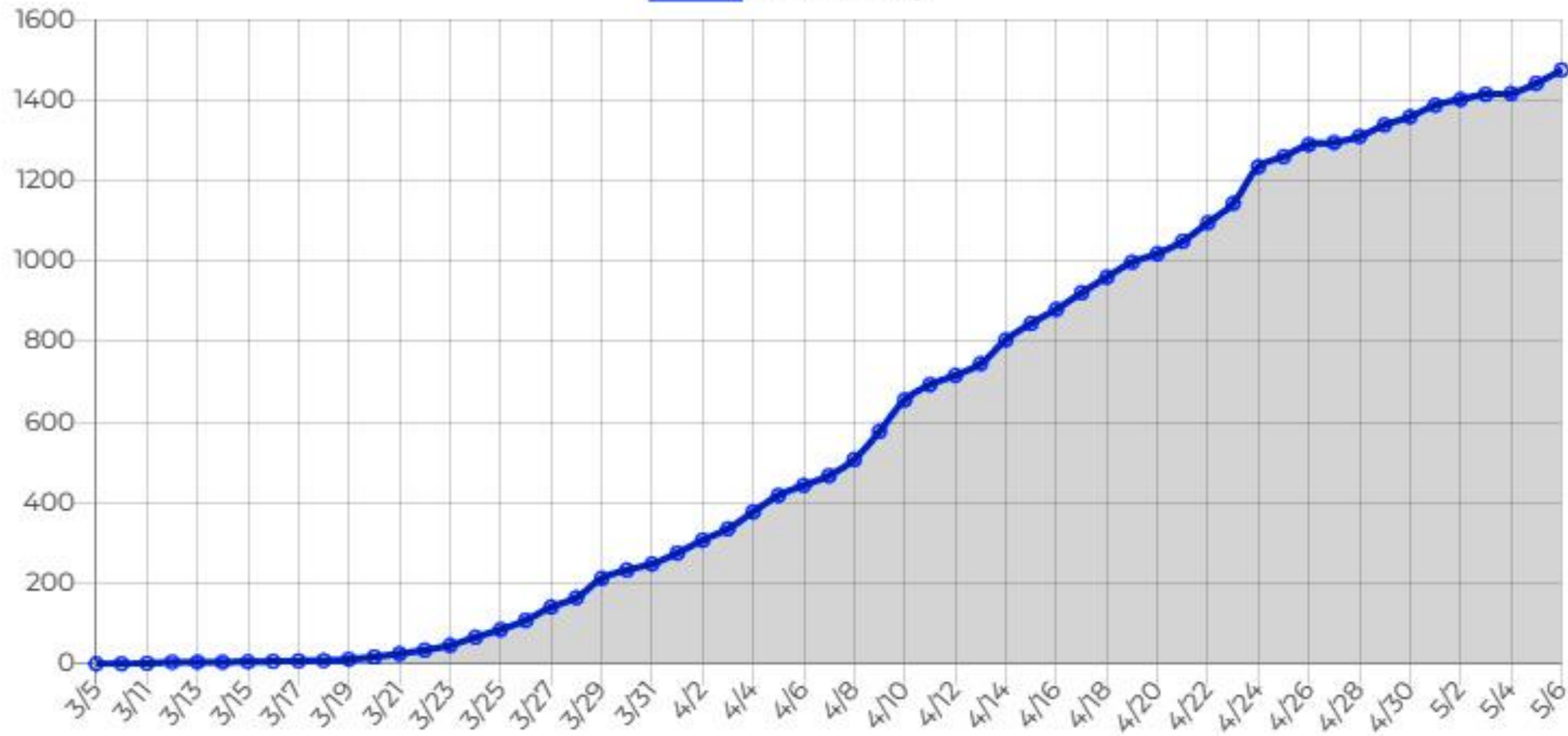


Ulster County COVID-19 Community Impacts and Responses and Outlook Moving Forward



