

# COVID-19 Impact and Response: HPTN 083 Vietnam Site

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### **HPTN 083 in Vietnam**

Yen Hoa Health Clinic CRS, Hanoi

Screened: n=241

• Enrolled: n=199

• Retention: 93-98%

- Daily site activities:
  - 10-15 participant visits/day
  - Lab testing
    - Bach Mai Hospital
    - Yen Hoa CRS





#### **COVID-19 and HPTN 083 in Vietnam**

23 Jan:

1st COVID-19 case

Jan:

Vietnam govt early action

Feb-04 Mav:

Schools & universities closed

28 Mar-12 Apr:

**Bach Mai Hospital closed:** COVID-19 cluster **01-15 Apr:** (extended to 24 Apr)

**National social distancing order** 

16 Apr: 268 COVID-19

cases, 0 deaths; >114.241 tests conducted

25 Jul:

Da Nang – new locally transmitted case; outbreak Da Nang and beyond

28 Sep: 1077 cases. 35 deaths:

No new local cases for 26 days

99 days of no new local cases



Early Mar:

**083 site** remains open; COVID-19 Management Plan implemented

25 Mar-15 Apr: 083 site closed



16 Apr:

083 site reopens



25 Jul:

083 site continues COVID-19 Management Plan + asks anyone who visited Da Nang not to visit the site for 14 days

17 Apr-present: **083 site** remains open





## **COVID-19 Impact on Yen Hoa CRS Operations**

- PPE participants and staff
- Screening for symptoms and exposures
- Decisions to close site for COVID-19
  - Directives from HPTN, UNC CTU, Vietnam MOH, and/or UNC Vietnam Leadership
- Contingency plans with Bach Mai Lab



16 Mar: All sites paused screening/enrolling new participants



## 3-Week Site Closure: 25 Mar – 15 Apr

- No study visits were conducted
- Staff continued to communicate with participants via phone and social media, to ensure participants felt supported during closure
  - Provided updates about the site closure, scheduled visits for after site reopening, answered questions/concerns



## Impact of 3-Week Site Closure

#### During site closure:

- Number of visits that had to be rescheduled: 98
  - Injection visits: 67
  - Safety visits: 31
  - One participant with grade 2 ALT needed to retest in a week; we were unable to arrange the retest at our site, had to arrange retest at an outside clinic.

#### After reopening:

- Within 7 weeks, we rescheduled and conducted 97/98 visits
- 1 visit missed during closure could not be completed



## **Summary**

#### In response to COVID-19

- Vietnam government acted rapidly and decisively, resulting in many fewer infections and deaths nationwide
- UNC Vietnam and HPTN 083 were equally proactive, initiating thorough, but sound and reasonable safety measures for its staff and participants
- The short 3-week site closure had little effect on long-term retention
- Safety measures are still in place, but study activities continue uninterrupted



## **HPTN 083 Vietnam Team**



