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DHS Provider Briefings

Thursday 8/27/20

Provider Briefings are held
weekly, on Thursdays.



Agenda

- Announcements/updates
- Legislative updates
- Health metrics
- Coronavirus Relief Fund highlights– Lisa Kuzma
- Digital divide update – Scott Hemphill
- Program updates



Reporting Uncovered COVID Expenses

Reminder: Please report uncovered expenses to DHS!

Uncovered expenses are expenses incurred due to COVID-19 for which an agency has neither received an allocation from DHS, nor anticipates reimbursement from other sources. All DHS providers have the opportunity to report and document uncovered expenses incurred through June 30th and this reporting is requested by August 31st.

If you need a refresher on the reporting process, please access the recorded training [here](#) and information is located on the COVID-19 Communications and Planning website in the DHS Guidance and Operations section.

Also, please review the below for more information and you can reach out to your Fiscal Lead or contact the DHSProviderResourceHub@allegHENYcounty.us with any questions.

[Guidance Document](#)

[E-Learning](#)

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Election Poll Workers Needed

- Allegheny County is recruiting at least another 2,000 poll workers for the November 3rd election. Poll workers will be provided with "infection prevention kits" for election day that includes a face shield, mask, gloves, disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer.
- Serve as a Judge, Inspector or Clerk of Election. Election Officers/poll workers earn from \$115 to \$140 for the day. New Election Officers receive paid training. County website [link](#) for more information.
- [Application for Allegheny County Election Poll Worker](#)
- [Student Poll Worker Program](#) (not yet updated for November election)
- [Become a Poll Worker](#) video

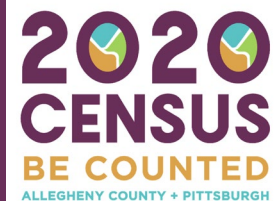
Voter resources

- Allegheny County Elections Division E-newsletter: [Sign-up](#) to receive information on preparations for the November general election
- [Overview of vote by mail process in Allegheny County](#)
- [Register to vote](#)
- [Check voter registration status](#)
- [Absentee Ballot Application](#): October 27th is the last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the November 3, 2020 election. The application must be received in the Elections office by that date.



HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR CENSUS YET?

Please help your community
get the resources it needs, by
filling out your census today!



*There are three ways to fill out the census even
while practicing physical distancing:*



VISIT [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov)



SPEAK TO A REPRESENTATIVE BY CALLING
1-844-330-2020



FILL OUT A PAPER COPY SENT TO
YOUR HOME

COVID-19 Mobile Testing Schedule

Squirrel Hill Health Center

register at <http://alleghenycovidtesting.com>

- Monday, August 24 9am to 12pm
Leland Point
5230 Wolfe Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15236 (Baldwin)
- Tuesday, August 25 9am to 12 pm
Jewish Association on Aging
200 JHF Drive, Lower Level
Pittsburgh, PA 15217 (Squirrel Hill)
- Wednesday, August 26 9am to 12pm
Allegheny County Children Youth & Families
10700 Frankstown Road
Penn Hills, PA 15235 (Penn Hills)
- Thursday, August 27 9am to 12pm
Parking lot near PNC Bank
119 Butler Street
Pittsburgh PA 15209 (Millvale)
- Friday August 28 9am to 12pm
Jewish Association on Aging
100 JHF Drive, Lower Level
Pittsburgh, PA 15217 (Squirrel Hill)



Schedule announced

Mondays on

Allegheny County Health Dept

Facebook & Twitter

Allegheny Health Network

walk-ins welcome; physicians' orders are not required

- Wednesday, August 26 10:30am to 4pm
Hazelwood Family Health Center
4915 Second Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15207 (Hazelwood)
- Thursday, August 27 10:30am to 4pm
Alma Illery Medical Center
7227 Hamilton Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15208 (Homewood)
- Monday, August 31 10:30am to 4pm
Former Shop N' Save plaza
1850 Centre Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (Hill District)

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Allegheny County COVID-19 Testing Loc...



107 Eton Drive



10 mi

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20 mi

Total: 48

Alma Illery Medical Center

(3.08 mi)

Testing Group: Primary Care Health Services

Instructions: Refer to website

Website: <http://alleghenycovidtesting.com/>

Alma Illery Medical Center

7227 Hamilton Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Drive-through or On-site Testing: On-Site

Days and Times: See website

[Get Google Directions](#)

East Liberty Family Health Center

(3.18 mi)

Testing Group: East Liberty Family Health Center

Instructions: Refer to website

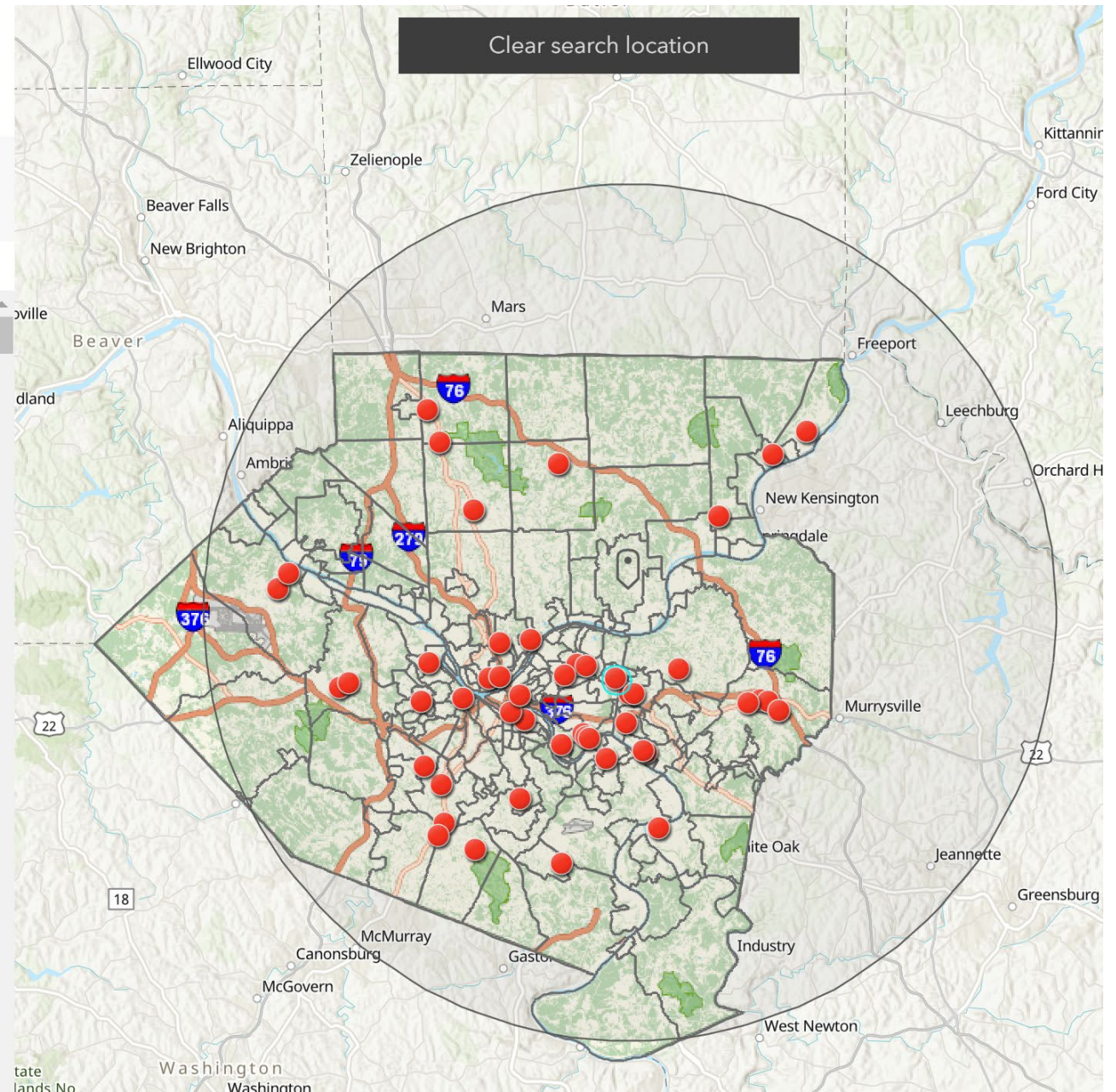
Website: <http://alleghenycovidtesting.com/>

East Liberty Family Health Center

6023 Harvard St
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Drive-through or On-site Testing: On-Site

Days and Times: See website



Active Solicitations

- RFQ for Forensic Psychological and/or Psychiatric Evaluators
 - Proposals Due Sept 1 (RFQ is ongoing; proposals due Sept 1 and March 1)
- RFP for Inpatient Program for Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
 - Proposals Due September 16
- RFP for Latinx Community Needs Assessment
 - Proposals Due September 18
- All available on [DHS Solicitations Page](#), along with form to sign up to receive email notifications when we post new solicitations

Policy & Legislative Update – Federal and State

- Negotiations on larger 5th Federal stimulus bill remain at an impasse, with the House agreeing to come down to \$2b, but the Administration/Senate not moving past \$1b.
 - News reports that lead negotiators are talking this afternoon, the first time in weeks.
 - Stimulus funding may become part of the larger government funding negotiations that must occur by the end of September to avoid a government shutdown.
- PA reported a 13.7% unemployment rate in July, higher than the national rate.
- Gov. Wolf announced he cannot by law unilaterally extend the moratorium on rental evictions and home foreclosures past August 31st, and called on the PA legislature to extend the moratorium.