Ulster County



Ulster County COVID-19 Dashboard

Negative Cases
7145

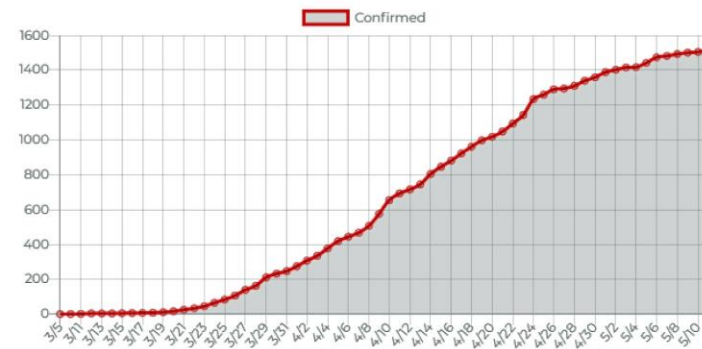
Confirmed Cases
1517

Fatalities
60

Recovered
646

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

Updated: 5/12/2020



COVID-19 Testing Timeline

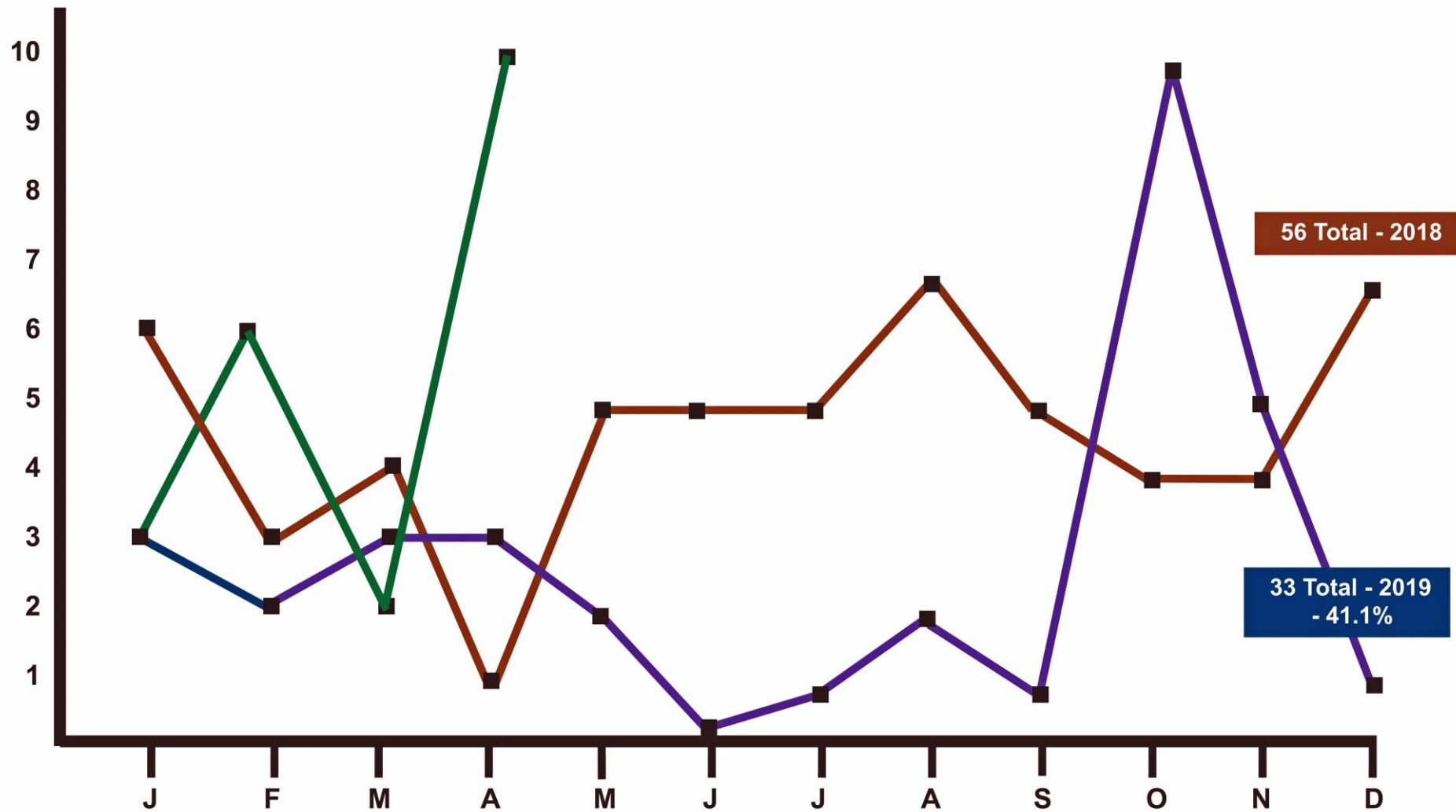
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Confirmed vs. Recovered Cases

