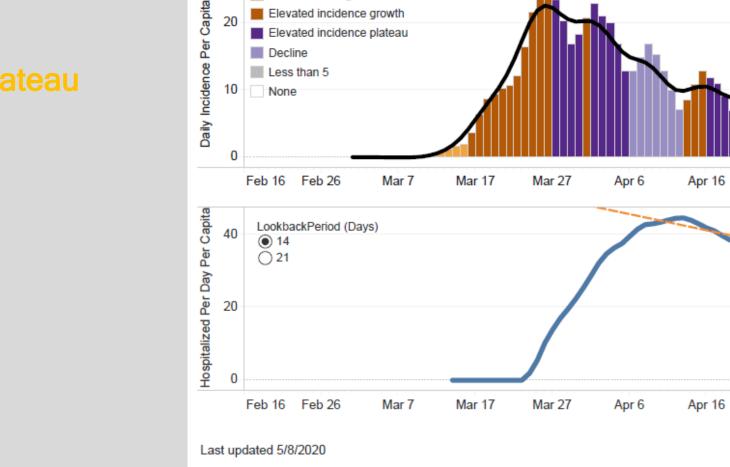
Gating criteria status - May 8

Region	CLI	Cases	Hospitalizations
STATE	Decreasing	Plateau	Decreasing
Region 1	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Region 2	Decreasing	Plateau Growth	Decreasing
Region 3	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Region 4	Decreasing	Plateau Decline	Decreasing
Region 5	Decreasing	Plateau Decline	Decreasing
Region 6	Plateau	Shifting to Plateau	Decreasing
Region 7	Decreasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Region 8	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing
Region 9	Decreasing	Plateau	Decreasing



Statewide

- COVID-like illnesses -**Decreasing**
- Cases per capita Plateau
- Hospitalizations -**Decreasing**



% CLI Visits / Total ED Visits

Status

Feb 16

Decline

Less than 5 None

Feb 26

Low incidence growth

Elevated incidence growth Elevated incidence plateau

Mar 7

Mar 17

Mar 27

Apr 6

Apr 16

Apr 26

Apr 26

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May 6

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Normal

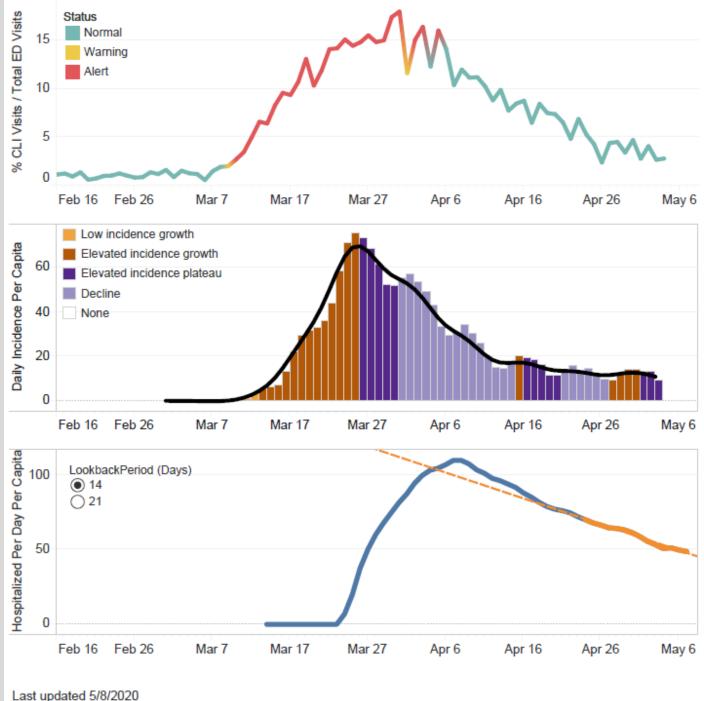
Warning Alert



Region 1 **New Orleans**

- COVID-like illnesses **Decreasing**
- Cases per capita **Decreasing**
- Hospitalizations **Decreasing**

