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COVID-19 Cluster Analysis

Exposure Setting Types

Exposure Setting	Includes
24/7 Congregate Settings	Group homes, congregate housing, disabled community housing, halfway houses, sober homes, residential treatment centers, lodging and rooming houses
Child Care	
Colleges and Universities	
Corrections	Jails, prisons, houses of corrections, correctional treatment centers
Hospitals	All hospitals, including inpatient psychiatric, inpatient addiction treatment, chronic disease and rehabilitation
Industrial Settings	Industrial settings including construction and non-food manufacturers, warehouses and distribution centers
K-12 Schools	Boarding schools, public schools, private schools, special education schools
Long Term Care Facilities	
Organized Athletics and Camps	Sports teams, tournaments, and clubs; children's camps
Other	
Other Food Establishments	Food distributors, manufacturers, warehouses, processors, farms, and food pantries
Other Healthcare	Ambulatory mental health services, community health centers, home health, dental, ambulatory care settings, hospice, addiction treatment (non-residential or outpatient), emergency medical services
Other Workplaces	Offices, work-related events, first responders
Places of Worship	
Recreation/Cultural	Gyms, fitness centers, swimming pools, beaches, movie theaters, golfing, boating, casinos
Restaurants and Food Courts	
Retail and Services	Grocery stores, hair salons, barbers, other retail stores
Senior Living	Assisted living facilities, retirement communities, senior housing, rest homes
Shelters	
Social Gatherings	Parties, group gatherings, weddings, funerals
Travel and Lodging	Domestic or international travel, hotels, cruise ships

DATA DETAILS

National Healthcare Safety Network Data (Long Term Care Facilities, beginning the week of 5/31/2020)

- A confirmed case is defined as a staff or resident with a new positive COVID-19 test result.
- Confirmed cases are reported by each facility in aggregate, at least once a week, and are assigned to the week in which the data are submitted.
- A cluster is defined as two or more confirmed cases in a facility that has not reported a confirmed case in the prior 4 weeks.
- A cluster is deemed closed when a facility has gone 4 weeks without reporting a confirmed case among staff or residents.
- Cluster date (which determines the week in which it is presented in the graph) is determined by the week in which the cumulative number of confirmed cases for a facility is greater than 2.

MAVEN Data (All other reported data)

- The data presented include only clusters that meet the following definition: two or more confirmed Massachusetts cases with a common exposure.
- The date assigned to each confirmed case's event is that of the first positive lab date.
- The date assigned to each contact is that of the date they were linked to the cluster.
- A cluster is deemed closed once two incubation periods (28 days) have passed from the last confirmed case.
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COVID Clusters Reported to MDPH by Exposure Setting Type

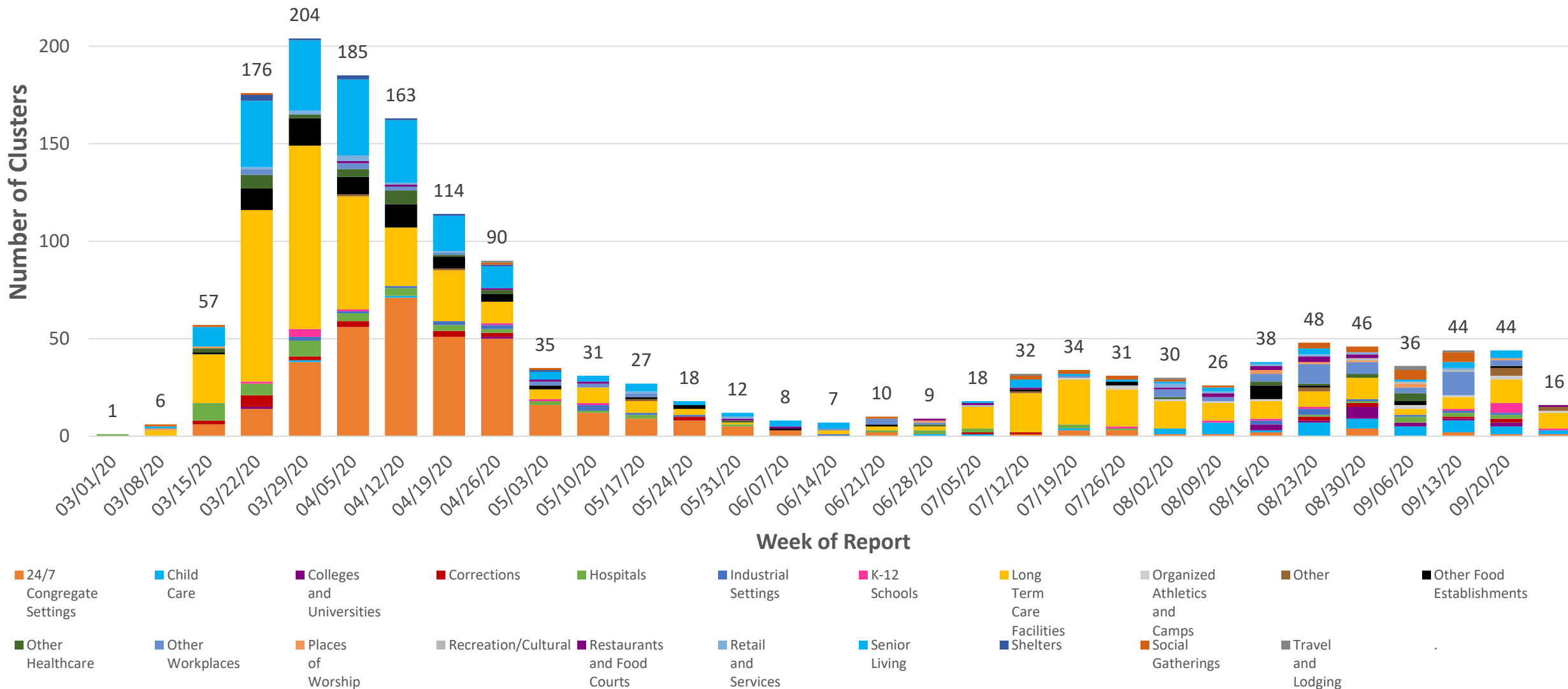
All, 3/1/2020-10/3/2020

Exposure Setting	Total Clusters	Total Confirmed Cases	Total Contacts
24/7 Congregate Settings	442	2148	880
Child Care	128	209	629
Colleges and Universities	21	201	64
Corrections	22	1012	122
Hospitals	68	1505	779
Household	14,829	36,893	--
Industrial Settings	27	146	63
K-12 Schools	34	163	142
Long Term Care Facilities	551	27,833	---
Organized Athletics and Camps	19	54	263
Other	19	118	149
Other Food Establishments	76	997	155
Other Healthcare	54	207	77
Other Workplaces	83	344	288
Places of Worship	11	66	31
Recreation/Cultural	5	38	37
Restaurants and Food Courts	40	89	110
Retail and Services	29	130	88
Senior Living	229	3243	5543
Shelters	12	537	41
Social Gatherings	37	189	210
Travel and Lodging	7	29	40
TOTAL	16,743	76,151	9,711

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences. Long Term Care Facility Data from the National Healthcare Safety Network beginning 5/31/2020. All other data from MAVEN and are subject to change. Only clusters consisting of two or more confirmed Massachusetts cases with a common exposure have been included.

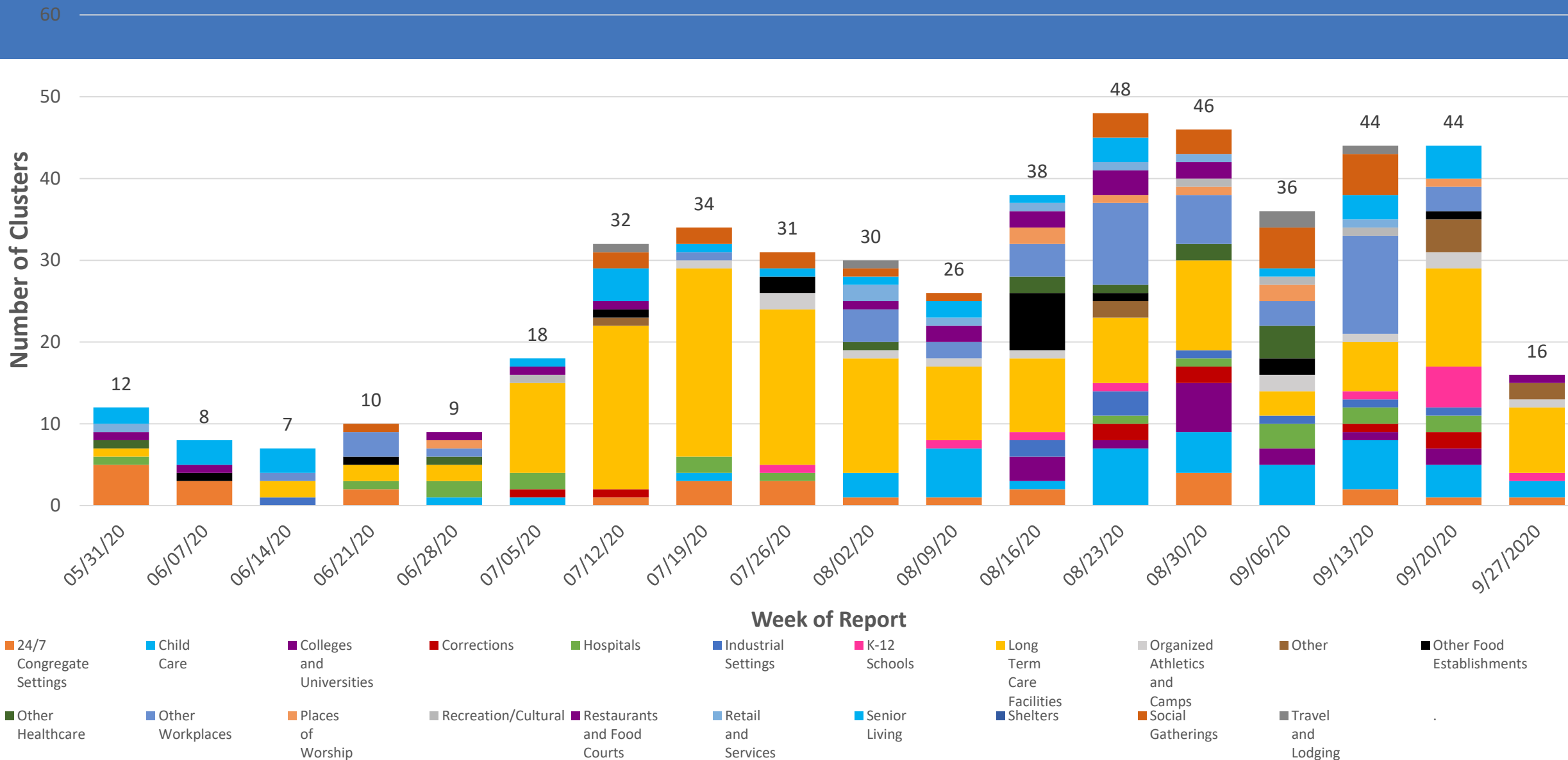
COVID Clusters Reported to MDPH by Week and Exposure Setting Type, 3/1/2020-10/3/2020

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COVID Clusters Reported to MDPH by Exposure Setting Type

Four week period: 9/6/2020-10/3/2020

Exposure Setting	Ongoing			New			Total		
	Clusters	Confirmed Cases	Contacts	Clusters	Confirmed Cases	Contacts	Clusters	Confirmed Cases	Contacts
24/7 Congregate Settings	2	12	20	2	8	12	4	20	32
Child Care	0	.	25	11	19	170	11	19	195
Colleges and Universities	0	.	5	3	115	28	3	115	33
Corrections	1	2	2	3	113	2	4	115	4
Hospitals	0	.	2	6	56	21	6	56	23
Household	868	340		1,555	3,942		2,423	4,282	
Industrial Settings	2	7	16	2	4	1	4	11	17
K-12 Schools	0	.	.	6	18	45	6	18	45
Long Term Care Facilities	82	181	---	29	154	---	111	335	---
Organized Athletics & Camps	0	.	.	5	21	55	5	21	55
Other	0	.	.	6	22	14	6	22	14
Other Food Establishments	1	2	39	1	4	.	2	6	39
Other Healthcare	0	.	4	0	.	.	0	.	4
Other Workplaces	0	.	5	5	16	26	5	16	31
Places of Worship	0	.	7	1	2	20	1	2	27
Recreation/Cultural	1	1	.	0	.	4	1	1	4
Restaurants & Food Courts	0	.	7	1	3	.	1	3	7
Retail and Services	0	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Senior Living	1	1	8	6	15	6	7	16	14
Social Gatherings	0	.	21	4	8	77	4	8	98
Travel and Lodging	0	.	.	1	2	34	1	2	34
TOTAL	958	546	162	1,648	4,523	516	2,606	5,069	678

New Clusters: Clusters with the first case identified during the four week period above.

