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COVID-19

Briefing for providers Wednesday 3/25/20



Agenda

- Communications
- Health Update
- Legislative/Policy Updates
- United Way Volunteer Response Plan, Wendy Koch
- Plans to maintain essential services



How we communicate

- Daily provider calls
- Work groups on essential services
- Updates at: <https://bit.ly/COVID19DHSPProviders>
 - The previous link: <https://www.alleghenycountyanalytics.us/index.php/2020/03/17/information-for-dhs-staff-and-providers/> will redirect here

Ask questions at: DHS-COVID19Planning@alleghenycounty.us

- Providers, DHS staff can join the daily calls by registering:
"REGISTRATION for DHS / Provider Touchpoint on COVID-19 ":
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EjOn4MvksU6fclu6FvuWjUkxQI749jdHphHNKdg0q-tUNzNBM0IEQzBNSOZCNFNVMERET0czWVE5NC4u>



COVID-19 Communications and Planning

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) is committed to sharing timely and accurate information so that our providers may plan to address the spread of COVID-19. We continue to monitor new developments and will provide guidance as the situation evolves.

Join our daily call

We will be hosting a daily call for DHS providers to discuss rapidly changing information and planning. Providers who would like to participate in the call can do so using the following:

Call-In Line for the Daily Briefing

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

+1-267-368-7515 (Toll)

Conference ID: 253 994 565#

Local numbers

[Learn more about Teams](#)

For those who cannot make the call, we will post presentation materials and video recordings of the calls.

Daily Briefings

FAQs

Child Welfare

Courts and Jail

Food Assistance

Homelessness and Housing

Mental Health

Transportation

Announcements from PA

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Pennsylvania Stay at Home Order

- Stay-at-home ordered for Allegheny County effective last night <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/governor-wolf-and-health-secretary-issue-stay-at-home-orders-to-7-counties-to-mitigate-spread-of-covid-19/>
- This order emphasizes that individuals in the county, to the extent possible, should stay at home and distance themselves from others.
- Here is a link to a letter indicating that your agency is deemed an essential provider in support of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services. Please keep a copy of this letter available at your offices and share it with staff electronically so they can present it should they be stopped while driving.

<https://dhstraumaresourcelibrary.alleghenycounty.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ACDHS-Provider-Exemption-Letter.pdf>



Pennsylvania Stay at Home Order

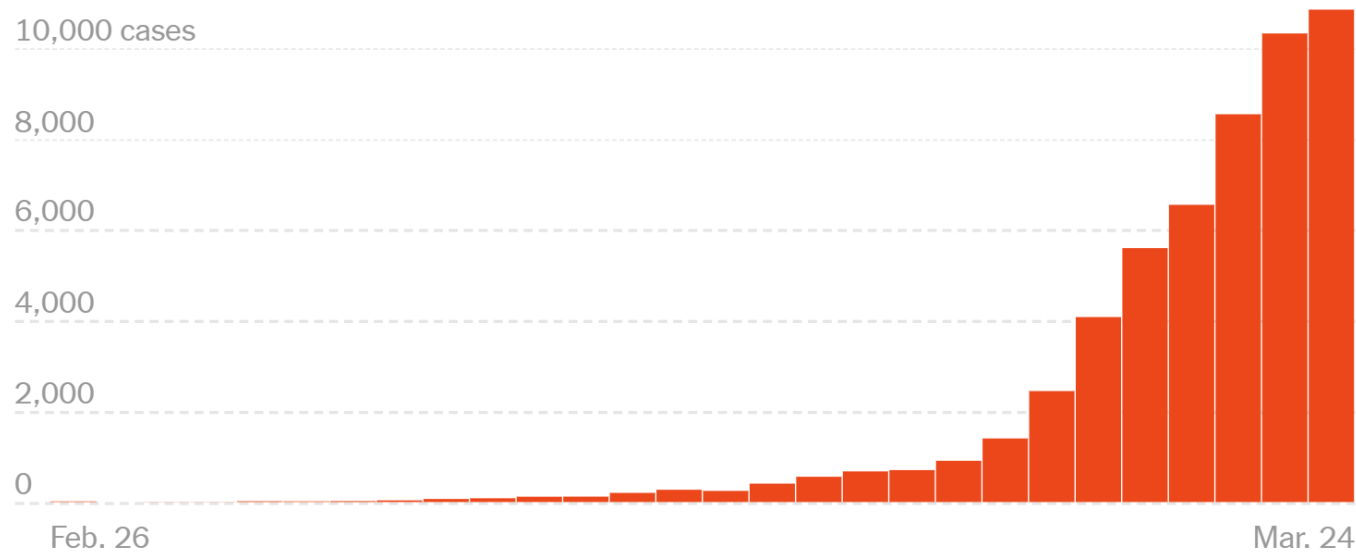
The order will allow people to perform any of the following activities:

- Tasks essential to maintain health and safety, or the health and safety of their family or household members (including pets), such as obtaining medicine or medical supplies, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home
- Getting necessary services or supplies for themselves, for their family or household members, or as part of volunteer efforts, or to deliver those services or supplies to others to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences
- Engaging in outdoor activity, such as walking, hiking or running if they maintain social distancing.
- To perform work providing essential products and services at a [life-sustaining business](#)
- To care for a family member or pet in another household
- Any travel related to the provision of or access to the above-mentioned individual activities or life-sustaining business activities
- Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons
- Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services
- Travel to return to a place of residence from an outside jurisdiction
- Travel required by law enforcement or court order.
- Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the commonwealth

