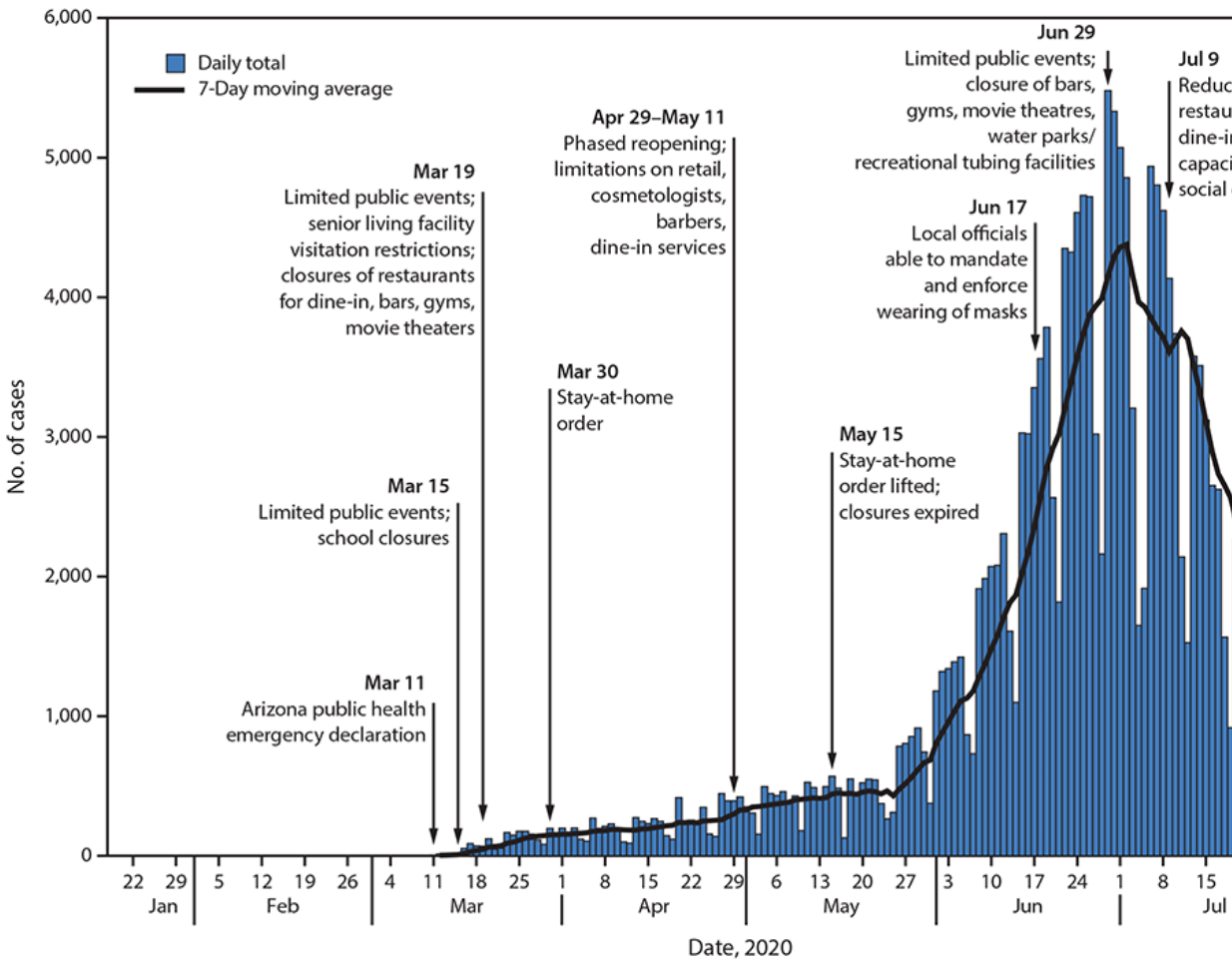


MMWR on Arizona Trends in COVID-19 Incidence



On October 6, the CDC released a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) titled [Trends in COVID-19 Incidence After Implementation of Mitigation Measures - Arizona, January 22 - August 7, 2020](#). Kudos to the team at ADHS for writing up the analysis.

The data show how ending the Stay at Home Order in May led to an increase of over 150% in COVID-19 cases for June 1-15. The report also shows how

mandates to wear face coverings and closing bars and nightclubs led to a stabilization in case incidence and eventual decrease.

Please note, however, some misleading language in the MMWR report. For example, it was removing state prohibitions on local jurisdictions from implementing mitigation measures (Executive Order 2020-40), not updated state guidance on such measures, that led to stronger actions by cities and counties and the decrease in cases. The report also omits how ADHS authorized Crisis Standards of Care for hospitals. As Will Humble, Executive Director of the Arizona Public Health Association, wrote to its members last week, "This is a critical detail that provides some perspective about the gravity of what AZ experienced this summer."

Reports such as the MMWR focused on Arizona are incredibly helpful to understand the effectiveness of mitigation measures. Maricopa County Medical Society will continue to share relevant information to inform you and your medical team. Stay safe. #MaskUpAZ

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