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Press Briefing

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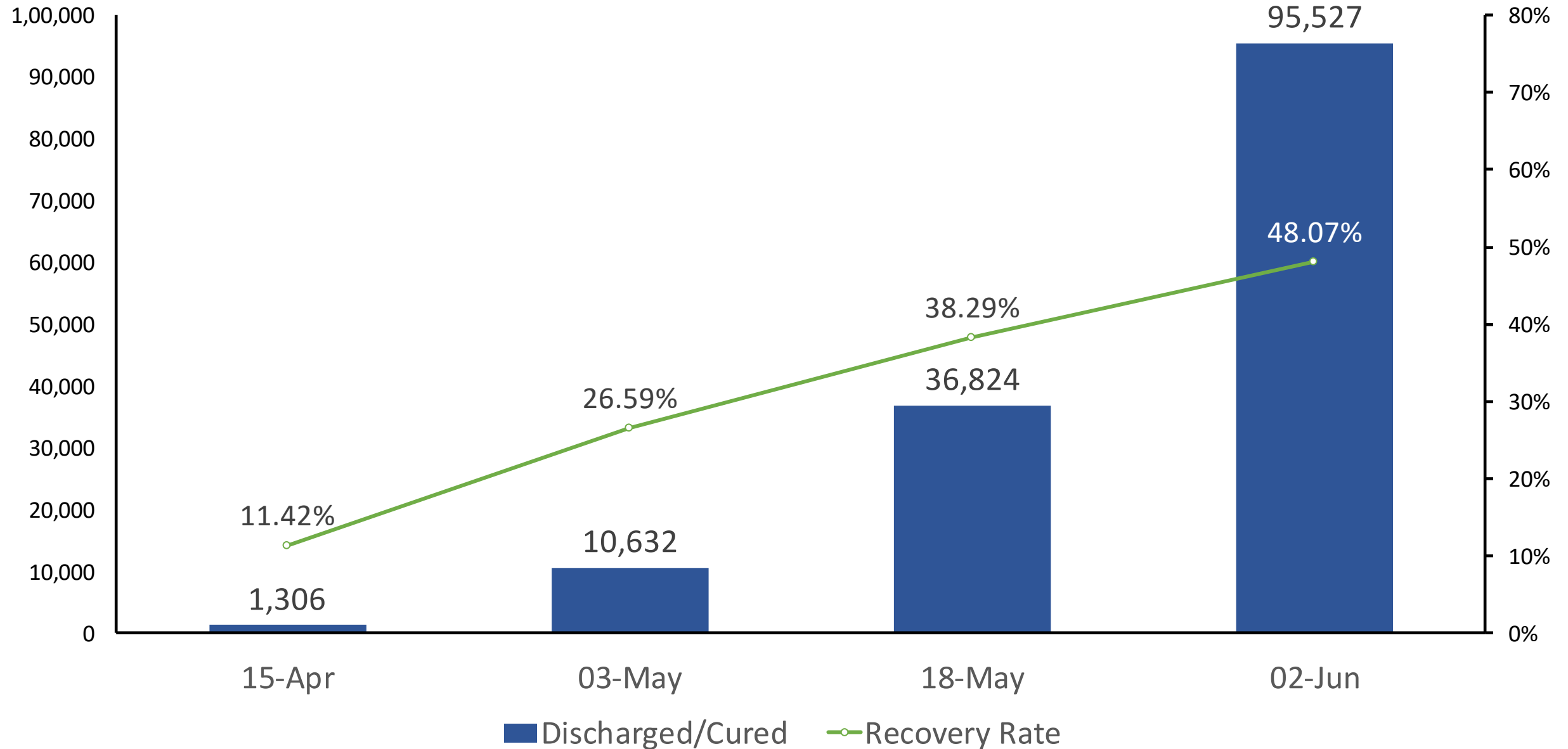
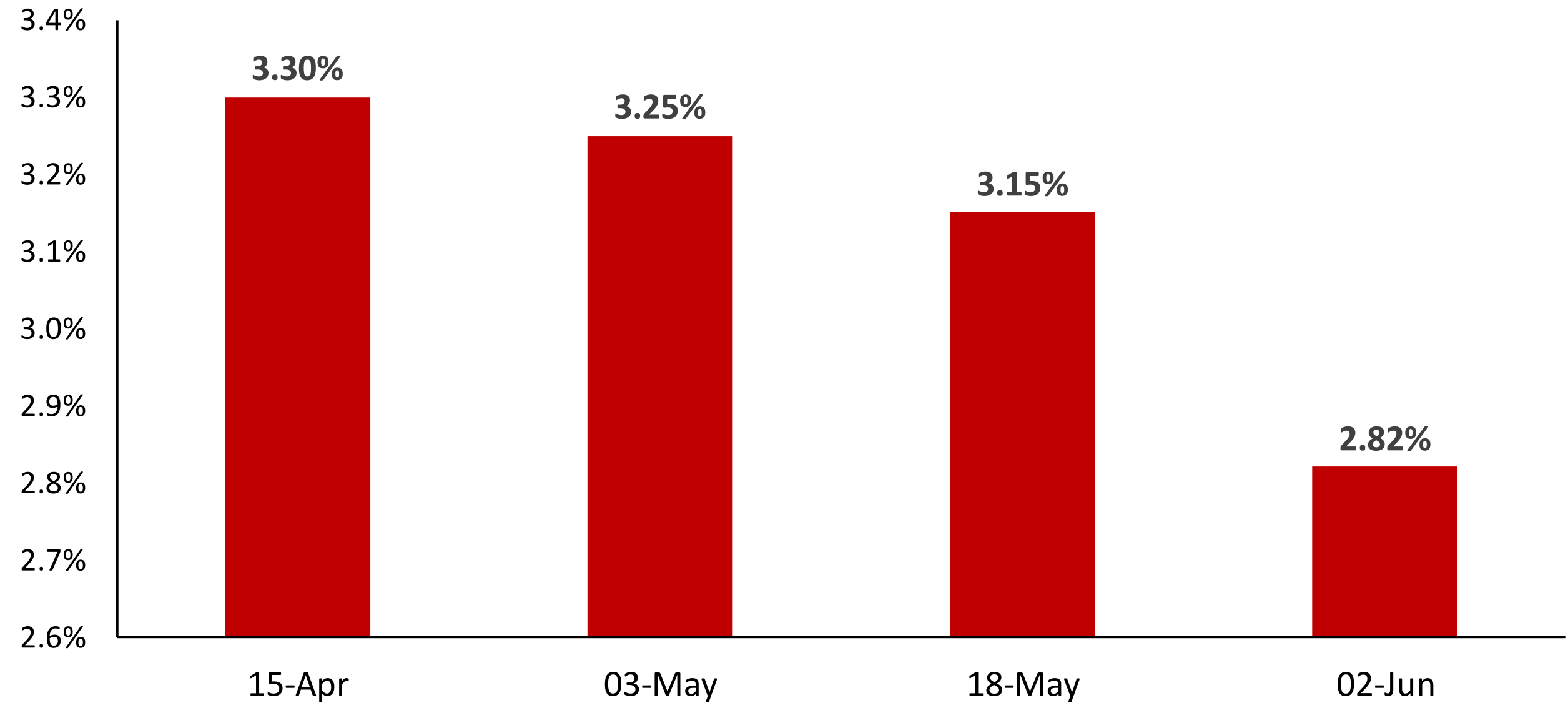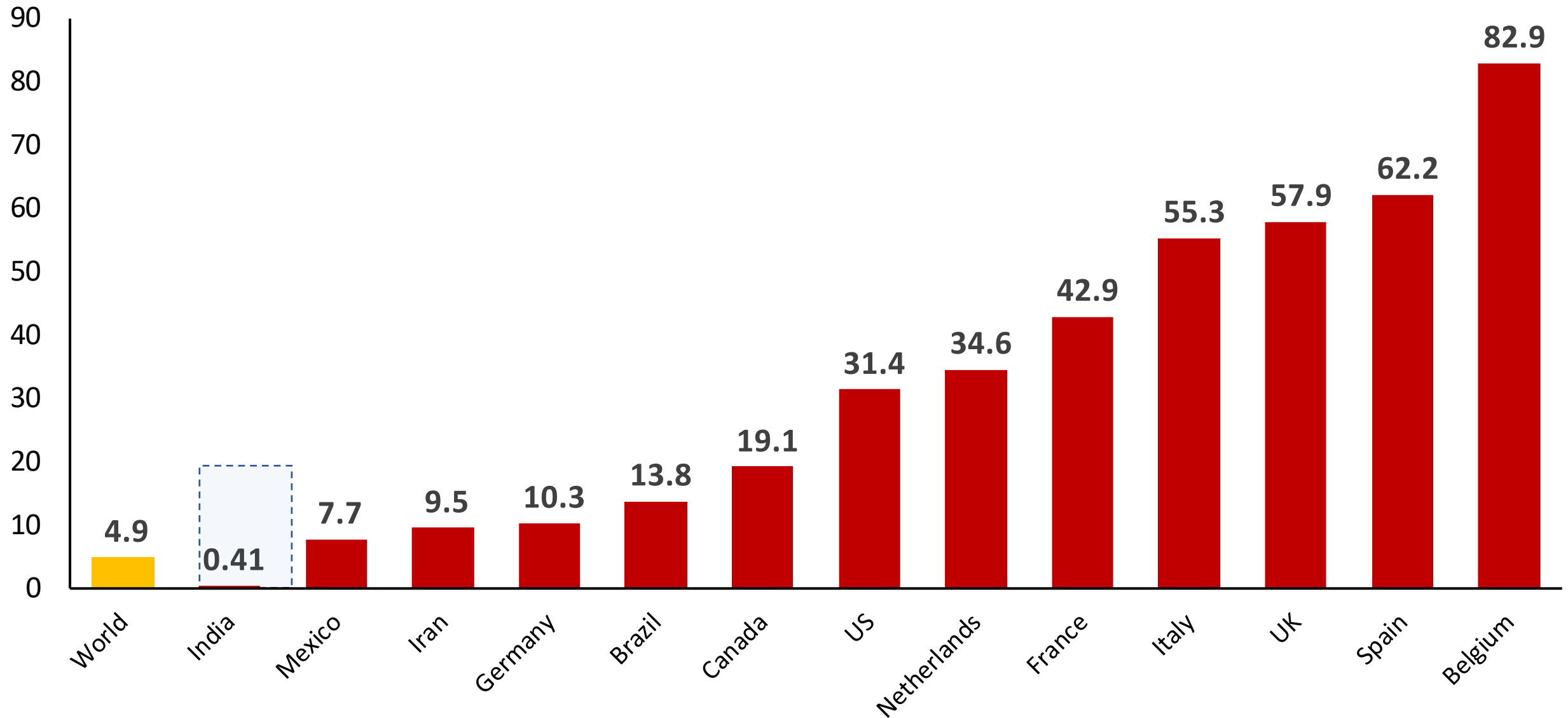02.06.2020