Health update

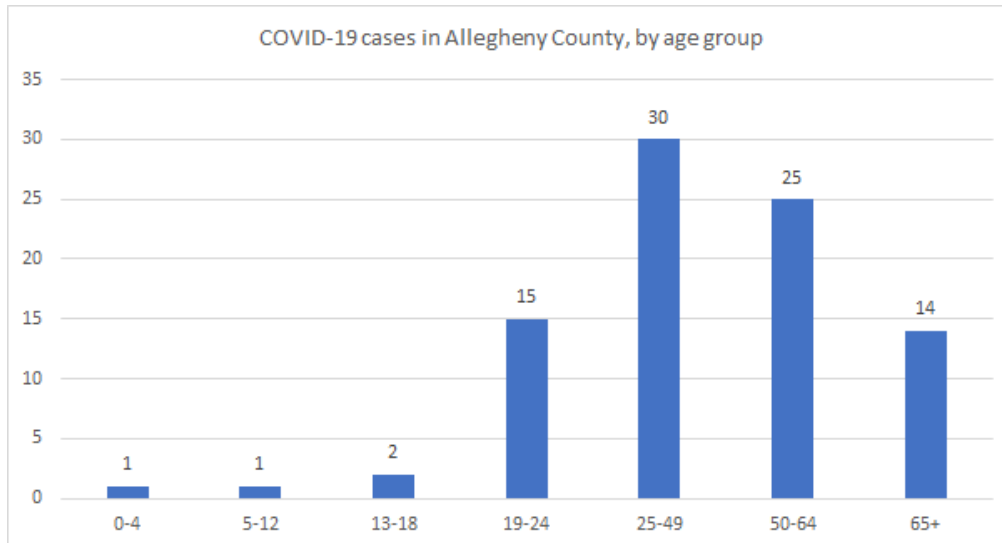
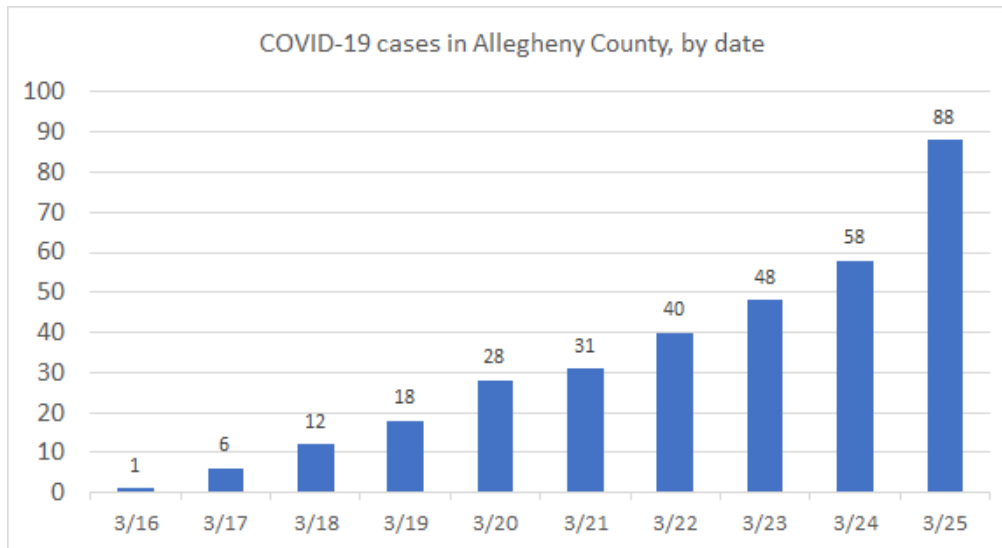
- *In Allegheny County:* 88 confirmed cases; 2 deaths ([source](#))
- *In Pennsylvania:* 851 confirmed cases; 7 deaths ([source](#))
- *In United States:* 59,502 confirmed cases; 804 deaths ([source](#)).

New coronavirus cases announced in the U.S. each day



Source: C.D.C., state and local health agencies, hospitals.

Health update



Gender	% of cases in Allegheny County
Female	55%
Male	45%

Policy & legislative updates - Federal

"Phase 3" federal stimulus/rescue legislation PENDING – fluid situation with Senate voting this afternoon and House scheduled to vote tomorrow. Highlights of latest text:

- One-time \$1,200 check to individuals, \$2,400 check for married couples, and \$500 per child
 - Based on income eligibility -- phases down after a certain amount up to a maximum based on tax filings
- \$1B for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- \$9M for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- \$450M for food banks (TEFAP)
- \$45M for child welfare (title IV-B)
- Community health centers and hospital/medical workforce
- Unemployment insurance payment maximum increased by \$600/week for 4 months, non-traditional workers eligible (freelancers, part-time, gig workers)
- \$150B for state and local governments
- \$500B for loan program for businesses and municipalities

Policy and legislative - State and local

- More than half a million Pennsylvanians have filed new unemployment claims during the past week.
- Bill expected to pass the PA House will pay anyone employed by a public school as if the pandemic had not occurred. Senate expected to vote on bill later today.
- Gov. Wolf and lawmakers discussing possible emergency relief hospital fund to be administered by Dept. of Health. No agreement yet.
- Allegheny County Council passes County Exec's Emergency COVID-19 Declaration but initially defeats attempt by 5 Council members to change jail rules to release 189 non-violent or medically vulnerable inmates. Issue will now be taken up by Public Safety Committee.

