

# The War on COVID-19: Reducing Rt Deep Dives

## The War on COVID-19 Roadmap

#### **Hospital Balance & Safe Return to Economic Activity**

- Need to keep hospital demand in balance with supply of beds & workers
- Need to bring economy back to normal
- Need to maximize safety
- Need to avoid a second lockdown

#### **Segmentation**

Implement segmentation model, sequencing segments returning to work

#### **Co-living**

Develop guidelines for high risk segments living with segments returning to work

#### **Enablers**

Develop guidelines for back-to-school (including childcare) and transportation

#### **Treatment**

Identify and rapidly deploy effective therapeutic treatments and longer-term a vaccine

#### **Therapeutics**

While waiting for vaccine, implement effective treatments to curb hosp. rate

#### **Vaccine**

Accelerate vaccine development & prepare for deployment at-scale

#### Reduce R<sub>T</sub>

Implement policies & procedures to reduce the rate of spread

#### Workplace Norms

Develop workplace norms to minimize reoccurrence

#### Testing & Tracing

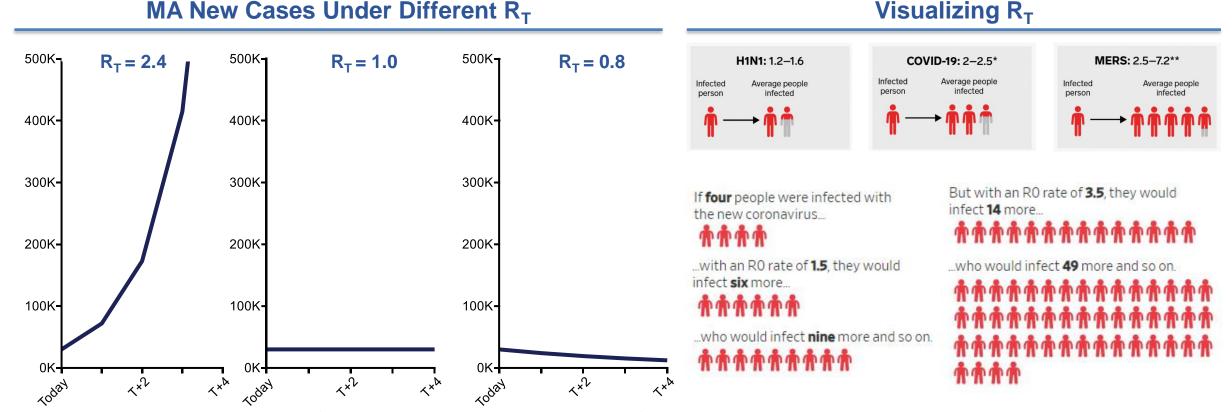
Develop massive testing & tracing plan to be used to identify & contain virus spread



Focus of follow up on Reducing Rt through (i) workplace norms and (ii) testing & tracing

Source: Bain Capital Partners analysis

## Reminder: Why Reducing R<sub>⊤</sub> Matters

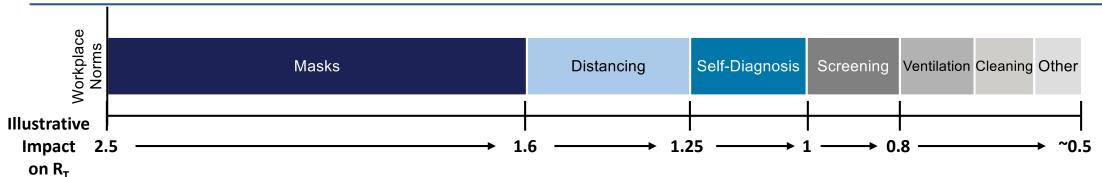


Lower spread can significantly reduce the number of daily new cases, despite greater population exposure

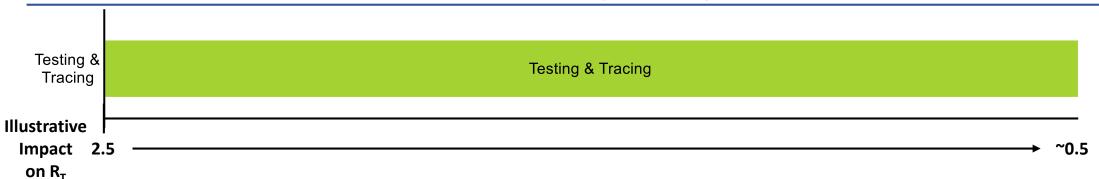
## Reducing R<sub>T</sub> Summary Thought Model







#### **Impact of Testing & Tracing**

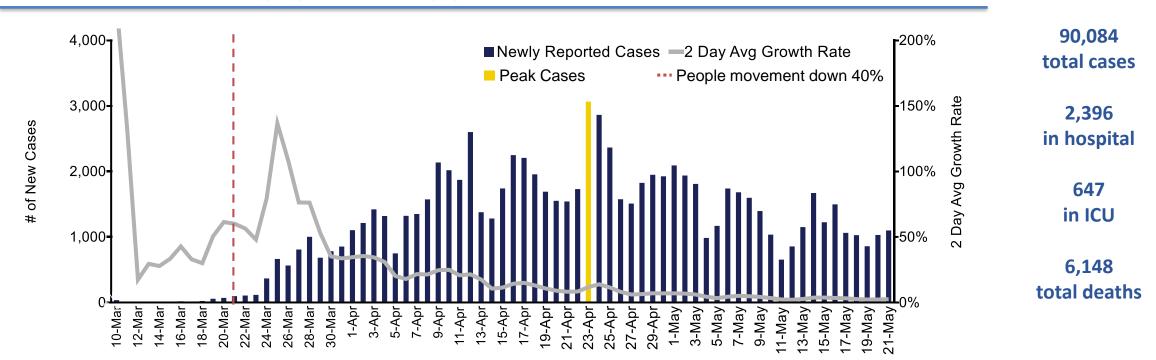


Workplace norms and a robust testing & tracing strategy can each independently significantly reduce R<sub>T</sub>

Source: Bain Capital Partners analysis

## Reminder: Massachusetts COVID-19 Cases

# of new cases showing signs of flattening; growth rate has slowed since people movement slowed



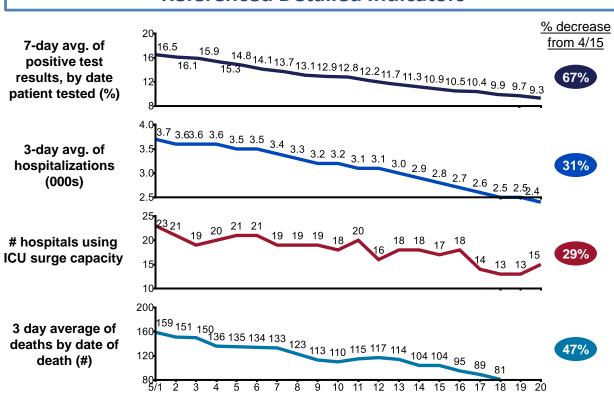
MA growth rate has dramatically slowed since stay-at-home mitigation efforts, and new cases / day may be in early stages of declining

## Context: Massachusetts Re-Opening Dashboard

#### **Massachusetts Re-Opening Public Health Dashboard**

# Below is the status as of May 18, 2020: Indicator Status 1 COVID-19 positive test rate 2 Number of individuals who died from COVID-19 3 Number of patients with COVID-19 in hospitals 4 Healthcare system readiness 5 Testing capacity Contact tracing capabilities Negative trend

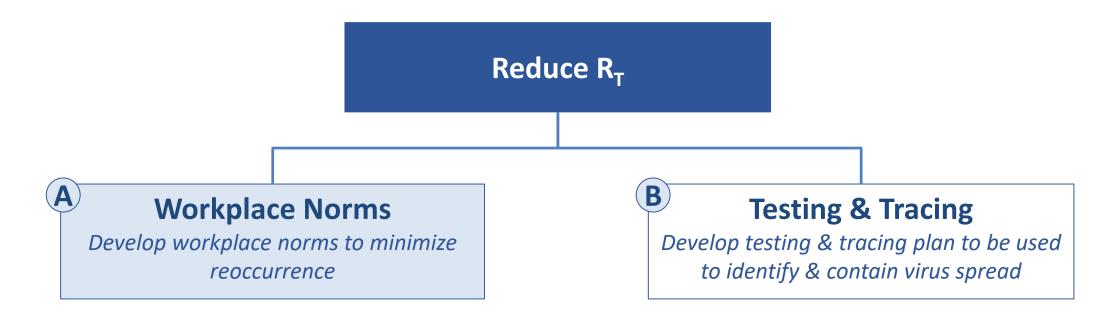
#### **Referenced Detailed Indicators**



Massachusetts re-opening plan data-based, hinges on driving down COVID impact and planning for healthcare system readiness and testing capability

Source: Governor's Office Re-Opening Pan (Released May 18th)

## Agenda



Source: Bain Capital Partners analysis

## Workplace Norms Roadmap

## **Workplace Norms**

• Lower cost / complexity than testing & tracing, but highly effective

#### **Masks & PPE**

Mandating mask usage can reduce R<sub>T</sub> by 60%+. Surgical masks the ideal long-term solution for workplaces

