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## **Rapid Set-Up of a Novel National COVID-19 Symptom Checker for Surveillance**

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## Digital coronavirus information service now open to the public

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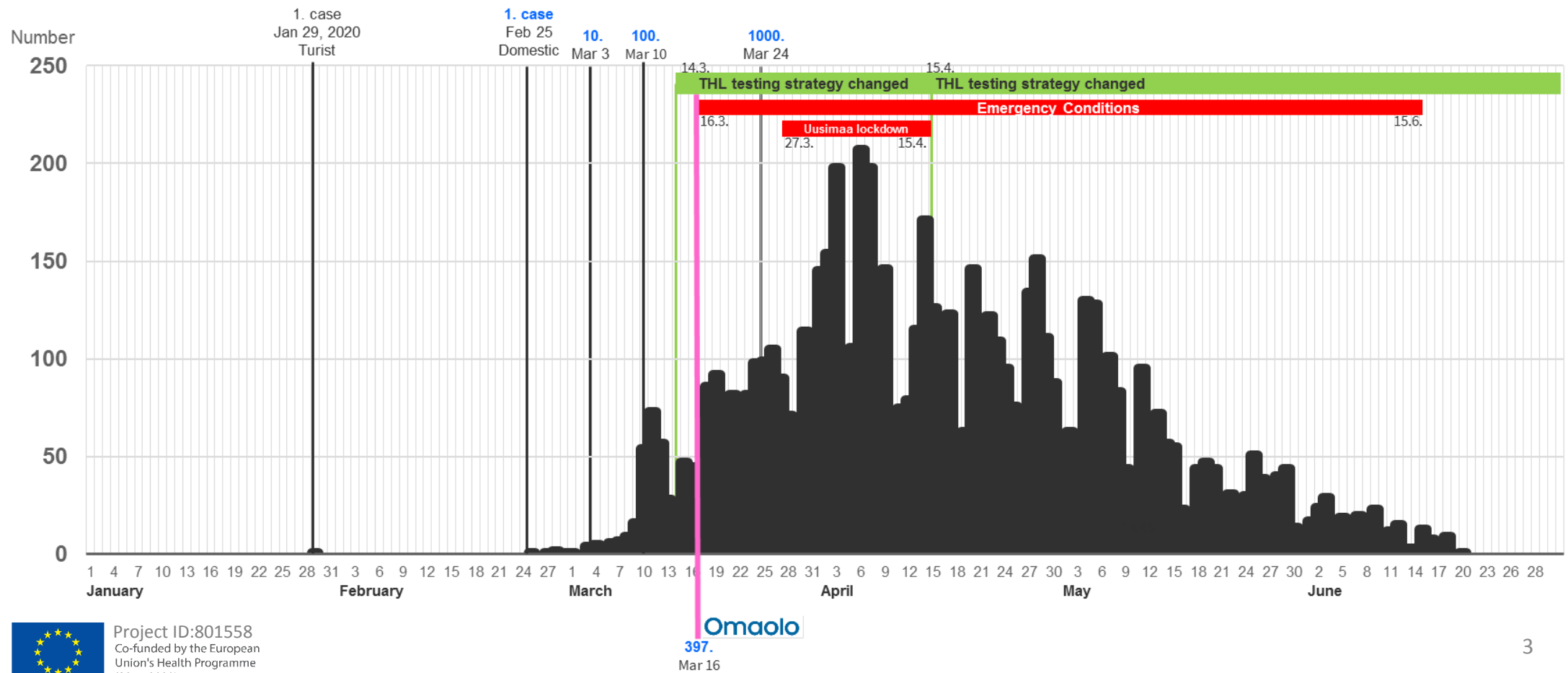


On 12 March, the Marin Government decided to introduce a digital service providing information on the coronavirus to the public in Finland. The Omaolo.fi online service has opened a survey to assess the symptoms COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus.

The aim of the digital service is to strengthen multi-channel advice on the new coronavirus. The service can be used through an internet browser on computers and smartphones. The online survey, produced by SoteDigi, Duodecim Publishing Company Ltd and Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, helps members of the public in assessing their need for treatment. Based on the results, users are directed to seek the necessary treatment in the event of a suspected coronavirus infection.