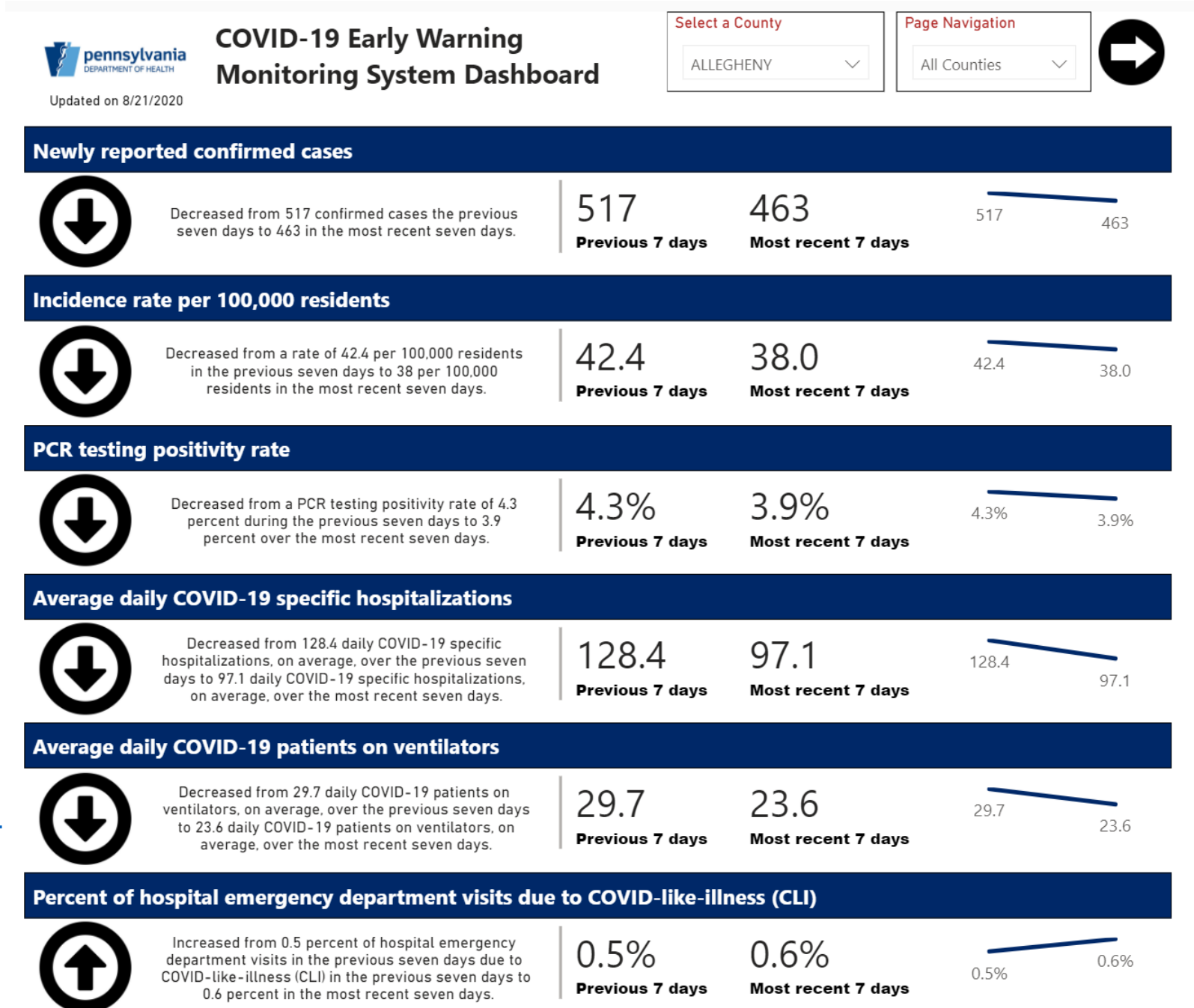
Policy & Legislative Update – State

- Gov. Wolf unveiled his legislative agenda for the fall earlier this week. Highlights include:
 - Plan to spend the remaining \$1bn in CARES funds the State has held in reserve, including increases for PPE and pay to frontline workers, \$250m for child care services, \$100m for LIHEAP and to prevent water service being shut off, \$100m in rent relief, and \$225m in loans and grants to small businesses.
 - Call to legalize recreational marijuana and use of the proceeds to invest in both business grants and restorative justice.
 - The Republican-controlled legislature must approve these appropriations, and the antagonism between it and the Governor is extremely high currently.

PA State Metrics

- Compares this week (August 14th-August 20th) to previous week (August 7th-August 13th). Data is updated every Friday.
- All metrics are decreasing except the % of hospital ED visits due to COVID-like illness (up slightly).
 - There was a 12% decrease in new cases reported over the last week.

PA state's early warning system dashboard (<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx>).





Allegheny County COVID-19 Information

This dashboard displays information about COVID-19 testing, cases and outcomes in Allegheny County. Users can view information by gender, age, race and ethnicity of the people affected. The dashboard uses testing data input by certified testing sites into a state electronic database (Pennsylvania National Electronic Disease Surveillance System or PA-NEDSS). The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) uses PA-NEDSS data to follow-up with people who have tested positive and determine their outcomes (e.g., hospitalization, recovery or death).

For more information, click on "Data and Definitions" below.

<p>Data and Definitions</p> <p>Click here to learn about methodology, data sources, definitions and limitations.</p>	<p>Testing</p> <p>Click here to view trends in tests.</p>	<p>Cases</p> <p>Click here to view numbers and percentages of cases.</p>	<p>Density Map of Testing and Cases</p> <p>Click here to view a density map of tests and cases by demographic group.</p>
<p>Outcomes of Cases</p> <p>Click here to view case outcomes by demographic group.</p>	<p>Percentages by Demographic</p> <p>Click here to view numbers and percentages of cases by demographic group.</p>	<p>Comparisons to Allegheny County Population</p> <p>Click here to compare testing and outcomes by demographic group to the overall population.</p>	<p>Rates per 100,000</p> <p>Click here to view rates per 100,000 for testing and case outcomes by demographic group.</p>



COVID-19 in Allegheny County

Key Metrics

Allegheny County is monitoring trends in key metrics to help identify areas of concern in real time. These metrics are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, the PA Governor's Office, and other public health experts. Key metric data comes from the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS). Metric status and data are updated weekly.

METRIC	METRIC DEFINITION	SOURCE	CURRENT STATE
1. Percent Positive Tests	The average positivity rate over the last 7 days is less than or equal to 10%.	World Health Organization (WHO)	✓
2. Number of People Tested per New Case	The count of people tested for each case over the last 7 days is greater than or equal to 50.	State of Washington	✗
3. Decline in New Cases or Low Number of New Cases	The number of new cases per day has declined over the last 14 days.	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	✗
4. New Cases Below Threshold	The count of new cases per 100,000 residents has declined over the last 14 days.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	✗
5. Decline in Total Hospitalizations	The count of people hospitalized for COVID-19 has declined over the last 14 days.	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	✗
6. ICU Bed Usage	The average total ICU capacity over the last 7 days has not exceed 90%.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	✓
7. Decline in Deaths	The 3 day rolling average count of deaths has declined over the last 14 days.	State of New York	✗



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Metric #1: Positivity Rate

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METRIC DEFINITION: The average daily positivity rate is less than or equal to 10%.

A positivity rate below 10% indicates that enough testing is being done to find all the active infections. Identifying the active infections is essential for contact tracing and to stop the spread of the disease.

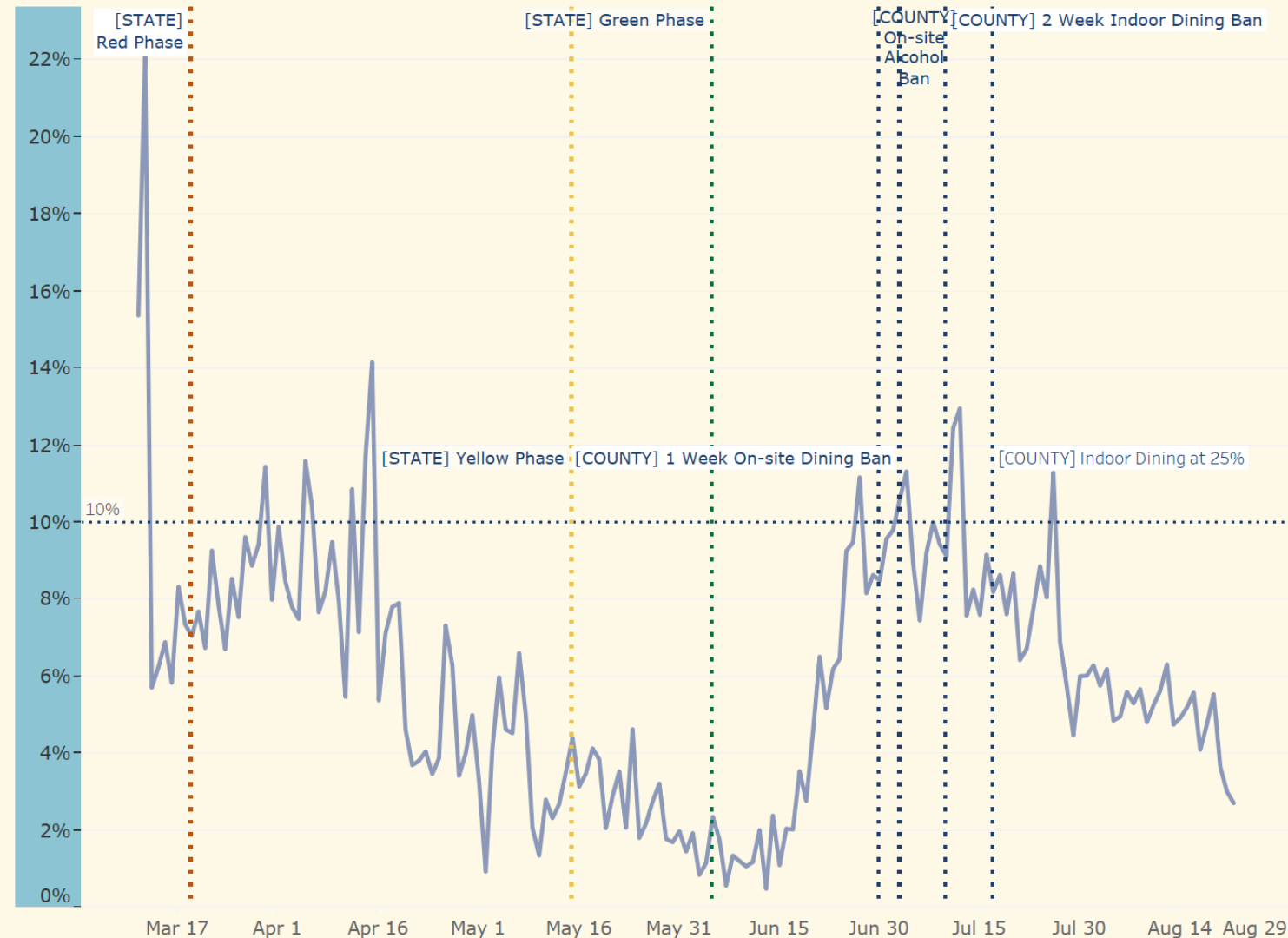
WEEK BEGINNING ON	AVERAGE POSITIVITY RATE	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET
8/16/2020	4.2%	-20.4%	✓
8/9/2020	5.3%	-3.8%	✓
8/2/2020	5.5%	-17.9%	✓
7/26/2020	6.7%		✓