#### **Self Diagnosis**

Meticulous and accurate daily symptom self-reporting can reduce R<sub>T</sub> by up to 40%

## **Employer Screening**

Additional at-work temperature checks can reduce R<sub>T</sub> by up to 20%

# Distancing & Workplace Configuration

Distancing at work can limit the number of "super spreader events"

#### **Ventilation**

Proper ventilation important to reduce spread caused by airborne particles

## Disinfecting & Cleaning

Appropriate sanitization protocols can keep workplaces safe



Effective implementation of workplace norms can have a significant impact on R<sub>T</sub>

Source: Bain Capital Partners analysis

## The MA Plan: Working Norm Guidance

	MA Social Guidance		MA Employer Guidance
Masks & PPE	Masks required when unable to maintain six feet social distance in public	Mandatory	Masks mandatory for all employees
Self Diagnosis	Advised to <b>monitor for symptoms</b> and stay home if feel sick	Mandatory	Employees w/ symptoms stay home. Self-screening including temp/symptom checks, recommended
Employer Screening			?
Distancing	Advised to limit trips outside the home & maintain social distance	Mandatory	Employees, customers, vendors must remain at least six feet apart to the greatest extent possible
Ventilation		Recommended	Improved ventilation for enclosed spaces a recommended best practice
Sanitization	Advised to wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soapy water	Mandatory	Cleaning & disinfecting protocols mandatory. Daily sanitation of all high-touch areas recommended
Other	High risk populations should only leave the home for essential errands	Recommended	Signage; training; occupancy limits; physical partitions; staggered schedules; vulnerable workers encouraged to stay home

Source: MA.gov

## Workplace Norms Agenda

- Masks & PPE
- Self-Diagnosis
- Employer Screening
- Distancing & Workplace Configuration
- Ventilation
- Sanitization

## Masks are a Critical Component to Reduce Spread

- 1 Studies Show They Significantly Reduce Spread
  - Worn properly, if 80%+ of the population wore masks, we could reduce R<sub>T</sub> below 1
  - Even cloth masks help contain highly infectious coughs or sneezes that otherwise travel up to 25ft away and effectively trap large droplets expelled during breathing or speaking that can aerosolize
  - Surgical masks can effectively trap small droplets, and are 2-3x more effective than cloth
- 2 They Enforce "Don't Touch Your Face"
  - Masks provide a barrier to a large portion of your face, limiting spread from touching contaminated surfaces
- 3 They Send a Powerful Signal

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Masks give a sense of communal effort to combat the virus and inspire others to wear masks

## Why We Need Masks: How the Virus Spreads

#### **Droplets Released by Activity**



One cough or sneeze releases a large number of droplets, many of which **stay airborne** 

	<b>Droplets Released</b>	Size of Particles
Breathing	~ 500 – 3,000 / 10 min	$\bigcirc$
Speaking	~ 3,000 – 30,000 / 10 min	$\bigcirc \longleftrightarrow \bigcirc$
Coughing	~ 3,000 / event	$\bigcirc \Longleftrightarrow \bigcirc$
Sneezing	~ 30,000 / event	$\bigcirc$

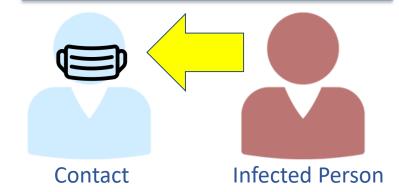
#### **How Masks Reduce R<sub>T</sub>**

- Risk of exposure to the virus a function of (1) viral load in droplets exposed to and (2) time exposed to droplets
- Large particles carry more of the virus but fall to the ground much faster than small particles
- Masks reduce exposure to viral load via:
  - Containment of the cough or sneeze of a sick person (prevents large particle dispersion)
  - Filtration of both small and large particles during frequent conversational interactions
  - Filtration during extended exposure to the breath of an infected person

All masks are effective at stopping some of the particles emitted from breathing, speaking, coughing & sneezing

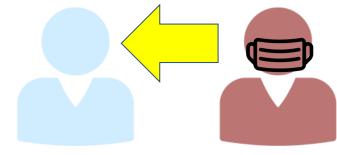
## Mask Usage is About Egress

#### **Protecting the Wearer (Ingress)**



- Cloth masks ineffective at protecting wearer from inhaling infected particles
- Protecting the wearer requires medical grade mask (surgical mask, N95)

#### **Protecting Contacts (Egress)**



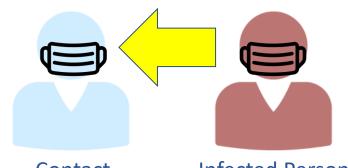
Contact

**Infected Person** 

 Cloth masks are highly effective at protecting contacts

 can reduce large particle egress from infected by up to 99% (helps keep sneezes, coughs, and other large droplets from spreading)

#### **Protecting the Wearer & Contacts**



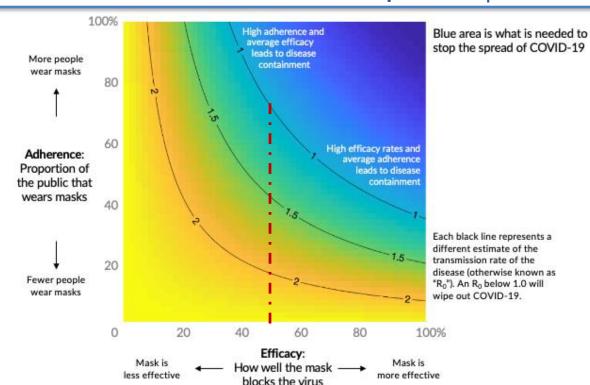
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- Infected Person
- The best scenario: everyone wears a mask
- Egress dramatically reduced, and some impact on ingress as well

Universal mask usage could have a significant impact on reducing egress from infected individuals, including asymptomatic individuals

## Theoretical Effectiveness of Masks

#### Theoretical Mask Use Impact on R<sub>T</sub>



#### **Commentary**

- Higher adherence, even with less effective masks, can greatly reduce R<sub>T</sub>
- But adherence hard without mandates: in an '06-07 experiment, less than 50% of participants kept up the recommended mask wearing routine
- Companies and governments should consider mandatory use policies

#### **Mean % Filtration Efficiency of Various Masks**

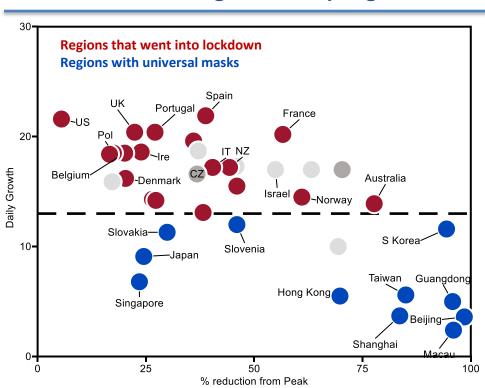
Note: Data based on Bacteriophage MS2 (23 nm in diameter) - COVID-19 virus particles are ~125 nm in diameter

Scarf	100% Cotton Masks	Tea Towel	Surgical Masks	N95
49%	51%	72%	89%	95%+

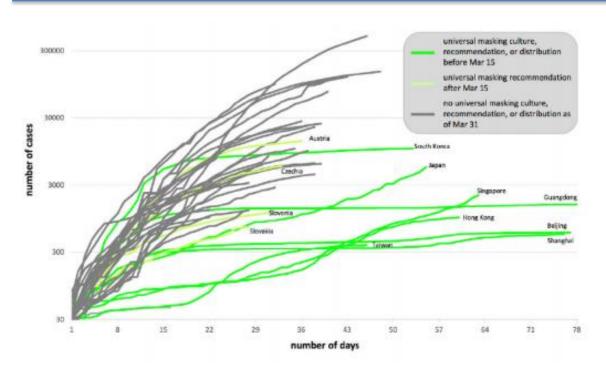
Widespread use of masks, even lower quality cloth masks, can have a significant impact on R<sub>T</sub>

## Country Case Studies: Mask Usage vs. Case Growth

#### **Broad Regional Sampling**



#### # Cases: Highlighting Mask Usage



Countries with universal masks see lower daily growth and greater reduction in cases

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## Different Types of Masks

Mask Type	Use Case	Small Particle Filtration <sup>1</sup>	Large Particle Filtration	Reusable?	Comfort	Cost	Supply Constraints
N95	<b>High risk</b> medical situations	95%+	<b>√</b>	Up to 5x, needs advanced cleaning (i.e., UV)	Low/Med  Max usage 8hrs	<b>~\$1 / mask</b> (normally)	Significant constraints
3-ply, non-woven disposable (Surgical / Procedural)	Surgical (medical use) Procedural (medical and non medical use) General use ear loop mask	70-90% Up to 50-70%		Isolate for 72+ hours	High	<b>~\$0.10 / mask</b> (normally)	Some constraints on surgical / procedural  Minimal constraints on general use 3-ply
Cloth	Short-term solution when surgical masks	~E00/			Varios	eré E. /li	No