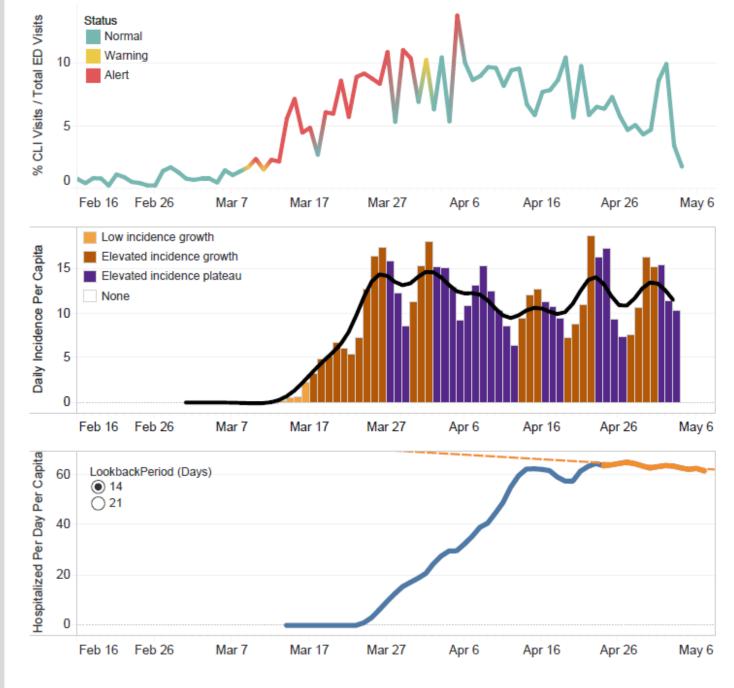




Region 2 Baton Rouge

- COVID-like illnessesDecreasing
- Cases per capitaPlateau Growth
- HospitalizationsDecreasing

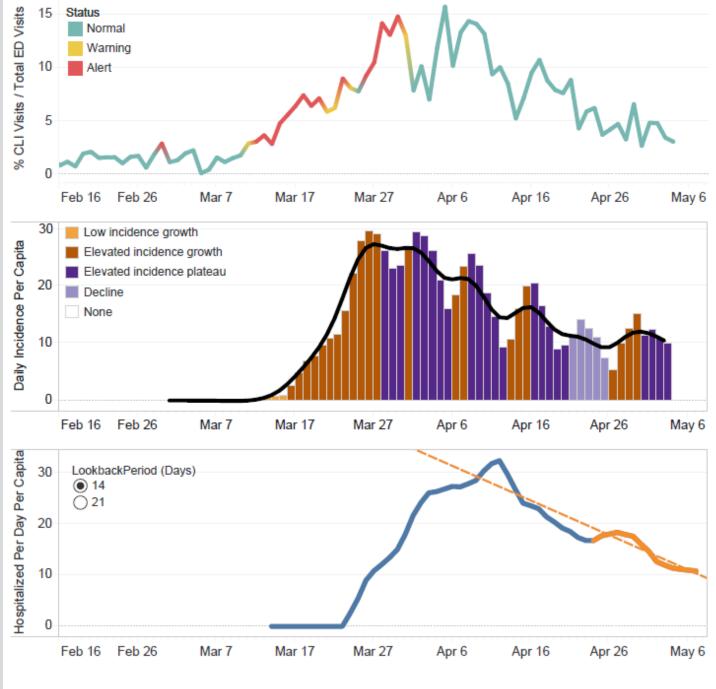




Region 3 South Central

- COVID-like illnessesDecreasing
- Cases per capitaDecreasing
- HospitalizationsDecreasing

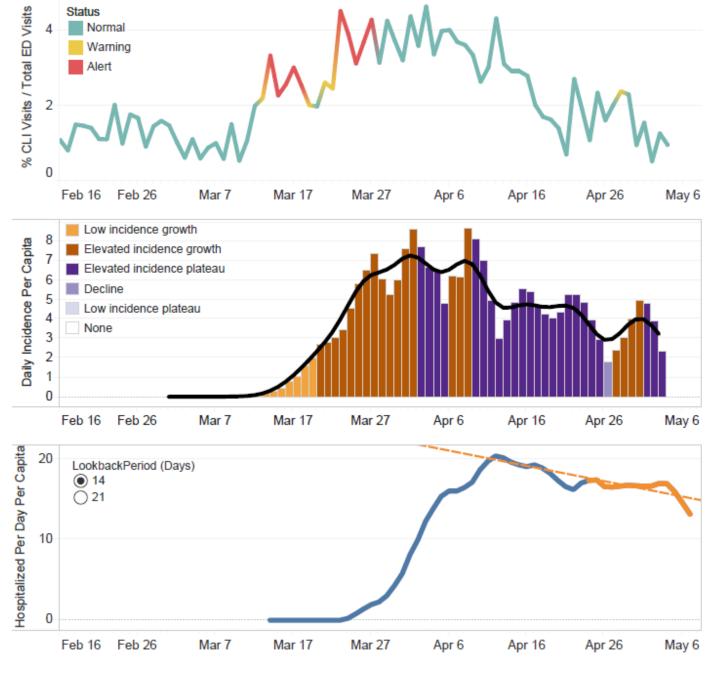




Region 4 Acadiana

- COVID-like illnessesDecreasing
- Cases per capitaPlateau Decline
- HospitalizationsDecreasing

