

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

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## HPTN 083 in Vietnam

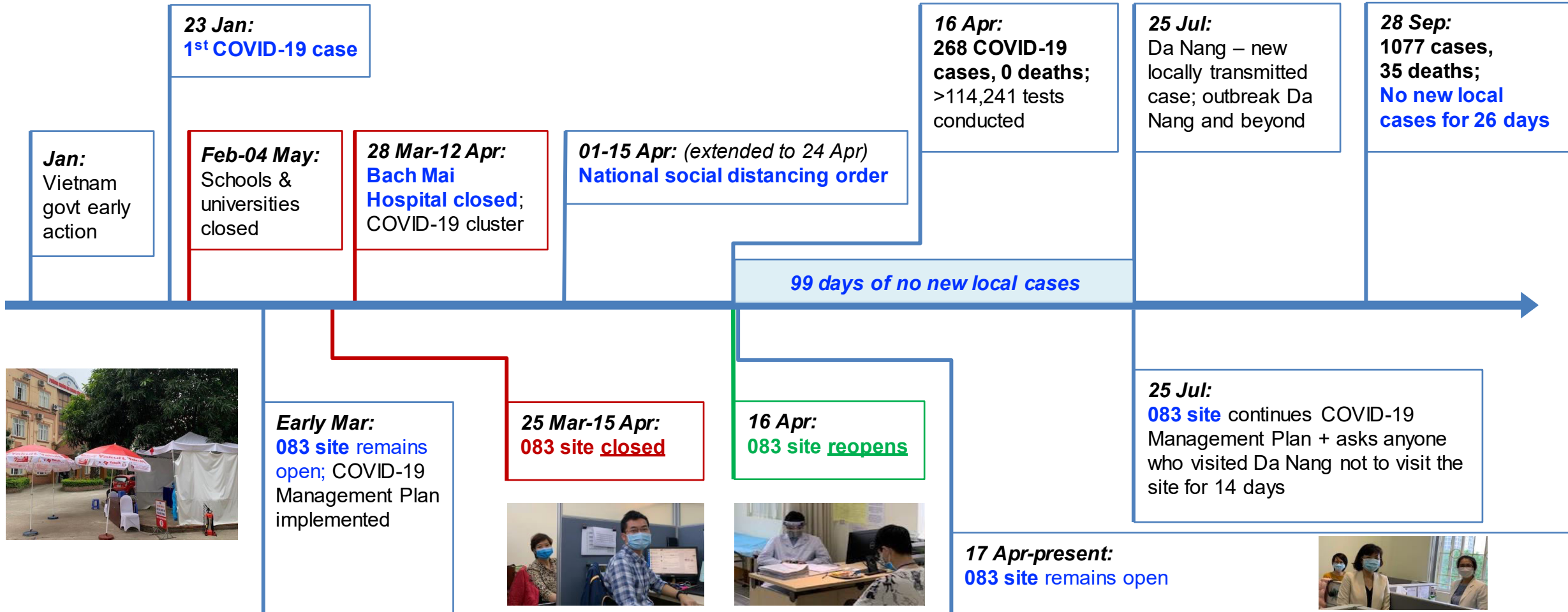
### Yen Hoa Health Clinic CRS, Hanoi

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- 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

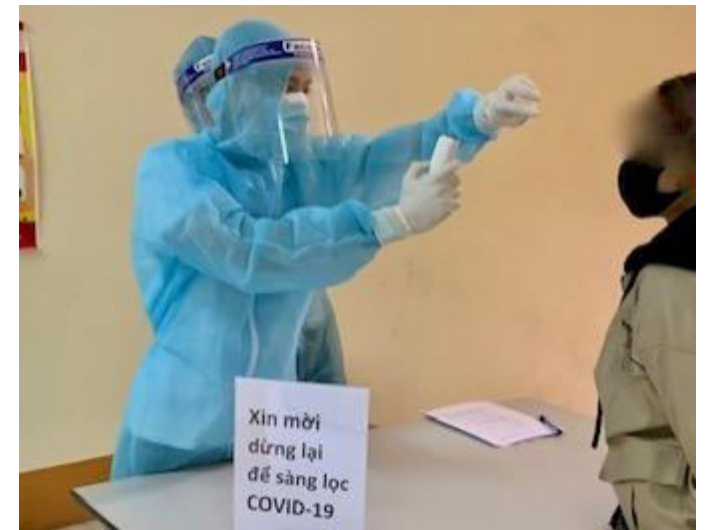


# COVID-19 and HPTN 083 in Vietnam



# 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

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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