Cloth masks an effective near-term solution; longer-term, 3-ply masks present best solution for workplace

~50%

**Varies** 

~\$5 / mask

unavailable

constraints

#### **Masks & PPE**



## Types of Non-Woven Masks

#### Not recommended

#### Provides incremental filtration relative to cloth masks

Flat Mask 3-ply masks Melt-blown filters used Flat masks 3-ply only Medical grade masks used by healthcare workers Melt-blown filter media (no filter layer disclosed) (With a filter, but no disclosure ASTM Level (none, 1, 2) **ASTM Level 3** on what the filter is) (But no ASTM specification) "Procedural" or "Isolation" "Surgical" Masks "General Use" Masks Masks 50-70% Small Particle Filtration 70-90% Small Particle Filtration Historically used in lower Often has tie-on straps Disposable flat face Masks are made with · Melt-blown filter media (one-

- mask
- No information on number of layers or material
- three layers: an outer layer of usually nonwoven fabric, a middle filtration layer, and a skin-gentle inner layer
- type of filter media) is made using very small (<10 micron) polymer filaments that offer incrementally better filtration of airborne particles
- risk healthcare settings (e.g. bedside procedures) and by dentists
- The particle filtration difference in an ASTM L1, L2, and L3 mask is minimal
- to provide closer fit and better filtration
- Intended to higher risk of fluid exposure (twice the fluid protection offered from an L1 mask)

There is a spectrum of non-woven face masks; 3-ply & melt-blown will likely provide sufficient filtration for offices

Source: Bain & Co citing ASTM International Standardization News

## Masks Needs to be Used Properly to Be Effective

#### How to Put a Mask On



- Should cover nose and mouth
- Should fit snuggly, but comfortably
- Wash hands before and after wearing

#### How to Take a Mask Off

- 1. Wash hands
- 2. Don't touch the front of the mask or your face
- 3. Carefully remove the mask by grasping the ear loops or untying the ties (untie bottom first, then top)
- 4. If your mask has a filter, remove and immediately throw away in a <u>closed</u> container
- 5. Wash hands again

#### **How to Reuse a Mask**

#### **Cloth Masks**

- Clean after every wearing
- Wash in regular laundry using hot water and soap
- Dry with **high heat**

#### **Surgical Masks**

- Cannot be laundered
- If visibly soiled or damaged, throw away in a <u>closed</u> container
- Otherwise, put in a breathable, <u>closed</u> container (i.e. paper bag) for 72+ hours

#### The Need for Education



- Need education materials, funding & advertising on proper mask use
- Efforts should be similar to CDC efforts on hand washing

Need a broad education campaign to help public understand how to effectively use masks

## Masks & PPE

## Mask Supply Chain Overview

#### **Manufacturers**

- Three major types of manufacturers:
  - Large Asian based (~80% of supply)
  - Medical Integrated Distributor / Manufacturers (e.g. Medline)
  - High End Technical (e.g. 3M)
- Responsible for getting masks tested (either through a 3rd party or self testing) in order to clear certain FDA certifications
- Many larger manufacturers create both surgical and procedural masks







"Before the pandemic, half the world's masks were manufactured in China; now, with production there shifting into overdrive, **that figure may be as high as 85**%" Wall Street Journal

"Demand from healthcare is up 300-1000%. Manufacturing and sourcing has been impacted as we ramp up supply...you'd see a delivery delay of around one month."

Medline

#### **Distributors**

- Distributors buy ~80% masks from overseas manufacturers and sells to domestic consumers
- Distributors are usually focused on specific end markets (e.g. healthcare provider focused, manufacturing focused, etc.) and sell masks as part of larger PPE / supplies offering









"Due to COVID-19 and the needs of our medical customers, [we are] **not accepting any new customers** at this time."

Owens & Minor

"We have procedural masks from a long standing, approved supplier. I don't think they are FDA certified, but that's because **we historically haven't sold to healthcare**." Grainger

#### **Consumers**

- Healthcare providers are the largest consumers of surgical & procedural masks (e.g. hospitals, dentists, nursing homes)
- Industrial / construction companies largely use non-FDA approved masks (e.g. dust masks, industrial N95 masks)
- While healthcare demand has slowed, there is potential for resurgence as the US and other countries begin to reopen:
  - Chance of a second wave of infection
  - Reintroduction of elective procedures
  - Mass adoption of mask wearing by the general public and the broader workforce







"We've opened up the door for all elective surgeries so we're really **ramping up preparation now**." Mid-Valley Hospital, Washington state

"Most people expect a second wave, and expect that second wave to be worse."

Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York

Source: Bain & Co

## 3-Ply Mask Supply

#### China is now producing more than ~1 Billion masks per week

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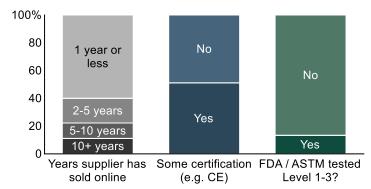
Wall Street Journal

#### Daily Chinese medical mask production 200M 200 150 110M 100 50 20M Mar-20 Jan-20 Feb-20

### Many of these Chinese producers are new, and product quality varies

- Sampling of Chinese mask manufacturers on Alibaba showed that over 50% had been selling on the platform for less than 1 year
- While ~50% claimed to have CE level certification, less than 20% made claims about FDA approval and the consistent **ASTM** testing level

Results for "3-ply Masks" Found on Alibaba



## As a result, supply constraints have eased for general-use masks

"I don't expect a shortage of supply of these general melt-blown masks from Asia, as long as there isn't a second wave of infection because then China may shutter its borders."

Former VP R&D, US manufacturer

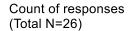
#### However, supplies of medical-grade masks are still significantly constrained

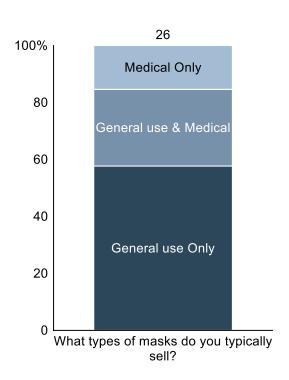
"We'll now have universal demand for masks. We're running into the problem that there are thousands of makers of masks but there are only so many melt-blown facilities that create filter fabric good enough for hospital use. Prices of FDAlevel masks are going up for the next wave of demand"

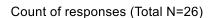
Supply Chain Director, Mt. Sinai Hospital

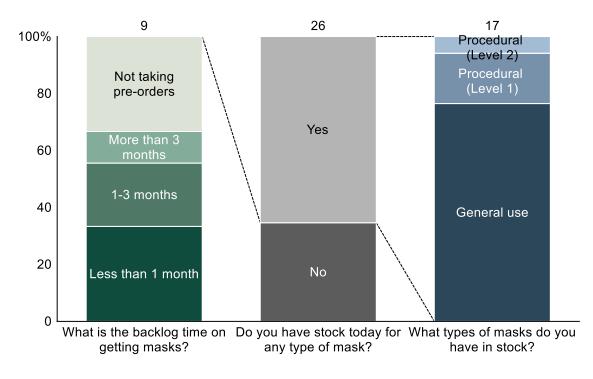
#### Production has ramped significantly in China, easing supply constraints for general-use masks

## MA Distributor Survey









#### **Other Considerations**

- The majority of distributors
   (~90%) indicated that at least
   75% of their mask supply
   comes from China
  - Nearly half of the distributors surveyed sourced 100% of their masks from China
- ~20% of distributors have only started working with their manufacturer in the past few months

"We have been looking to expand manufacturers from other countries. But decisions to change manufacturers, and considerations on how long we've worked together is at corporate level."

Fastenal

A majority of distributors have general use masks in stock today, but for larger orders, lead times can be over 1 month

## <u>Distributors</u>: list of potential distributors for Mass employers

Distributor	Phone #	Masks in Stock?*	Dis
AB&J International	347-399-9843	Yes	Spectrum Chemi
Abbott Ball Company	860-236-5901	Yes	Uline
Associated Bag	800-926-6100	Yes	<b>Cintas Corp</b>
Central Equioment LLC	508-758-3758	Yes	Creative Touch D
Conlon Products	9786828482	Yes	<b>DOT Fleet Parts</b>
Darby Dental Supply	800-645-2310	Yes	<b>EPIC Business Es</b>
DocPPE	888-493-5554	Yes	Flagship Press
Fastenal	864-569-7070	Yes	Galls LLC
Fisher Scientific	800-766-7000	Yes	<b>Industrial Protec</b>
Get a mask.store	848-206-6398	Yes	Matouk
Go Green Solutions	978-852-7977	Yes	<b>MG Products</b>
Harrison Shrader	207-312-4991	Yes	MSC Industrial S
Lane Printing & Advertising	7817674450	Yes	<b>Body Armor Out</b>
Northern Safety	800-571-4646	Yes	<b>Brooks Brothers</b>
Safety Today	800-837-5900	Yes	D.O.T. Fleet Part
Unination	646-661-1500	Yes	<b>New Balance</b>
Ace Surgical Supply	800-441-3100	No	Proforma Eagle F
Airgas	855-625-5285 X4805	No	Razz-m-tazz Pror
Atlantic Paper and Supply	(401) 725-0950	No	Richmond Hardy
<b>Bound Tree Medical</b>	800-533-0523	No	Safety Inc.
CAM Office Services	791-932-9868	No	Stericycle
Contollo	(508) 841-5822	No	Trans Med USA I
DetraPel	617.514.7777	No	veritiv
Henry Schein	800-772-4346	No	WB Mason
Noble Supply & Logistics	508-944-5722	No	