# Fatality Rate - Amongst the Lowest in the World
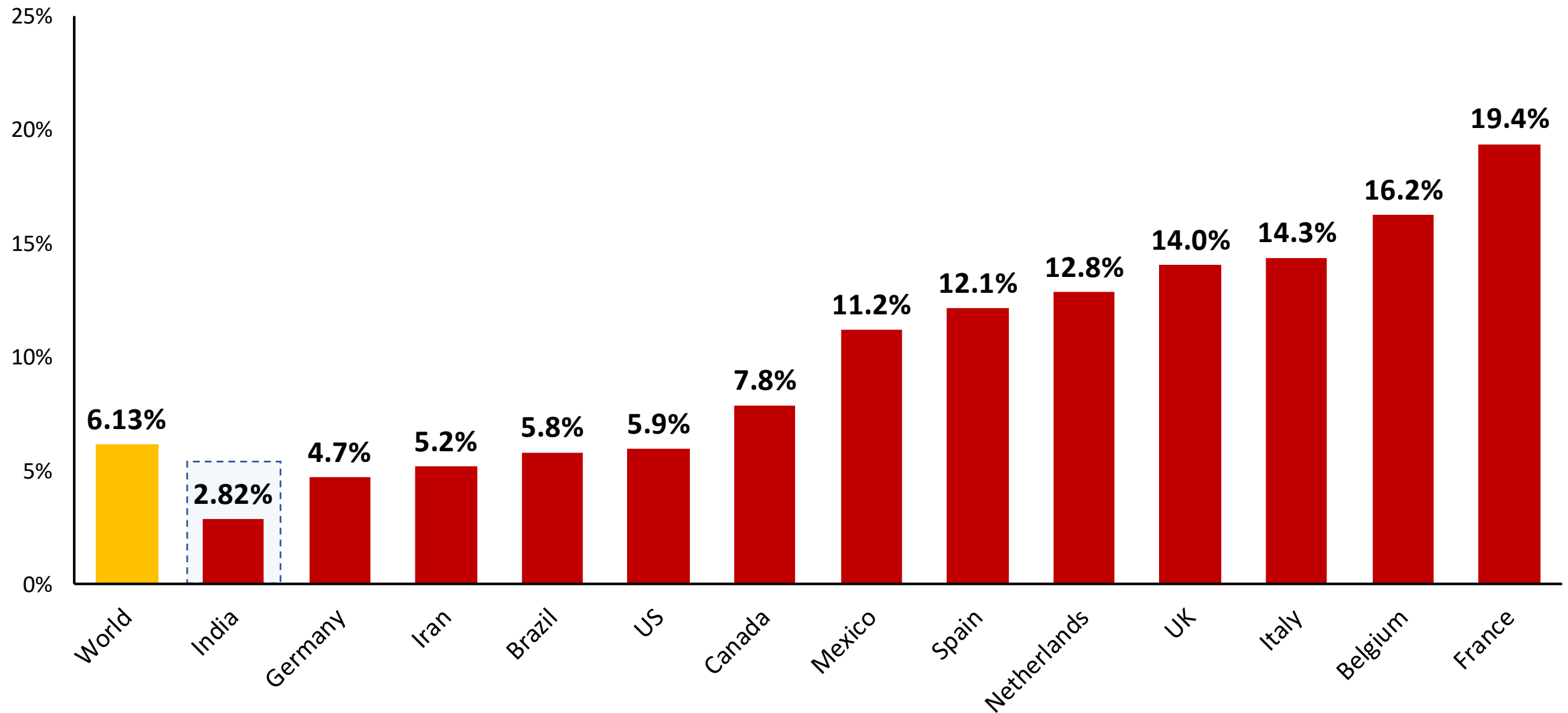


(as per WHO Situation Report 133 dated 01st June, 2020)

# Case Fatality per Lakh Population - Amongst the Lowest in the World

| Country | Value |
|---|---|
| World | 4.9 |
| India | 0.41 |
| Mexico | 7.7 |
| Iran | 9.5 |
| Germany | 10.3 |
| Brazil | 13.8 |
| Canada | 19.1 |
| US | 31.4 |
| Netherlands | 34.6 |
| France | 42.9 |
| Italy | 55.3 |
| UK | 57.9 |
| Spain | 62.2 |
| Belgium | 82.9 |