Data Source: PA National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS)

Citation: World Health Organization

Note: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag in reported cases and tests.

Data through August 22, 2020 was used for this metric.





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Metric #2: Number of People Tested Per New Case

METRIC DEFINITION: The count of people tested for each case over the last 7 days is greater than or equal to 50.

Testing should be responsive to the number of cases. As case counts increase, so should testing. As case counts decrease, so also should testing.

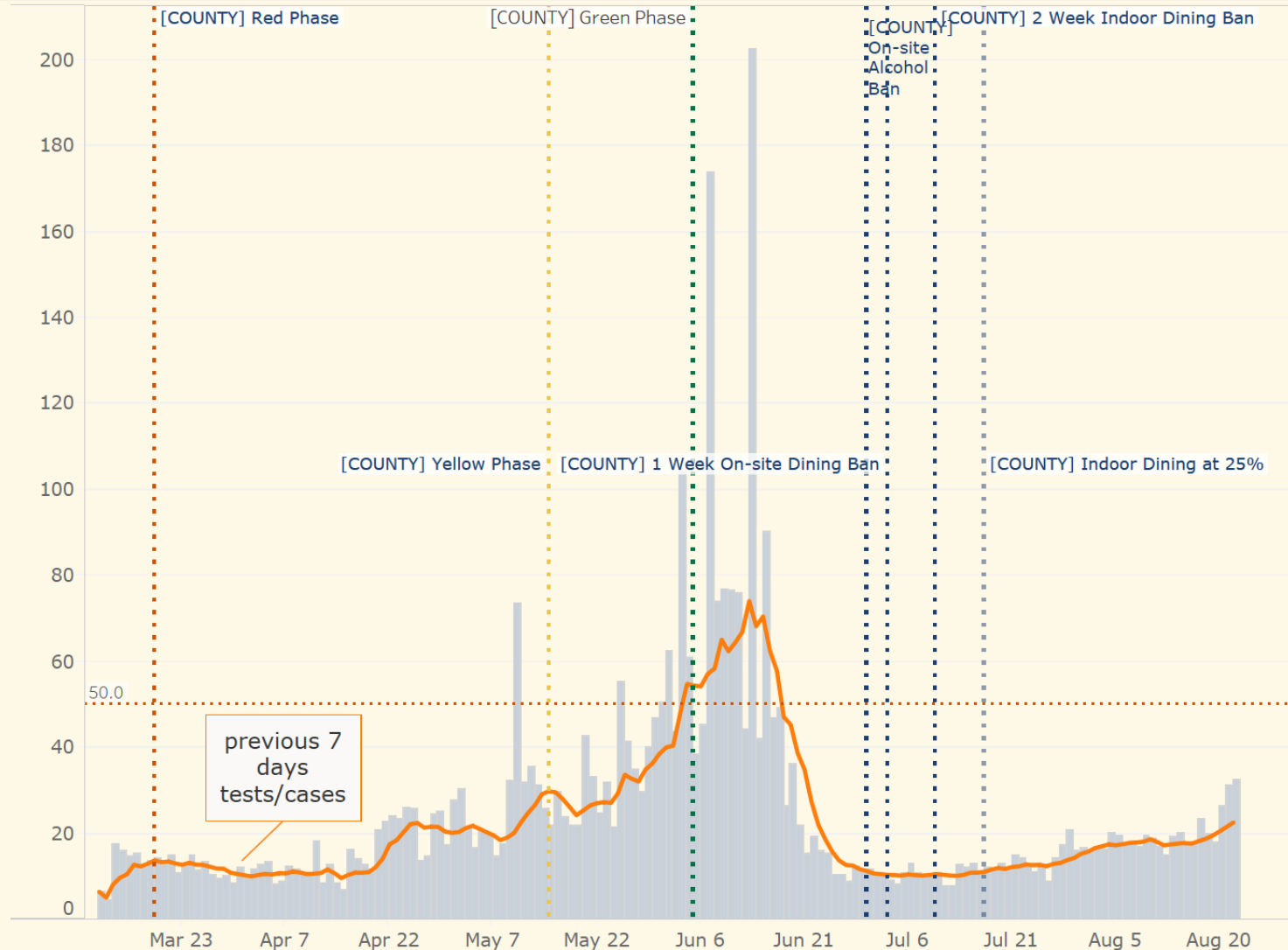
WEEK BEGINNING ON	COUNT OF TESTS/COUNT OF CASES	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET
8/16/2020	22.6	27%	X
8/9/2020	17.9	-1%	X
8/2/2020	18.0	14%	X
7/26/2020	15.8		X

Data Source: PA National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS)

Citation: Washington State Department of Health

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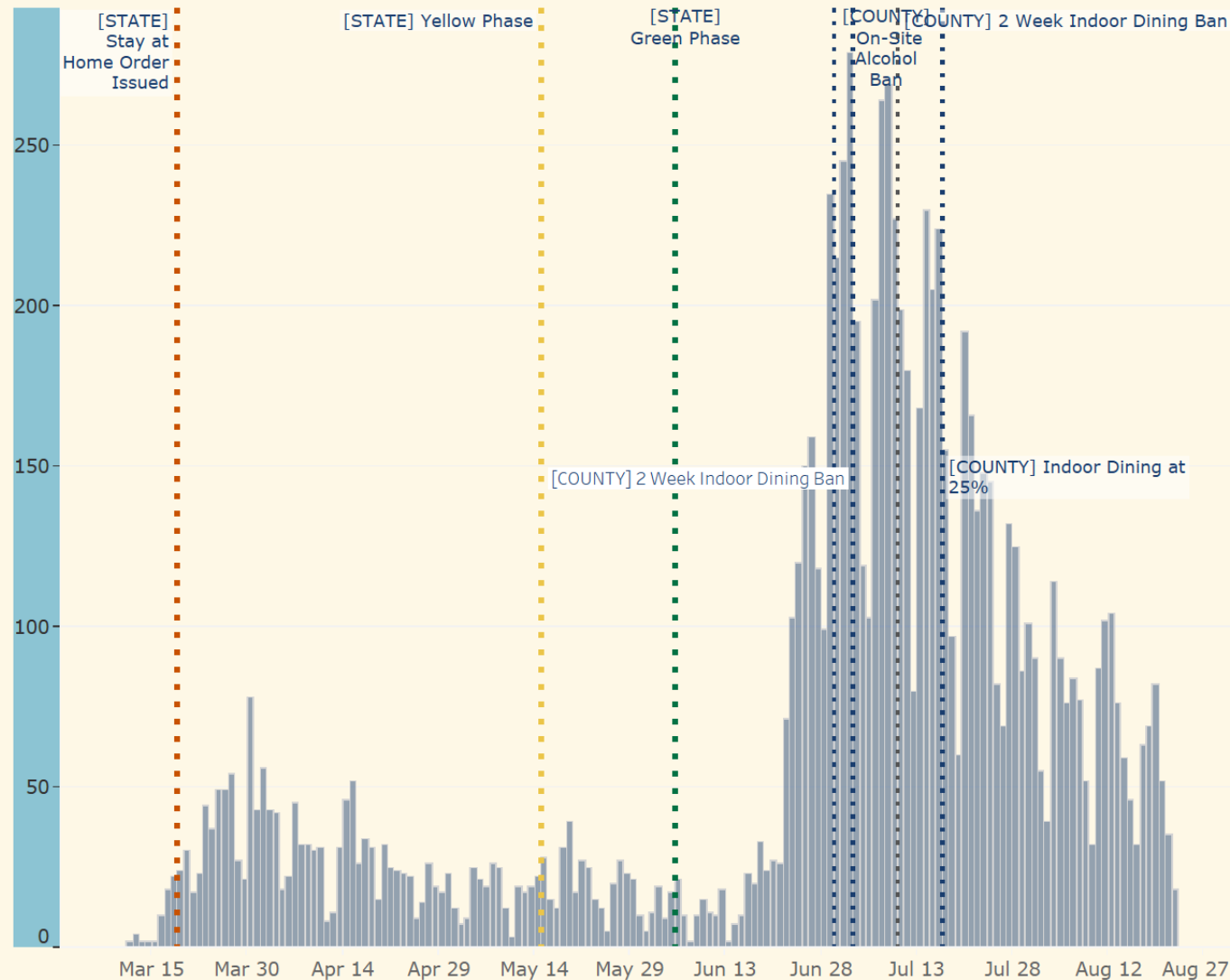
Metric #3: Declining or Low Case Counts

METRIC DEFINITION: The 14 day count of new cases is declining or is consistently low.