Distributor	Phone #	Masks in Stock?*
Spectrum Chemical	800.772.8786	No
Uline	800-295-5510	No
Cintas Corp	978.244.6787	Called - no answer
Creative Touch Designs	19784994444	Called - no answer
DOT Fleet Parts	978-455-9082	Called - no answer
<b>EPIC Business Essentials</b>	828-395-7458	Called - no answer
Flagship Press	617-719-5215	Called - no answer
Galls LLC	8594337142	Called - no answer
Industrial Protection Services	603-685-8023	Called - no answer
Matouk	646-489-0229	Called - no answer
MG Products	9783525042	Called - no answer
MSC Industrial Supply	781-272-4884	Called - no answer
Body Armor Outlet, LLC	603-479-1919	
<b>Brooks Brothers</b>	917 225 8996	
D.O.T. Fleet Parts Inc.	781-956-8723	
New Balance	617-925-1410	
Proforma Eagle Print & Promotion	617-429-3400	
Razz-m-tazz Promotions, LLC	19788740502	
Richmond Hardware	7818430066	
Safety Inc.	978-532-7330 x103	
Stericycle	847-943-6796	
Trans Med USA Inc	978-649-1970	
veritiv	8625918461	
WB Mason	508-846-1490	

## Other PPE

#### **High-risk industries**

- In high-risk industries, such as healthcare,
   PPE is required
- PPE should be acquired by industries with high exposure to customers (e.g., restaurants, retail, personal services); needs will vary by workplace
  - Disposable gloves should be used when touching food; face shields when coming into close contact with others (e.g., salons)

Sample PPE for hair salon



#### **Cleaning**

- CDC recommends that employers provide disposable gloves and gowns to cleaning staff
- Additional PPE (e.g., face shield) may be required based on the cleaning / disinfectant product and whether there is a risk of splash



#### **Screening**

- CDC recommends the use of disposable gloves
- **Eye protection** (goggles or disposable face shield) is needed if physical partitions are not used
- A gown is only needed if extensive contact with an employee is anticipated

Sample PPE for screening staff



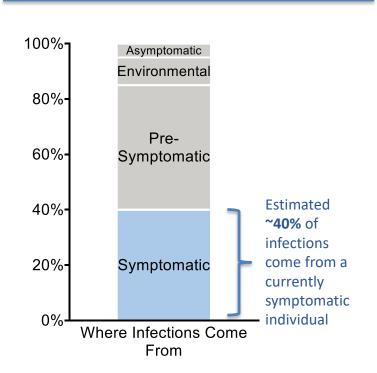
Other PPE is only recommended in high-risk industries and for cleaning and screening staff

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- Masks & PPE
- Self-Diagnosis
- Employer Screening
- Distancing & Workplace Configuration
- Ventilation
- Sanitization

## Self-Diagnosis

#### **Where Infections Come From**



Symptom	% of Cases	Conceptual "Difficulty" to Report
Fever	64%	Low
Sinus Pain	50%	Low
Cough	46%	Low
Expectoration	32%	Low
Chills	18%	Low
Difficulty breathing	11%	Low
Diarrhea	6%	Low
Vomiting	3%	Low
Altered sense of smell	44%	Medium
Stuffy nose	25%	Medium
Sore throat	13%	Medium
Headache	13%	Medium
Joint or muscle pain	10%	Medium
Fatigue	18%	High

"No Regret" symptoms that are easier to monitor - consider recommending staying home with 1-2

Harder symptoms to track / easier to mistake for something else (i.e., allergies) - consider recommending staying home with 2-3+

Meticulous and accurate daily symptom surveying and self-reporting can reduce R<sub>⊤</sub> by up to 40%. Some symptoms easier to track than others - consider implementing a tiered symptom structure



## Self-Diagnosis: How to Administer

**Lower Cost Higher Cost Paper Survey** Apple / CDC **Other Free Apps Low Code Solution** 

#### **Description**



Printed checklist employee submits on arrival if able to work



Public health-app that provides recommended action based on symptoms



Apps from startups & larger corps (e.g. MSFT, Buoy Health, Bright.MD)



Low code workforce mgmt & crisis response app that includes symptom reporting

#### **Custom Solution**



In-house app that can track symptoms, issue guidance and communicate w/ employees

<b>Ability to Verify</b>	Manual	Requires screenshots	Varies	Yes	Yes
Cost	Free / Low	Free	Free	Low	Low to medium
Customizability	Medium	Limited	Varies	High	High

Employers should consider leveraging solutions that make it possible to verify employee completion and access the results

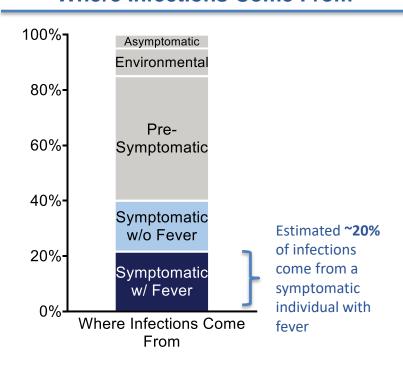
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## **Employer Screening Effectiveness**

#### Where Infections Come From



#### **Pros**

- If checks caught every fever, possible to reduce R<sub>T</sub> by up to 20%
- Likely to encourage self-screener compliance
- Highly visible check that may help put workers more at ease
- Devices relatively inexpensive

#### Cons

- Thermometers can be **inaccurate**, especially thermal infrared cameras used for larger populations
- Easy to bypass check by taking ibuprofen/acetaminophen before
- Can be difficult to implement and may cause bottlenecks
- Smaller devices require PPE and a trained screener to operate

On-site temperature checks can reduce RT by up to 20%

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## **Employer Screening Tools & Case Studies**

#### Thermal Infrared Cameras

Infrared sensors measure temperature from a distance

+/- 2 °C

20 individuals / minute

\$6,500+

Week-long backorders currently

Best for the largest workplaces

individuals one at a time, 6ft apart

Accuracy

**Throughput** 

**Description** 

Cost

**Commentary** 

**Examples** 

amazon

Optimally, would screen

Using to screen facility workers

#### **No Contact Thermometers**



Infrared sensors measure temperature without touching skin

+/- 0.3 °C

6 individuals / minute

\$100+

- **Difficult to obtain** currently
- Must be used in draft-free spaces out of the sun, 6in from forehead
- Requires some PPE to operate

Walmart :

Screening all associates

#### **Standard Thermometers**





Forehead, mouth & ear thermometers measure temperature through contact

+/- 0.3 °C

1-2 individuals / minute

\$10-50

- May cause bottlenecks at workplaces – more ideal for SMBs
- **Requires the most PPE** to operate

#### THE HOME DEPOT

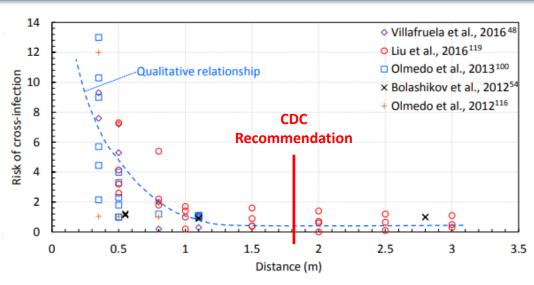
Sent to employees to use at home

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## Social Distancing – Why 6 Feet?