Ongoing Clusters: Clusters with the first case identified prior to the four week period above that has not met criteria to be closed. Cases included in ongoing clusters are those whose first positive lab result is within the four-week time period.



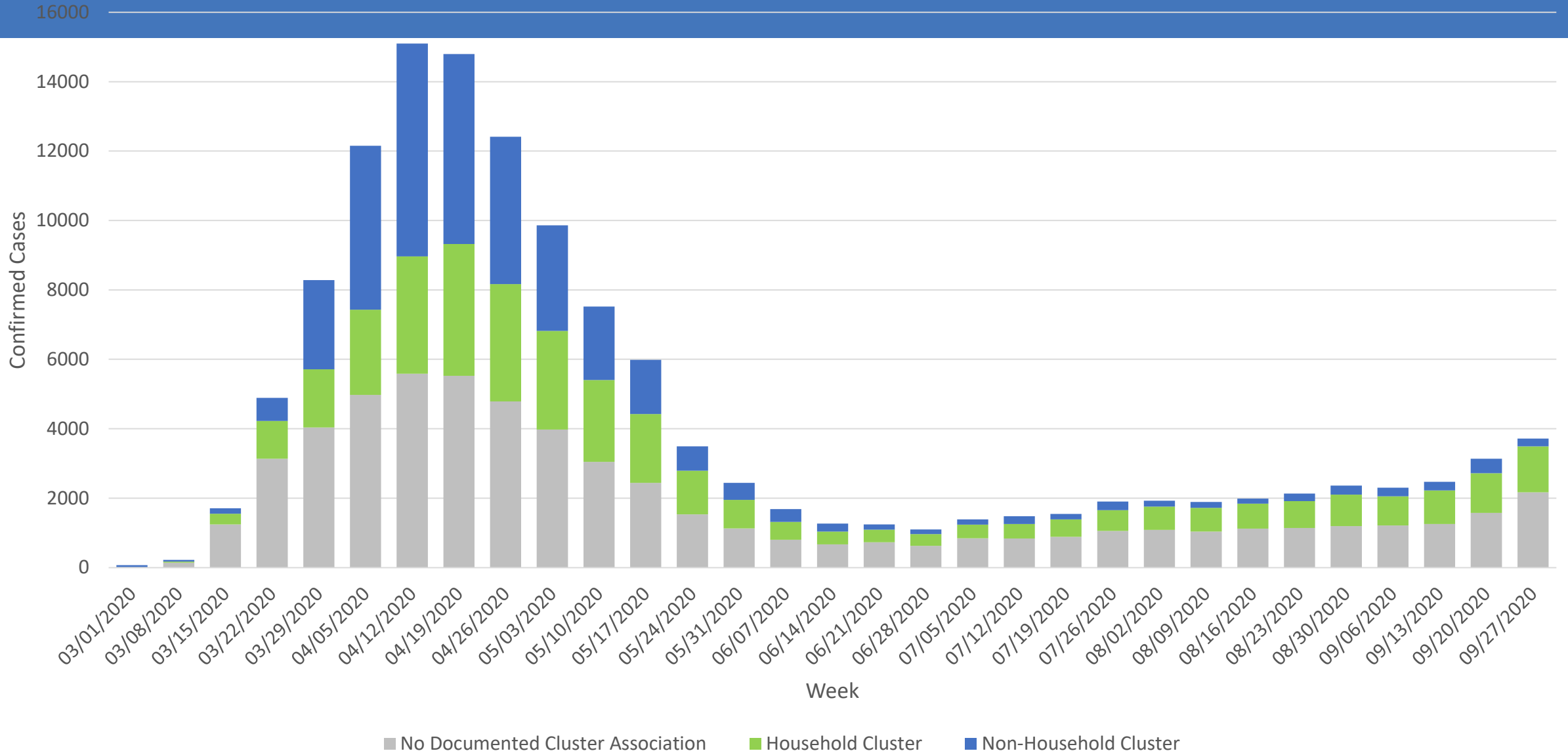
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Household Data

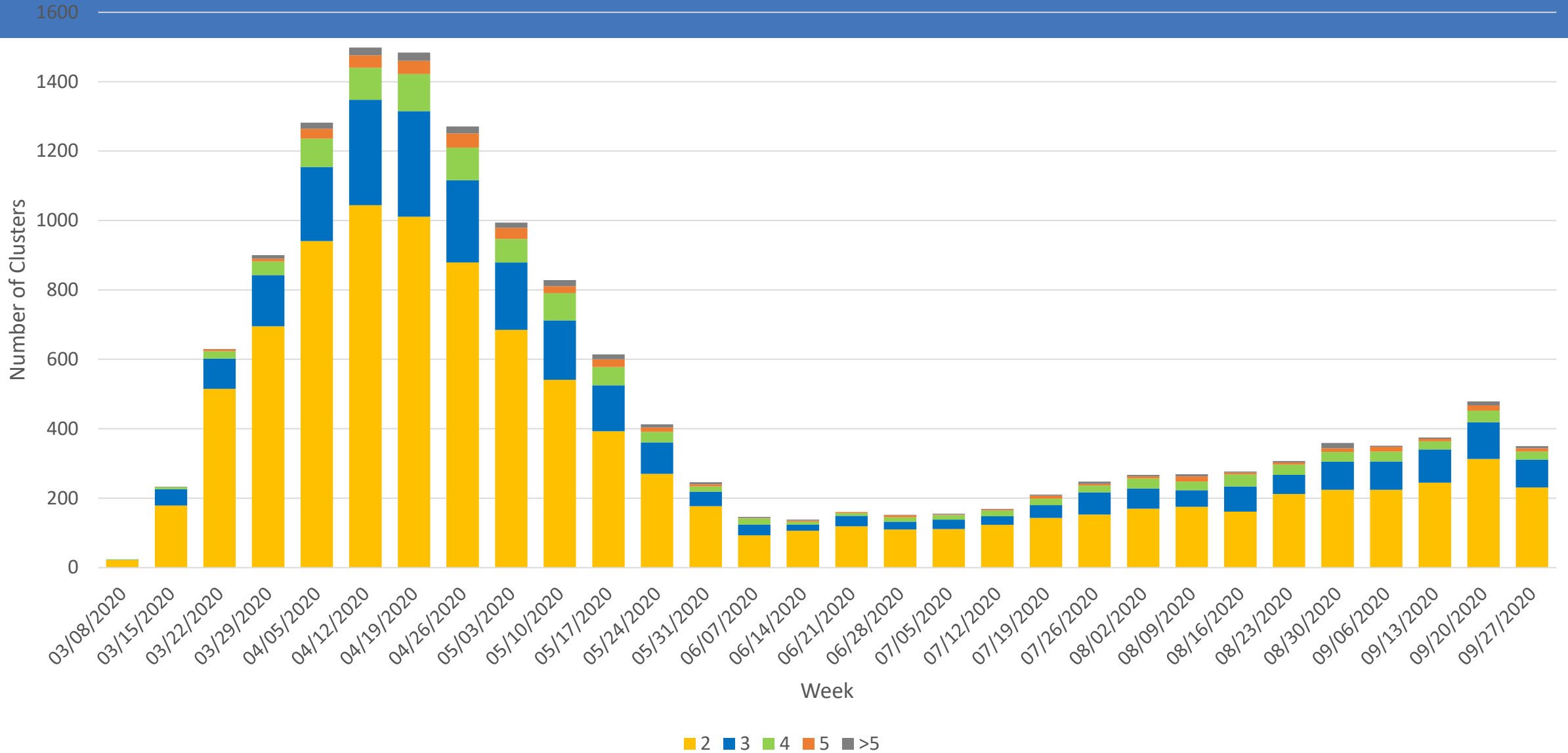
Household Data Details

- A household “cluster” is defined as two or more confirmed Massachusetts cases who reside at the same address with COVID-19 infection within 14 days of each other.
- Other rules applied are the same as other cluster types:
 - The date assigned to each confirmed case’s event is that of the first positive lab date.
 - A cluster is deemed closed once two incubation periods (28 days) have passed from the last confirmed case.
 - Cluster date (which determines the week in which it is presented in the graph) is determined by the date of the positive lab of the first associated case.

Confirmed COVID Cases Reported to MDPH by Cluster Association, 3/1/2020-10/3/2020



Number of Confirmed Cases per Household Cluster, 3/1/2020-9/26/2020



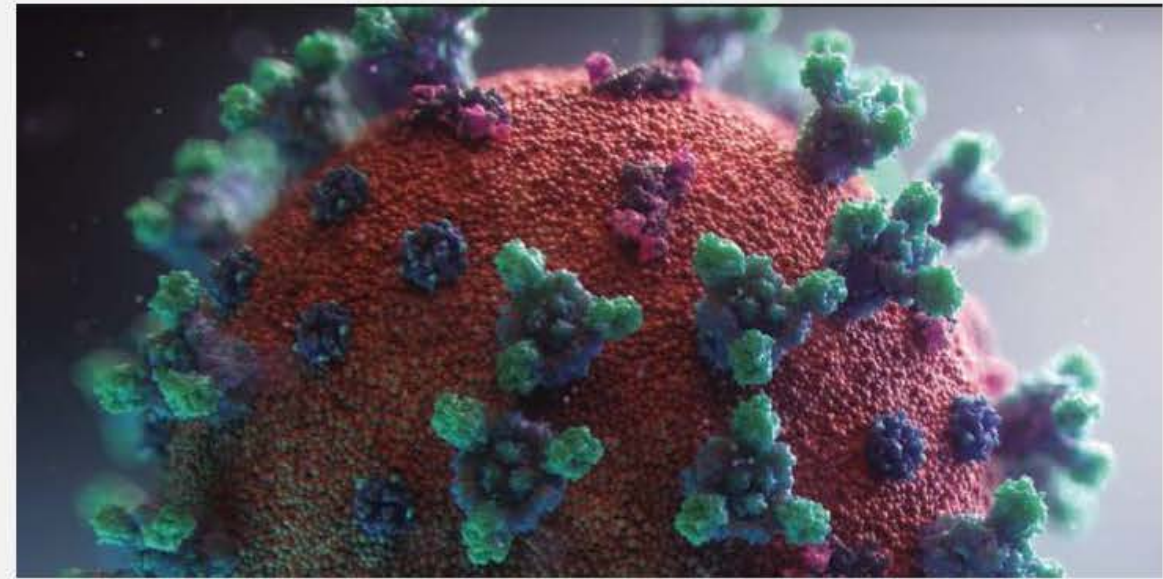


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R/Y/G Calculation Support

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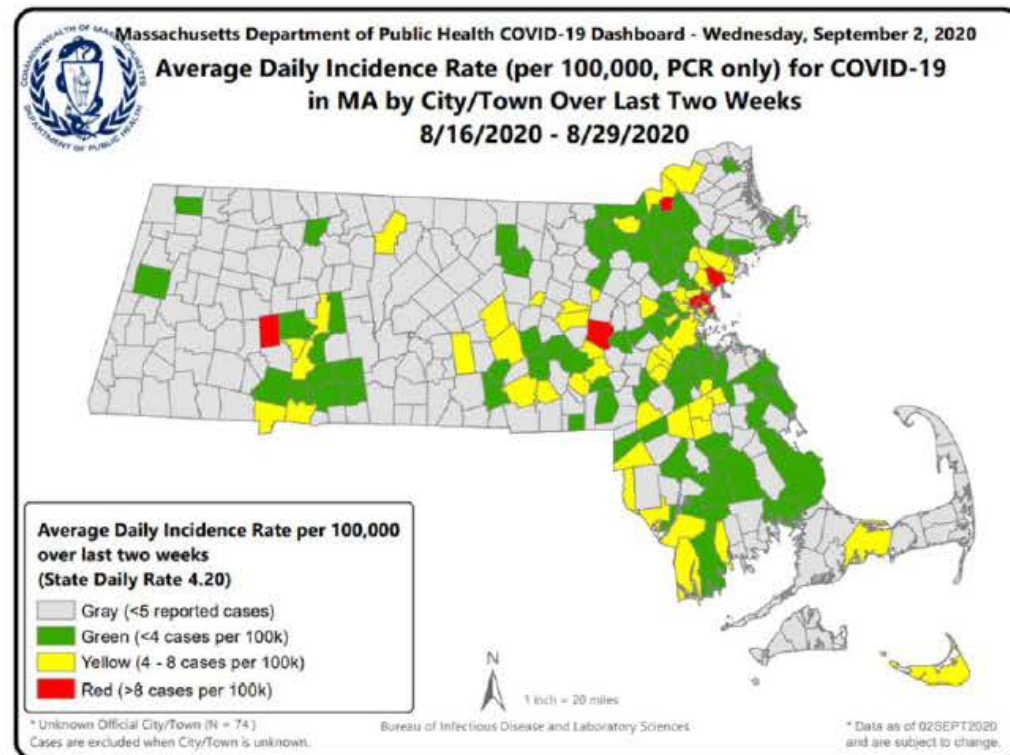
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Average daily incidence rate = (Cases on Day1/population + Cases on Day 2/population....+Cases on Day14/population)/14 x 100,000.