A declining or low case counts indicates fewer people are infected and have the ability to spread COVID-19 to others.

WEEK BEGINNING ON	COUNT OF CASES	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	AVERAGE DAILY POSITIVE TEST RATE	METRIC MET
8/16/2020	351	-31%	4.2%	X
8/9/2020	506	-5%	5.3%	X
8/2/2020	532	-19%	5.5%	X
7/26/2020	658		6.7%	X

Data Source: PA National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS)
Citation: National Governors Association
Note: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag in reported cases and tests.
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Metric #4: Case Rate

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METRIC DEFINITION: The 14 day count of new cases per 100,000 residents is below 50.

Similar to a low case count, a low case rate indicates fewer people are infected and have the ability to spread covid-19 to others.

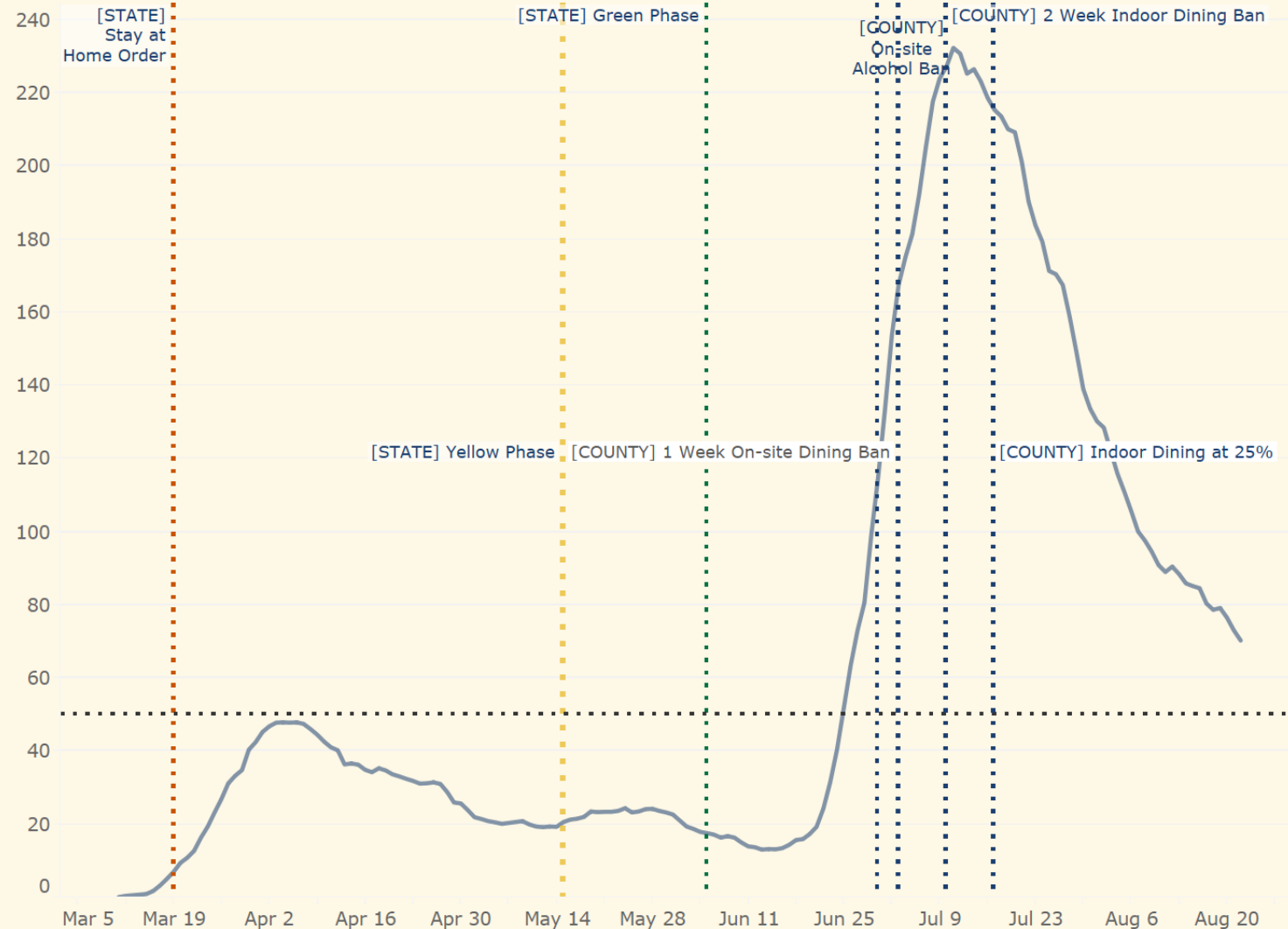
WEEK BEGINNING ON	AVERAGE COUNT OF CASES PER 100,000	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET
8/16/2020	78	-13%	X
8/9/2020	89	-20%	X
8/2/2020	112	-26%	X
7/26/2020	150		X

Data Source: PA National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS), 2018 US Census Bureau population estimates

Citation: State of Pennsylvania (<https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/>)

Note: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag in reported cases and tests.

Data through August 22, 2020 was used for this metric.





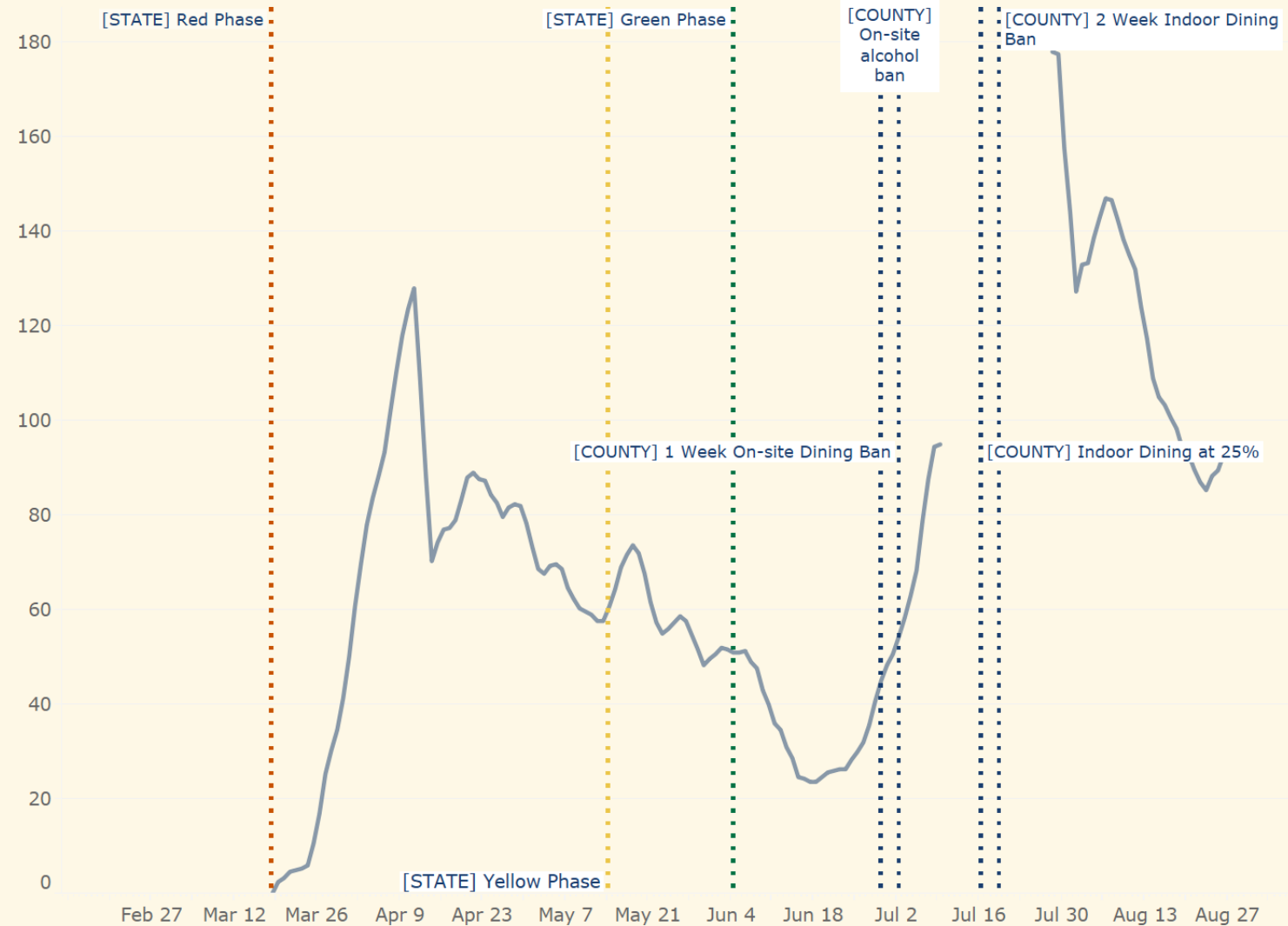
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Metric #5: Decline in Hospitalizations

METRIC DEFINITION: A decline in the three-day rolling average of total net hospitalizations (defined as the total number of people in the hospital on a given day) over the course of a 14-day period.