United Way Volunteer Response Plan



- United Way will gather details of when/where volunteers are needed across Allegheny County and promote via email and social media
- United Way can either:
 - Promote and direct volunteers to sign up on your website
 - House the registration for event on our website
- Focus on **food first** until we see response levels
- Email wendy.koch@unitedwayswpa.org or cell 412-721-5221

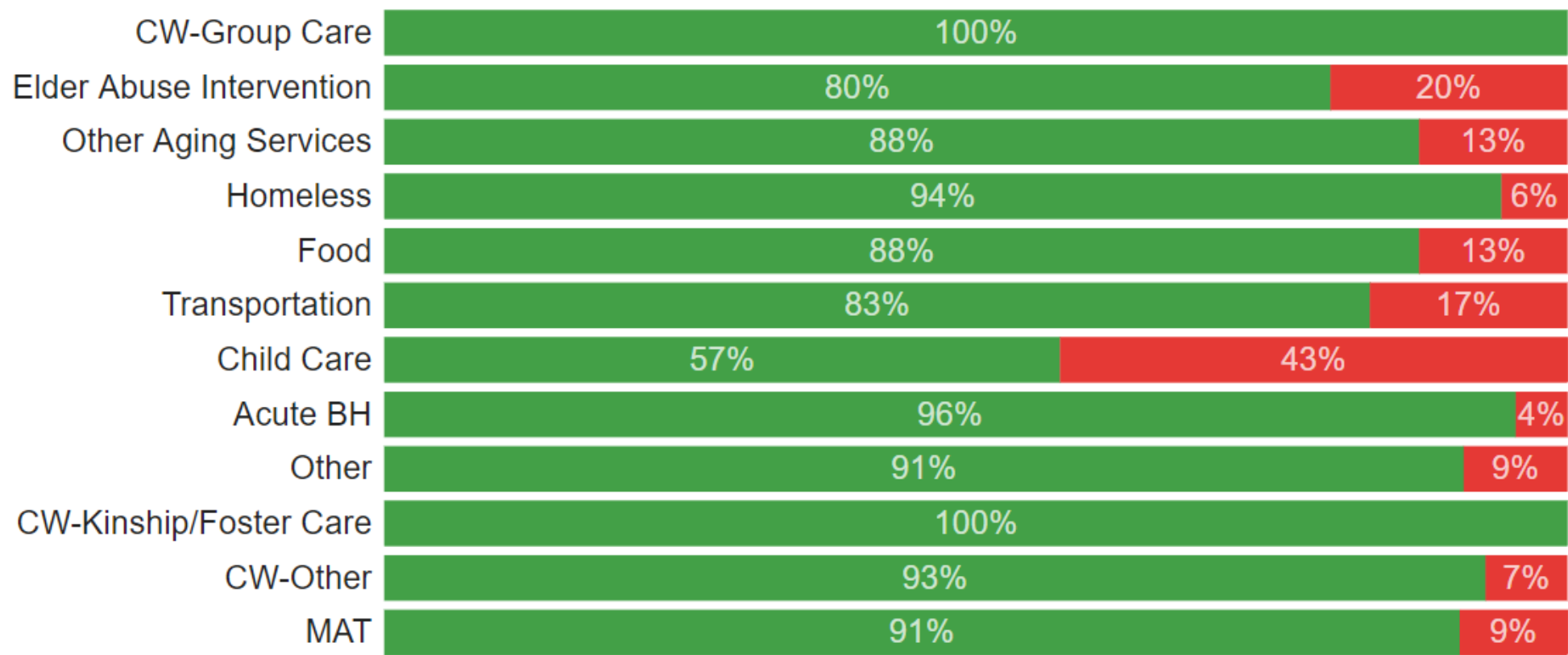
Essential Services

1. Child welfare critical services, hotline, investigations, group care
2. Food for seniors
3. Aging Services – elder abuse investigations, in-home services, etc
4. Food for broader community
5. Childcare for essential employees, including first responders
6. Services for people experiencing homelessness and/or in supportive housing
7. Behavioral Health: Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Transportation and Early Intervention
8. Intellectual Disabilities and Autism services

Essential Service Status Snapshot (as of 3/25/20, 3:40PM EST)

Essential Service	Overall Service Capability Ability to serve those in need	Staffing Are there enough people to deliver service?	Supplies Does service have necessary supplies?	Service Locations Are there safe places to deliver service?	Funding Does service have enough funds?
		[Staffing Rating Guidelines]	[Supplies Rating Guidelines]	[Service Locations Rating Guidelines]	[Funding Rating Guidelines]
Food: for Seniors	At Risk	At Risk	Unstable	At Risk	Stable
Aging Services - Elder abuse investigations, In-home services & other critical aging services	Stable	Stable	Unstable	Stable	Stable
Food: for Broader Community	At Risk	At Risk	Unstable	At Risk	Stable
Childcare for essential employees, including first responders	At Risk	At Risk	Unstable	At Risk	Stable
Services for people experiencing homelessness or in supportive housing	At Risk	At Risk	Unstable	At Risk	Stable
Behavioral health: acute, crisis and residential care	At Risk	At Risk	Unstable	At Risk	At Risk
Early Intervention	Stable	Stable	Unstable	At Risk	Stable
Transportation to essential medical and social services	At Risk	At Risk	Unstable	At Risk	Stable
Child welfare critical services, hotline, investigations, required visits, group care	At Risk	Stable	Unstable	Unstable	Stable
Intellectual Disabilities and Autism services	Stable	Stable	Unstable	Stable	Stable