#### **Effectiveness of Distancing**



- Studies demonstrate distancing most effective at distances greater than three feet
- CDC recommends "6 feet apart" as a general rule of thumb

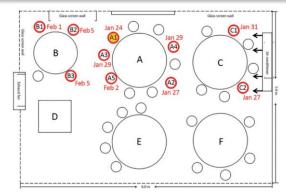
#### **Factors that Impact Effectiveness**

- Ventilation and air flow
- Indoor vs outside space
- Positioning and posture of individuals
- Duration of exposure
- Activities performed by individuals (e.g., talking, sneezing, exercising)

"6 Feet Apart" is a great rule of thumb for most low risk situations

## "Super Spreader Events"

#### Large Gatherings Responsible for Majority of Spread



- "R<sub>T</sub>" is an average in practice, "super spreader events" responsible for majority of infections
- Studies on Ebola show that 3% of cases were responsible for 61% of infections
- Other disease studies show that 20% of population responsible for 80% of transmission potential

#### Potential Past COVID-19 "SSE"s

#### Large religious gatherings or services

- Large religious gatherings in Qom, Iran led to massive outbreaks in February
- France's weeklong Christian Open Door prayer meeting in Feb (linked to 2500 cases)

#### **Parties and Festivals**

- Large birthday party in Westport, CT on 3/5
- Engagement party in Rio de Janeiro on 3/7

#### **Funerals**

#### **Face-to-face Business Networking**

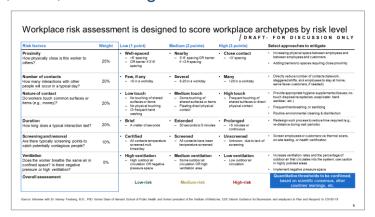
Boston's Biogen leadership meeting in Feb

Broad policies against large gatherings are critical to avoid additional "super spreader events" that rapidly spread the virus

## Workplace Reconfiguration

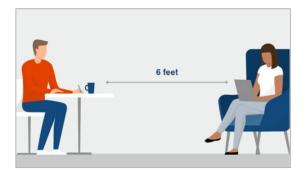
#### Reconfiguration needs will vary by workplace

- Industry
- Workplace type
- Workplace risk
- · Federal, state, and local guidelines



#### Three principles to guide reconfiguration

- 1 Ensure social distance between employees, customers, and vendors
- (2) Minimize usage of shared equipment and touch points
- Clearly and effectively communicate with employees and customers about new protocols





Employers will need to reconfigure workspaces and staffing policies to abide by distancing guidelines and promote worker safety

## Workplace Norms Agenda

- Masks & PPE
- Self-Diagnosis
- Employer Screening
- Distancing & Workplace Configuration
- Ventilation
- Sanitization

## Ventilation: Why is it Important?

Recommended Best Practices in Appendix

•		ent studies found evidence the virus is transmitted n contaminated air
	•	One study found high levels of airborne viral RNA in

**Evidence from Studies** 

- a patient's toilet area
- Another found viral contamination in air samples from rooms where patients were isolating
- In China, nine customers in a restaurant were infected because of the HVAC system
- Proper ventilation can prevent spread by **diluting &** displacing particles
  - Ventilation adds clean, disinfected air that dilutes contaminated air
  - Directional airflow moves infectious air to filters

Risk Factor	Description
<b>Ventilation</b> ✓	<ul> <li>Ventilation dilutes particles with clean air</li> </ul>
Circulation	<ul> <li>Circulation prevents particles staying in place (enabling better ventilation and filtration)</li> </ul>
<b>J</b> Filtration	<ul> <li>Filters trap and remove particles from the air</li> </ul>
Humidity	<ul> <li>Too humid and particles settle on surfaces</li> <li>Not humid enough and respiratory system dry out</li> </ul>

Employers can take precautions to reduce airborne exposure to coronavirus through adjustments to their ventilation systems

## Workplace Norms Agenda

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### Sanitization Recommendations

#### **Mandatory Protocols in MA Plan**

- Provide hand washing capabilities throughout the workplace
- Ensure frequent hand washing by employees and adequate supplies to do so
- Provide regular sanitization of high touch areas, such as workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms throughout work site

#### **Key Sanitization Recommendations**

- Continuously sanitize common & hightough areas
- Ask employees to wipe down workstations at end of each day
- Use appropriate EPA-approved disinfectant
- Install hand sanitizers in common areas and next to entries
- Use signage to clearly mark the last time an area was cleaned

#### **How Frequently to Clean**

**High-Touch** 

Every 2-3 hrs

Handles, Elevator Buttons



**Med-Touch** 

3-4x / day

Lobby Furniture



**Low-Touch** 

Once / day

Windows, Cabinets



Standard sanitization protocols can ensure workplace health and safety

### High-Traffic Areas

#### **Kitchens / Cafeterias**

- Adopt clear standards, such as:
  - 50% max capacity
  - Designated entrances & exits
  - No shared food
  - Single-use cups & utensils
- Stagger lunch/break times
- Use self-dispensing soap
- Enable "grab-and-go" options

#### **Elevators**

- Promote social distancing
  - Capacity limited to 4 ppl
  - Visible markers to stand on
  - Waiting areas
- Hand sanitizers at elevator entrances
- Plastic coverings over buttons
- Increased ventilation & filtration
- High-risk pop. options (e.g., solo rides)

#### **Bathrooms**

- **Touchless devices** (soap & water, towel dispensers, anti-viral cleaning supplies)
- Track sanitization and inform tenants of last cleaning via signage
- Consider touchless door pulls & partition hardware
- Required mask usage
- Clean 3-4 times per day





- Sanitizing kitchen and break areas after usage; providing hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes in high-traffic areas
- Maintaining social distancing standards





- Four-occupant maximum
- Providing all guests with complimentary PPE kits
- Increased cleaning of high-touch surfaces
- Placing signs explaining protocol in all lobbies





**Sanitization** 

- Increasing cleaning to 3-4 times per day
- Reminding employees to practice good hygiene

### **Employers should establish and communicate protocols for high-traffic areas**

# Reducing R<sub>T</sub> Roadmap

### **Workplace Norms**

• Lower cost / complexity than testing & tracing, but highly effective

#### **Masks & PPE**

Mandating mask usage can reduce R<sub>T</sub> by 60%+. Surgical masks the ideal long-term solution for workplaces

### **Self Diagnosis**

Meticulous and accurate daily symptom self-reporting can reduce R<sub>T</sub> by up to 40%

# **Employer Screening**

Additional at-work temperature checks can reduce R<sub>T</sub> by up to 20%

# Distancing & Workplace Configuration

Distancing at work can limit the number of "super spreader events"

#### **Ventilation**

Proper ventilation important to reduce spread caused by airborne particles

# Disinfecting & Cleaning

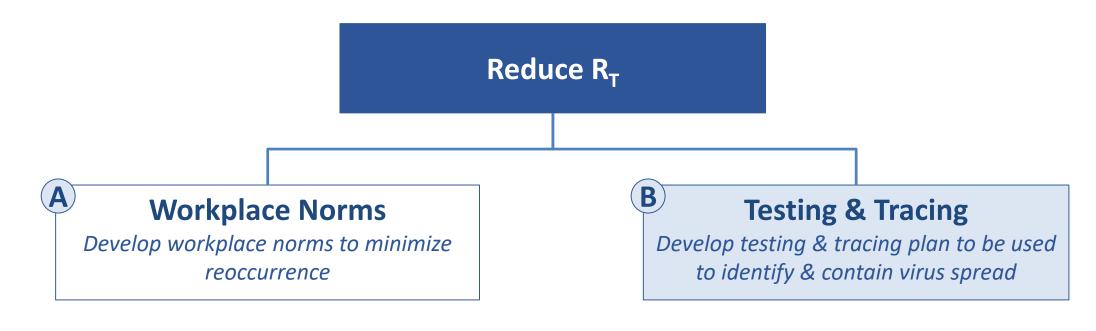
Appropriate sanitization protocols can keep workplaces safe



Effective implementation of workplace norms can have a significant impact on R<sub>T</sub>

Source: Bain Capital Partners analysis

# Agenda



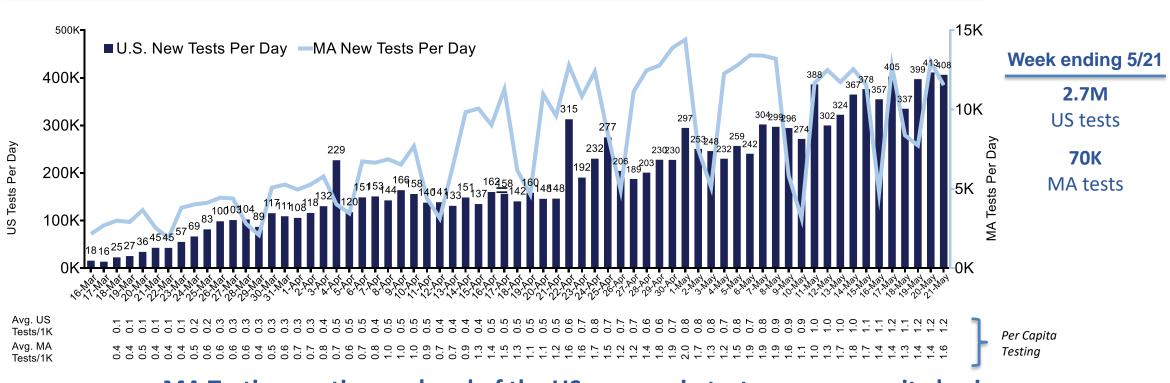
Source: Bain Capital Partners analysis

## **Group B: Testing & Tracing**

- Testing Targets & Approach
- Tracing Approach

### Reminder: Current Testing Capacity

#### **New Tests Per Day**

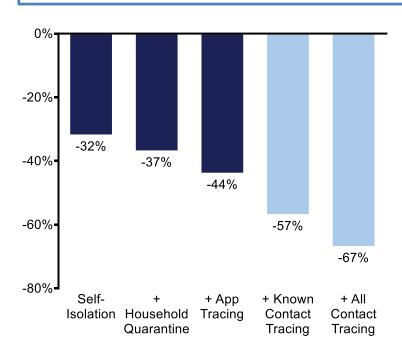


MA Testing continues ahead of the US average in tests on a per capita basis, Though US average has continued to increase while MA has plateaued