WEEK BEGINNING ON	AVERAGE WEEKLY NUMBER OF PATIENTS	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET ON LAST DAY OF WEEK
8/28/2020			X
8/21/2020	88	-13%	X
8/7/2020	134		X

Data Source: Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania
<https://public.tableau.com/profile/hap.research#!/vizhome/EE1Region/EE1Region>
Citation: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention





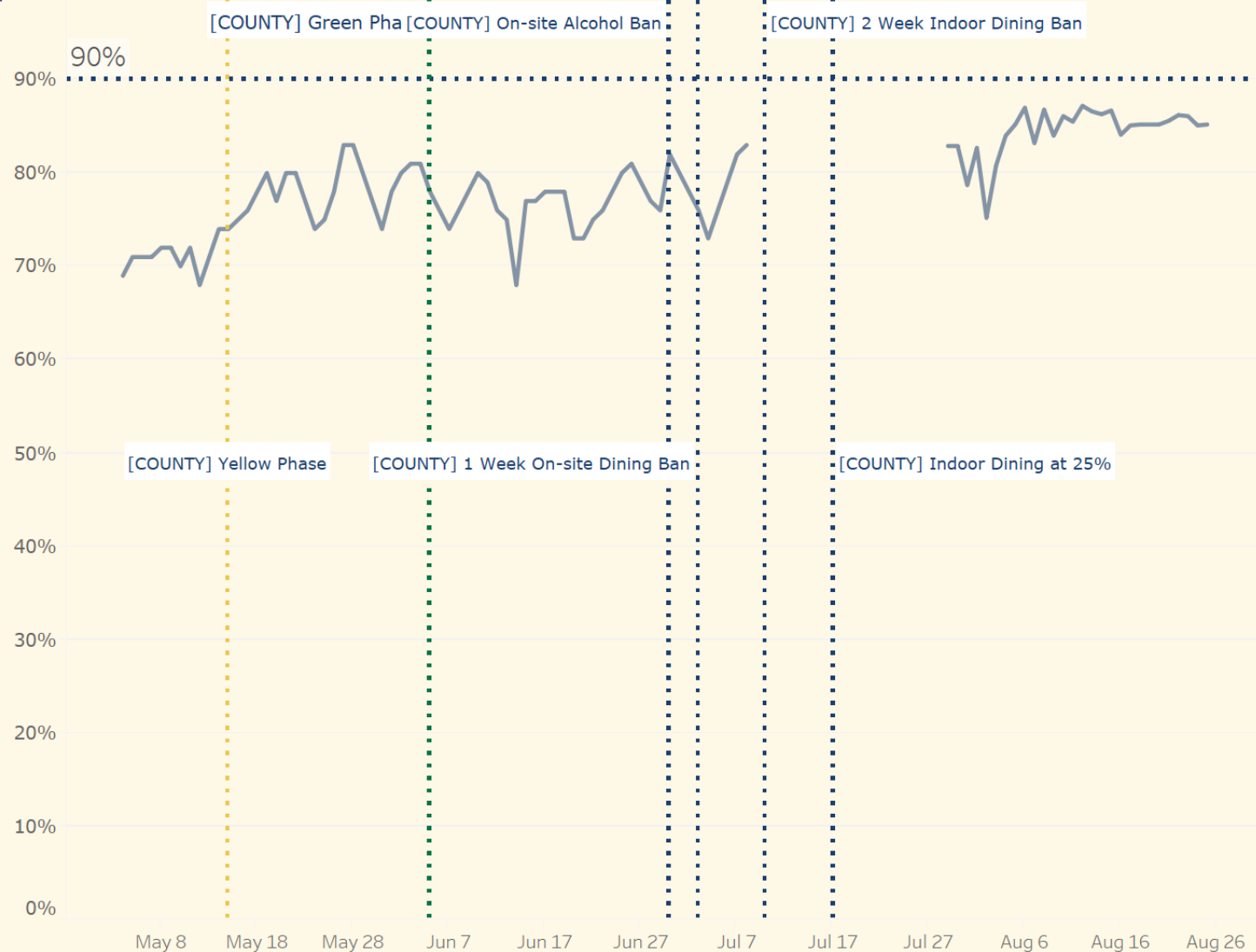
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Metric #6: ICU Bed Usage

METRIC DEFINITION: Percent of ICU beds that are currently occupied is less than 90%

Nearly 30% of hospitalizations for COVID-19 ultimately require critical care. Regional health care systems should both maintain sufficient bed capacity for a potential resurgence in cases and have specific ICU bed capacity.

WEEK BEGINNING ON	AVERAGE WEEKLY ICU USAGE	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET DURING WEEK
8/21/2020	85.6%	0.2%	✓
8/14/2020	85.4%	-0.2%	✓
8/7/2020	85.6%		✓



Data Source: Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania (<https://public.tableau.com/profile/hap.research#!/vizhome/EEIRegion/EEIRegion>)

Citation: State of Pennsylvania (<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/County-Dashboard.aspx>)



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Metric #7: Decline in Deaths

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METRIC DEFINITION: The daily decline in the 3 day rolling average count of deaths

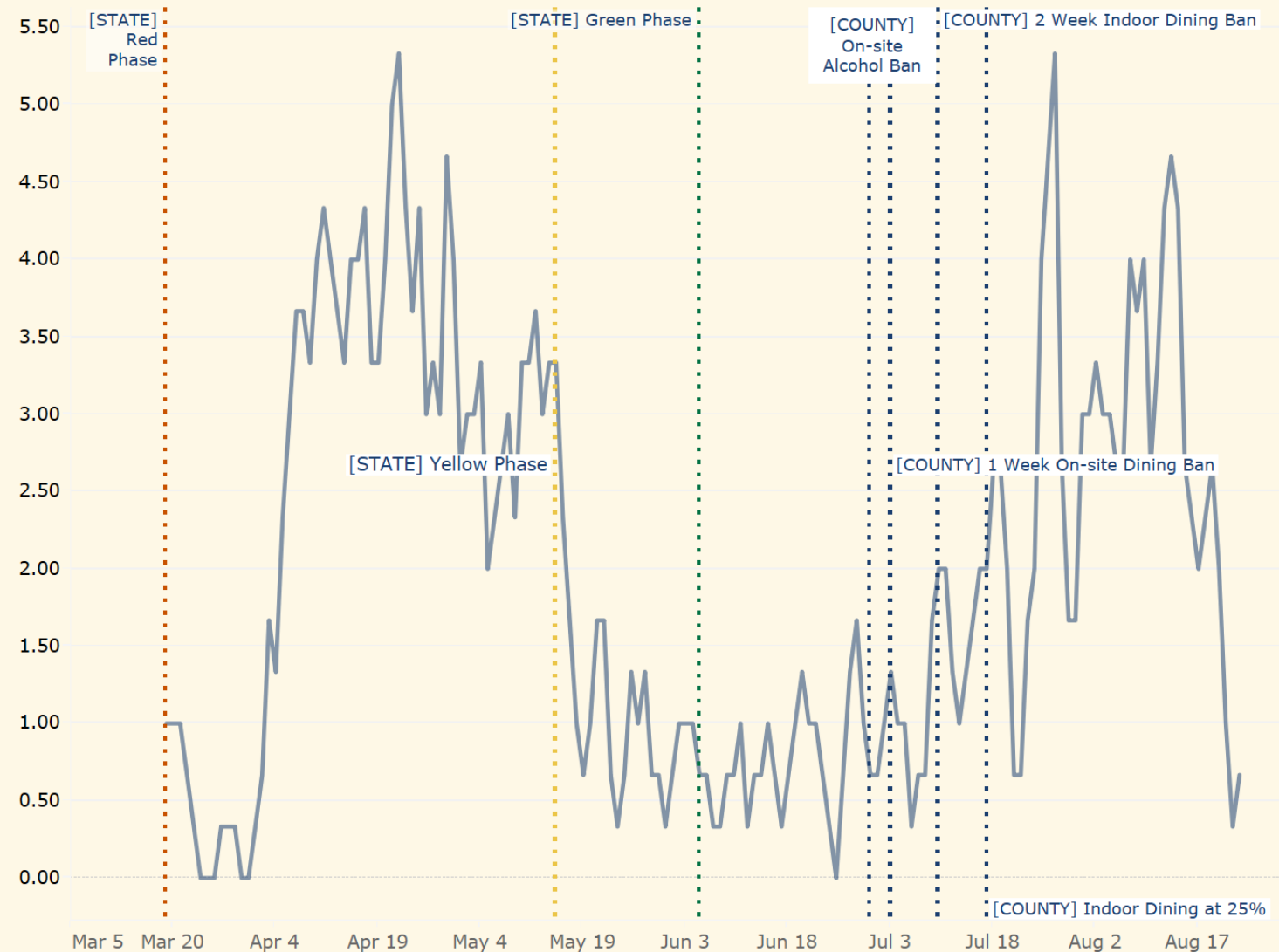
WEEK BEGINNING ON	COUNT OF DEATHS	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET ON LAST DAY OF WEEK
8/16/2020	11	-56%	X
8/9/2020	25	9%	X
8/2/2020	23	21%	X
7/26/2020	19		X

Data Source: Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania
<https://public.tableau.com/profile/hap.research#!/vizhome/EEIRegion/EEIRegion>

Citation: State of Massachusetts

Note: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag in reported cases and tests.

Data through August 22, 2020 was used for this metric.





