

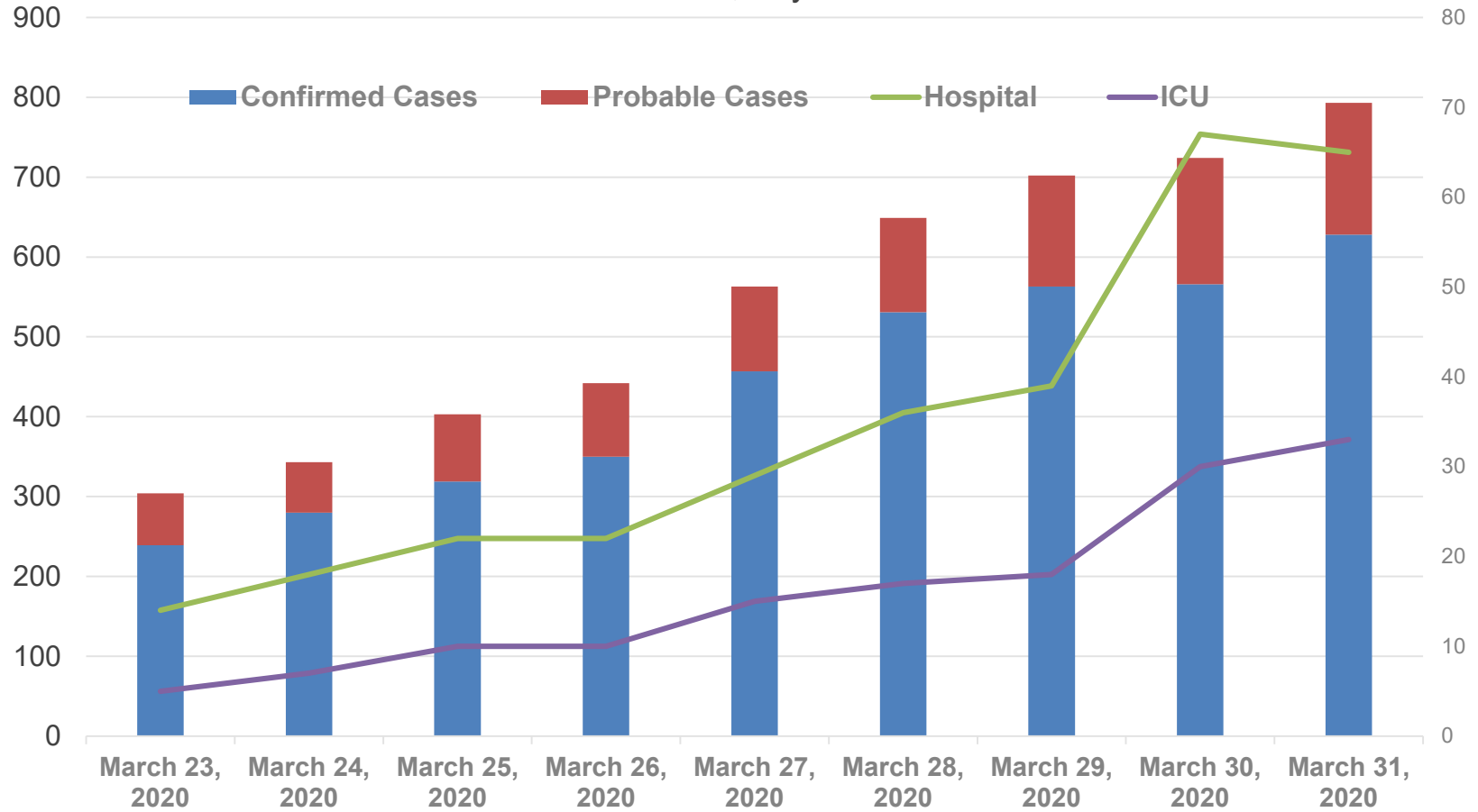
# Toronto Public Health COVID-19

## Increased Measures to Save Lives

April 1, 2020

# Observations

Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Cases  
March 23rd to 31st, City of Toronto



# Situation

Given our current situation, we need stronger measures to avoid results seen in New York City, including:

- Substantial loss of life
- Overwhelmed health care system
- Significant social and economic disruptions

# New Measures

Based on experience from jurisdictions who have managed outbreaks successfully:

## 1. Strengthened Case and Contact Measures

- Use of Orders under the *Health Protection & Promotion Act* to emphasize the significance of the self-isolation

# New Measures (Con't)

## 2. Enhanced Social Distancing

### a) Stronger public direction to stay home and only to go out for essentials:

- access health care or get medication
- shop once per week for groceries (*wherever possible*)
- walk pets
- get daily exercise
- maintain physical distancing while out

### b) Reduced number of open workplaces and businesses

- essential retail and services
- remote access/online/on-call where possible
- maximizing physical distancing for in-person
- increased cleaning
- active staff screening

# New Measures (Con't)

## 3. Enhanced follow-up for recently arrived travellers

- must stay home upon return (Federal order)

## 4. Greater protections for those most vulnerable to COVID-19

- 70+ years
- those experiencing homelessness
- long-term care and retirement homes

# Timing

- Effective immediately
- Based on the experiences of other jurisdictions, measures may need to be in place for up to 12 weeks
- Will monitor and adjust timing and measures, to minimize the short and long term health and economic impacts

*The more we as Torontonians, can rally together, for the next 12 weeks, to comply with the measures, the more we can make it through this challenge and protect ourselves and our loved ones.*