### Reminder: Why Testing is Critical

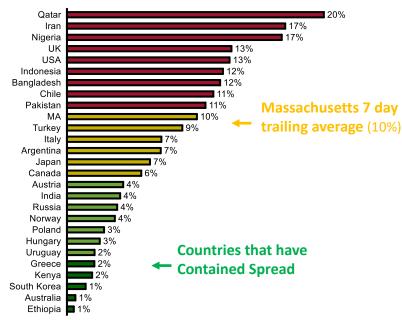
#### **Effective at Reducing Rt**



Testing and tracing strategies can more than double the impact on Rt of self-isolation alone

#### **Success in Other Countries**

#### **Cumulative positive test rate**



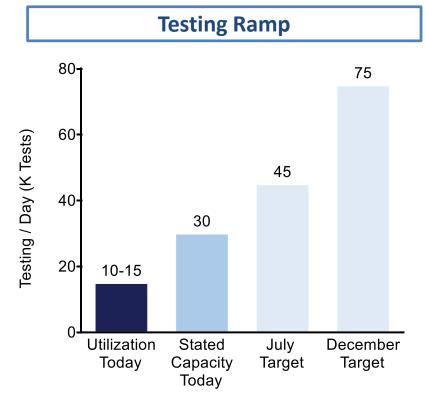
Most success stories in containing
COVID are in countries that have overtested with low positive rates, though
mainly in early spread of disease

#### **Public Health Strategy**

Testing data is the underlying driver for public health officials, businesses and individuals to inform policy

Necessary but not sufficient in the absence of behavioral change / workplace norms

## Testing Context: Massachusetts's Announced Testing Plan



#### **Testing Use Cases**

#### **Target Testing Populations & Objectives**

- All Symptomatic Individuals (July)
- Limited high-risk / front line (July)
- Contact tracing testing (July)
- Incremental employer testing (July+)
- Wide surge / surveillance (Dec)

#### **Test Types**

- Largely PCR testing (July)
- Innovation / Antigen / Other (Dec)

#### **Commentary**

Aspiration of 75K tests / day would lead other states & many countries in terms of announced targets

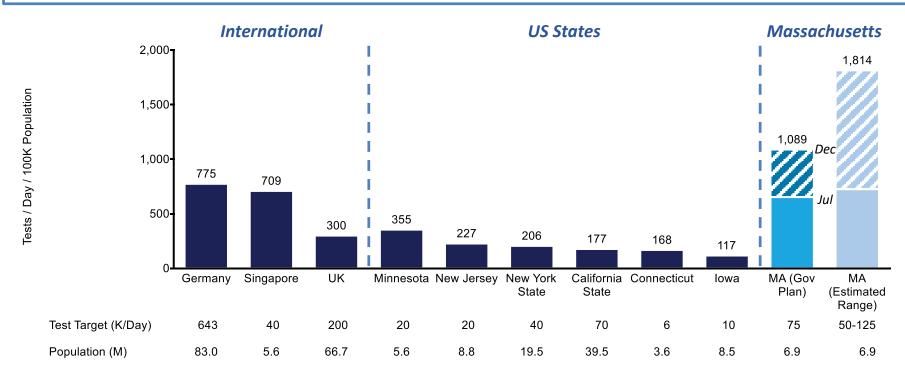
Plan is in the range of the number of tests bottom up MA needs in the near-term, large-scale testing beyond symptomatic and front-line workers (driven by employers) may require more capacity

#### Public / Press Reactions Generally Supportive:

- Public Health experts urge reopen based on test data
- Workers advocates raising right to regular testing

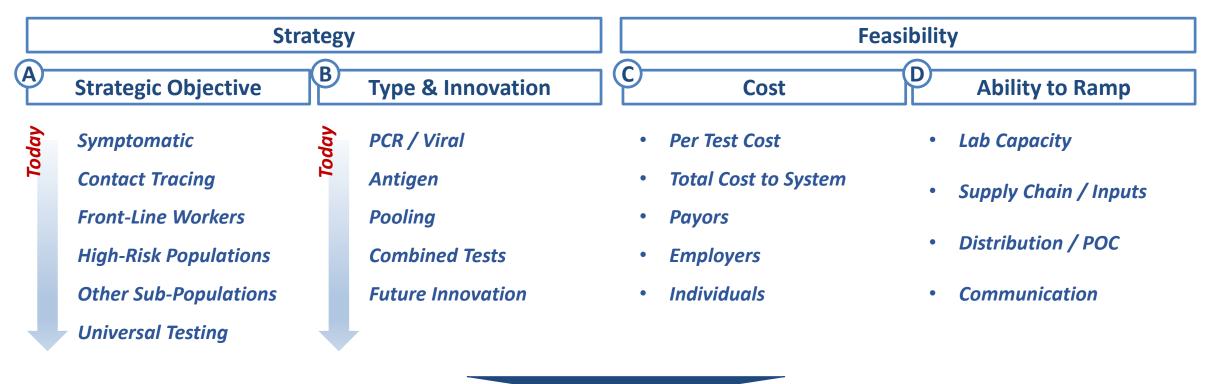
## **Testing Context: Capacity Targets**





Source: Bain & Co, State Benchmarking

## Testing: Strategic Framework & Approach



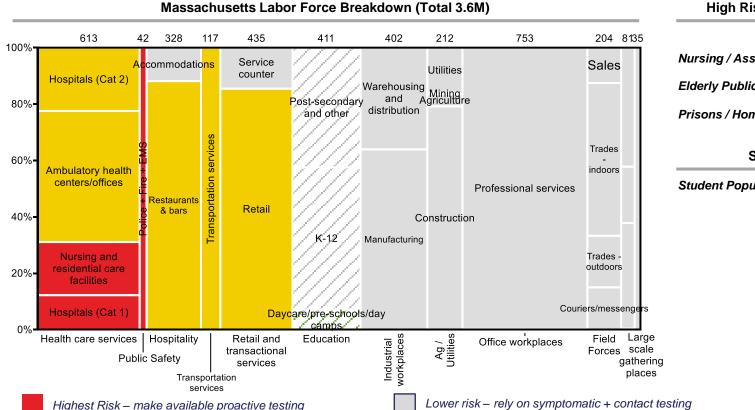
**Note:** Serology Testing Incremental & another source of surveillance

Holistic approach to testing must consider the objective, tools available, feasibility & cost to implement

High Risk- capacity permitted proactive testing

# **(A)** Testing Strategy: Critical Populations

#### **Critical Populations for Testing Focus**



#### **High Risk Populations**

Nursing / Assisted Living	54K
Elderly Public Housing	71K
Prisons / Homeless	28K

Students

Student Population ~1.5M

#### Capacity



#### Critical Labor Force (230K-1.5M)

(Front-line hospital workers, Nursing home workers, first responders in first wave; expand to Med risk with capacity)



High Risk Populations (150K) (Institutional housing, non-domiciled)



**Flu Season Surge** (Typical flu season, if all symptomatics get tested → 50-60k new ILI cases per week during peak)

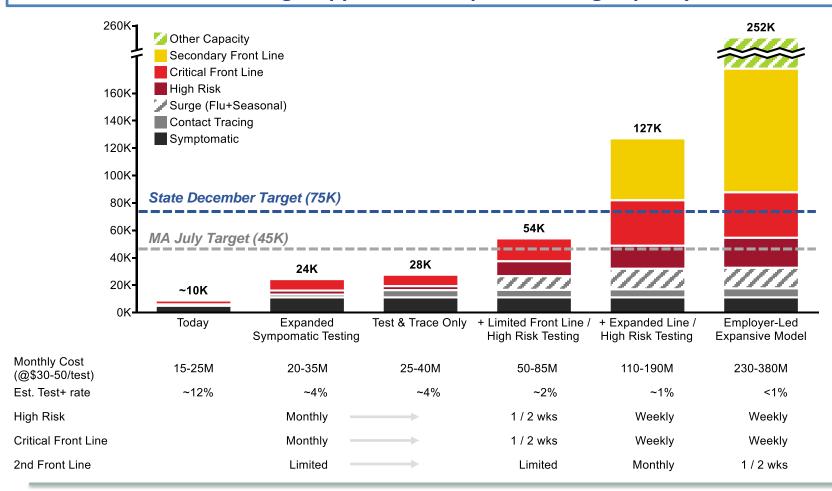


**Back to School Surge** (likely to require one-time testing around back to school / university season → 20k/day if spread over 2 months)

Included in Back to School Surge

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### **Strategic Approach & Required Testing Capacity**



### **Considerations for Strategy**

- 1 Symptomatic Testing
- **2** Contact Tracing Testing
- **3 High Risk Populations** (including but not limited to nursing homes, prisons / homeless shelters, elderly public housing)
- **4 Front Line Workers** (critical front line workers e.g., nurses, healthcare workers, police/fire & secondary front line workers e.g., other healthcare, retail, transportation)
- Seasonal Surge Capacity (surge testing for seasonal events: symptomatic Flu (~8k/day), back to school (~10-20k/day)
- **6** Additional Capacity (allows for proactive testing beyond the above population groups)

