



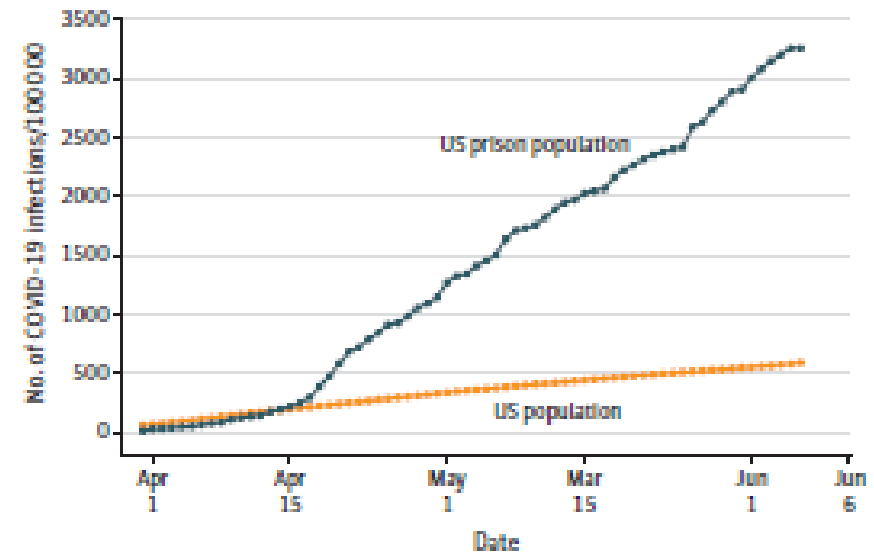
COVID-19 in Prisons and Jails

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Prisons, jails,
and places of
detention
are COVID
hotspots

Figure. Trends in Cumulative Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Confirmed Case Rate per 100 000 People for Prison and US Populations



Data are from the UCLA Law COVID-19 Behind Bars Data Project and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.^{2,4} The US population is 327 167 439 and the US prison population is 1 295 285.

Adjusted death rate from COVID-19 in prisons is 3x higher than expected if age/sex distributions in US and prison populations were equal

Prisons are designed for public safety, not to deliver healthcare.

WHO released Preparedness, prevention and control of COVID-19 in prisons and other places of detention

23 Mar. 2020

15 Mar. 2020

CDC released Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities

Nurse at Hudson County jail dies from coronavirus

Updated Apr 06, 2020; Posted Apr 05, 2020



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CORONAVIRUS BRIEF

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

WEARING MASKS

SHOPPING SAFELY

📧 NEWSLETTER

SUB

U.S. • NEW YORK

New York's Rikers Island Jail Sees First Inmate Death From COVID-19

BY JOSIAH BATES 🐦 APRIL 6, 2020 6:12 PM EDT

#AloneTogether

Connecticut Prisons and Jails

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

COVID-19 Tracker

(as of 2:00 p.m. 05/04/2020)

Total number of DOC Staff who have contracted the COVID-19 virus	Total number of Inmates who have contracted the COVID-19 virus
350	450
Inmates Positive for COVID-19 Housed in Isolation Unit at Northern CI	Total number of Inmate COVID-19 related deaths
116	5
Staff Medically Cleared & Returned to Work	Number of Inmates medically cleared & returned to original facility after having contracted the COVID-19 virus
154	314

Prisons are (not really) closed settings.