DHS Essential Services Providers: Reported or Submitted a Plan



● Yes ● No

Child welfare critical services: Local plans & next steps

Essential Service:	Child welfare critical services, hotline, investigations, required visits, group care		Overall Service Capability:	At Risk
Staffing: <div>Stable</div> <p>Level 1</p> <p>Agencies staff their own services, or have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate level</p> <p>Notes: Agencies can staff their own services.</p> <p>Some have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate level</p>		Supplies: <div>Unstable</div> <p>Level 4</p> <p>20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need</p> <p>Notes: Providers report needing hand sanitizer , bacterial wipes, disposable thermometers service locations</p> <p>CYF is able to deliver supplies to essential first responders, but supply is limited.</p>		
Service Locations: <div>Unstable</div> <p>Level 4</p> <p>30 - 59% coverage of the public, as some Service Locations have been forced to close</p> <p>Notes: Several provider agencies have been forced to close to comply with Governor's orders</p>		Funding: <div>Stable</div> <p>Level 1</p> <p>Normal funding available</p> <p>Notes: Normal funding available. Providers compensating staff with combat pay and exploring ways to incentivize staff</p>		

Child welfare critical services: Local plans & next steps

We are moving to align with guidance set out by the Administration for Children and Families.

- Children in kin and foster care placements, tele-conference visitation and monitoring will be permitted
 - Teleconferencing shall include video conference, Skype, telephone calls and any other means of video or audio communication designed to effectuate meaningful and effective visitation or conferencing
- Prioritization
 - Some families will continue to require a virtual visit every 15 days (as per regulations) but others may need additional visits.
 - Providers asked to create a prioritization plan that includes each family's needs in regard to frequency of visits, duration of visits, and any resources that you need to be able to conduct these visits using video conferencing.
 - Your plan should specify which families will require additional support, and why.
 - Plans sent to CYF contract monitor by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 25th.

We will have similar guidelines for non-crisis in-home services

Food: for Seniors

Essential Service:		Food for Seniors		Overall Service Capability:		At Risk
Staffing:	At Risk	Level 2 Agencies invoke their own COOP plan	Supplies:	Unstable	Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need	
Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Systems in place for seniors. Though imperfect, there is access to food. -Food providers continue working on procuring shelf stable items for shelf stable boxes, but having difficulty finding available items -The HDM program is experiencing high numbers of referrals but so far providers are able to adjust to the increase -“Grab and go” locations for seniors are functioning as planned; centers practicing social distancing with staff and consumers -AAA staff are working with food providers to accommodate HDM providers who want to reduce the number of days they are delivering meals without reducing the number of meals delivered. -AAA staff are working with DHS to create a list of pre-screened volunteers to give to any provider that has a need (NOTE: Volunteers for HDM delivery to seniors must be pre-screened for clearances before they would be able to start driving/ delivering) -Need to monitor whether these populations can get to the food and determine mechanism to deliver if not. -Risk is all other populations who need food (supply and delivery). Many players are involved. -Need contingency plans for everything as exposure reduces staff and service locations. 						
Service Locations:	At Risk	Level 2 100% coverage to the public from either normal or alternative Service Locations	Funding:	Stable	Level 1 Normal funding available	
Notes:			Notes:			

Food/Essential Supply Updates for Seniors

- Food delivery and availability is presently steady and reliable.
- However, concerns about common supplies such as toilet paper are increasing as seniors run low or out.
- Sources for these supplies are limited and the AAA is having difficulty locating resources. Leads and ideas in this area are appreciated.

Elder abuse investigations, In-home services & other critical aging services

Essential Service:	Elder abuse investigations, In-home services & other critical aging services		Overall Service Capability:	Stable
Staffing:	Stable	Level 1 Agencies staff their own services, or have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate level	Supplies:	Unstable Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need
Notes: In-home Services network is presently serving all consumers for personal care. -In-home Services network has identified its most vulnerable consumers by case complexity and frailty should any future restrictions on services require prioritization that ensures services continue for high-risk individuals. -Transportation for Direct Care Workers has become a concern as Port Authority initiated a 25% reduction in ride services 3/25			Notes: Supplies are "Unstable" for Protective Services and "At Risk" for In-home Services	
Service Locations:	Stable	Level 1 100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public and those in need	Funding:	Stable Level 1 Normal funding available
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Elder abuse investigations, In-home services & other critical aging services