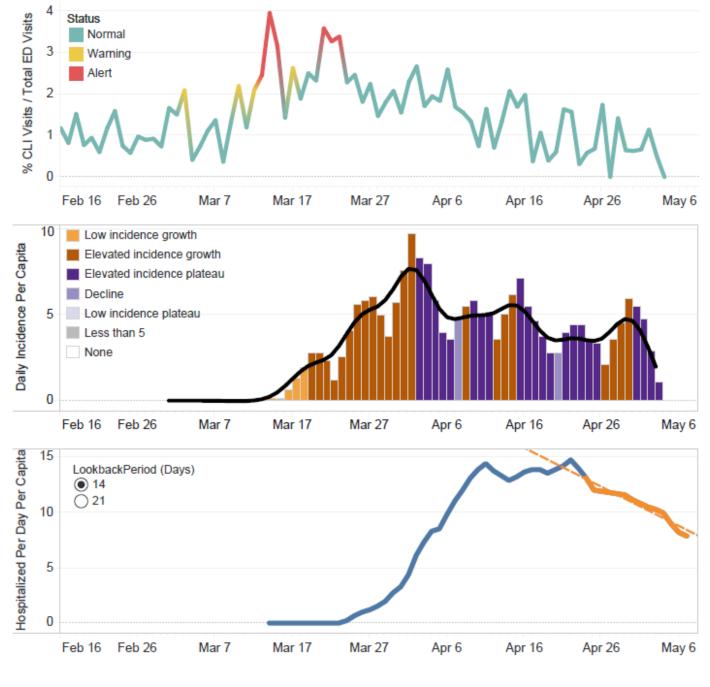




Region 5 Southwest

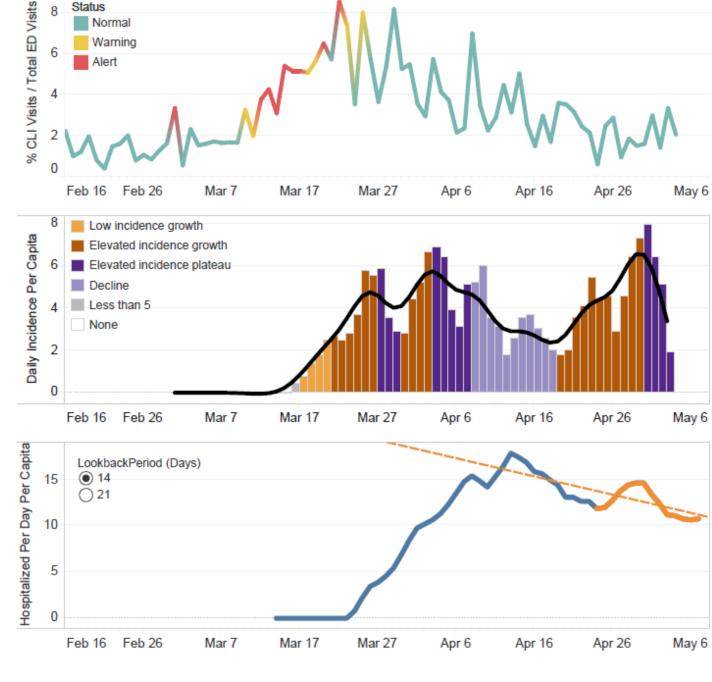
- COVID-like illnessesDecreasing
- Cases per capitaPlateau Decline
- Hospitalizations Decreasing





Region 6 Central

- COVID-like illnesses Plateau
- Cases per capitaShifting to Plateau
- Hospitalizations Decreasing