Evidence-based COVID-19 prevention and containment strategies

Screening

Quarantining

Testing

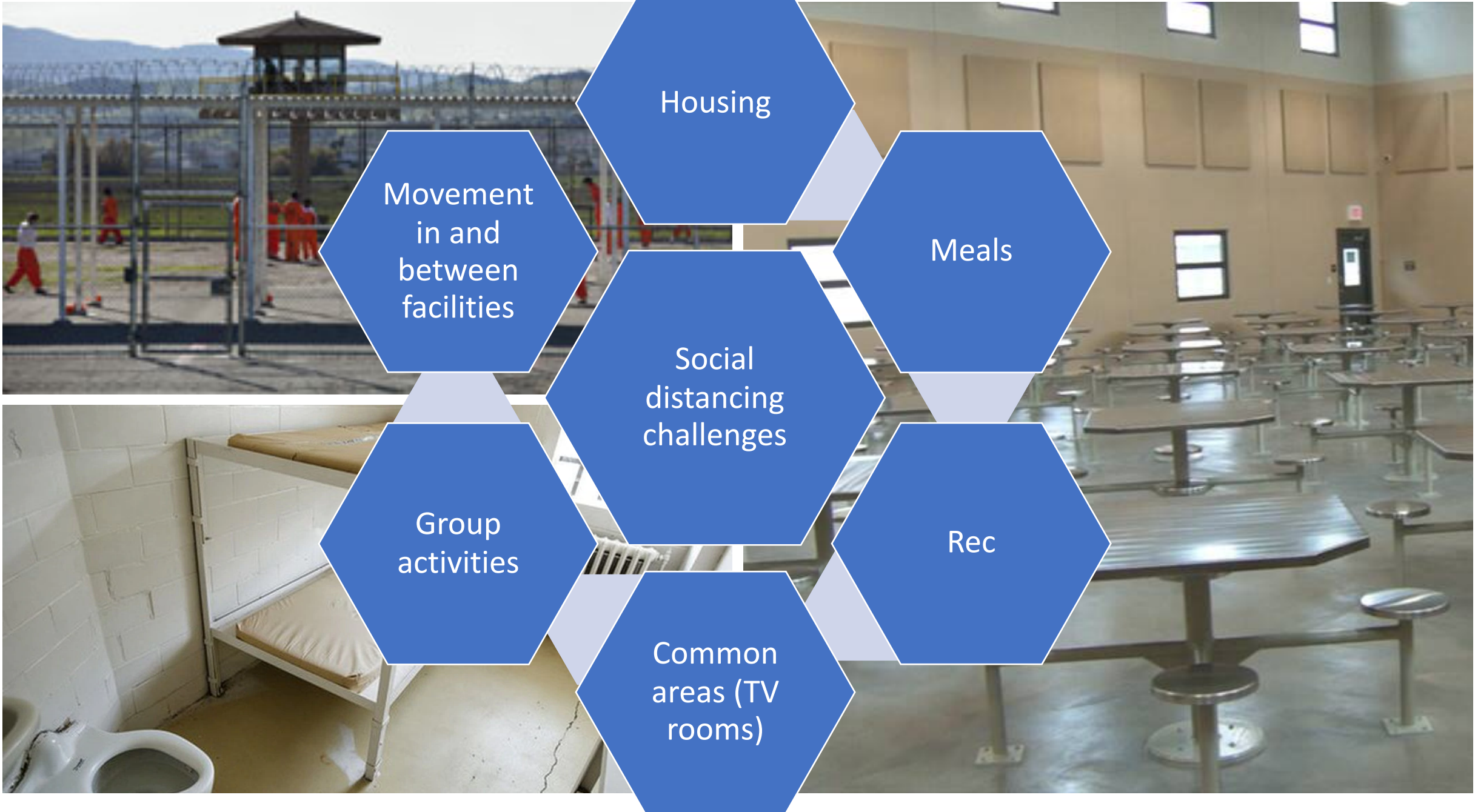
Contact tracing

PPE

Isolating people who are ill

Clinical care

Staffing



Housing

Movement
in and
between
facilities

Meals

Social
distancing
challenges

Group
activities

Rec

Common
areas (TV
rooms)