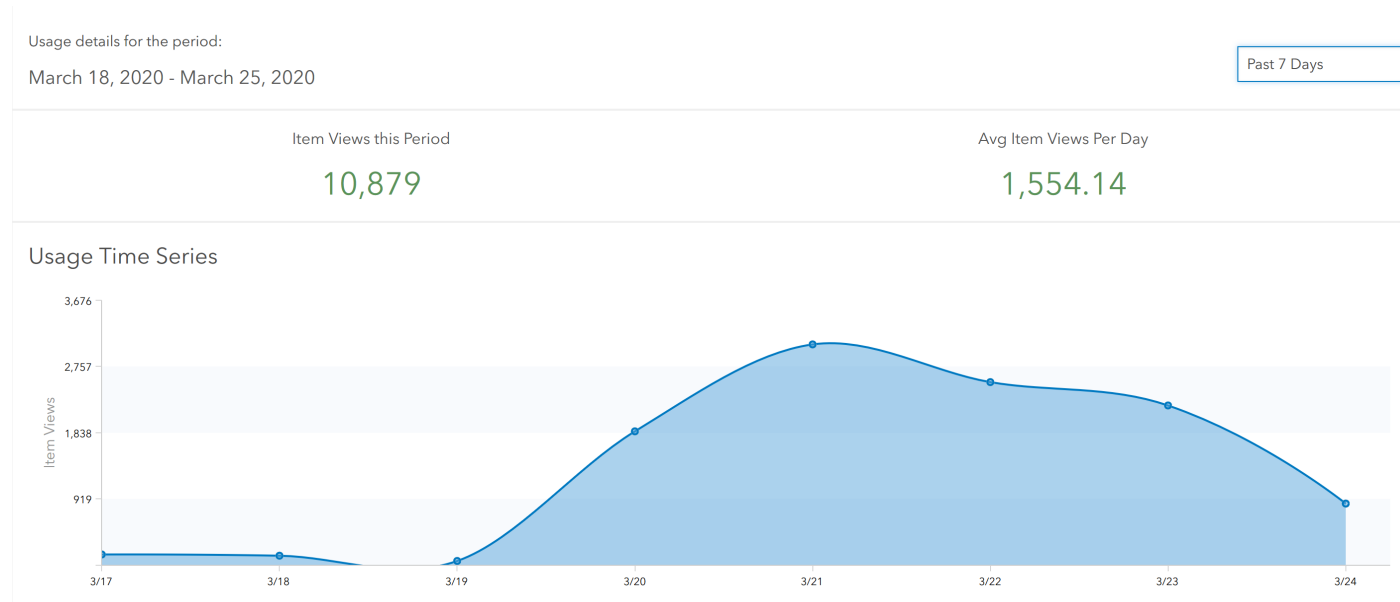
- Protective Services: Older Adult Scams
 - Be aware that several scams, especially by telephone, are occurring in the area.
 - The caller, usually through a synthesized electronic voice message, indicates that in-home kits and testing for COVID-19 are available for a fee. Credit Card and possibly banking information is taken if the senior responds.
 - To our knowledge no such program is operating legitimately. Please caution seniors.

Food: For Broader Community

Essential Service:	Food for Broader Community			Overall Service Capability:	At Risk
Staffing:	At Risk	Level 2 Agencies invoke their own COOP plan	Supplies:	Unstable	Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need
Notes: -Overall, Food Bank, 412 Food Rescue, School Districts, Food Pantries, Community Groups getting food out to community -As demand and need increases, focus is on: -Developing mechanisms to get food closer to people (more distribution sites, transportation) -Contingency planning for sites that must close (additional food prep sites) -Meeting additional demand (additional food supply to Food Bank and pantries) -Processes for families in quarantine or other "last resort" situations (in their own home or in facility) (quick solutions)					
Service Locations:	At Risk	Level 2 100% coverage to the public from either normal or alternative Service Locations	Funding:	Stable	Level 1 Normal funding available
Notes: see above			Notes: see above		

Food: Local plans & next steps

Updated by Amy Mc 3/25



Map went public March 21

- Food Distribution Map

- Will have Food Bank sites including non-Allegheny County Grab & Go and Food Pantry information updated (hopefully) this week
- Food bank is going to direct to this map on their website
- PPS is grab-and-go meals on Monday, Tuesday, Friday. City website is being updated regularly: <https://www.pghschools.org/Page/5356>

Food Access Coordination

1. Food Access Call – Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

+1 267-368-7515 United States, Philadelphia (Toll)

Conference ID: 287 284 875#

Email Ashley Varrato (ashley.varrato@alleghenycounty.us) to be added to invite

2. Food Access Survey

For providers, please complete this [Food Providers Needs and Resources Survey](#) by end of day 3/25

Childcare for essential employees, including first responders

Essential Service:	Childcare for essential employees, including first responders		Overall Service Capability:	At Risk
Staffing: <div>At Risk</div> <p>Level 2</p> <p>Agencies invoke their own COOP plan</p> <p>Notes: Still data gathering -- identifying which staff at closed centers would be interested in working in another center or providing 1:1 care in the home</p>			Supplies: <div>Unstable</div> <p>Level 4</p> <p>20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need</p> <p>Notes: Providers seeking gloves and cleaning supplies</p>	
Service Locations: <div>At Risk</div> <p>Level 2</p> <p>100% coverage to the public from either normal or alternative Service Locations</p> <p>Notes: Currently 60 centers open, 80 considering reopening, Trying Together is having readiness conversations with those centers and we are still assessing demand</p>			Funding: <div>Stable</div> <p>Level 1</p> <p>Normal funding available</p> <p>Notes: Local philanthropic community have made this a priority, state is continuing to make subsidy payments to providers, if we institute 1:1 care, we are in contact with providers, costs would significantly increase</p>	

Childcare for essential employees, including first responders

- ELRC will be the resource to help match essential employees to childcare providers operating with waivers and community partners offering support:
 - Elrc5@alleghenycounty.us
 - 412-350-3577
- Currently ~250 open childcare seats
- Solution is combination of:
 - Centers
 - Family and small group childcare providers
 - Relative, neighbors, friends
 - 1:1 in home support by childcare staff (mechanism not yet developed)