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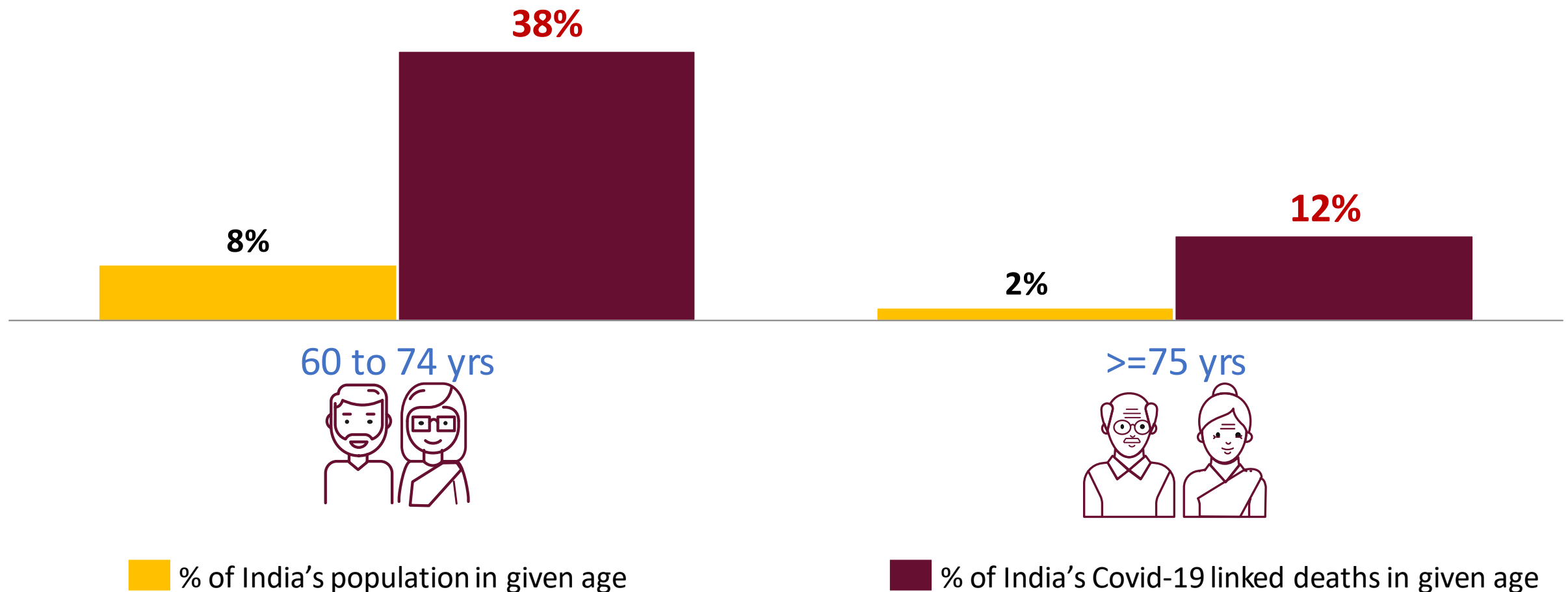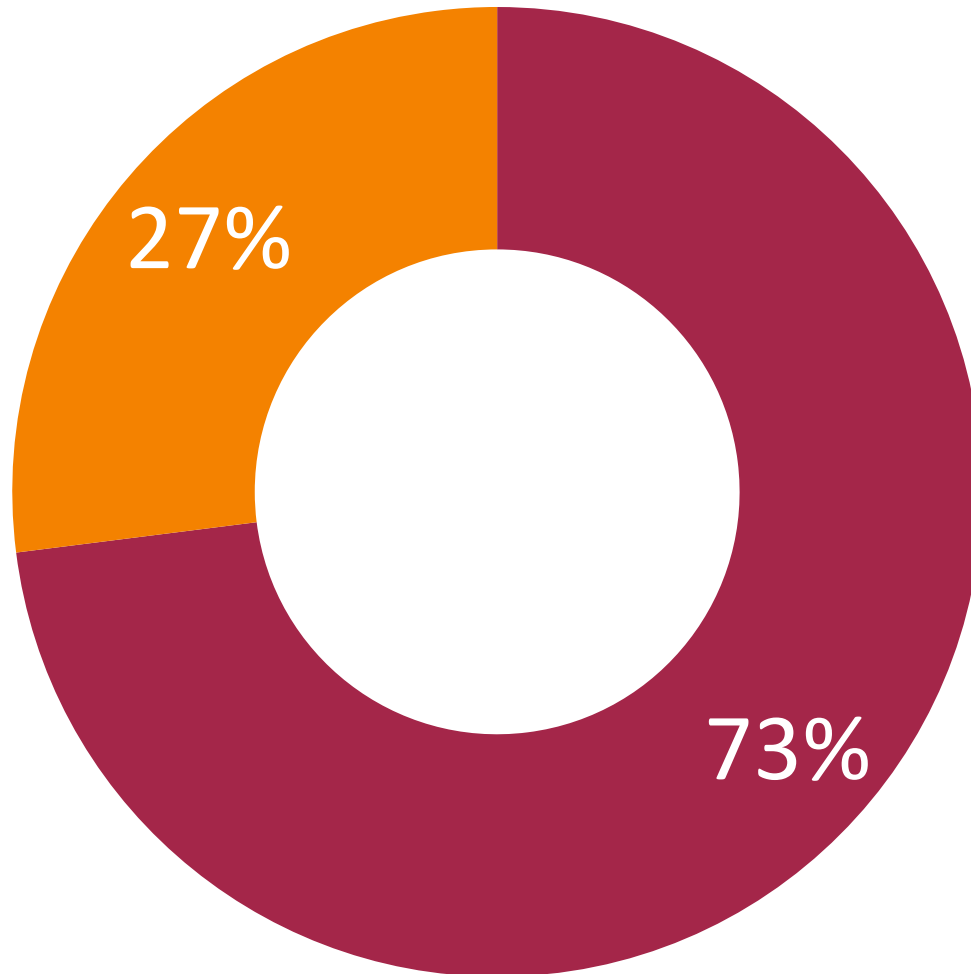
**People at High Risk**

**Elderly people**

*(people above 60 years of age)*

**People with co-morbidities**

*(including diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases)*

# If you are at high risk: must do the following

## Prevent COVID-19 and take timely action based on medical advice in case of symptoms

**1** **Maintain social distancing** from people who go outside home

**2** **Continue routine medicines as advised by doctor** in case of pre-existing medical conditions (like diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular diseases)

**3** **Take immunity boosting measures** suggested by Ministry of AYUSH – e.g., drinking herbal tea, taking 'Kadha', etc