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Reproduction number of COVID-19 below 1

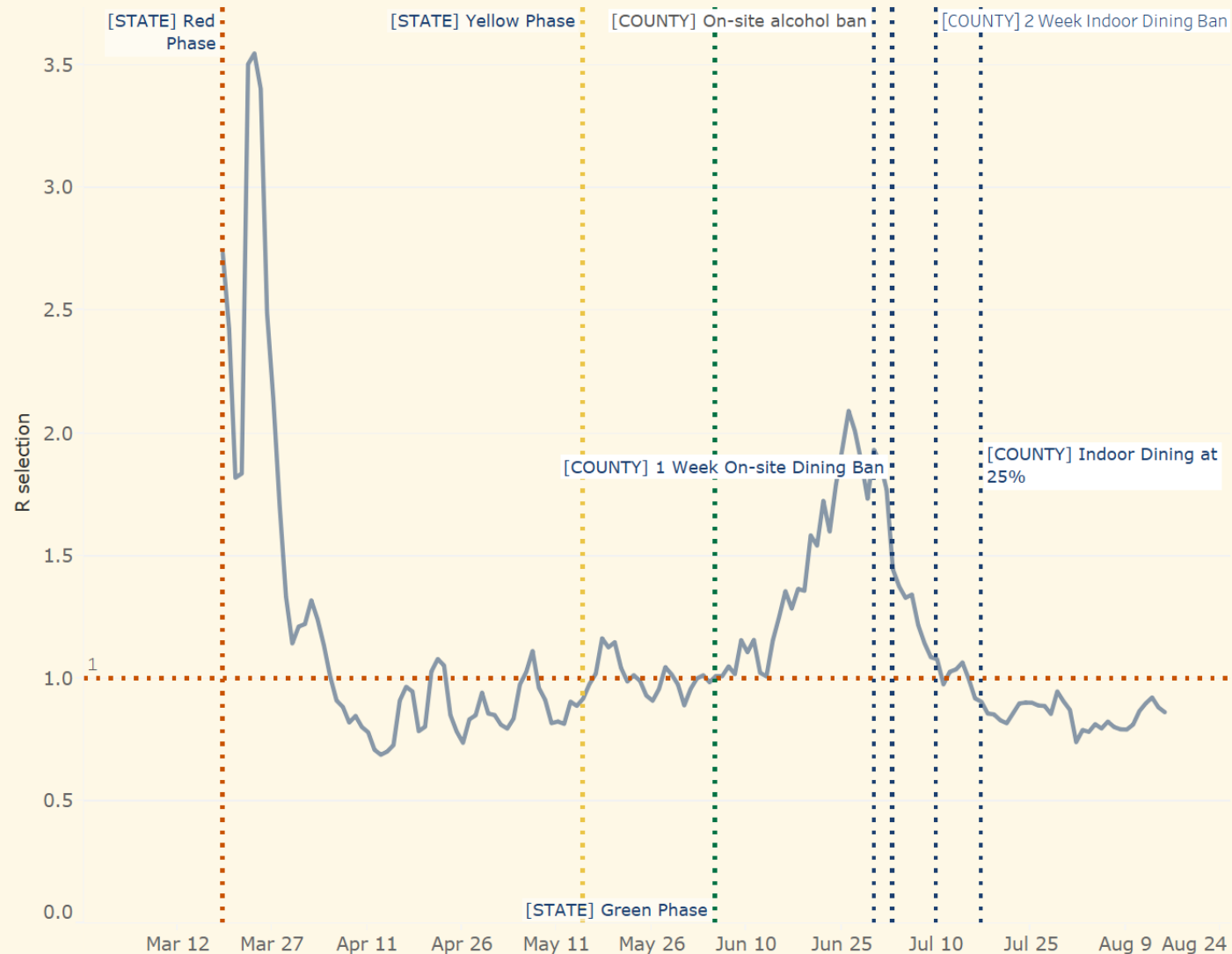
METRIC DEFINITION: R0 is the average number of people who will contract COVID-19 from one person with that disease.

- If R0 is less than 1, each existing infection causes less than one new infection. The disease will decline and eventually die out.
- If R0 equals 1, each existing infection causes one new infection. The disease will stay alive and stable, but there won't be an outbreak or an epidemic.
- If R0 is more than 1, each existing infection causes more than one new infection. The disease will be transmitted between people, and there may be an outbreak or epidemic.

WEEK BEGINNING ON	AVERAGE R0 VALUE DURING WEEK	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET ON LAST DAY OF WEEK
8/9/2020	0.86	8%	✓
8/2/2020	0.80	-8%	✓
7/26/2020	0.87	1%	✓
7/19/2020	0.87		✓

Data Source: Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania
<https://public.tableau.com/profile/hap.research#!/vizhome/EEIRegion/EEIRegion>
Citation: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

R Selection
Average of all



DHS Plan

1. Mitigate **spread of virus** to people most at risk of getting seriously ill
2. Ensure access to **life-saving health and human** services, and deliver them safely
3. Help people facing **increased hardship** because of Covid-sparked economic recession

Goals

The pandemic requires us to examine what services are most important to our clients and how to get those services to them because:

- The virus is not under control and won't be for at least a year (likely longer).
- It affects the very clients DHS serves (the most vulnerable).
- It is increasing the number of people in the County who are moving from relative stability (in employment, housing, social network, behavioral and physical health) to high needs for service.

DHS has determined that our priority goals for FY 20/21 are:

1. Reduce the spread of the virus among populations at highest risk
2. Take extraordinary measures to ensure greater access to health and human services
3. Provide life-saving social services and help address the basic needs of those facing increased hardship because of the COVID-sparked economic recession

This plan describes the **changes** needed to meet these goals.

What We Considered

To determine the best strategies to achieve these goals, we looked at how the virus has already impacted our County and its expected trajectory. We also sought to understand virus-created community and economic needs; we sought ideas for action from providers, staff and community members. With this knowledge, we identified strategies we could quickly put in place.

Virus

What is the likelihood that the virus will continue to spread rapidly and how does it spread? The answers have implications for whether or not we open programs that bring people into close contact and for our efforts to target the people at highest risk of infection and death.

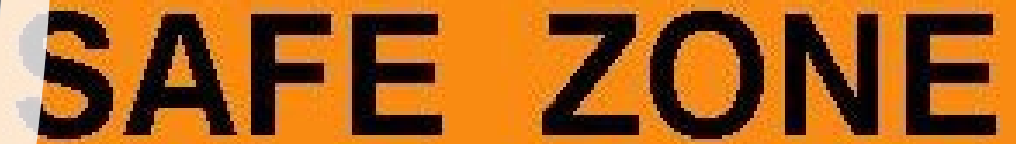


Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Highlights

DHS Action Plan

Quarantine and Isolation \$7M

- Safe Haven Hotel
 - Community Human Services
 - [Click here for referral](#)
- Family Healing Center
 - Auberle
- Teen Healing Center
 - Family Links
 - [Click here for referral](#)



SAFE ZONE

Safety at Congregate Care Facilities \$600,000

- Winter Shelter Opens Nov. 15
- Capacity will be lower than 2019
- Looking for additional location(s)



Basic Needs \$8.6M

- Rental Assistance: \$4.5M
 - [County's CARES Rent Relief](#)
 - [PA CARES Rent Relief Program](#)
- Public Benefit Outreach: \$3.4M
 - 20+ Providers
- Hotlines: \$700K



Cleaning and Hygiene \$5.5M

- ServiceMaster Services for DHS providers
 - [Link to request cleaning](#)
- Sanitation Stations at CYF and OCS facilities
- Masks and PPE distributed to clients
 - [PPE Request Form](#)
- Support for in-person Out of School Time (OST) services



Bridging the Digital Divide

\$1.8M

- Connectivity
 - At public facilities and in home
 - Survey favored in home
- Devices
 - [Laptop Request Form](#)
- Virtual Out of School Time Programming



Health of the
Network
\$1.8M



Outreach to Black and Latinx Led Organizations

- **The Department of Human Services is exploring a collaboration to meet the needs of Black and Latinx-led and serving organizations and those serving immigrant communities and LGBTQIA populations in Allegheny County that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Draft Priorities of the Collaboration

- Helping people meet basic needs
 - Linkages to benefits, food, shelter, rental assistance, mental health/wellness support, assistance with childcare, educational support for parents of school-aged children and supports for seniors and their caregivers.
- Supporting costs for food delivery to vulnerable populations
- Providing Personal Protective Equipment and helping individuals access testing.
- Reducing the spread of the virus
- by getting tailored health and safety messages to the community
 - by translating messaging as needed
- Reducing the impacts of social isolation by supporting safe community activities

Support for Food Insecurity and Childcare Agencies

Those seeking help dealing with the Coronavirus crisis call 898-211, or visit pa211sw.org.

A United Way resource navigator can help connect you to local resources. Sign up to receive up-to-date information via text at 898-211.