Services for persons who are experiencing homelessness and/or are in supportive housing

Essential Service:		Services for people experiencing homelessness and/or in supportive housing		Overall Service Capability:	At Risk
Staffing:	At Risk	Level 2 Agencies invoke their own COOP plan	Supplies:	Unstable	Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need
Notes: Providers are functioning, with some staff performing virtual case management as needed. At risk staff at several agencies are working remotely, but some staff are calling off or not showing up. Staffing issues have not forced services to be closed at any providers, but the network is at risk.			Notes: Necessary cleaning supplies and protective equipment are in low supply, and masks are in very low supply. Providers are trying to secure supplies on their own, but also hoping DHS can provide.		
Service Locations:	At Risk	Level 2 100% coverage to the public from either normal or alternative Service Locations	Funding:	Stable	Level 1 Normal funding available
Notes: All shelter facilities are still open and are staffed. Shelters with vacancies are still accepting new clients. 33 additional single room occupancy units will be available for vulnerable clients by end of this week, and additional hotel beds will be available in approx. 2 weeks. Additional family shelter beds will become available, by end of next week.			Notes: There are currently no funding concerns for the homeless network.		

Services for persons who are experiencing homelessness and/or are in supportive housing

Isolation/Quarantine locations:

Facility 1

- 33 units (single room occupancy)
- Should be operational by Monday
- Population: homeless persons currently in shelter or on streets who are especially vulnerable, but do not require isolation

Facility 2

- Population: families across DHS (homeless, CYF, etc.) who require quarantine

Facility 3

- Population: CYF involved youth and families who require isolation

Hotels

- 130-220 units
- Hope to come online sometime next week
- Population: persons across DHS systems who need to be isolated (persons who are sick or especially vulnerable and need complete isolation)

Services for persons who are experiencing homelessness and/or are in supportive housing

DHS/Homeless Provider Network COVID-19 Working Group:

- Regular schedule: Every Tuesday at 9:30 AM
- **Next week: Wednesday at 9:30 AM (will not meet on Tuesday due to HAB meeting)**
- All homeless service providers are invited and encouraged to participate
- Call in information:
Phone number: 1-267-368-7515
Conference ID #: 994 731 847

Behavioral Health: Mental Health: Drug and Alcohol

Essential Service:		Behavioral health acute crisis and residential care		Overall Service Capability:		At Risk	
Staffing:	At Risk	Level 3 Agencies notify ACDHS, who attempts to find staff across the network		Supplies:	Unstable	Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need	
		Notes: Providers have pre-COVID-19 staffing shortages. Receiving reports of individuals in isolation and self quarantine but, currently is not impacting service delivery				Notes: Gloves, antiseptic wipes, antibacterial soap, thermometers, etc. in short supply for providers. In the past few days more supply requests have come in	
Service Locations:	At Risk	Level 2 100% coverage to the public from either normal or alternative Service Locations		Funding:	At Risk	Level 2 Concerns over short-term funds to cover operations - cash flow issues arising	
		Notes: Teleheath services are available. Some providers working on implementing telehealth				Notes: Recently approved APA is intended to provide some bridge payment for eligible services. Decrease volume in access impacting providers ability to draw down available funds.	

Behavioral Health

- Behavioral Health Provider meeting scheduled Thursday 3/26/2020 at 10:00-11am
 - [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
 - [+1 267-368-7515](#) United States, Philadelphia (Toll)
 - Conference ID: 571 296 670#
- Beginning 4/2/2020 BH Provider calls will take place weekly Thursdays at 10am until further notice

Behavioral Health: Notifications of changes to operations

- All MH and D&A providers should be submitting Unusual Incident Reports for service closures
 - Providers are to submit under: **Serious Nature/Other** – Any interruption in service and/or closure of a program or other incident determined by the provider.
 - Incident form will be modified to reflect the requirement for all providers to report illness of an individual during the COVID-19 crisis
 - Submit through the incident secure email
 - incidentreports@alleghenycounty.us
 - CRR or LTSR is to be reported through EIM as a Site Level Incident
- Providers are asked to submit other modifications, questions, concerns to
 - DHS-COVID19Planning@alleghenycounty.us

Behavioral Health: Mental Health

- Mental Health Commitment hearings via audio conference starts tomorrow
 - Procedure has been finalized
 - All facilities affected have been notified
- Social Rehab
 - Look for a meeting for soc rehab providers

Behavioral Health: Drug & Alcohol

- Certified Assessment Centers (CACs)
 - The start date is no longer April 1st
 - Level of Care Assessments are still available as usual
- No reports of negative impact to D&A services at this time
- Residential Providers have the option to flex beds between non-hospital rehab and detox
 - Interested providers should contact DDAP licensing directly
- Annual Monitoring is being postponed but, not waived