# Testing Strategy: Communication of Testing Approach

### **State Benchmarking**

Population		Massachusetts	California	New York	District of Columbia	Maryland	Texas
Target groups for testing, communicated in state testing strategy	Testing (per week/100K):	<ul><li>May 19: 1,283 tests</li><li>May 5: 1,144 tests</li></ul>	775 512	1,251 948	1,185 775	647 534	713 437
	Symptomatic	✓ (emphasis)	✓ (emphasis)	<b>~</b>	✓	<b>~</b>	✓ (emphasis)
	Asymptomatic with exposure	✓	<b>~</b>	✓	~	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
	High risked population (Ages 65 and above, etc.)	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	<b>~</b>	✓
	Healthcare workers and first responders	✓	✓	<b>✓</b> (emphasis)	✓ (emphasis)	<b>~</b>	✓
	Essential workers (Child care / workers, delivery etc.)	×	✓	<b>~</b>	×	×	×
Doctors note required (based on interviews with local clinic/ pharmacies)	With symptoms	×	×	×	×	<b>~</b>	×
	Without symptoms	<b>*</b>	×	<b>~</b>	×	Limited	×
	sachusetts guidance, May 13: "As ecommended for diagnostic testi healthcare provider, a state ago	ng at the discretion of their			al for testing screening ned by public entities		

# A Testing Strategy: How to Get Tested Today

List of all testing sites in
Massachusetts can be found here:
<a href="https://www.mass.gov/doc/ma-covid-19-testing-sites/download">https://www.mass.gov/doc/ma-covid-19-testing-sites/download</a>

#### Over 200+ testing locations across Massachusetts



#### **Hospitals**

 Majority of hospitals are testing for COVID19



### Other medical facilities

 Certain urgent care centres, walk-in clinics, family medical facilities, etc. are testing for COVID



### Mobile testing sites

 Mobile testing sites have been set-up to provide greater access to testing for certain populations (i.e. nursing homes)



#### **Drive-thru**

 Several drive-thru facilities have been set up specifically to test for COVID (e.g. pharmacies, schools, retail etc.)

### What you need to do to get tested

Symptomatic individuals<sup>1</sup> or closed contacts of COVID cases

**Asymptomatic** individuals

- Contact a testing site
- Doctor's note not required (confirmed with call benchmarking at testing locations)

Massachusetts guidance: "Asymptomatic Individuals: Asymptomatic individuals can be recommended for diagnostic testing at the discretion of their healthcare provider, a state agency, or an employer. Individuals are encouraged to confirm with their insurance whether the test will be covered."

# ® Testing Strategy: Test Types & Innovations

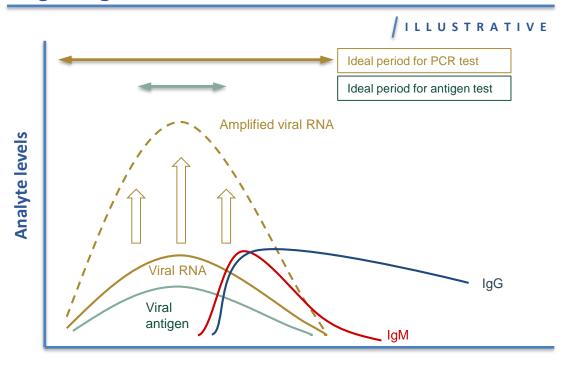
	PCR	Antigen	PCR Pooling	Antibody (Serology)
	<ul> <li>Viral DNA/RNA test from nasal/throat or saliva</li> <li>Samples typically processed in scale clinical labs or large hospitals with complex testing equipment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nasal swab test to detect viral surface proteins (antigens)</li> <li>Samples typically processed in at-home, at doctor's offices or clinics with \$500 readers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pooling of PCR samples to run same process reducing cost for low-risk testing</li> <li>Useful for large populations like colleges</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Detection of the antibody response to the virus</li> <li>Backwards looking surveillance tool</li> <li>Samples typically processed In large hospital or clinical labs</li> </ul>
Timing	Early (can detect ~2-3 days before symptoms present)	Later than PCR (often detection commences in line with onset of symptoms)	Early (in line with PCR testing)	During or after-the-infection
Accuracy	High (95% sensitivity) reported but lower (80%) in practice	Medium (80% PCR sensitivity) lower in practice (limited data)	<b>High</b> same as PCR, but requires additional follow up testing	Medium with false positives (~5%) a concern
Commercial Cost	Medium (~\$100+ fully-loaded cost, ~\$30-50 'at cost')	Low (~\$20-30 fully-loaded cost)	<b>Low</b> (~\$15-20 pooled / test)	<b>Medium</b> (~\$50-120 cost)

# ® Testing Strategy: Sensitivity of Antigen & PCR Tests

# PCR tests generally believed to have higher sensitivity rate relative to antigen tests

- Experts indicate that PCR tests are typically more sensitive in the earlier periods of the infection
  - PCR: Uses the amplification of the genetic material to enable detection at even low amounts of viral RNA
  - Antigen: Detects the specific viral protein in the collected sample
- · Clinical trials suggests PCR test are also more sensitive
  - PCR EUA filings: ~95-100% sensitivity rates (real world sensitivity rates cites ~66-85%)
  - Antigen EUA Filings<sup>1</sup>: ~80-85% sensitivity rates (real world rates to be determined)

# PCR amplifies the DNA (viral RNA converted) by a large magnitude



Days since infection

# ® Testing Strategy: Antigen Test

#### **Antigen Test Description**

- Identifies the virus using viral surface proteins as a marker for infection by binding proteins from the coronavirus surface spikes
- Tests are inexpensive to manufacture and current infrastructure supports massive production
- Tests are typically carried out at clinical hospitals or at point-of-care locations
- FDA has granted approval to one manufacturer, Quidel Corporation via the emergency use authorization
- Few false positives but lower sensitivity 80% sensitivity relative to PCR tests

#### **Sample Collection**

- Collect nasal / throat sample of human DNA using a swab
- Can be done at **point of use** / at home, much like pregnancy tests



#### **Test Administration**

- Trained clinician transfers collected swab to vile, transfers to paper which contains antibodies designed for binding
- Can perform 4-5 per hour





#### Results

 Communicate results to tested individual. (if at point of care location the individual remains at hospital / medical center while sample is tested) in 15-30 minutes

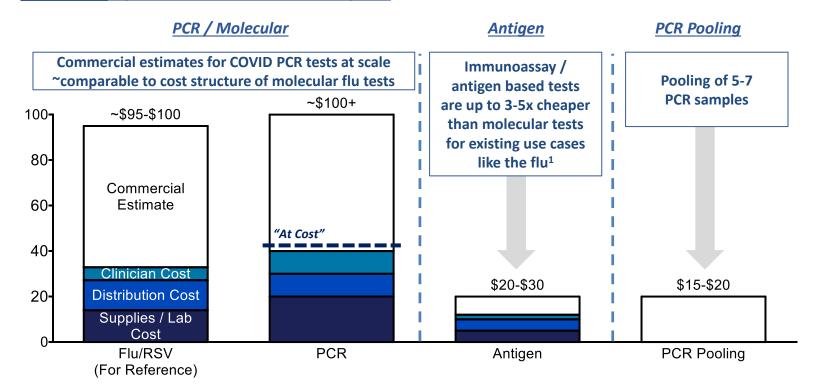


Quidel has received EUA and is producing tests that are compatible with their widespread machines OraSure and E25Bio are developing at-home antigen tests in addition Antigen test costs ~\$20-\$25 per test

# © Cost: Testing Cost by Type

#### **Estimated Range of Cost / Test**

Preliminary Expert Estimates – Cost Build to System



#### **Potential Levers to Reduce Costs**

- PCR Cost Efficiencies as non-profits and other players enter, distribution & collection costs are eliminated
- Potential to substitute antigen / pooling in asymptomatic testing but lower sensitivity
- At home and point of care tests can lower distribution costs considerably across tests

# <sup>®</sup> Feasibility: Supply Chain & Inputs

Supply Chain Input	Description	Type of Bottleneck	
Swab, Medium	<ul> <li>Sterile swabs and medium used to collect and transport samples</li> <li>3 manufacturers ramping production (1.5M/day)</li> </ul>	Technical	Regulatory
Reagents	<ul> <li>Used in the PCR to isolate RNA and multiply specimen to test</li> <li>Requires <i>dNTPs</i> as raw materials; high-purity chemicals with consolidated manufacturing, limited shelf life</li> </ul>		
Lab Technicians	<ul> <li>High throughput machines operated by well-trained lab technicians</li> <li>Shortage in technicians can be made up for with technician availability as other lab test frequency has decreased during COVID</li> </ul>		
Testing Equipment	<ul> <li>CDC has approved many test kits; most are low throughput</li> <li>Likely will scale faster than inputs</li> </ul>		
Market Efficiency	Current co-ordination of demand and supply is inefficient, with certain labs/hospitals overloaded while others have excess capacity; scale of operation influences ability to source		



# <sup>®</sup> Feasibility: Point of Collection Strategies (excluding home)

### **Testing at** pharmacies & retail



E.g. Florida, New York, Conn.