The 14 days over which the cases are drawn is indicated in the footnotes on the dashboard; the most recent 14 day period was 8/16/2020 - 8/29/2020.



Approximating the Status Map

- Daily incidence rate calculated for 2 week reporting period (ending on previous Saturday)
 - $(\# \text{ new cases} / \text{jurisdiction population estimate}) * 100,000$
 - Averaged over 14 day timeframe (including zeroes)
 - Rounded to the nearest tenth decimal point
- Multiple sources of variability:
 - Timing
 - Data pulled first thing Wednesday morning
 - Case numbers constantly changing due to revoking, deduplication, reassignment of jurisdiction
 - Date used to identify cases
 - Map calculations based on collection date of first positive PCR specimen
 - May not equal event date - most reports extract based on event date
 - Confirmed and Probable report now uses first positive specimen date
 - Population estimates
 - DPH calculates rates per 100,000 population using denominators estimated by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute using a modified Hamilton-Perry model (Strate S, et al. Small Area Population Estimates for 2011 through 2020, report, Oct 2016.)

Daily average per 100,000 population of confirmed cases* for the 14-day period leading up to the previous Saturday ...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 September	28	29	30	1 October	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 BIG DAY! 6PM!	15	16	17

*specimen date of first positive test result

What you need to know.....

- **Total number of confirmed cases over 14-day period**
- **Your town's population**

Maven Surveillance and Case Management System

Maven Reporting

Maven Reporting

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Run Report

- COVID-19 - line list of addresses with individual(s) under isolation for emergency responders CONFIDENTIAL
- COVID-19 Brockton Basic Line List Adhoc
- COVID-19 LBOH CTC Data Report
- COVID-19 LBOH Confirmed and Probable Case line list Report**
- COVID-19 LBOH Contact line list Report
- COVID-19 LBOH Requested Assistance Line List Report
- Cluster/Outbreak Linelist
- DGP - Event Information Extract by Disease (Excel,CSV)
- DGP - LBOH Active Caseload
- LBOH Basic Line List
- LBOH Cluster Linelist Report
- LBOH Count - Events Per Disease and Classification in Jurisdiction
- LBOH Event Information Extract by Disease (Excel, CSV)
- LBOH Events by Time Period
- LBOH Events by Week by Event Date

What you need to know.....

- Total number of confirmed cases over 14-day period
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	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Event ID	Create Date	Event date	Specimen Date of First Positive Test Result	Disease classificati	Official City
2					Confirmed	BROCKTON
3					Confirmed	BROCKTON
4					Confirmed	BROCKTON
5					Confirmed	BROCKTON
6					Confirmed	BROCKTON
7					Confirmed	BROCKTON
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18					Confirmed	BROCKTON
19					Confirmed	BROCKTON

Total = 122 cases
Daily = 8.71/day

The math:

$$\frac{\text{Daily average}}{\text{Population}} = \frac{\text{Big number}}{100,000}$$

If you know any three values, you can solve for the fourth.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1			Minimum Number of New Cases to Reach Each Threshold			
2	City/Town	2018 Population Estimate	Grey Zone	Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Red Zone
24	Barre	5557.77	<5	5	5	6
25	Becket	1800.45	<5			5
26	Bedford	14896.39	<5	5	8	17
27	Belchertown	15922.75	<5	5	9	18
28	Bellingham	17876.35	<5	5	10	20
29	Belmont	27306.18	<5	5	15	30
30	Berkley	6780.17	<5		5	8
31	Berlin	3193.25	<5			5
32	Bernardston	2090.99	<5			5
33	Beverly	41166.63	<5	5	23	46
34	Billerica	43583.06	<5	5	24	49
35	Blackstone	9044.38	<5		5	10
36	Blandford	1214.72	<5			5
37	Bolton	5052.58	<5		5	6
38	Boston	694968.47	<5	5	384	773
39	Bourne	20919.99	<5	5	12	23
40	Boxborough	5107.59	<5		5	6
41	Boxford	7717.21	<5		5	9
42	Boylston	4488.87	<5			5
43	Braintree	39359.73	<5	5	22	44
44	Brewster	9912.34	<5		5	11
45	Bridgewater	28446.98	<5	5	16	32
46	Brimfield	3725.42	<5			5
47	Brockton	98248.24	<5	5	54	109
48	Brookfield	3661.71	<5			5
49	Brookline	64384.41	<5	5	36	72
50	Buckland	1860.46	<5		1	2

MAVEN Online Help

- COVID-19 Materials/Training
 - Case Follow-Up Tools
 - Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC)
 - Clusters/Outbreaks **NEW**
 - Guidance Documents & Resources
 - Higher Education **NEW**
 - MAVEN Tipsheets & General Instructions
 - Memos and Orders
 - Webinars & Trainings (status map information located here)

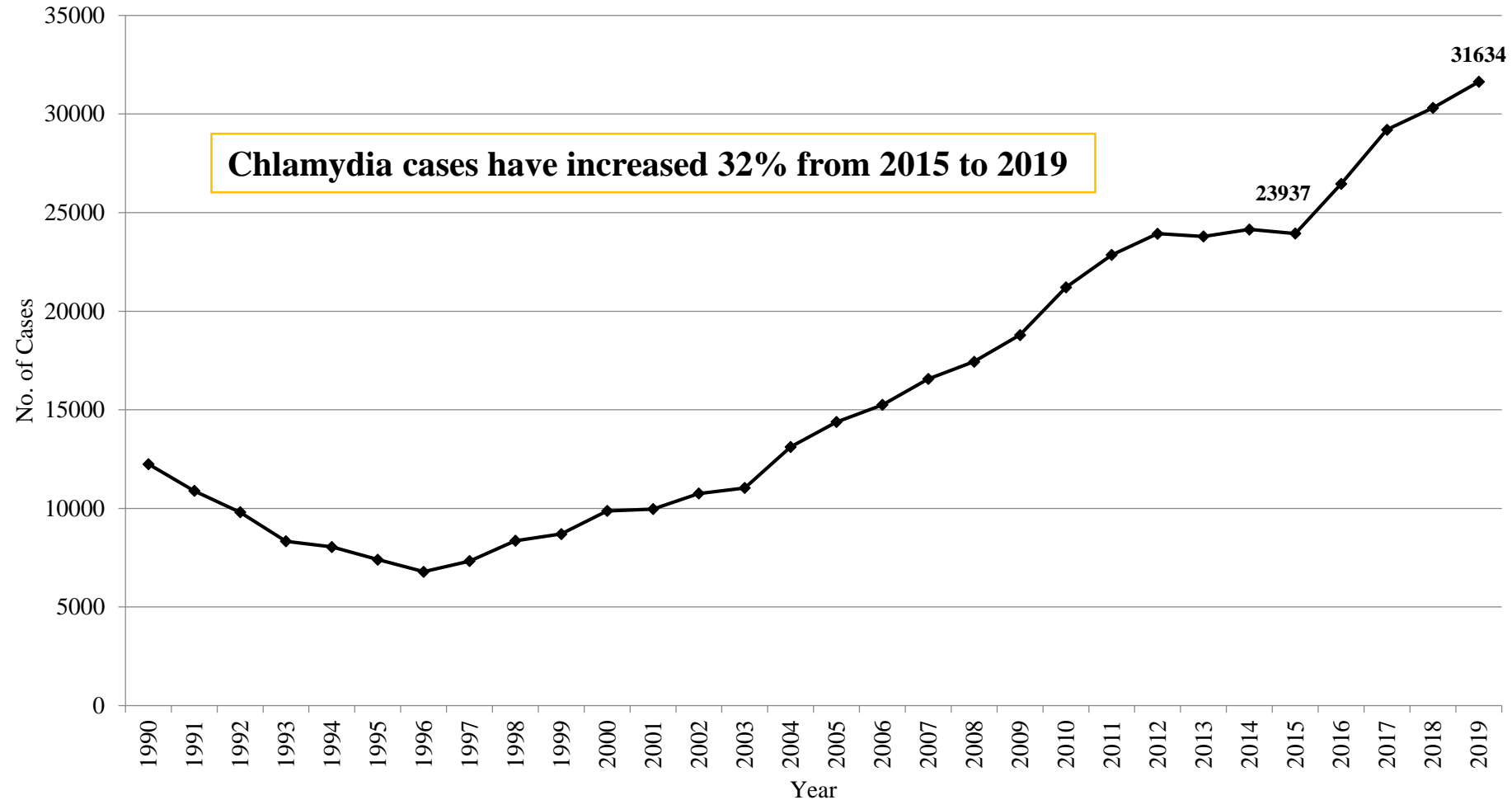




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Overview of Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance Data

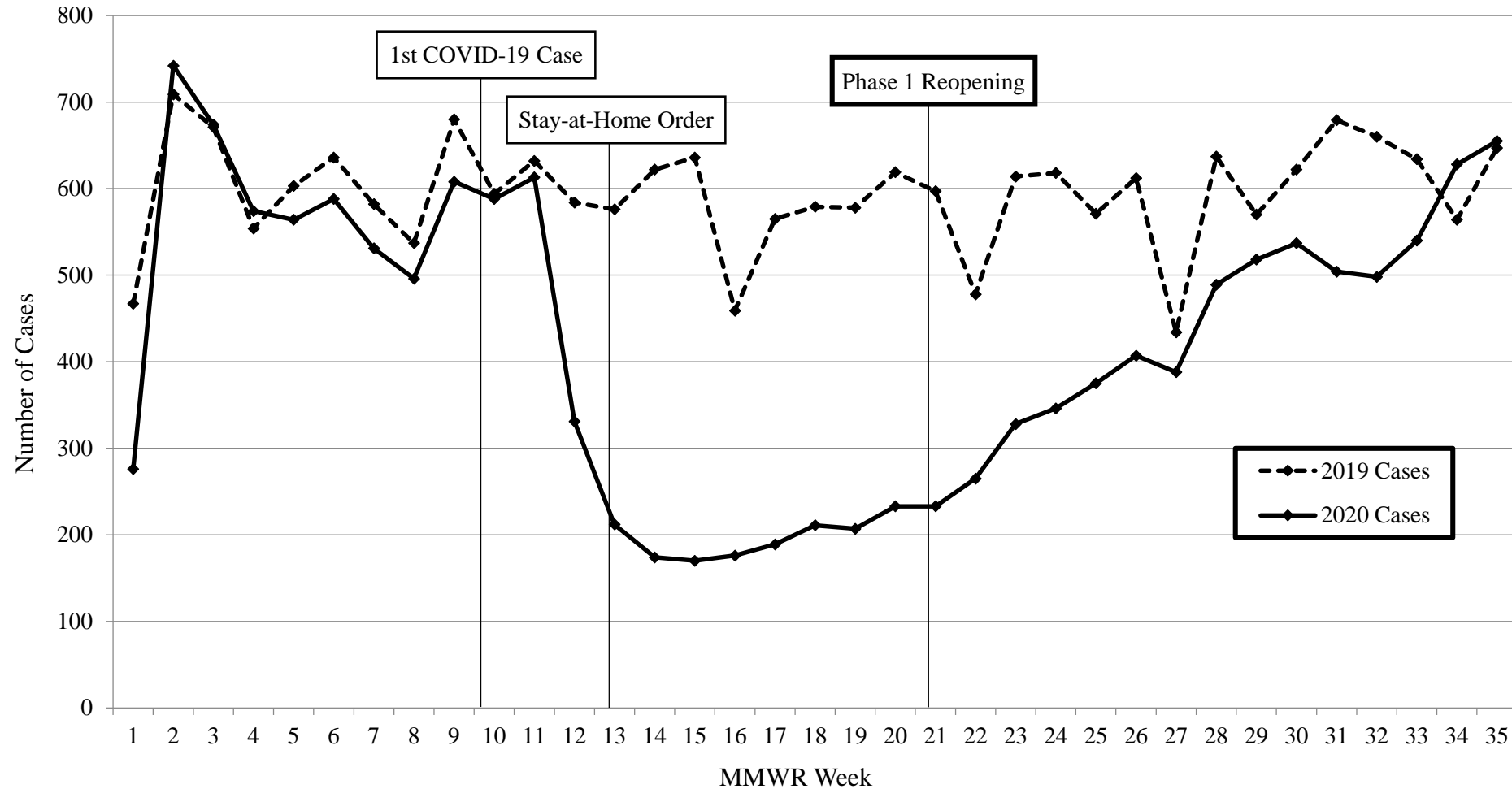
Confirmed Chlamydia Cases, MA, 1990 to 2019



Data are current as of 9/9/2020 and are subject to change.