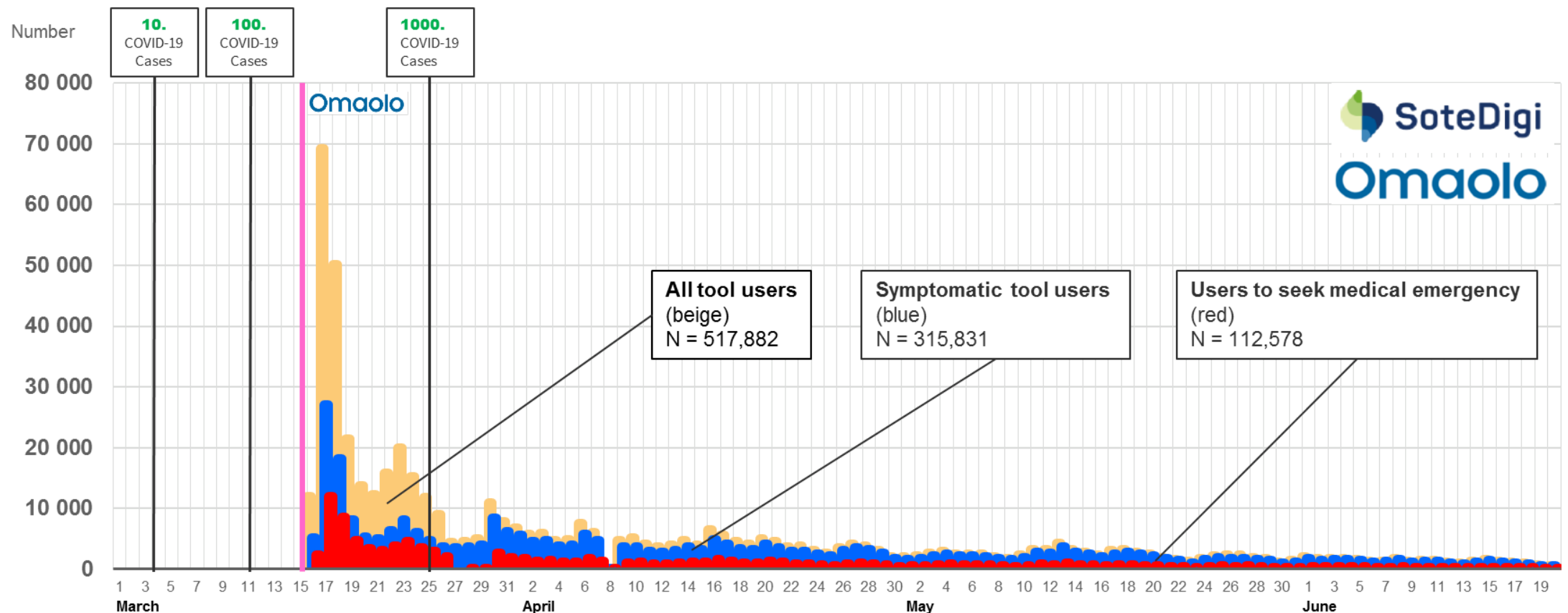
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**Finland: Daily number of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 infections by sampling dates reported to the Finnish national Infectious Disease Register by June 20, 2020 (n = 7,144).**



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**Nationwide Omaolo COVID-19 symptom checker: number of users, symptomatic users, and users recommended to seek medical emergency services daily from March 16 to June 20, 2020 (N=517,882).**



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## COVID-19 epidemic in Finland by June 20, 2020

5,528,737	Population of Finland
230,438	COVID-19 laboratory tests
7,114	Laboratory confirmed COVID-19 infections

## COVID-19 symptom checker in Finland by June 20, 2020

517,882	COVID-19 symptom checker use
315,831	Symptomatic COVID-19 symptom checker users
112,578	COVID-19 symptom checker users to seek medical emergency
220,054	Number of persons who claimed exposed to COVID-19
18,998	Persons who claimed a close contact with a COVID-19 patient
61,431	Persons working in social welfare and healthcare professions
83,000	Persons at self-perceived risk groups