**4** **Use telemedicine (e.g eSanjeevani)** if medical advice is needed

**5** **Ensure early detection of COVID-19** - Use Aarogya Setu app to check if you came in contact with Covid-19 patients; self-assess yourself on app , undertake regular self-monitoring of health

# Be productive at home – it's a great opportunity to…

**Practice yoga**

to stay fit

**Read books**

for intellectual stimulation

**Spend time with family**

including playing board games with young ones

**Pick up a new indoor hobby**

like painting, poetry, etc

**Leverage social media**

to keep in touch with near and dear ones

# Every citizen must do the following

## Support high risk groups near you

**① Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene** –wash hands regularly with soap, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, avoid touching your face

**② Avoid close contact with others** if you have symptoms (like fever/ cough)

**③ Run errands for those at high risk** – help them replenish necessary supplies (e.g., groceries, medicines, etc), while maintaining distance from them

**④ Avoid physically interacting with large groups of people** – preferably work from home, avoid social gatherings and religious gatherings

# What to do if high-risk people develop COVID-19 symptoms?

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**Fever**

**Dry cough**

**Breathing difficulty**

**1** **Don't panic**

To date, many COVID-19 patients of 75+ years have recovered

**2** **Take medical advice – do you need to get tested for COVID-19?**

1. Call state/ district helpline for guidance
2. If necessary, visit a doctor physically

**3** **Home isolation for 14 days**

As advised by clinician as per risk profile– if tested positive with very mild symptoms

**4** **Follow home quarantine guidelines strictly**

If tested negative

**5** **Get admitted to a COVID-19 hospital**

If advised by clinician

# Let us start a nationwide campaign to fight COVID-19

'मैं अपनी दादी के लिए घर रहता हूँ |

*I stay home for my grandmother*

Use #IndiaWillWin to create awareness amongst fellow citizens and take responsibility for your actions

Let's all of us take a pledge today to fight against Covid-19 and share it on social media

मैं आपको बचाने के लिए मास्क पहनती हूँ |

*I wear a mask to protect you*

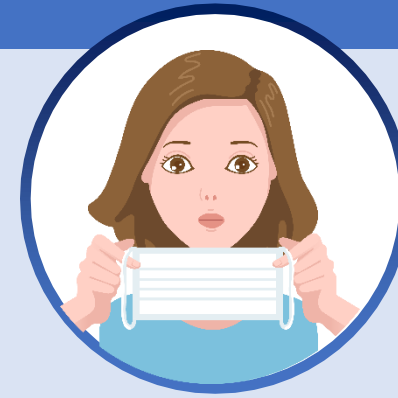भारत की कोरोना के खिलाफ लड़ाई, हर नागरिक के सहयोग और सामाजिक एकजुटता के बलबूते पर जीती जा सकती है

भारतवासियों के अथक प्रयास की वजह से भारत अब तक, कोरोना से होने वाले नुकसान को काफी हद तक रोकने में कामयाब रहा है

कोरोना को पराजित करने के लिए हर नागरिक को 3 संकल्प लेने हैं:



**जागरूकता (Awareness)**



**निवारक प्रयास (Preventive Efforts)**



**समय पर इलाज (Timely treatment)**

# Narrative

1.  Only **10% of India's population (people above 60 years age**) are contributing to **50% of India's COVID-19 deaths**. If India is able to effectively protect these high risk groups, then this will take India a long way in its fight against COVID-19
2.  **73%** of Covid-19 deaths in India are **people with co-morbidities** (including diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases**)**
3.  All Indians need to play their role in this battle against COVID-19 – critical behavior change of all citizens would go a long way
4.  There are multiple ways for people to **remain safe and productive at home** including practicing yoga, reading books, spending time with family, picking up new indoor hobbies and engaging on social media
5.  Even **if high risk people get symptoms or infected, they should not panic** and take necessary action including taking medical advise if testing is needed, home isolate for 14 days as advised by clinician – if tested positive with very mild symptoms, follow home quarantine guidelines strictly if tested negative, get admitted to a Covid-19 hospital - if advised by clinician
6.  **India has come a long way** in its fight against COVID-19, but to further conquer the evil, it needs 3 key promises from its people:
    a.  Awareness
    b.  Preventive efforts
    c.  Timely treatment

6. The country wants its people to make the battle against COVID-19 a mass movement – **India requests its 130 crore citizens to use #IndiaWillWin** and take a pledge to fight against COVID-19. Let me start the campaign – 'I wear a mask to protect you all'