Cleaning and disinfecting



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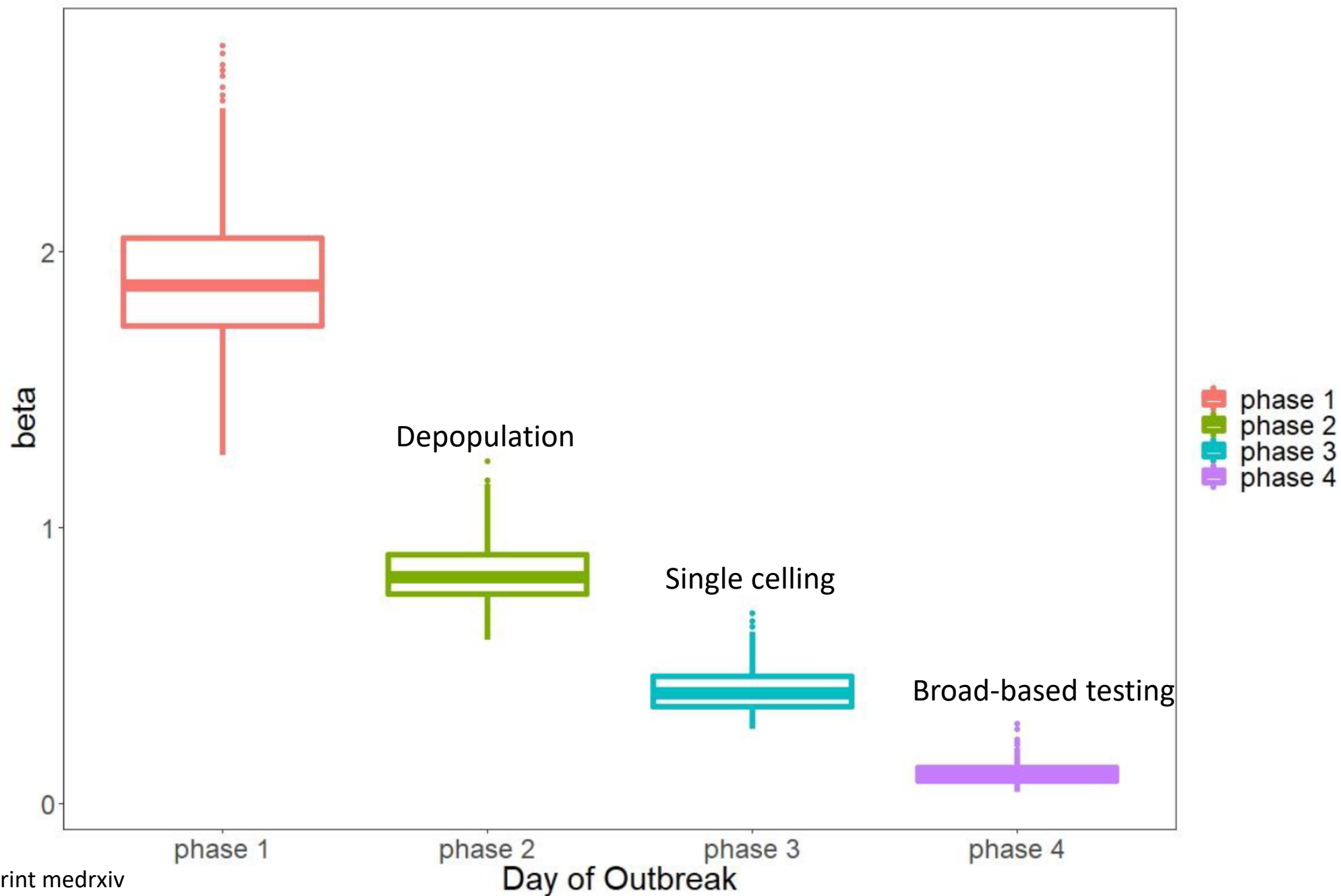


ISOLATION

Medical vs. disciplinary

- Safety
- Availability of onsite medical care
- Availability of trained staff with PPE
- Provision of meals
- Provision of medications
- Deprivation
- Perception of punishment deters people from reporting and testing

Initial outbreak



A broader solution?



- Benefit to people released
- Benefit to staff
- Benefit to people remaining in facility
- CDC silent on this issue
 - Issue for the courts
- Evaluate for release people who are high-risk for COVID but low threat to public safety



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

March 26, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF BUREAU PRISONS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. P. Barr", is written over the text "THE ATTORNEY GENERAL".

SUBJECT: Prioritization of Home Confinement As Appropriate in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

I. **TRANSFER OF INMATES TO HOME CONFINEMENT WHERE APPROPRIATE TO DECREASE THE RISKS TO THEIR HEALTH**

- The age and vulnerability of the inmate to COVID-19, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines;

High-risk conditions for severe COVID-19

- ✓ Older age
- ✓ Chronic lung disease
- ✓ Immunocompromised
- ✓ Obesity (BMI >30)
- ✓ Type II diabetes mellitus
- ✓ Chronic kidney disease
- ✓ Chronic liver disease
- ✓ Serious heart conditions
- ✓ Sickle cell disease
- ✓ Pregnancy
- ✓ Neurologic conditions/dementia
- ✓ Current/former smoker

High risk populations

TABLE 1

Prevalence of ever having a chronic condition or infectious disease among state and federal prisoners and the general population (standardized), 2011–12

Chronic condition/infectious disease	State and federal prisoners		General population ^{*a}	
	Percent	Standard error	Percent	Standard error
Ever had a chronic condition ^b	43.9%**	1.5%	31.0%	0.3%
Cancer	3.5	0.4	/	:
High blood pressure/hypertension	30.2**	1.2	18.1	0.3
Stroke-related problems	1.8**	0.3	0.7	0.1
Diabetes/high blood sugar	9.0**	0.8	6.5	0.2
Heart-related problems ^c	9.8**	1.0	2.9	0.1
Kidney-related problems	6.1	0.7	/	:
Arthritis/rheumatism	15.0	0.9	/	:
Asthma	14.9**	0.9	10.2	0.2
Cirrhosis of the liver	1.8**	0.3	0.2	--
Ever had an infectious disease ^d	21.0%**	1.3%	4.8%	0.2%
Tuberculosis	6.0**	0.6	0.5	0.1
Hepatitis ^e	10.9**	1.0	1.1	0.1
Hepatitis B	2.7	0.4	/	:
Hepatitis C	9.8	1.0	/	:
STDs ^f	6.0**	0.5	3.4	0.1
HIV/AIDS	1.3%**	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%

12% >55yo
40% obese

Now what?



Thank you!