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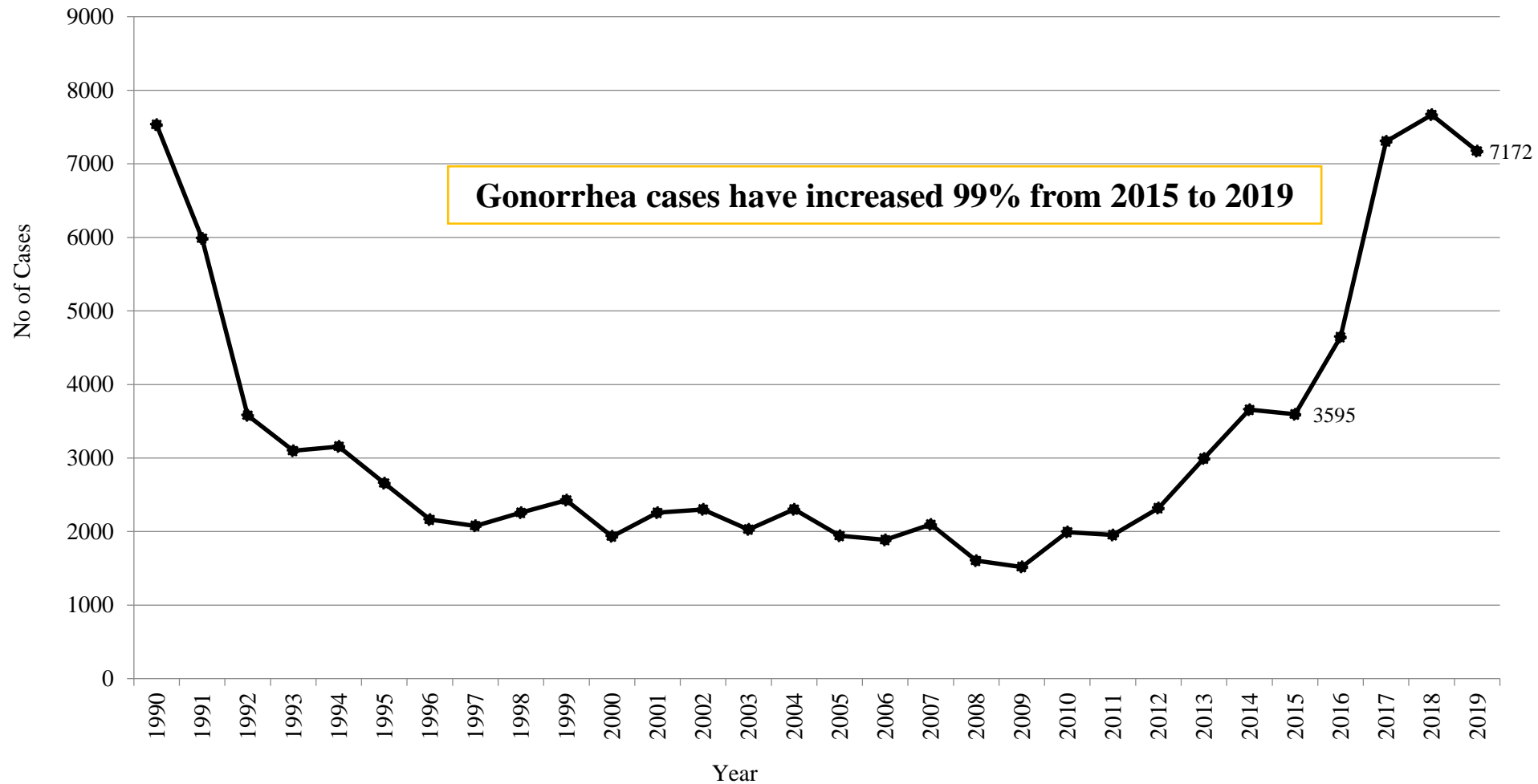
Comparison of MMWR Weekly Case Counts for Chlamydia, Massachusetts, 2019-2020



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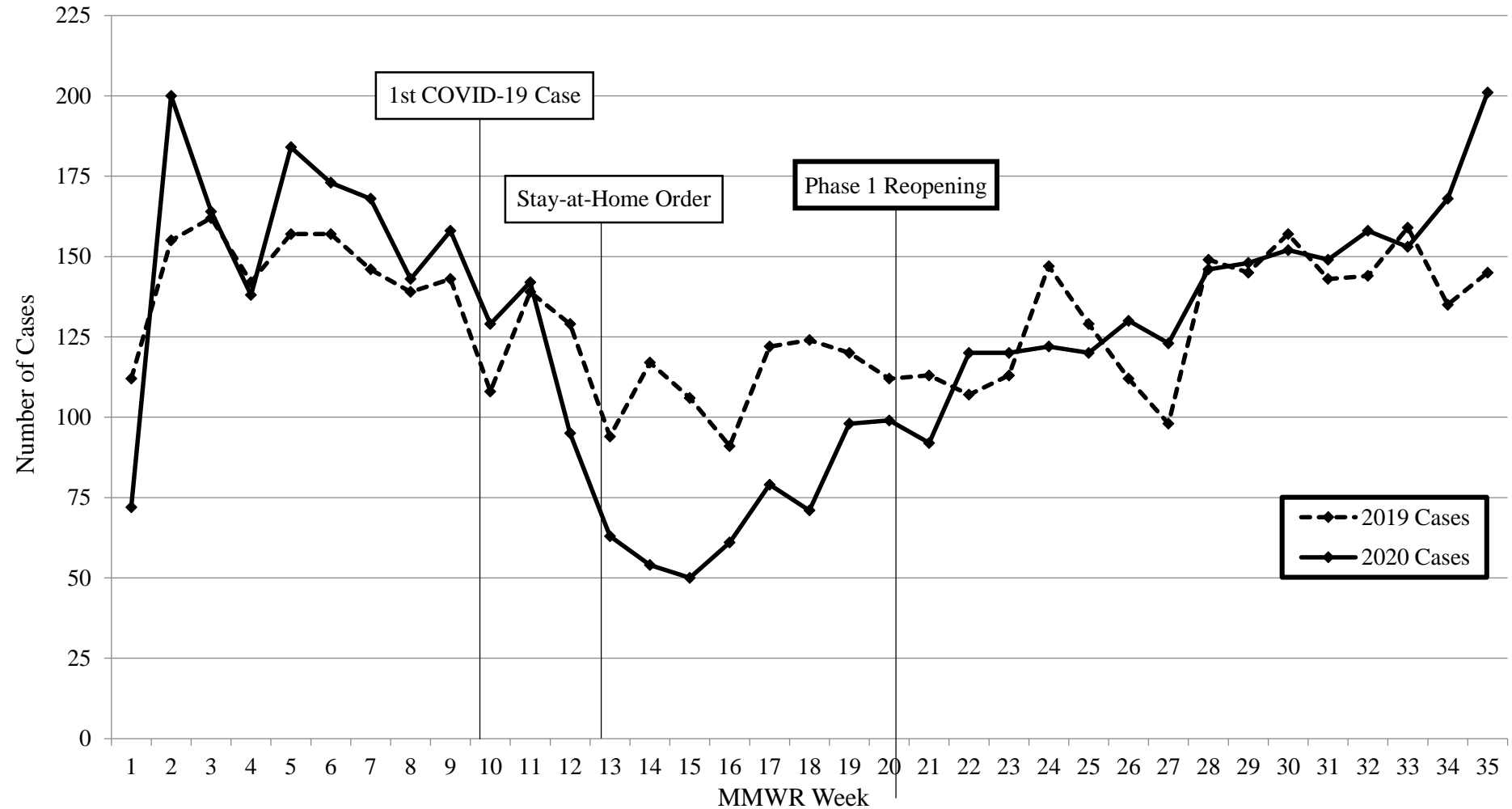
Confirmed Gonorrhea Cases, MA, 1990 to 2019



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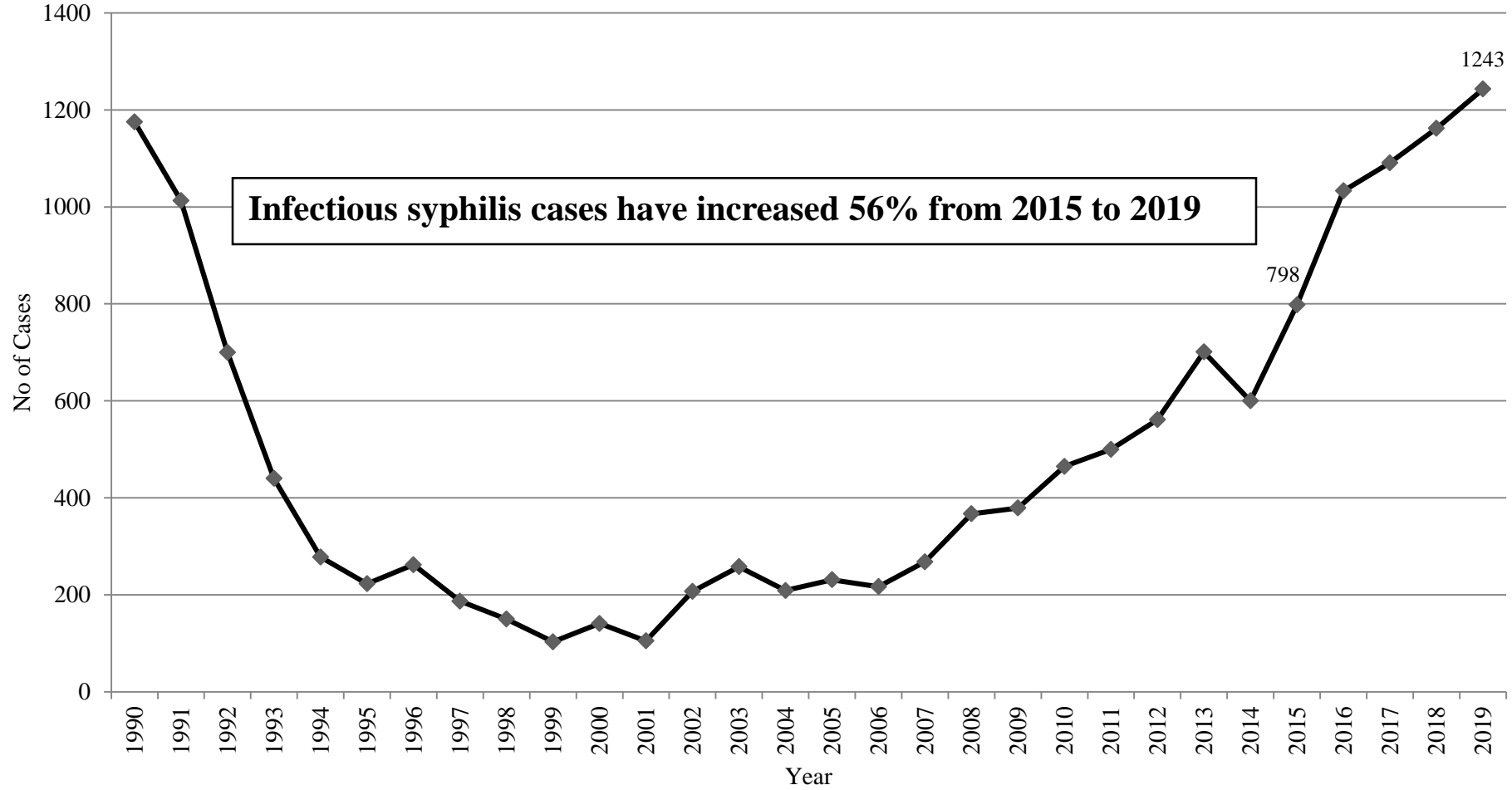
Comparison of MMWR Weekly Case Counts for Gonorrhea, Massachusetts, 2019-2020



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Confirmed & Probable Infectious Syphilis Cases* MA, 1990 to 2019