NEED HELP? YOU CAN GIVE TO THE

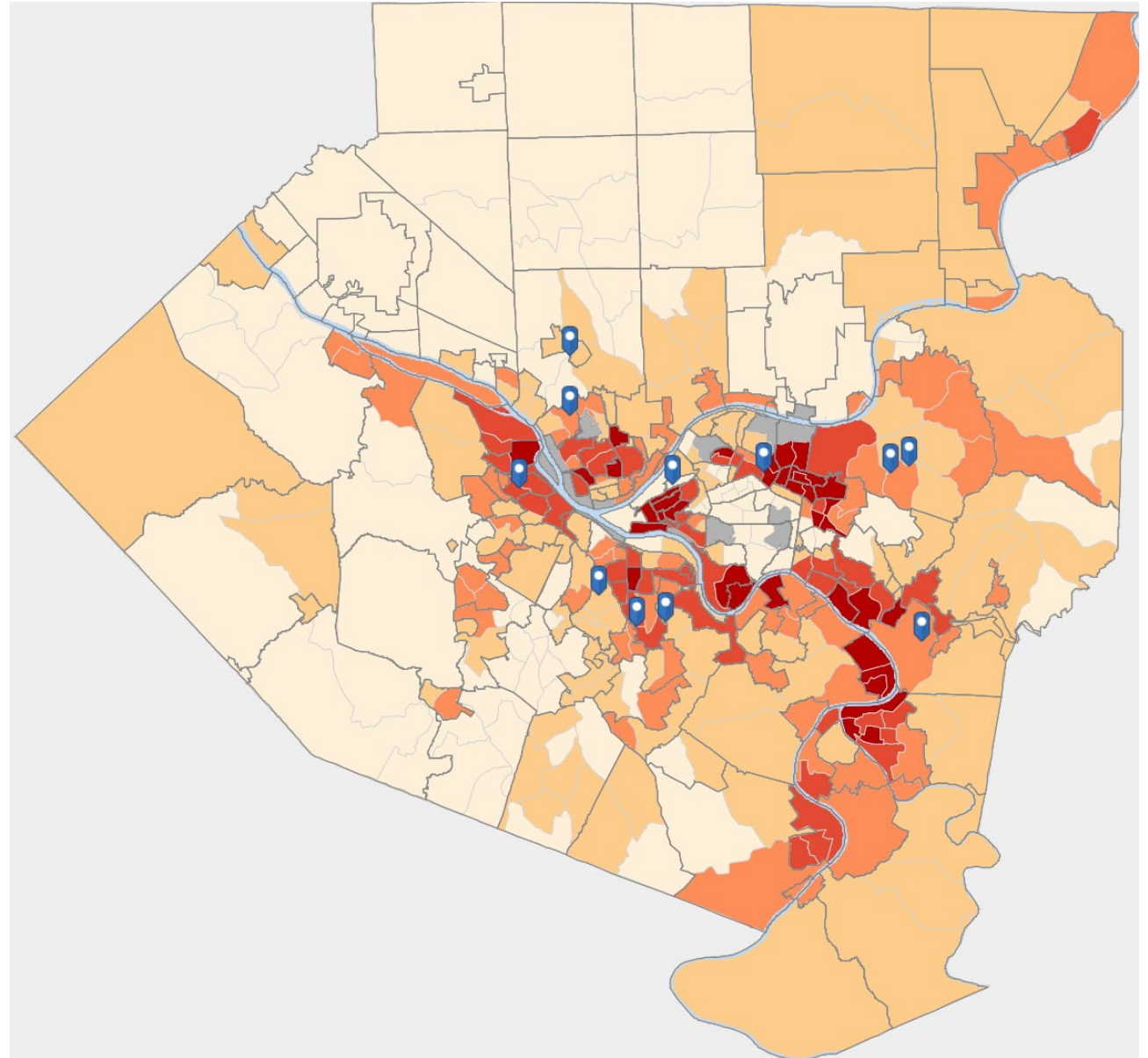
Buying Together

A complex network diagram with various sized nodes (black, blue, grey) and connecting lines, overlaid on a background of faint, larger-scale network patterns.

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: UPDATES

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC WI-FI

- CYF Mon Valley Regional Office is planned to go live within the next few weeks
- 5 Additional Sites confirmed
 - DHS CYF offices (10 Duff Rd- Permanency & East Regional Office/Intake/Training)
 - Provider offices (DBA Main Office- Custer Ave & Gristmill Office)
 - Family Support Centers (Kingsley Association)
- 7 City Locations being discussed
 - Senior Centers
 - City Parks/Pools
 - City Recreation Centers



DEVICE REQUESTS

- DHS has Distributed 780 laptops to date
- DHS continues to receive requests for devices
 - Effective today—New link for device requests (link provided on next slide)
 - We are currently out of stock on laptops, waiting to replenish inventory to continue fulfilling requests



LAUNCHING TODAY! - INTERNET ACCESS REQUESTS!

- We heard you! Live Poll results from a previous provider call indicated in-home internet as the ideal option for vulnerable clients.
- Paired with the device request link; DHS Staff & Providers can submit a request for a device &/OR internet on behalf of clients in need
- Available options include a mobile hotspot or in-home internet
- Link below:

[DHS Device Request Form](#)



Allegheny County Community Learning Hubs



- Several community-based out-of-school time and childcare providers will be serving as Community Learning Hubs this fall
- DHS, United Way, and Trying Together are providing funding to ensure access for vulnerable families
- Hubs will be places for children to engage in virtual learning and participate in enrichment activities
- Locations will be shared next week
- Priority for FREE programming for children who are:
 - In grades K-5 (with space for middle school too)
 - Low income
 - Engaged with child welfare
 - Engaged in homeless system
 - Are referred by school counselor or social worker
- Initial funding will provide capacity for ~1000 children, demand will be closely monitored



Allegheny County Community Learning Hubs

Safe places for kids to go to do schoolwork and participate in enrichment activities during COVID-19.

Why a learning hub?

Learning hubs are a great option for parents who need childcare when in-person school is not in session. Learning hub staff will help facilitate the virtual curriculum from your child's school district in the morning and conduct fun activities with them in the afternoon.

What is a day like at a learning hub?

Most learning hubs are open all day on weekdays (check with the hub you are interested in for exact times). Free Wi-Fi is available, but your child should bring their own technology device (laptop computer, tablet, phone). Each child will get headphones for online work.

Staff will help children in the following ways:

- Help children get online each morning and keep them motivated to engage virtually
- Troubleshoot throughout the day and check in with children on completion of assignments
- Facilitate connections to teacher office hours and other instructional supports
- Be attentive to your child's social and emotional needs

We are committed to the safety of your children and the staff who care for them.

Each learning hub must adhere to the COVID-19 health and safety guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Allegheny County. The following health and safety precautions have been put into place:

- Daily screening including temperature and symptom checks for children and staff

- Children will be grouped in pods of 10 or fewer and will spend the entire day with that pod
- Adequate spaces, desk and chairs are available to maintain physical distancing
- Children must wear their own mask at all times, except when eating or drinking

Locations

There are more than [50 learning hubs in Allegheny County](#). Most locations are open Monday through Friday during normal school hours. Contact a hub near you to enroll and to find out more.

Eligibility

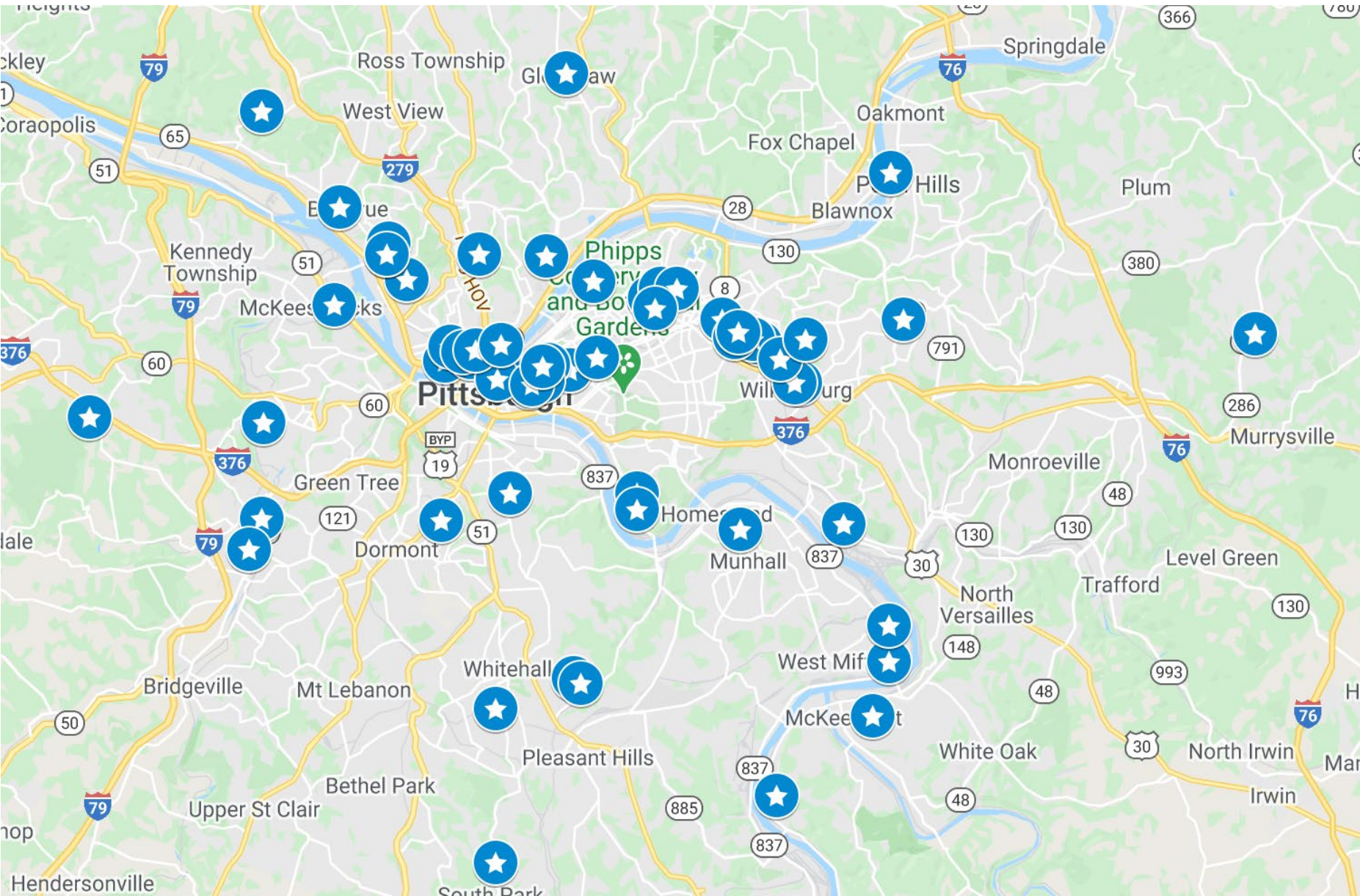
Every learning hub has free spots available for low-income families, with priority for families experiencing homelessness, families involved in child welfare or other human services and children of essential workers. Some learning hub locations offer flexibility with payment including private pay, subsidies and free options. Please contact a specific location for more information.

