



# Covid-19 Specimen Collection

## Increased Testing to Slow Community Spread

*A Performance Improvement Project at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital*

### PROBLEM STATEMENT/PURPOSE

Without a sufficient amount of testing, community spread of Covid-19 will continue to increase. Community testing allows for efficient contact tracing resulting in earlier treatment and isolation.

The purpose of this initiative is to increase Covid-19 specimen collection at BMH.

### METHODOLOGY/INTERVENTIONS

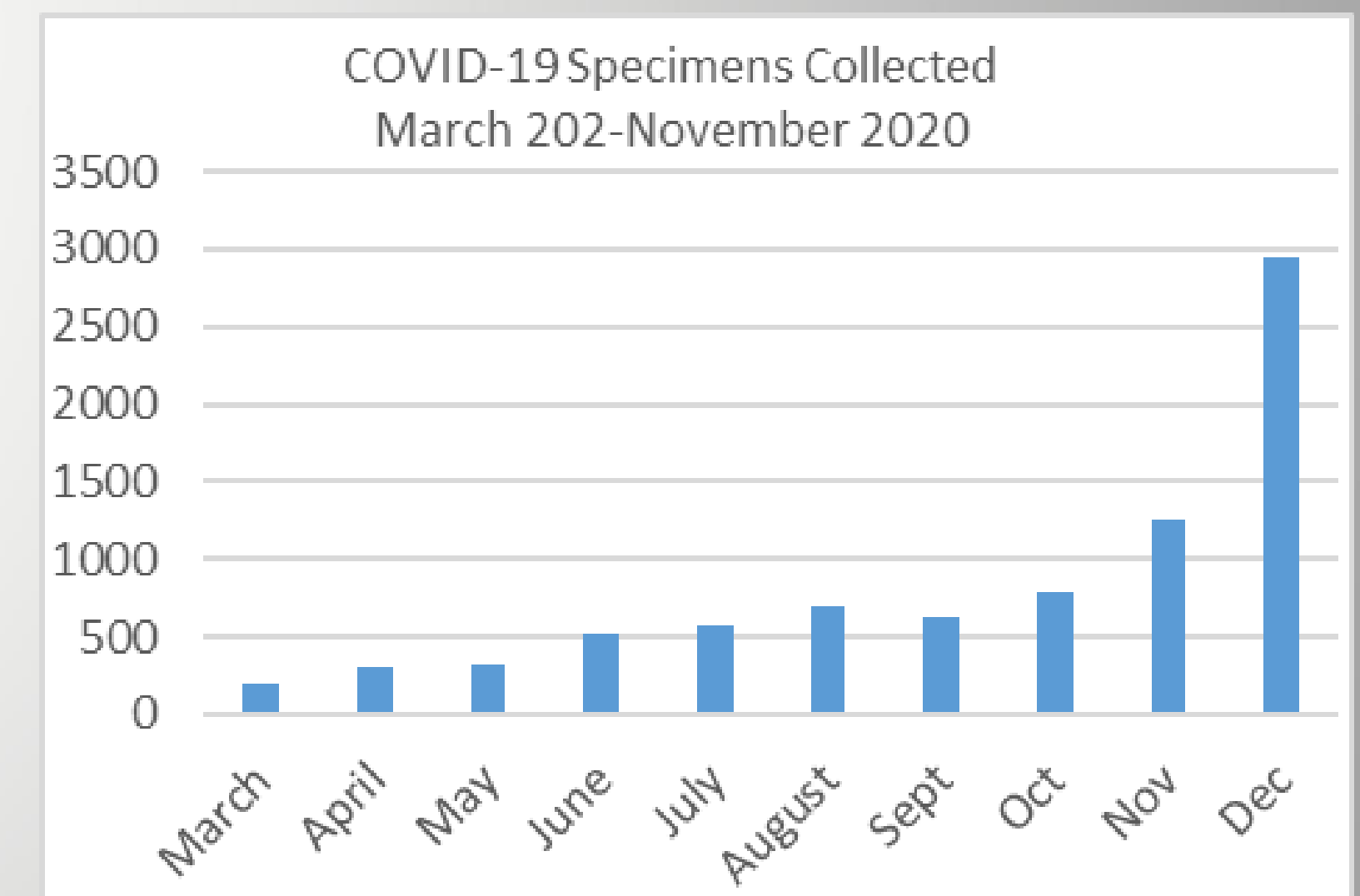
- Specimen collection started at 120 Maple St. in March 2020
- Transition to back of Richards Building in June 2020
- Staffed by dedicated team representing many BMH departments
- Partnered with CIC and State of Vermont in November 2020 to provide free, on-demand testing



### TEAM MEMBERS

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### RESULTS



### CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

With increased funding, BMH was able to increase testing capacity while reducing barriers for patients. This is allowing greater community surveillance for Covid-19.