 Select states have authorized pharmacies (e.g., CVS) and retail (e.g., Walmart) to collect specimens onsite as long as the test is carried out by qualified personnel

### **Government-run** drive-thru testing



E.g. Mass., New York, Conn.

- Governments have set up drive-thru testing in parking lots, allowing people to drive up and get tested without leaving their car
  - Heavily utilized across US due to efficiency of testing and limited exposure required

### **Testing at** temporary facility



E.g. Florida, Cali., Texas

• In a number of cities, mass testing is being temporarily conducted in large facilities such as a gymnasiums, community centers and convention centers

### 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing



E.g. Mass., Ohio, Mich.

• 3<sup>rd</sup> party sites (e.g., doctor's clinics) have begun offering testing at their locations as labs (e.g., Quest) continue to ramp up production of test kits

#### **Employer testing**



E.g. Washington

- Some employers are expected to establish testing sites outside of their workplace to enable employee screening before returning to work
  - Amazon has announced plan to build testing lab strictly for employees

Source: Expert Interviews, Bain & Company, Bain Capital Partners

# Feasibility: Timeline of Solutions

#### **Short-Term**

- Utilize existing 30k (state current capacity) with expanded testing
- Continue centralized testing through a handful of large diagnostic companies
- Existing HC infrastructure used whenever possible

#### **Medium-Term**

- Production ramped to 50-100k tests/day (45k state target by July)
- Public/private/non-profit partnerships
- Phase in antigen testing on asymptomatic / employer testing
- Prepare for surge / flu season testing

### **Long-Term**

- Universal at-home testing kits including point of care tests
- Saliva-based
- Drive down costs per test

Source: Bain Capital Partners Analysis 57

# Testing: Employer Examples

#### **Approach**



Goal to test all employees, including asymptomatic individuals; building their own labs



**Free testing of all employees** that are **symptomatic** or have **medical conditions** for COVID19 through self-administered test kit or an appointment at drive-thru locations run by Kroger Health



Released a detailed back-to-work plan with a focus on PPE, social distancing, workplace sanitation and employee screening (no explicit discussion of testing)



No discussion on testing of employees but announced they can all choose to work from home in perpetuity, and all offices will be closed until at least September



No public discussion of testing of employees; workforce deemed not critical to work on site can continue to operate remotely until end of year (~85-90% of workforce)

Source: Bain & Company, Press

### Testing: Employer Considerations & Key Questions

#### **Considerations for Employers**

- Testing is one part of a comprehensive return to work strategy; setting workplace norms critical in the nearterm
- Context matters in terms of location, timing, and the sub-segments of your workforce
- Testing accuracy is varied given current capabilities
- Asymptotic & pre-symptomatic spread is an issue
- Testing supply will be increasing however they may be supply constraints in the near-term
- As volume grows and alternate providers enter, PCR costs will come down
- HR policy needs to be created around information sharing and sensitivities around testing results

#### **Questions to Consider**

- What is the role of testing in an overall return to work strategy for your organisation?
- Should you attempt to secure our own source of testing to enable a return to work?
- How prevalent/severe is COVID in each of the local areas you operate in?
- How 'at risk' are different groups of employees & how critical is it that they return to work?

#### **Next steps for Setting Up**

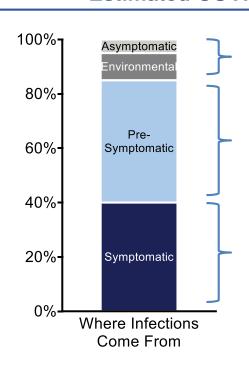
- Define testing strategy (who, how often, goals, etc.)
- Contact a laboratory if testing is warranted, to:
  - Secure testing capacity / sample kits
  - Understand specific requirements (i.e., doctors note)
  - Arrange logistics /
  - Discuss options for sample collection provider
- Develop supporting **HR policies**

### **Group B: Testing & Tracing**

- Testing Targets & Approach
- Tracing Approach

## **Context: Importance of Tracing**

#### **Estimated COVID-19 Transmission Sources**



**True asymptomatic cases** between 5% (SK CDC study¹) and 25% (CDC director high-end estimate²)

**45%** of infections come from **pre- symptomatic** carriers

Only **40%** of infections come from **symptomatic** carriers

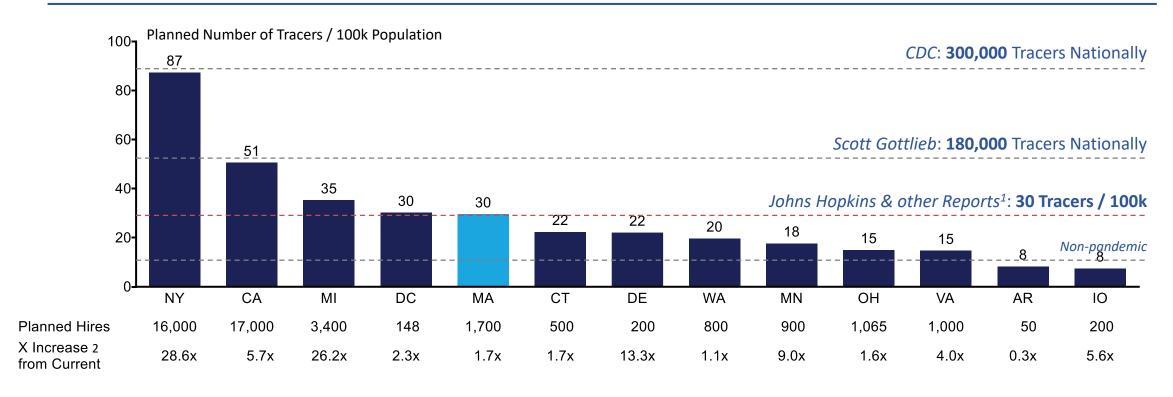
- If only test and isolate people with symptoms, can reduce R<sub>T</sub> by 40% at most – not be effective enough alone
- Tracing and testing contacts allows for identification of pre-symptomatics, reducing R<sub>T</sub> by up to 85%

Combining Testing with a thorough Tracing program will amplify the impact on reducing Rt

Sources: CDC, AEI, NPR, State gov announcements (As of week of May 14th)

### Tracing Scale: Targets by State

### **Contact Tracer Scaling Plans by State**



<sup>1:</sup> Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, "A National Plan to Enable Comprehensive COVID-19 Case Finding and Contact Tracing in the US", Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, NACCHO, NPR, Press outlets 2: Comparing new contact tracer hire quota to current in-state tracer employee number

### Tracing: Technology Solutions

### **Digital Tracing App Types**

#### **Centralized**

#### **Decentralized**

Description

Proximity tracking with storage and processing done centrally on server

Proximity tracking with storage and processing done locally on phone

#### **Examples**



Health Code

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Corona100m

Trace-Together

### **Example Private Tracing Solutions**





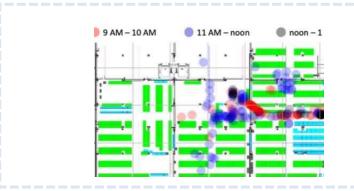


**Devices Used** 

Smartphone app

Badges, key rings, and wristbands

Smartphones, IoT sensors, asset trackers, appliances



#### **Logix App**

Each dot represents a spot where two workers passed each other within 6ft

Privacy considerations will be key but several countries and US-based companies have successfully developed apps to help in tracing contacts

Sources: McKinsey, Financial Times, company websites

### Tracing: Employer Considerations & Key Questions

#### **Considerations for Employers**

- Contact tracing has a role to play in workplaces as a part of a back to work strategy
- Different countries have different top-down approaches
- Technology can be a point of leverage and companies are already beginning to develop tech solutions
- Considerations around privacy and data collection will be critical to consider moving forward

#### **Questions for Employers to Consider**

- What is the role of contact tracing for your organisation?
- What is the purpose of collecting data? (e.g., track all movements/infected areas vs. just tracing contacts)
- How will you collect information (e.g., manual vs. digital, employee submitted vs. automated)?
- What data protection do you need? (e.g., information storage security, length of information storage, employee access)

### The War on COVID-19 Roadmap

### **Hospital Balance & Safe Return to Economic Activity**

- Need to keep hospital demand in balance with supply of beds & workers
- · Need to bring economy back to normal
- Need to maximize safety
- Need to avoid a second lockdown

#### **Segmentation**

Implement segmentation model, sequencing segments returning to work

#### **Co-living**

Develop guidelines for high risk segments living with segments returning to work

#### **Enablers**

Develop guidelines for back-to-school (including childcare) and transportation

#### **Treatment**

Identify and rapidly deploy effective therapeutic treatments and longer-term a vaccine

#### **Therapeutics**

While waiting for vaccine, implement effective treatments to curb hosp. rate

#### **Vaccine**

Accelerate vaccine development & prepare for deployment at-scale

### Reduce R<sub>T</sub>

Implement policies & procedures to reduce the rate of spread

### Workplace Norms

Develop workplace norms to minimize reoccurrence

#### Testing & Tracing

Develop massive testing & tracing plan to be used to identify & contain virus spread

Source: Bain Capital Partners analysis