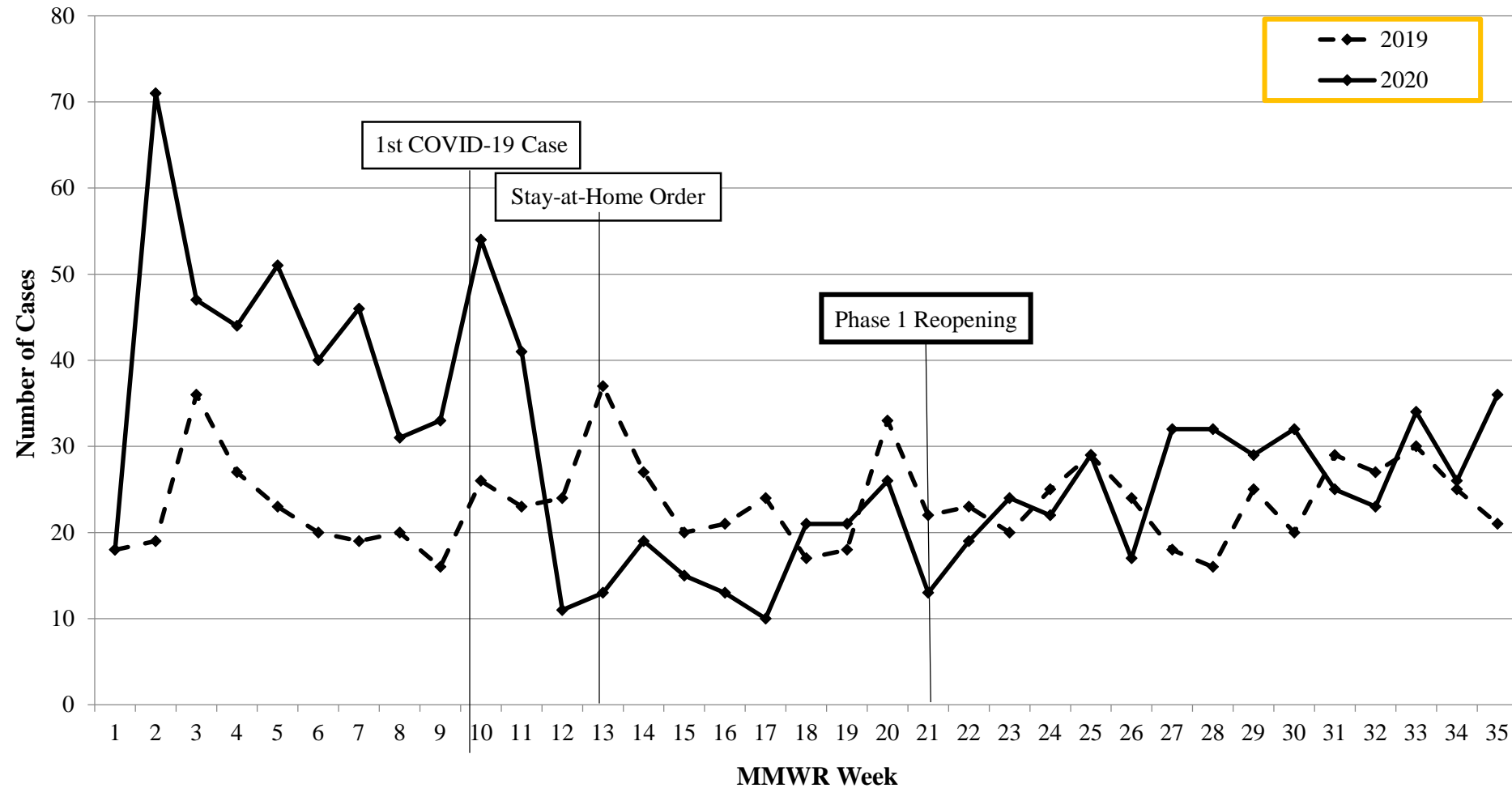


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*Infectious syphilis is defined as primary, secondary and early latent stages of syphilis.

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Comparison of MMWR Weekly Case Counts for Confirmed and Probable Infectious Syphilis*, Massachusetts, 2019-2020

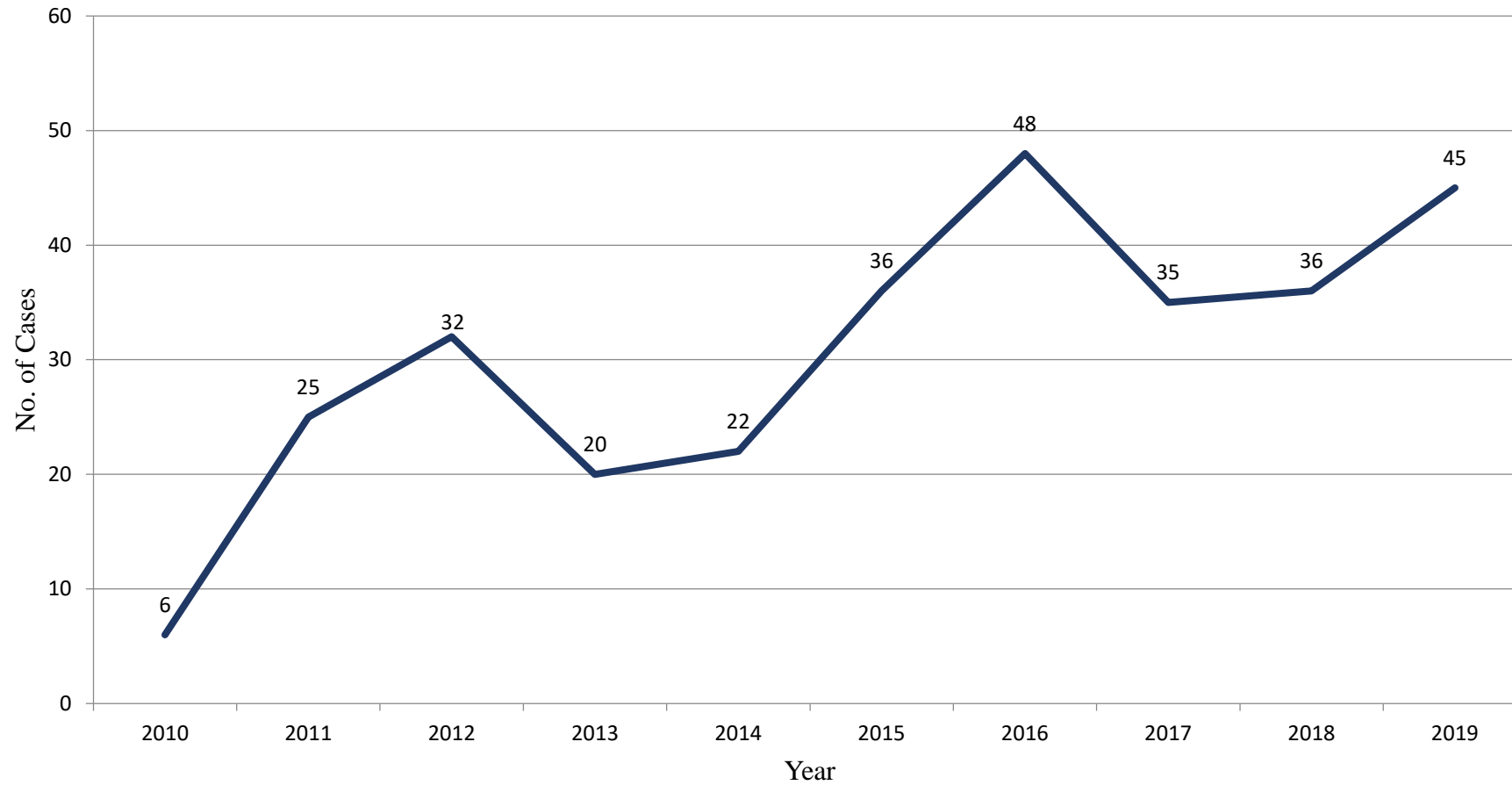


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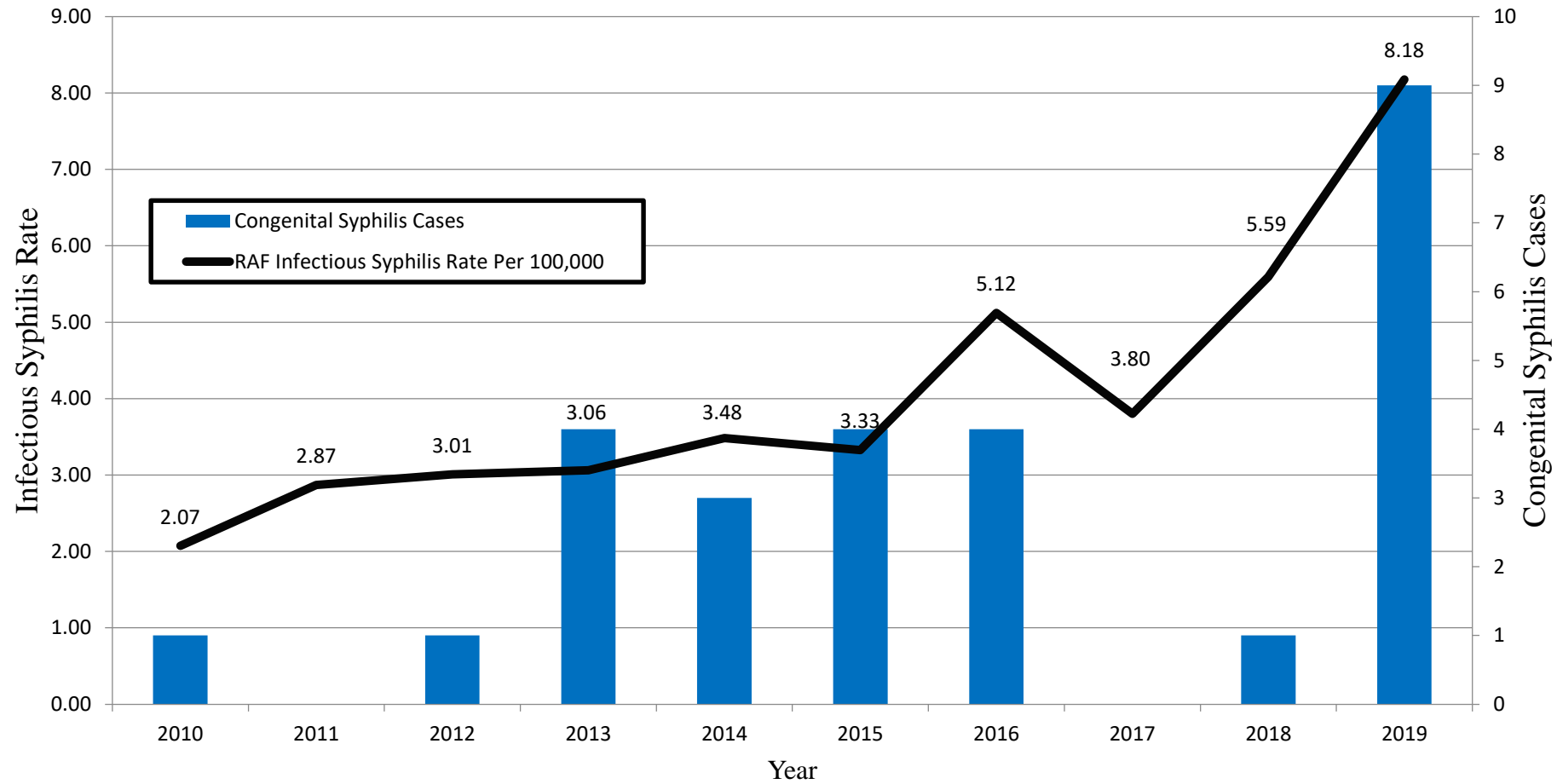
Data Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health/Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences/ Division STD Prevention

All Stages of Syphilis Among Pregnant Females, Massachusetts, 2010–2019



Data Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health/Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences/ Division STD Prevention. Data are current as of 9/9/2020 and are subject to change.

Congenital Syphilis Cases and Rate of Confirmed and Probable Infectious Syphilis Among Females of Child-bearing Age (15 to 44) Massachusetts, 2010-2019



Data Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health/Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences/ Division STD Prevention. Data are current as of 2/12/2020 and are subject to change.