Behavioral Health: Early Intervention

Essential Service:		Early Intervention	Overall Service Capability:		Stable
Staffing:	Stable	<p>Level 1</p> <p>Agencies staff their own services, or have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate level</p> <p>Notes: Completely up and running with tele intervention services. nly services not approved for telehealth are social work and nursning</p>	Supplies:	Unstable	<p>Level 4</p> <p>20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequatley delivered to those in need</p> <p>Notes: In the past few days more supply requests have come in</p>
Service Locations:	At Risk	<p>Level 3</p> <p>60% - 100% coverage of the public, as some Service Locations have been forced to close</p> <p>Notes: 5 providers up and running at capacity. Following up with 1 provider. We received approval from OCDEL last evening to provide initial evaluations via tele-intervention. We received further clarification that Vision, Hearing and Nutrition services are also allowable services. Nature of the services are posing challenges to the delivery. Social Work and nursing have not been approved for</p>	Funding:	Stable	<p>Level 1</p> <p>Normal funding available</p> <p>Notes: Normal funding is in place</p>

Behavioral Health: Early Intervention

- Services not covered at this time under tele-intervention
 - Social Work
 - Nursing
- Vision, Hearing and Nutrition services are allowable
 - Experiencing challenges with tele-delivery due to the need to be face to face with a child
 - Continue to work towards solutions
- We received approval from OCDEL last evening to provide initial evaluations via tele-intervention

Transportation to essential medical and social services

Essential Service:		Transportation to essential medical and social services		Overall Service Capability:		At Risk					
Staffing:		At Risk		Level 2		Supplies:		Unstable		Level 4	
				Agencies invoke their own COOP plan						20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need	
Notes:				Traveler's Aide has reduced office operations as of Friday 3/30/2020 in order to implement health and safety protocols for their staff. Lyft and Uber rides arranged through Traveler's Aide has been suspended at this time. ACCESS is able to accommodate all MATP transports at this time.		Notes:				we are not aware of any PPE request at this time from transportation providers at this time, but in general across the board staff should have safety supplies, which are generally unavailable	
Service Locations:		At Risk		Level 3		Funding:		Stable		Level 1	
				60% - 100% coverage of the public, as some Service Locations have been forced to close						Normal funding available	
Notes:				MATP fully operational		Notes:					

Transportation Reminder

- Traveler's Aid
 - Is implementing plan as previously discussed. See detailed slide from 3/23/2020
- ACCESS
 - Capacity for MATP transportation is stable
 - See the below link for County MATP programs, including the instructional brochure
 - <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Transportation/Medical-Assistance-Transportation-Program.aspx>

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism services:

Essential Service:	Intellectual Disabilities and Autism services			Overall Service Capability:	Stable
Staffing:	Stable	Level 1 Agencies staff their own services, or have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate level Notes: There are no current reports of staffing shortage.	Supplies:	Unstable	Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need Notes: Would prefer to have more safety supplies to better protect staff
Service Locations:	Stable	Level 1 100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public and those in need Notes: Providers have relocation plans in place but so far, everyone is at their normal service location.	Funding:	Stable	Level 1 Normal funding available Notes:

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism services: Current Activities

No new update as of 3/24/20

- ODP Announcement 20-019 has been updated to include guidance related to how Supports Coordination Organizations are to monitor individuals.
- ODP Announcement 20-027, Operational Guide for Appendix K: Emergency Preparedness and Response for the P/FDS, Community Living, Consolidated Waivers, and Adult Autism Waivers.
 - Three trainings to specific audiences begin later today and tomorrow.
 - Virtual Office Hours to specific provider audiences available March 27 and March 30
- Continue to follow local information and directives, along with the PA Department of Health and the State Office of Developmental Programs. There are links to COVID-19 updates on MyODP.org <https://www.myodp.org/mod/page/view.php?id=26808>

Courts, Jail

- For continued reference, here is the [March 23 Emergency Operations Order](#) for the Fifth Judicial District
- Additionally, unless otherwise modified by the Court, **Custody Orders in Allegheny County entered before the Judicial Emergency remain in effect and are unaffected by the Governor's Stay at Home Order**, with due consideration for the safety of the child. See [here](#).

Courts, Jail

- ACJ Screening Measures :
 - Temperature check as quickly as possible following arrival to facility, pre-release, and during all routine healthcare interventions
 - Intake questions about travel and contact with someone who is sick
 - Criteria for testing
 - 100.4 (+) degree temperature; and
 - Respiratory distress to include coughing, shortness of breath
 - Potential contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19
 - Individuals who meet above criteria will be isolated in a cell and provided a mask for any contact; still conducting influenza A and B tests to rule that out. Then contacting Health Department with vital signs and risk factors to determine if we should proceed with testing.
 - In communication with Health Department to cross check contact studies with individuals in ACJ.

Courts, Jail

Work to facilitate jail releases:

- COVID-19 pandemic brings additional urgency to the goal of reducing the population of the Allegheny County Jail, which has been the focus of the agencies involved in the Allegheny County [Safety and Justice Challenge](#).
- These agencies are working to facilitate jail releases to protect the health and safety of people who are incarcerated, and employees within the criminal justice system.
- The Office of the Public Defender, Pretrial Services, and Adult Probation are identifying individuals for release, and bringing them to Criminal Division Judges for approval to **modify bonds, lift probation detainers, or grant parole**.
- **Factors that are being considered to identify cases for release include age, health conditions, public safety risk, and time to case expiration.**

As the criminal justice system continues to facilitate the safe release of individuals from the Allegheny County Jail, you can track daily changes to the jail population [here](#).