More support for families

- Allegheny County childcare providers can accept the childcare subsidy for full-day care for school age children. Call the [Early Learning Resource Center](#) at 1-888-340-3572 or [send the ELRC a message](#) to get more information.
- [Virtual Tutoring](#) through Gwen's Girls for ALL k-12 students attending school in Allegheny County. Hours: 9am-6pm. Individual and Group learning sessions available. Register online or by calling 412-904-4239.
- The Pittsburgh Learning Collaborative 24/7 hotline helps parents with any questions they may have about their child's education. The number for Spanish speakers is 412-335-7446. For English and all other languages, the number is 412-256-8536. The hotline will operate through September 30, 2020.

https://dhstraumaresourcelibrary.alleghenycounty.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Community_Hubs_082720.pdf

Community Learning Hub Locations



• <https://tinyurl.com/communitylearninghubs>

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Food Distributions

August 29

Wilkinsburg

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution WHEN: Saturday, August 29 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) WHERE: Enter at 333 Lincoln Highway (Intersection of N Trenton and Penn Ave), Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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August 31

Duquesne

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution WHEN: Monday, August 31 (12 p.m. - 2 p.m.) WHERE: Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank; 1 N Linden Street, Duquesne, PA 15110

[MAKE A RESERVATION](#)

September 4



WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution WHEN: Friday, September 4, 2020 (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) WHERE: PPG Paints Arena Parking Lots; 1001 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

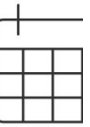
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FARMERS TO FAMILIES Food Distribution

Fresh produce & dairy boxes for anyone in need

Thursday, August 29, 11am - 1pm

Drive-up or walk-up, no-contact pickup



Edgewood Town Centre
1763 South Braddock Avenue
Swissvale, PA 15218



Edgewood VFD
Edgewood Police
Swissvale Police



LOW BARRIER SHELTER

History

2017: Allegheny County Strategy to Prevent and End Homelessness

2017: Low Barrier Shelter RFP released

2018-2019: Planning & efforts to identify location

2020: Pittsburgh Cares Partnership

Needs being addressed:

- Need for more affordable housing.
- Need for more shelter beds.
- Need for more low barrier shelter beds.
- Need for shelter beds with 24/7 access.
- Need for permanent winter shelter location.

NEW LOW BARRIER SHELTER

- ❑ Client services for shelter, drop-in and single-room occupancy populations.
- ❑ Drop-in Center with personal hygiene facilities, laundry, snacks and client services for individuals experiencing homelessness, but who are not necessarily staying at the facility.
- ❑ 95 beds with room for 42 overflow beds in group sleeping rooms with dedicated personal hygiene facilities, living room and locker storage.
- ❑ Mail services.
- ❑ 42 single-room occupancy units to facilitate transition to independent housing.

EXTERIOR | IMAGE AND CHARACTER



WINTER SHELTER

- ❑ Opening November 15
- ❑ Site #1 located at Smithfield United Church of Christ, operated by Mercy/Operation Safety Net
- ❑ Site #2 in development

DHS & PARTNER4WORK CAREER SERVICES EXPANSION: PANDEMIC WORKFORCE NETWORK

Proposals due: September 4

DHS & Partner4Work are making career services more accessible to assist job seekers who have become unemployed or underemployed due to the coronavirus pandemic to.

Looking for organizations that are willing to host a CareerLink Career Navigator. Ideal partners will provide direct services to residents of East Liberty, Homewood, North Side, Hill District, West End, and Arlington in the City and residents of Allegheny County outside of the City.

Funded partners will host Career Navigator at their location at least one day per week and will actively recruit at least 10 jobseekers per week for referral to the Career Navigator. Respondents should have a considerable outreach structure in place to be able to ensure that a steady stream of job seekers are available to enroll in programming with the Career Navigators. Once on site, Career Navigators will connect job seekers with soft skills training, workshops on resume writing and interviewing techniques, occupational skills training funding, and job search assistance.

Funding will be provided to cover costs related to hosting Career Navigators, including space and social media and other outreach to ensure client referrals. In the event of government-mandated restrictions concerning the delivery of in-person services, Career Navigators will continue to provide career services to organizations' clients remotely.

For more info: https://www.partner4work.org/uploads/career-services-expansion-rfp_update.pdf

HOMELESSNESS PROVIDER NETWORK CALLS

Every other Tuesday at 9:30 AM

- Next call is September 15th.

Topic: Peer Support & psych rehab services - WPH

All homelessness service providers invited and encouraged to participate

Call in information:

Phone number: 1-267-368-7515

Conference ID #: 883 836 652

There will be no call on September 1

Ask a Navigator! Office Hours

Every Tuesday from 10:30-11:00AM

- +1 267-368-7515 United States, Philadelphia (Toll)
- Conference ID: 947 434 365#

OMHSAS UPDATES AND REVISIONS MORE TO COME...

Regulatory waiver for Signatures

Signature requirements, including signed daily notes, signatures for service plans/treatment plans and written consent, and encounter forms are suspended although providers are strongly encouraged to obtain them electronically when possible. Verbal consent must be documented.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/coronavirus/Pages/OMHSAS-Temporary-Suspension-Specified-Regulatory-Requirements.aspx>

Certified Recovery Specialist

DDAP indicated training is in person and there is no online training

Certified Recovery Specialist and Peer Support Specialist

OMHSAS has reached out to the PA certification Board and a meeting is being scheduled, no timeframe on how long this will be

Face Masking Guidance

Staff in facilities can wear face shields ONLY if there is documentation in the personnel file that an individual cannot wear a face mask

Screening-10 minutes of close contact will be changed to 15 minutes

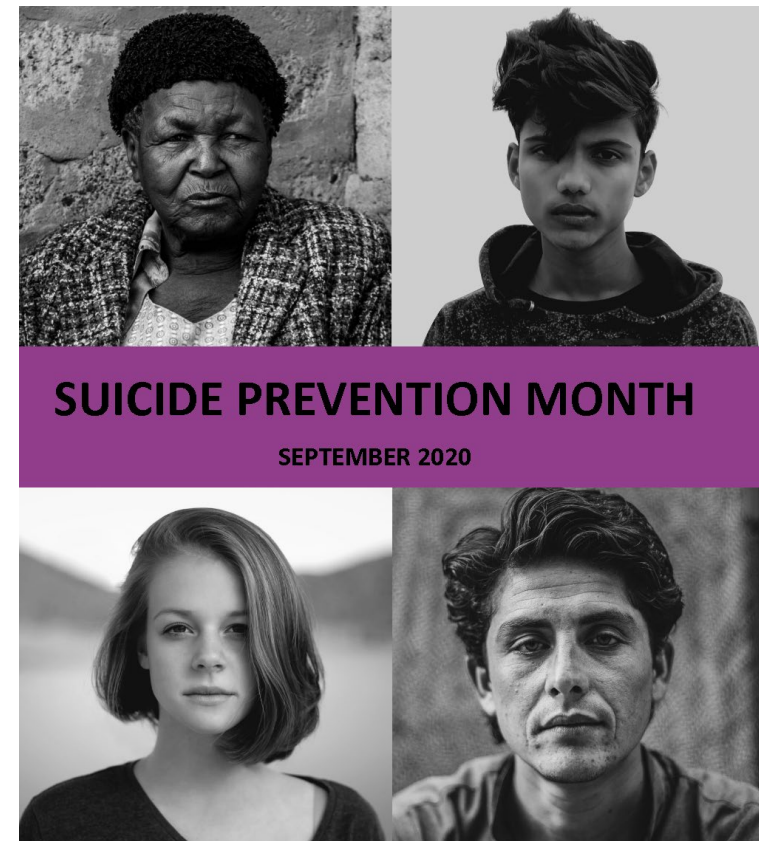
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Addressing the backlog, 3 priority programs are IBHS, Inpatient, and Residential

Suicide Prevention Month, September: Resources

This [resource guide](#) provides examples of activities that you can implement in your community to raise awareness of the importance of suicide prevention. This includes ideas for training, social media posts, virtual backgrounds, and more.

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5th Annual Pittsburgh Recovery Walk – September 19th

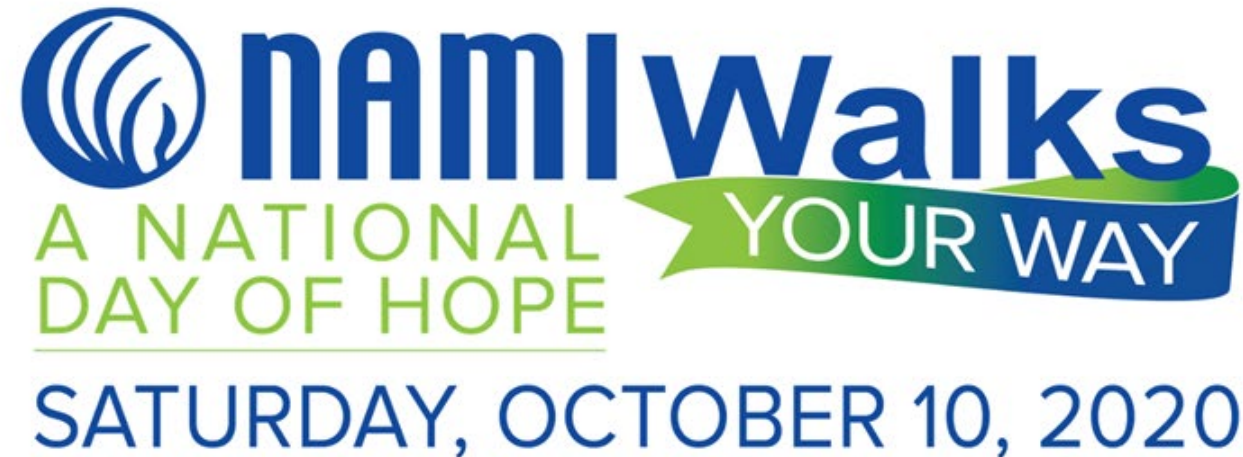
To ensure safety, this year's walk will be semi-virtual

- Register in advance to receive a t-shirt in the mail
- Walk anywhere on or before September 19 – wearing your Recovery Walk t-shirt
- Tag your photos and videos with #MyRoadPGH
- Tune in to our livestream on the evening of September 19 for photos and videos from the morning's walk, inspiring recovery speakers, our annual recovery award ceremony, and more!
- Register Here: <https://pghrecoverywalk.org/>

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NAMI Walks: October 10th, 2020



virtual walk benefiting

NAMI KEYSTONE PA

Visit: <https://www.namikeystonepa.org/nami-events/namiwalks/>

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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.