UC Opioid Related Fatalities 2018 v 2020

of Fatalities



56 Total - 2018

33 Total - 2020
- 41.1%

Overall Covid-19 Community Response County Executive Pat Ryan's Team and Community Partners

- Established a countywide hotline and integrated database tracking system to determine actual and potential cases, initiate follow-up, and to provide general community information on pandemic related issues
- Established multiple mobile testing sites in Kingston and Ellenville. Has been expanded to Kingston and now includes antibody testing
- Created a dedicated website to aggregate data, resource, critical information and important updates

Overall Covid-19 Community Response

County Executive Pat Ryan's Team and Community Partners

- Worked with multiple community partners to establish Project Resilience to raise substantial contributions (\$2M +) to address food insecurity and other critical needs. Has since served over 100K meals
- Launched Facebook Town Halls, with guests including local and regional government and business leaders, including Federal and State elected leaders
- Expanded ventilator and hospital bed capacity at Health Alliance and Ellenville Regional, with auxiliary surge capacity sites readied at Tech City and Kate Walton Fieldhouse at Kingston HS

Overall Covid-19 Community Response

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- Set up medical volunteer recruitment system, along with testing, to support community senior living facilities/nursing homes and enhance surge capacity at hospitals
- Initiated “Shop Local Saturday” program and helped secure \$120 million in initial Payroll Protection Program funds for local business
- Established the Recover, Reopen and Realign strategy, to coordinate efforts within Ulster County and with other Mid-Hudson region counties to the revitalize, enhance, reimagine and strengthen the regional economy, safely.

Opioid Response Highlights

Despite the surge in opioid related overdoses and fatalities associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, some notable, innovative, and promising interventions have taken hold:

- There has been a significant expansion of telemedicine to enhance physical health, behavioral health, and substance use treatment services. As a result, local access to Medication Assisted Treatment (suboxone and other) has been substantially increased
- Access to Narcan has also been dramatically increased, via virtual trainings, Narcan delivery and Narcan distribution and training events at high-risk communities and with vulnerable populations throughout Ulster County

Opioid Response Highlights

- At the outset of the COVID emergency, access to treatment services was restricted, however, services have been restored and enhanced and available service updates are now being revised and distributed every 3-days
- Access to Narcan has also been dramatically increased, via virtual trainings, Narcan delivery and Narcan distribution and training events at high-risk communities and with vulnerable populations throughout Ulster County
- Multiple community partners are working with Ellenville Regional Health Network and Ulster County to establish data driven, rapid response and risk mitigation teams that will guide and follow individuals through the continuum of treatment, care and recovery and alert the teams when individuals go missing

NYS Reopening Guidelines

- There must be a 14-day, consecutive decline in local COVID-19 related hospitalizations and hospital related fatalities
- Counties must maintain a 30 percent hospital surge and ICU capacity
- Counties must have 30 tests, per 1000 population available (5,400 in UC)
- Counties must have 30 contact tracers, per 100,000 population (54 in UC)
- Counties must follow other NYS guidelines regarding the phased reopening of sectors/organizations/businesses
- State and regional statistics will be continually monitored to assess reopening impacts on cases and spread of the disease

What's Next and the Power of **Collective Impact**

Much has been learned about how and where our local economy and system of human services needed to be improved. While there is much work to be done, **the pandemic has presented multiple opportunities for innovation - and ways to produce better outcomes.**

We have discovered both our weaknesses and strengths, and one the most significant discoveries was the immense power of *Collective Impact*. **When a community comes together and works together toward a common goal, with everyone contributing their ideas and efforts, the net results are much greater than the sum of its parts.** It is, in fact, exactly how communities become healthier, more vibrant, and more sustainable.