Allegheny County Jail Population Management Dashboards

Jail Population Overview

Last Updated Date:
3/25/20

Selected Values:
Date: 2/1/20 to 3/25/20
Federal Holds?:
Non-federal holds
(10/2016 to date)
Gender: All
Race: All
Age: All

Date Range
2/1/20 to 3/31/20

Location
All

Federal Holds?
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Gender
All

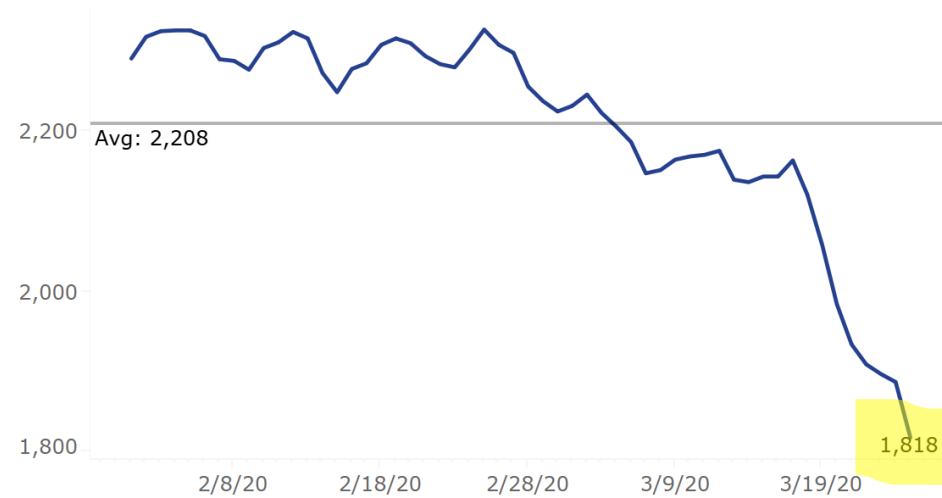
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Age
All

Daily Jail Population

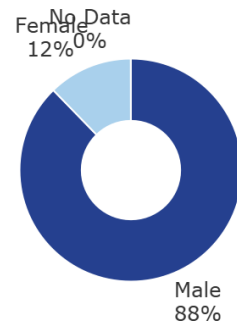
On average (from 2/1/20 to 3/25/20), the Allegheny County Jail holds **2,208** individuals each day.

Today's jail population is **1,818**, which is **down 22%** from one month ago and **down 16%** from one year ago.



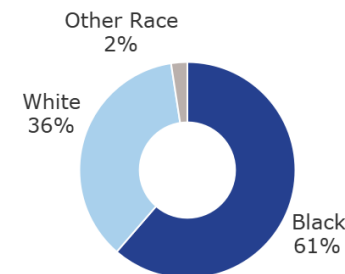
Gender

On average (2/1/20 - 3/25/20), **88%** of the individuals in jail are **Male**.



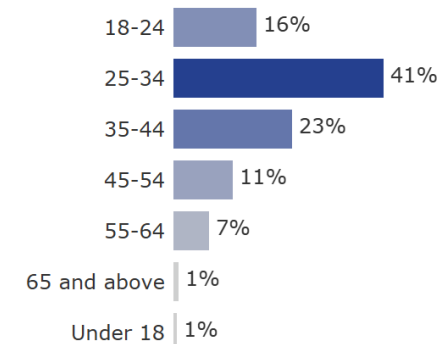
Race

On average (2/1/20 - 3/25/20), **61%** of the individuals in jail are **Black**.



Age

On average (2/1/20 - 3/25/20), **41%** of the individuals in jail are **25-34 years old**.





Allegheny County Jail Population Management Dashboards

Jail Bookings, Releases and Length of Stay

Last Updated Date:
3/25/20

Selected Values:
Date: 3/1/20 to 3/25/20
Gender: All
Race: All
Age: All

Date Range
3/1/20 to 3/28/20

Gender
All

Race
All

Age
All

Bookings and Releases by Month

During the selected date range there were **634 bookings** and **1,027 releases**.
On average, **25** individuals were **booked each day**, and **41 were released each day**.

Length of Stay ⓘ

For individuals booked during the selected date range, the median length of stay is **8 days**, and the average length of stay is **10 days**.



Employment Resources

- Partner4Work: Information for workers, jobseekers and youth
<https://www.partner4work.org/news/covid-19-resources/>
- JFCS Career Development Center works with those recently laid off from their job. They offer intakes, individualized services, and workshops remotely using virtual methods and via telephone. Contact JFCS Career Development Center at 412-422-5627 or 412-586-3722 or email Wendy Solomon, Intake Specialist, at wsolomon@jfcspgh.org.
- Mon Valley Initiative is available to assist displaced workers. Currently conducting intakes and assisting individuals remotely. Contact: Dr. T. Charles Howell IV, chowell@monvalleyinitiative.com. 412.464.4000 x 4027

Key Contacts

- Provider questions for Allegheny County Health Department
 - DHS-COVID19Planning@alleghenycounty.us
 - Use the subject field to indicate if your qq is about CYF, Aging, BH, CYF, ID, Community Services, or DHS operations (e.g., contracting, payment)
 - <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/healthdepartment/index.aspx>
- Key DHS staff
 - Payment inquiries: Dan Evancho Dan.Evancho@alleghenycounty.us
 - Contract inquiries: Kathy Heinz Kathy.Heinz@alleghenycounty.us
Laura Brigido Laura.Brigido@alleghenycounty.us
- United Way 2-1-1
 - For basic needs assistance or general COVID-19 inquiries call the 24/7 COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-856-2774. Language services are available.