- In 2019, reportable congenital cases increased from <5 cases in the prior years to 9 cases. These cases included:
 - 3 syphilitic stillbirths
 - 6 probable congenital cases
- 6 of 9 cases were born to mother's with latent syphilis infection (based on the surveillance case definition)
- 2 of 3 stillbirths were born to mothers with substance use disorder
- 7 of 9 mothers were known to be non-US born and 4 of those had recently emigrated (<6 months)
- All mothers had inadequate prenatal care including intermittent, late, or no prenatal care
 - inadequate time to complete treatment 30 days prior to birth
 - Maternal treatment initiated at least 30 days prior to birth significantly reduces adverse outcomes
- In June of 2020 MDPH issued a congenital syphilis clinical alert, recommending the addition of third trimester screening for syphilis

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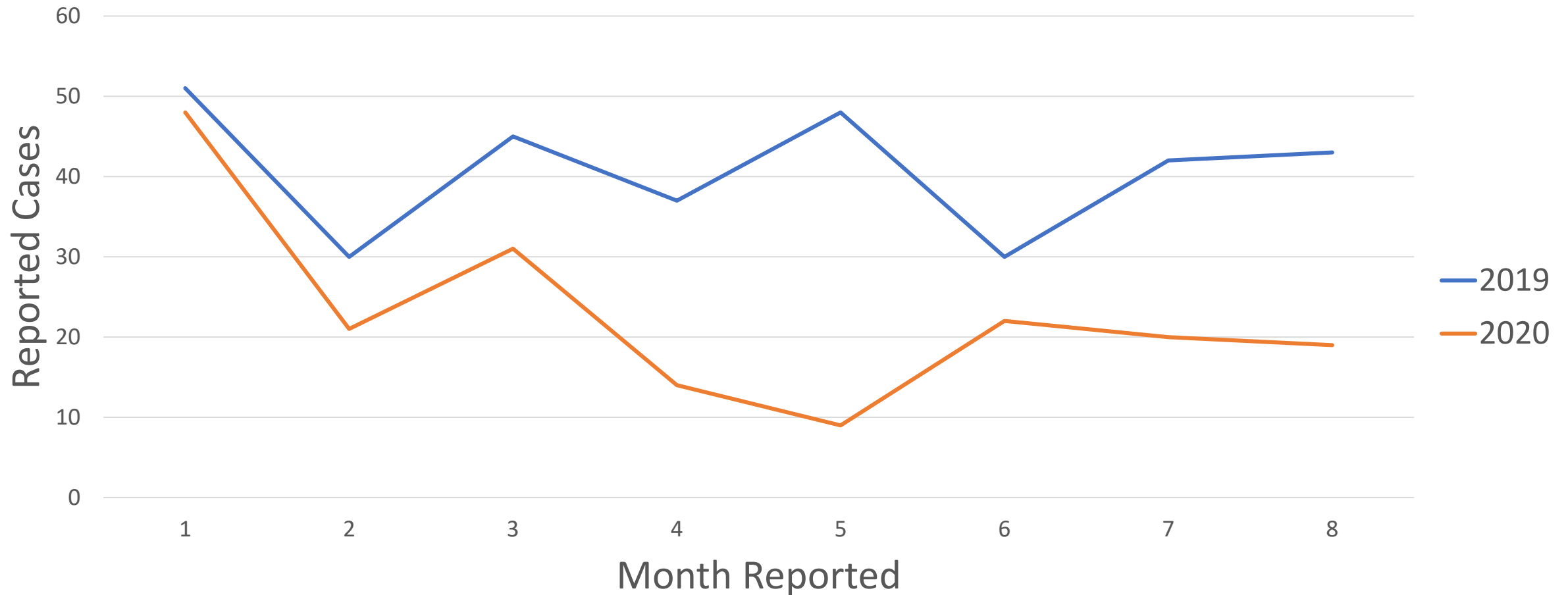


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Tuberculosis

Impact of COVID on TB Reporting 2020

Reported TB Cases in MA 2019 & 2020



Data from MAVEN and current as of 9/17/2020

Tuberculosis

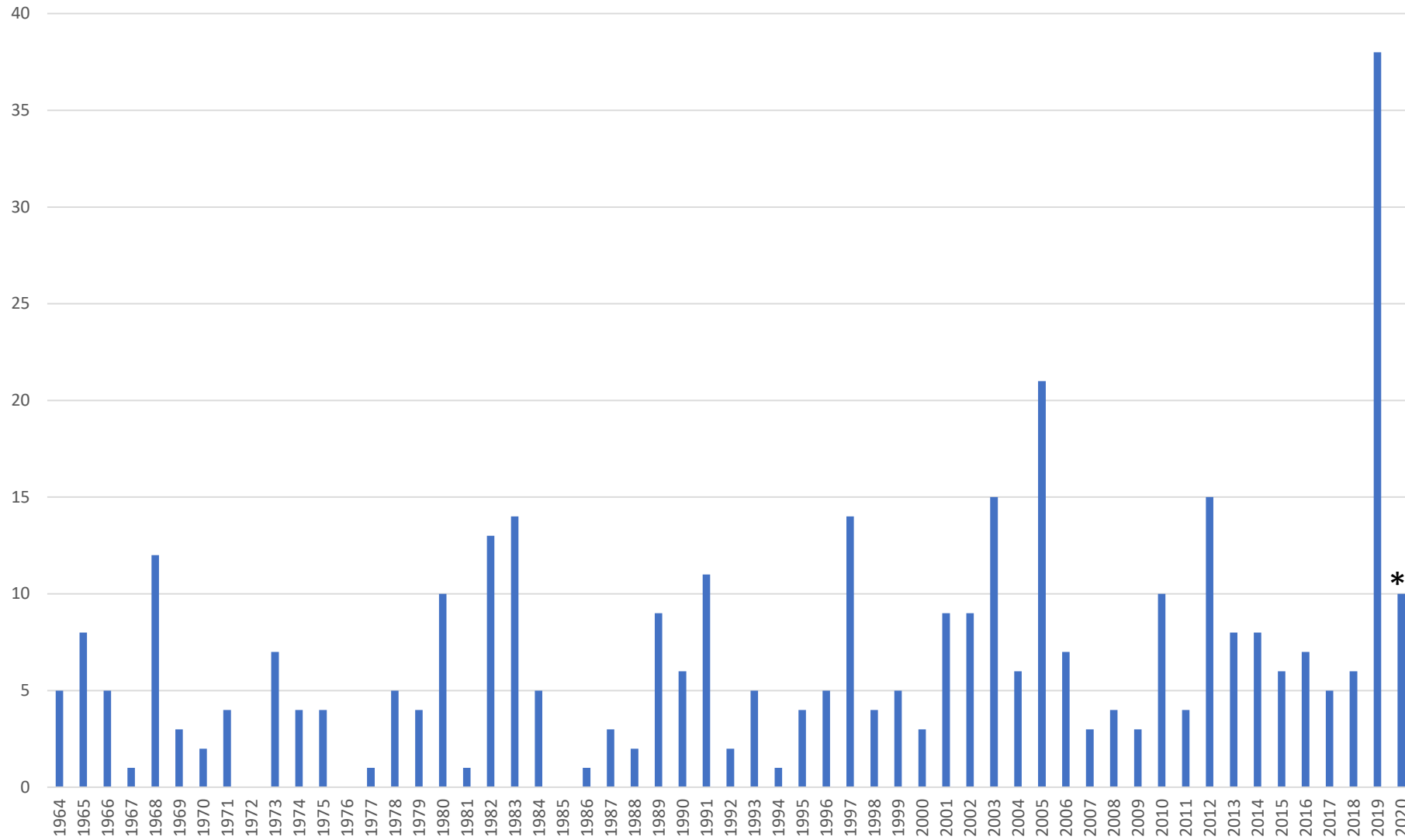
- FDA and CDC reported nitrosamine impurities in rifampin and rifapentine
 - Not a recall
 - Important drug for public health – particularly treatment of active TB
 - DPH posted announcement with recommendations on September 22 <https://www.mass.gov/clinical-advisory/announcement-nitrosamine-impurities-detected-in-samples-of-rifampin-and-rifapentine>



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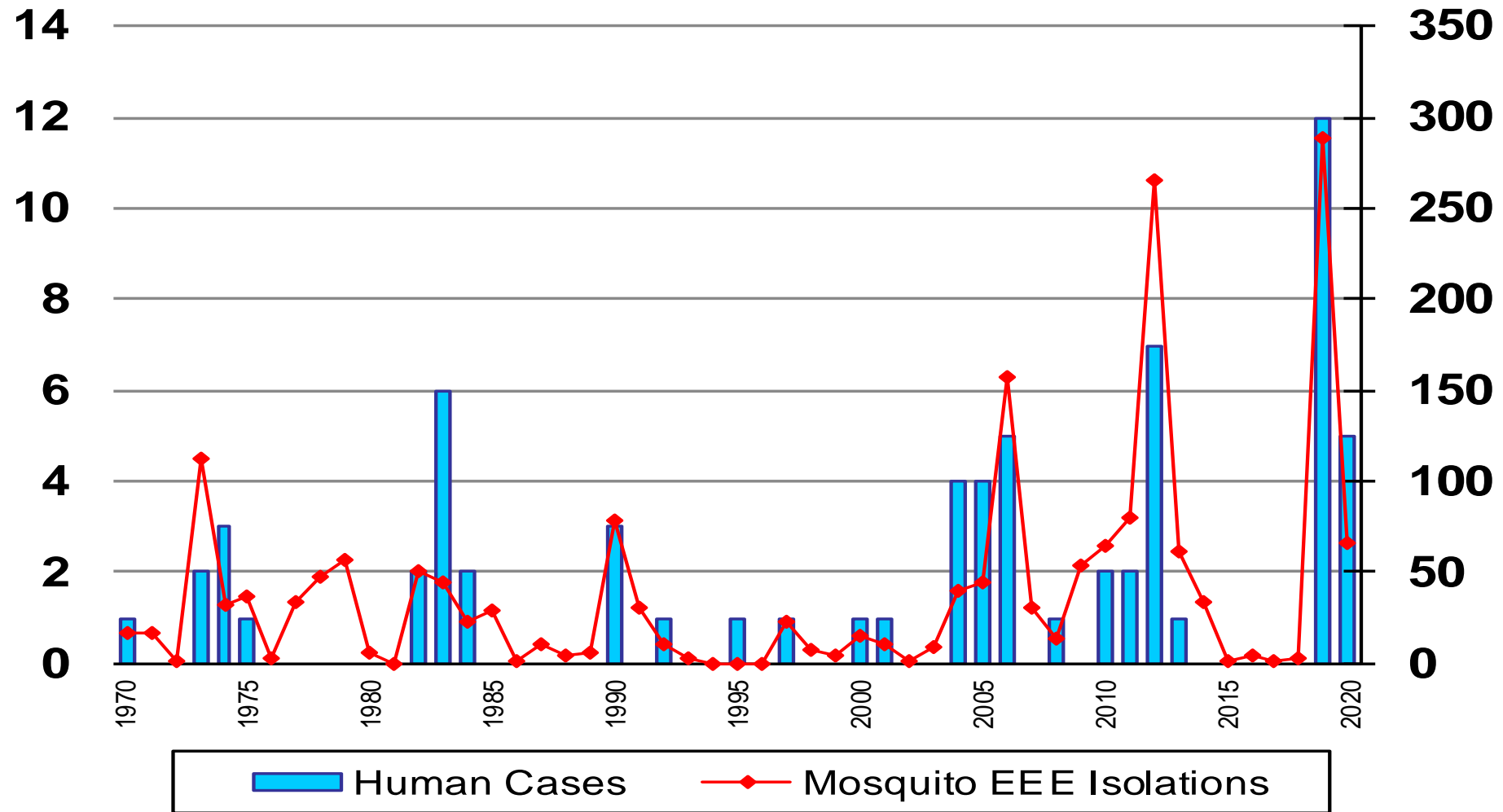
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EEE Cases by Year: United States