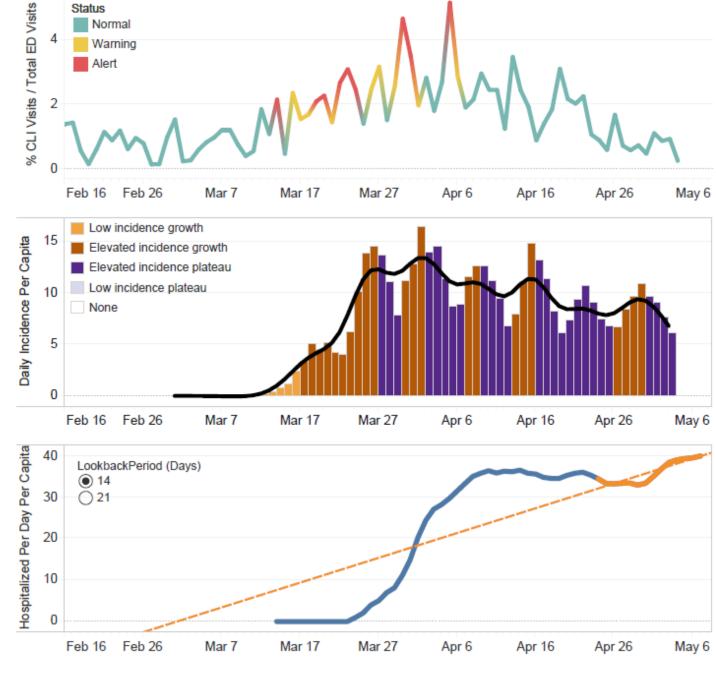




Region 7 Shreveport

- COVID-like illnessesDecreasing
- Cases per capitaDecreasing
- HospitalizationsIncreasing

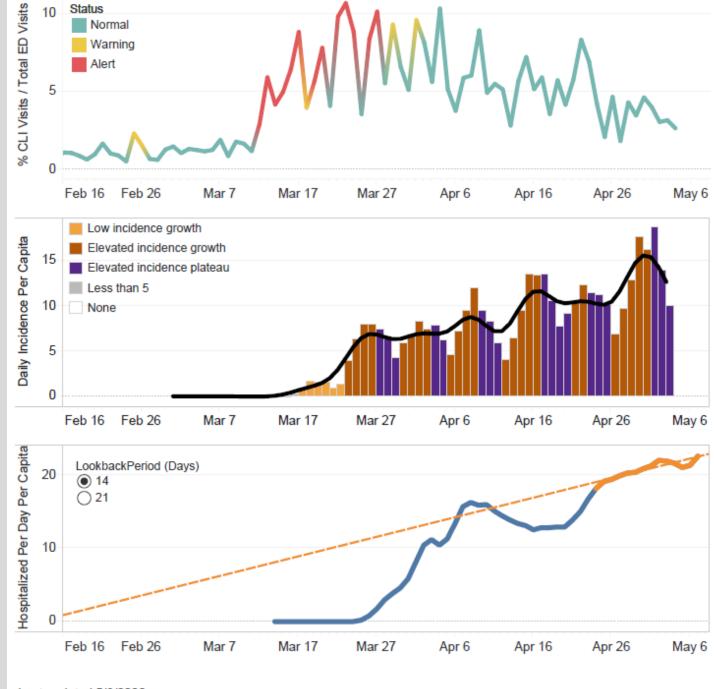




Region 8 Monroe

- COVID-like illnessesDecreasing
- Cases per capitaIncreasing
- HospitalizationsIncreasing

