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DHS Provider Briefings

Thursday 2/11/21

Briefings occur weekly, on Thursdays, at 4:30 PM



Agenda

- Announcements
- 211 Vaccine Calls, Julie DeSeyn, United Way of Southwestern PA
- Update on Employment Resources, Andy Smith Partner4Work, Julie DeSeyn-UWSPA



FOOD RESOURCES



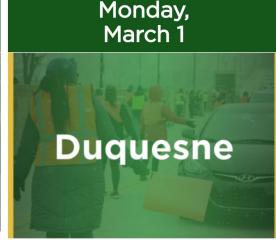
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. McKeesport Area High School 1960 Eden Park Blvd., McKeesport, PA 15132

MAKE A RESERVATION



10 a.m. – 12 p.m. East End Behavioral Health Hospital 225 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

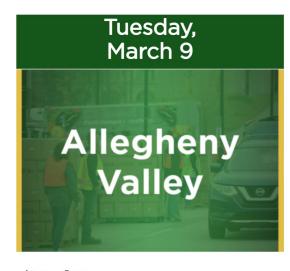
MAKE A RESERVATION



3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
1 N Linden Street, Duquesne, PA 15110

MAKE A RESERVATION



4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh Mills Galleria
590 Pittsburgh Mills Blvd., Tarentum, PA 15084

MAKE A RESERVATION

Make Reservations Here!

<u>Drive-Up Food Distributions - Greater Pittsburgh</u> <u>Community Food Bank (pittsburghfoodbank.org)</u>

The Food Bank's network of food pantries is ready and able to serve you! Connecting with a pantry in your area means consistent access to food.

QUICK POLL - It's time for a PPE "Temperature Check"



We'd love to hear your current views on availability of PPE and protective supplies!

This will help us determine the need to continue our partnership with Global Links to provide critical supplies to our Provider Network.

CLICK THIS LINK IN THE CHAT:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ej0n4MvksU6fcIu6FvuWjUkxQI749jdHphHNKdg0q-tUOTFDME9HVkFSOEINQzkxWjJBOTZUOUw0Ri4u

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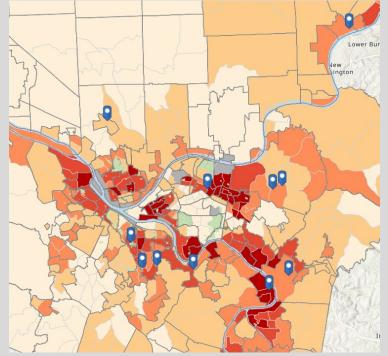
FIND THESE AND MORE AT: WIFI.ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US

CYF Mon Valley Regional Office	355 Lincoln Hwy, Suite 500 — Entire Lot	Entire Plaza Lot
CYF Permanency Office	10 Duff Rd, Penn Hills, PA	Entire Lot
CYF East Regional Office/Intake	10700 Frankstown Rd, Pittsburgh, PA	Rear Lot
DHS Gristmill Office	101 Bellevue Rd, Pittsburgh, PA	Upper-Left Lot
Donnelly-Boland HQ	2801 Custer Ave, Pittsburgh, PA	Street and Church Lot
Kingsley Family Center	6435 Frankstown Ave, Pittsburgh, PA	Front Lot
Highlands Family Center	415 E 4th Ave #6, Tarentum, PA,	Entire Lot & Courtyard
Duquesne Family Center	1 Library Pl. Duquesne, PA	Entire Lot & Surrounding Streets
DES Main Office	600 Mifflin Rd, Hays, PA	Rear Lot
Phillips Rec Center	201 Parkfield St, Pittsburgh, PA	Upper Lot & Lower Picnic Area
**Mckinley Rec Center	900 Delmont Ave, Pittsburgh, PA	Parking Lot & Playground Area

We are looking to add two more locations to our Public Wi-Fi Family! If you have suggestions on a provider location email us at dhs-covid19supplies@alleghenycounty.us

Look for these signs!





NOW OPEN FOR DEVICE REQUESTS!

The Digital Divide Device Program has re-opened!

We are in the process of placing new orders for laptops and mobile hot spots.

Previously submitted eligible requests will be filled as supply comes available. We welcome the submission of new requests for clients in need.