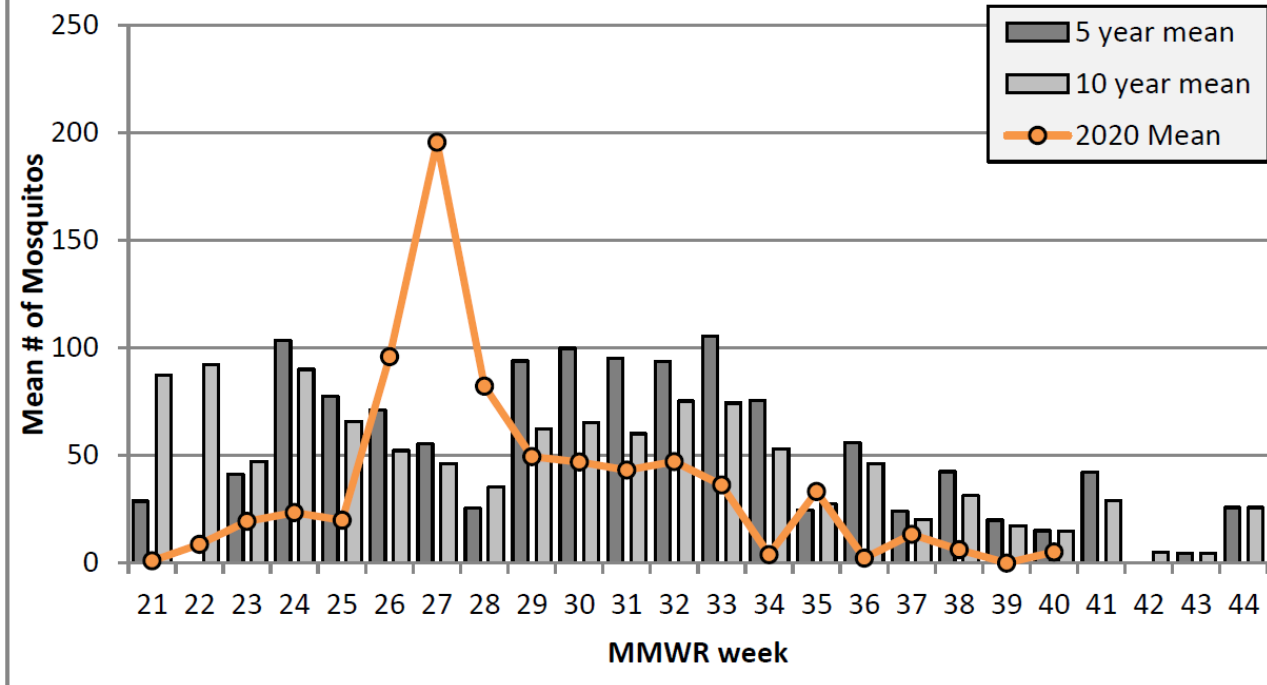


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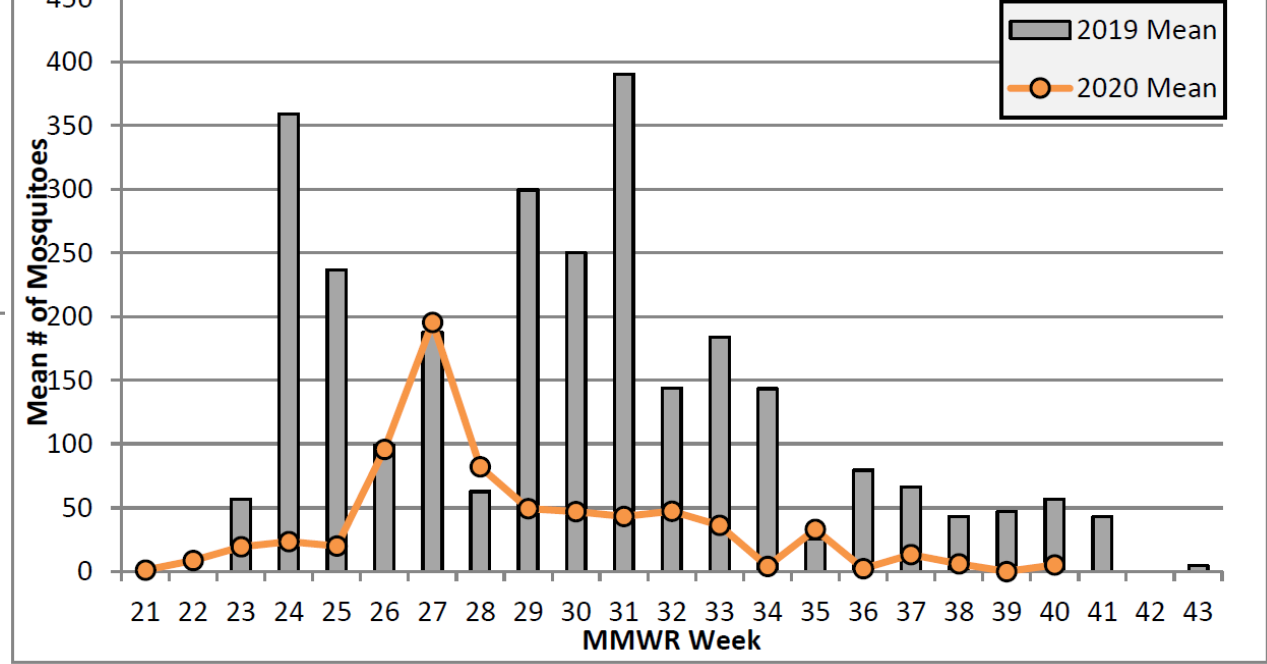
Patterns of EEE Activity: Massachusetts



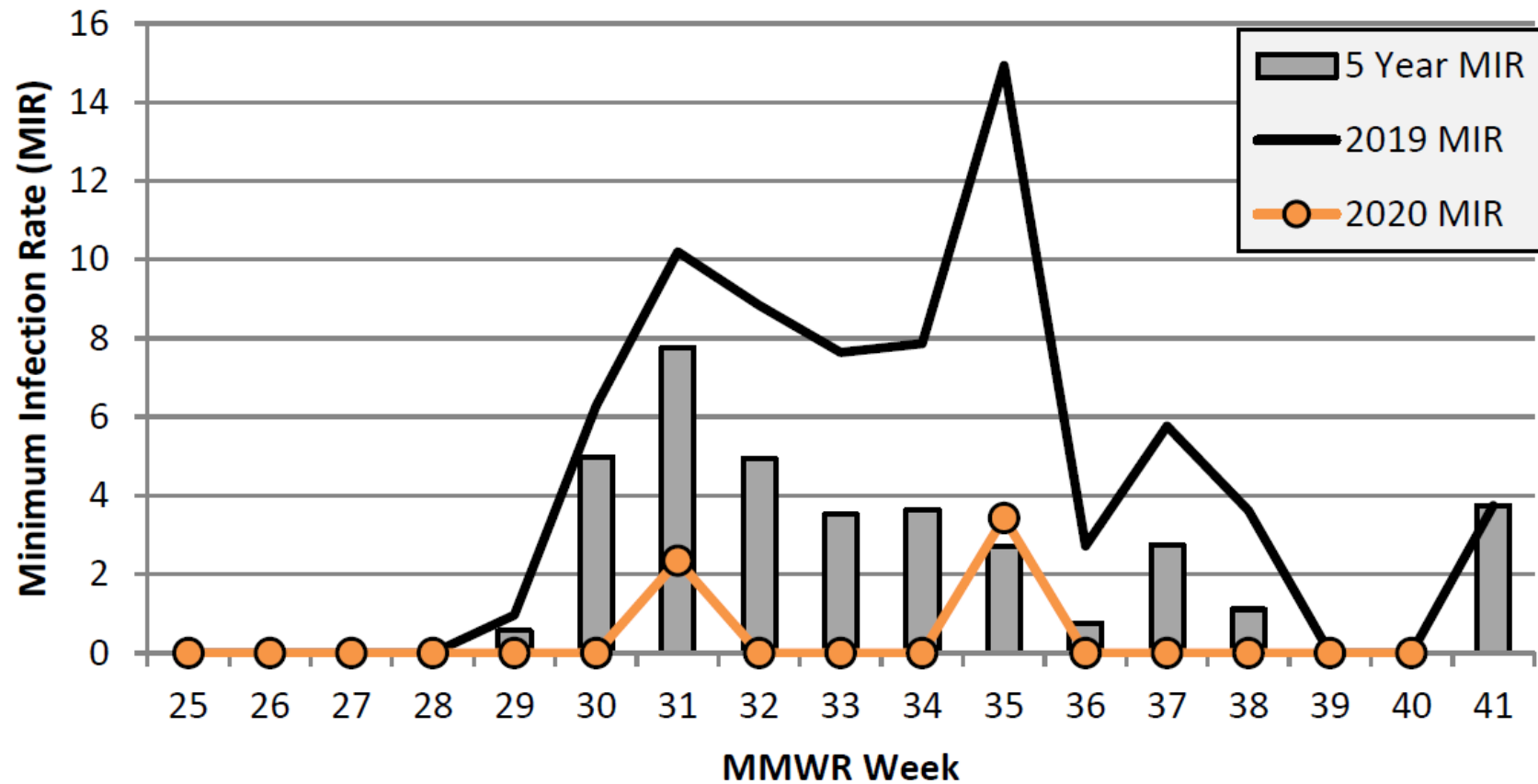
***Culiseta melanura* Abundance at MDPH Longterm Trapsites:
2020 vs 5-year and 10-year means**



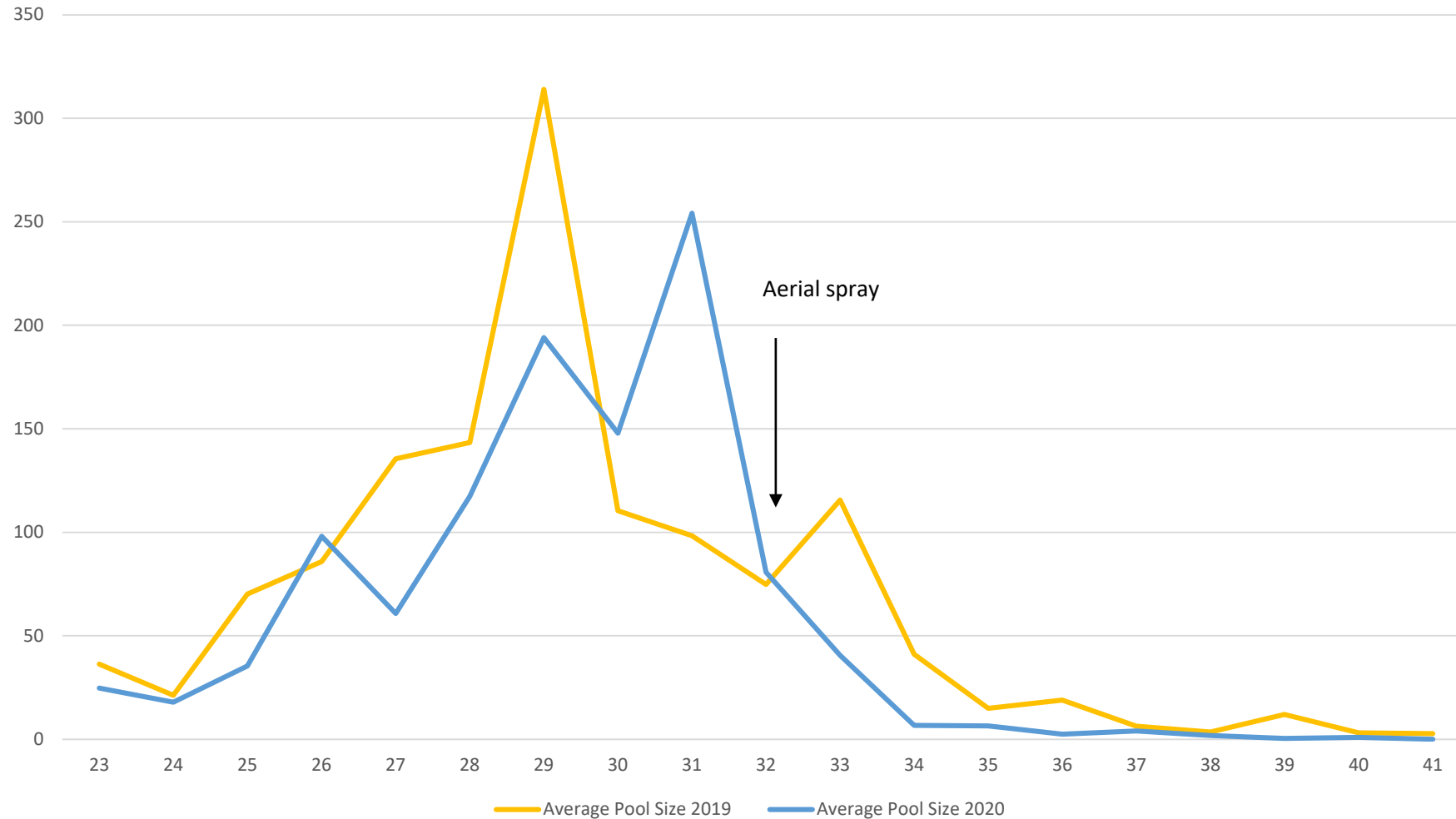
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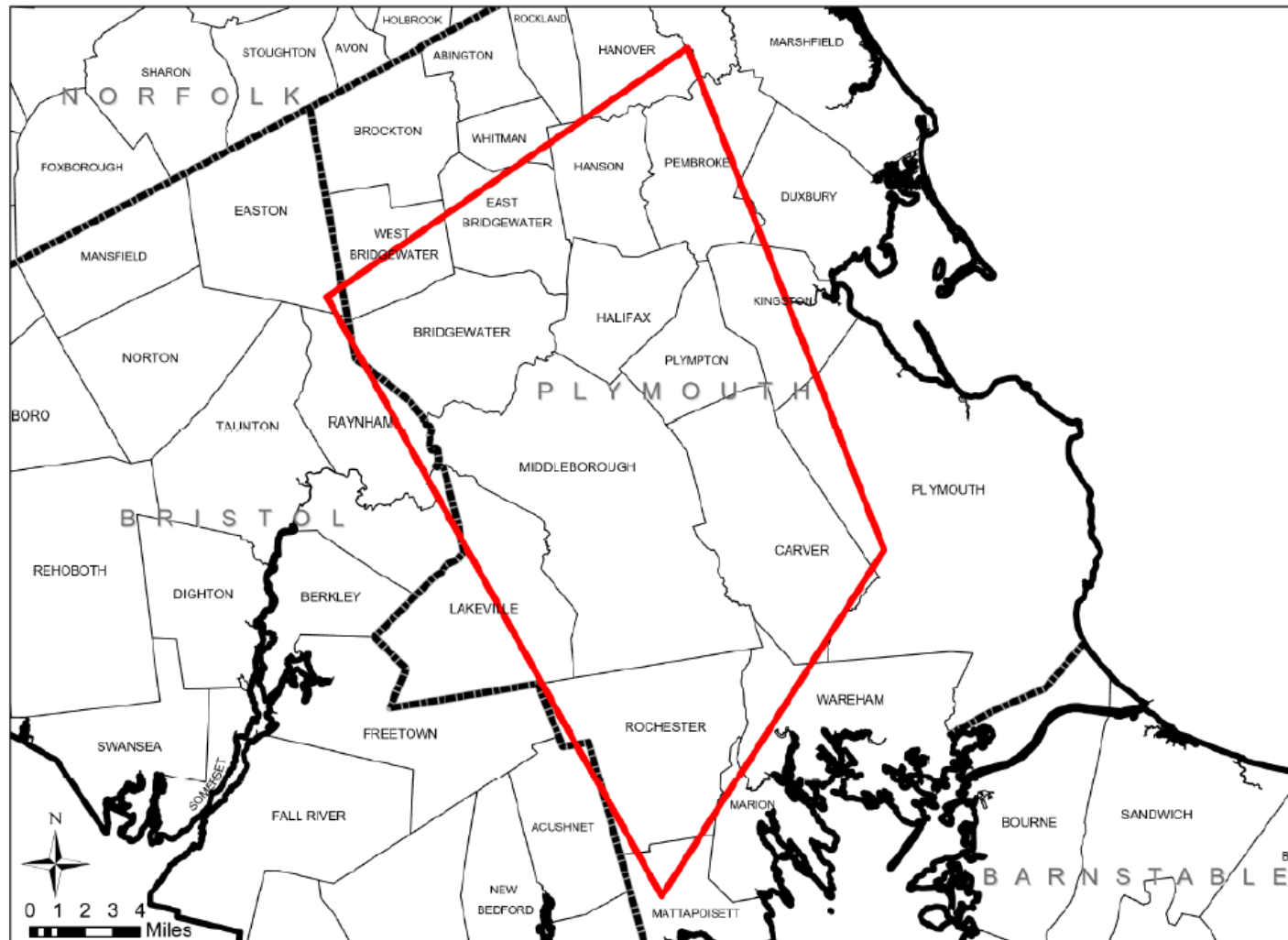


