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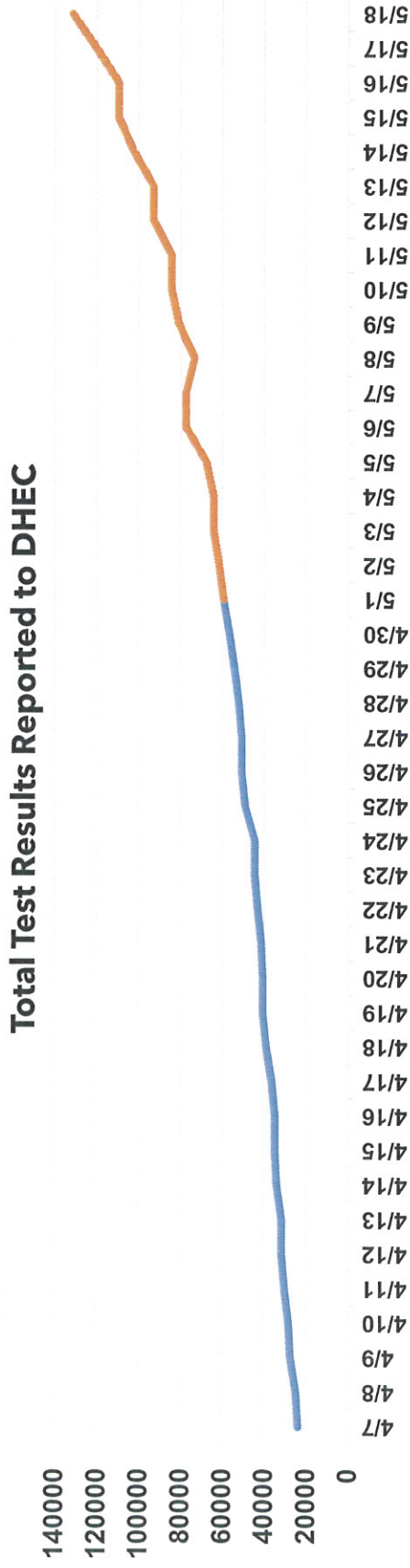
# **Re-Open South Carolina Select Committee**

*May 21, 2020*

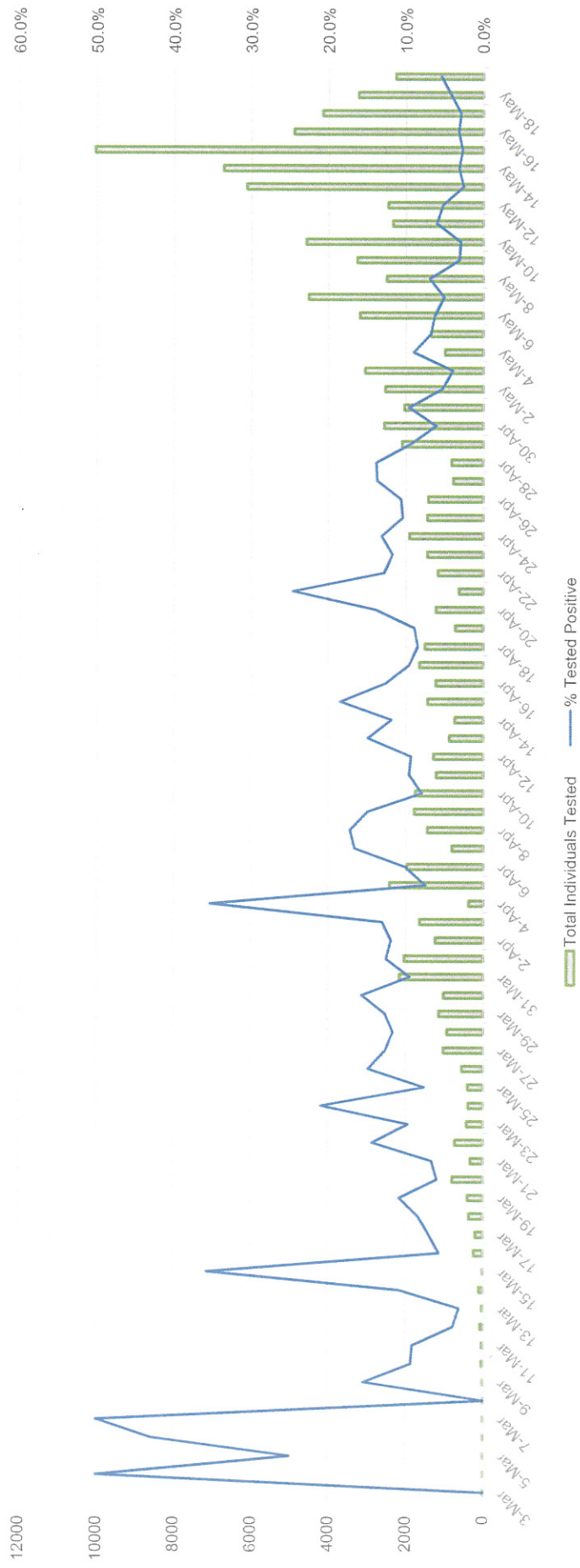
# Progress on Testing

**South Carolina continues to increase our testing capacity.**

- More than **138,000 tests** results reported so far.
- Almost 2X results reported May 18 (11,228) vs. all of March (5,699).



# % Positive Rate vs. Number of Daily Tests Performed



# Our Goal

**For safe transition back to our day-to-day quality of life and vibrant economy, we must increase per capita testing.**

- The federal government committed to provide enough swabs and testing supplies to test **2% of our state's population** for May and June.
- **OUR GOAL:** to test **2% of the population** or **110,000 South Carolinians** per month.
- We are currently on track to meet this target by the end of the month.

## **An Expansive Testing Strategy**

**DHEC is working with regional health systems and other community partners to deploy the statewide testing strategy. Specifically, our strategy focuses on three priority testing areas:**

- (1) Universal Testing of Nursing Home Residents and Staff**
- (2) Expanding Testing in Under-Resourced Minority and Rural Communities**
- (3) Conducting Mass Testing in Urban Areas**

## Enhancing Our Disease Contact Investigation Capacity

**South Carolina has achieved our goal of identifying 1,000 contact tracers by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- Tracers have grown from 130 to 400 already, with another 1,400 retained on a contractual basis, to be used as needed.
- Nearly 2,000 others have used DHEC's contract tracing webpage to express interest in serving.

## Next Steps

**DHEC continues to work with MUSC, PRISMA, and other community partners to expand COVID-19 testing across the state as part of an expansive statewide testing strategy.**

- More than **65,000 tests** have been conducted at testing sites across the state this month. As of yesterday:
  - **Held 55** mobile testing events
  - Scheduled **58 additional mobile testing events**
  - Continue to add more sites



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