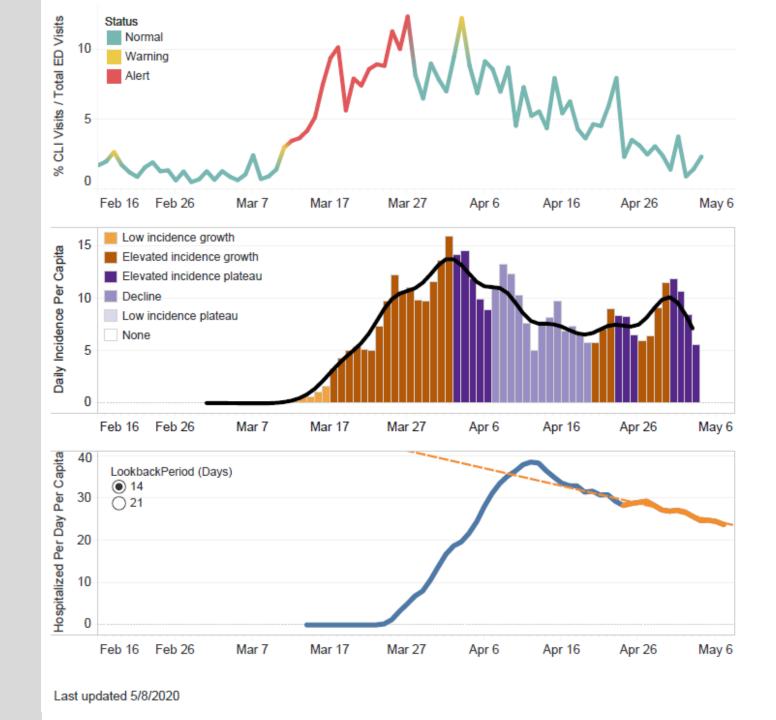




Region 9 Northshore

- COVID-like illnessesDecreasing
- Cases per capitaPlateau
- HospitalizationsDecreasing





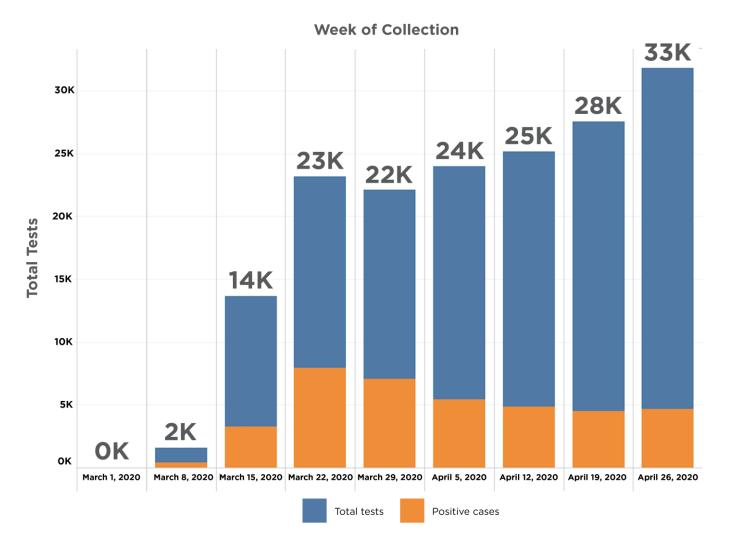
Testing & contact tracing continue to ramp up

Testing

- Continues to grow week over week
- Positivity rate relative to testing has decreased
- Goal: 200K tests by end of May, with a focus on vulnerable communities, hot spots and inaccessible areas

Contact tracing

- A decades-old public health tool that works, but requires trust
- By May 15, more than 250 Louisianans will be ready to make calls, with the capacity for more than 700 in four weeks if needed
- 2,676 inquiries within 22 hours of announcement



Phase 1: Safer at Home

Now open with limitations (25% occupancy, sanitation, spacing for physical distancing):*

- Restaurants, coffee shops and cafes
- Churches
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Barbers and salons
- Casinos and Video Poker
- Theaters
- Racetracks (not open to spectators)
- Museums, zoos, aquariums (no tactile exhibits)
- In malls, only stores with exterior entrances
- Bars and breweries with LDH food permit takeout, delivery and dine-in seating only

Limiting to 25% of normal occupancy allows for physical distancing
Occupancy capacity is based on both the square footage and the use of a building as well as the amount of space required for individuals to stay six feet apart (110 square feet). This occupancy capacity includes customers and employees.

For more specific guidance and resources visit: opensafely.la.gov



High-risk individuals are encouraged to stay home during Phase 1

- Individuals 65 years old or older
- Long-term care facility residents
- Vulnerable individuals: immunocompromised OR one or more of the following health conditions with poor control:

High blood pressure

Diabetes

Obesity

Chronic kidney disease

Heart disease



Reminder: This is our new normal

Other countries' experiences and public health experts warn us that as we ease restrictions, we could see a spike in case growth. In order to not move backward, we all need to do our part.

Contact tracing, testing and mitigation measures (e.g., guidance to stay six feet away, occupancy limits) are crucial tools in this fight, but they only work if we take them to heart.

New normal for everyone until we have a vaccine: Masks or face coverings in public, 6ft apart from others, frequent handwashing.

Individuals with higher risks are urged to stay home but *everyone* is safer at home.

Staying home when sick saves lives.



Resources

For the public

Dial 211 coronavirus.la.gov ldh.la.gov/coronavirus

For businesses opensafely.la.gov



Next steps

Monitor case growth, hospitalizations, COVID-like illnesses and other factors **over next 21 days.**