**2020 vs 2019 & 5 Year Mean *Cs. melanura*
Minimum Infection Rate (MIR) at
MDPH Long Term Trapsites**



Average Number of Mammal-biting Mosquitoes





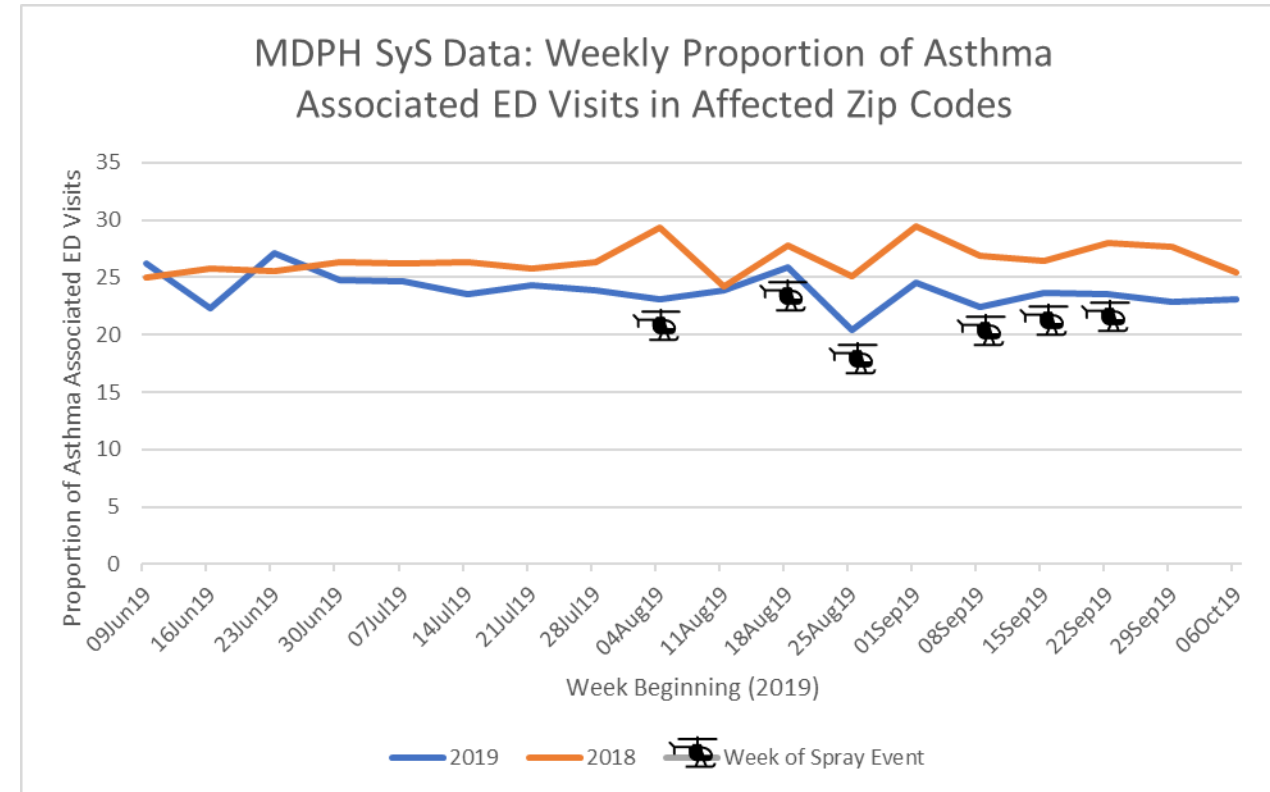
Single spray, August 10, 2020
178, 823 acres
6 hours

Aerial Spray Efficacy

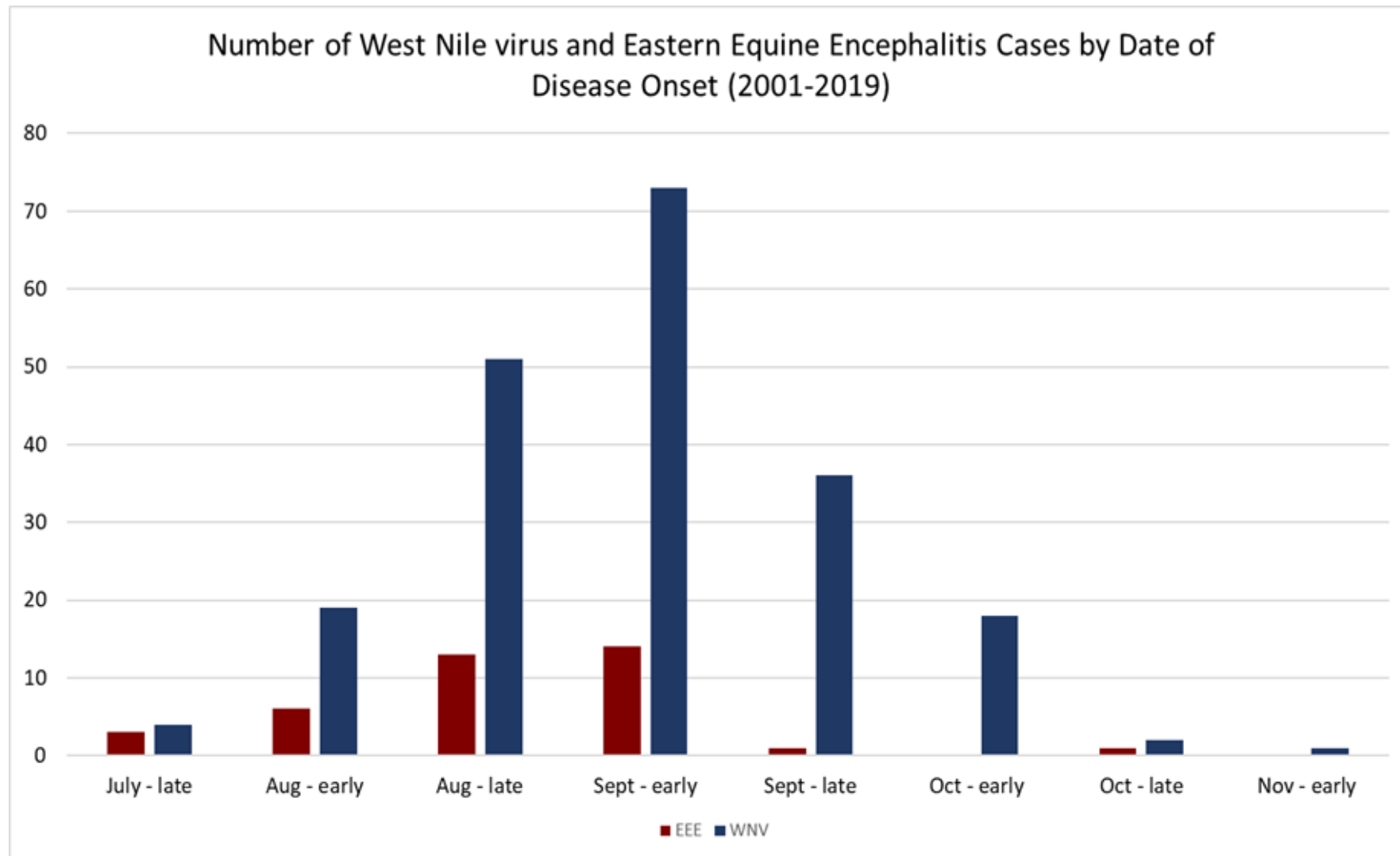
Aerial Spray Efficacy: Percent Reduction in Mosquitoes Trapped Comparing Pre-Spray Trapping Numbers to Post-spray Trapping Numbers							
Aerial Intervention Location	Start Date	End Date	Total Reduction in Primary Mosquito Vector ^{1,2}	Total Reduction in Mosquitoes Trapped	Temperature Range (°F) ³	Dewpoint Range ⁴ (°F)	Acres per hour (average across all hours of spray)
Bristol/Plymouth	8/8/2006	8/9/2006	35-92%	59-86%	59-64	53-57	17,499
Bristol/Plymouth	8/22/2006	8/24/2006	0-94%	60-89%	57-69	55-62	34,191
Bristol/Plymouth	8/5/2010	8/7/2010	87-89%	77-87%	58-79	57-73	26,194
Bristol/Plymouth	7/20/2012	7/22/2012	14-84%	42-81%	56-73	54-61	30,701
Bristol/Plymouth	8/13/2012	8/14/2006	46-60%	36-47%	66-73	64-66	21,981
Bristol/Plymouth	8/8/2019	8/11/2019	66%	58%	55-72	50-70	20,112
Bristol/Plymouth	8/21/2019	8/25/2019	91%	25%	57-77	51-74	15,066
Middlesex/Worcester	8/26/2019	8/27/2019	38%	20%	53-64	45-57	16,212
Middlesex/Norfolk/Worcester	9/10/2019	9/18/2019	ND	ND	52-70	42-69	16,975
Hampden/Hampshire/Worcester	9/16/2019	9/17/2019	ND	ND	48-58	47-51	14,388
Bristol/Plymouth	9/18/2019	9/24/2019	ND	53%	54-70	51-67	12,125
Plymouth	8/10/2020		82%	70%			29,803
ND = Control not detected; calculations may be affected by small sample sizes							
¹ Primary mosquito vector is the mammal-biting species <i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i> considered to be the mosquito most likely to spread EEE to humans							
² Data sources includes DPH, and Bristol and Plymouth County Mosquito Control Districts. 2006-2012 data shown as ranges inclusive of all three data sources. 2019 combines data from all three sources into a single calculation.							
^{3,4} Weather data taken from Plymouth, Worcester and Westover airports and may not accurately represent actual temperature and dewpoint at location of spraying.							

Human health effects of Anvil 10+10 (sumithrin and piperonyl butoxide)

- There are no human health risks expected during or after spraying
- There is no evidence that aerial spraying with the product will exacerbate health conditions such as asthma or chemical sensitivity
- No special precautions are recommended; however, residents may choose to reduce exposure by staying indoors during spraying



Date of Symptom Onset of WNV and EEE Human Cases in Massachusetts, 2001-2019. (Note: Early = Days 1-15 in month, Late = Days 16+ in month)





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