The link to submit new requests can be found below:

DHS Device Request Form

We would like to hear from you! If you have any feedback on your experience with the program or devices let us know. Email us at

dhs-covid 19 supplies@alleghenycounty.us





Allegheny County

Through 2/10/2021:

- 75,819 have received only one shot and 33,126 have been fully vaccinated
 - About 9% of Allegheny County's population has received at least one shot

https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Vaccine.aspx

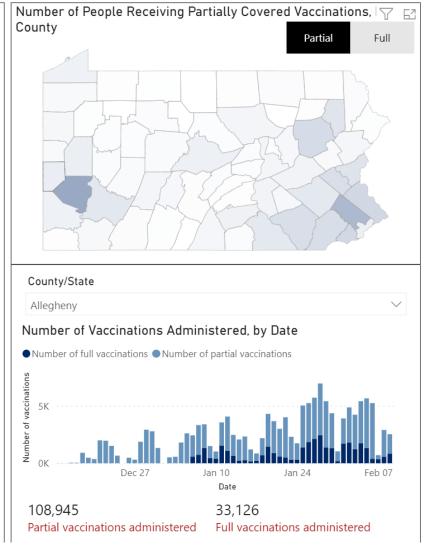




COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

Updated on 2/10/2021

Number of Pe		
County	Partially Covered	Fully Covered
Adams	3,980	1,419
Allegheny	75,819	33,126
Armstrong	4,272	1,408
Beaver	6,414	1,834
Bedford	2,262	680
Berks	20,359	10,177
Blair	6,964	3,362
Bradford	3,280	1,393
Bucks	34,740	12,793
Butler	14,982	5,208
Cambria	8,565	4,316
Cameron	611	138
Carbon	5,030	2,005
Centre	13,697	3,102
Chester	29,382	9,258
Clarion	3,027	942
Clearfield	4,763	2,878
Clinton	3,041	635
Columbia	6,805	3,020
Crawford	5,955	4,574
Cumberland	12,484	4,400
Dauphin	10,596	4,923
Delaware Total	34 166 767,164	12 217 317,338





Ask a Doctor: Q&A with Dr. Rhonda Johnson about COVID-19 Vaccines

Tuesday, February 16, 4-5pm

- We know there's a lot of vaccine information out there, and we want to make sure provider staff have sound, medical information to inform their decisionmaking when the vaccine is available to them. To that end, Dr. Johnson will be available to answer staff's questions about the COVID-19 vaccines using her expertise as a medical professional.
- Please register for the session here:
 https://alleghenycounty.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_50
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- The registration link is also on the DHS Provider website under "Vaccination Information and Guidance."

PA State Metrics

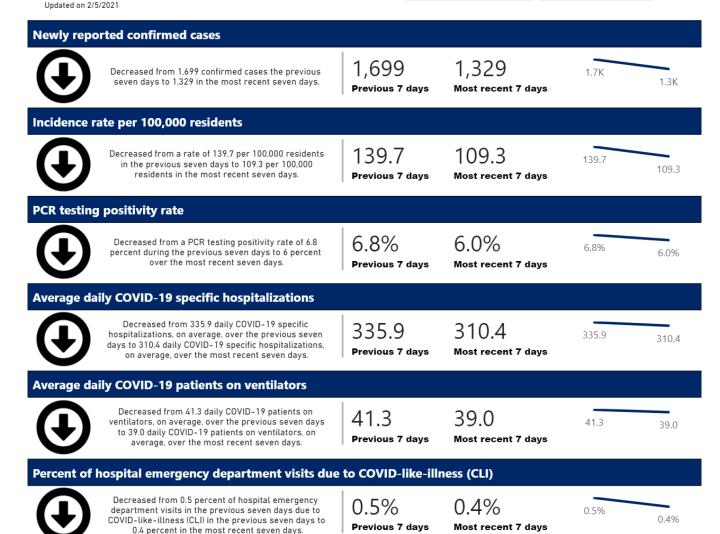
 Compares this week (January 29th – February 4th) to previous week (January 22nd to January 28th). Data is updated every Friday.

	% change from last week to this week
Newly reported cases	-22%
Incidence rate per 100,000	-22%
Positivity rate	-12%
Ave. daily hospitalizations	-8%
Ave. daily patients on	
ventilators	-6%
% ED visits due to CLI	-20%



COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard

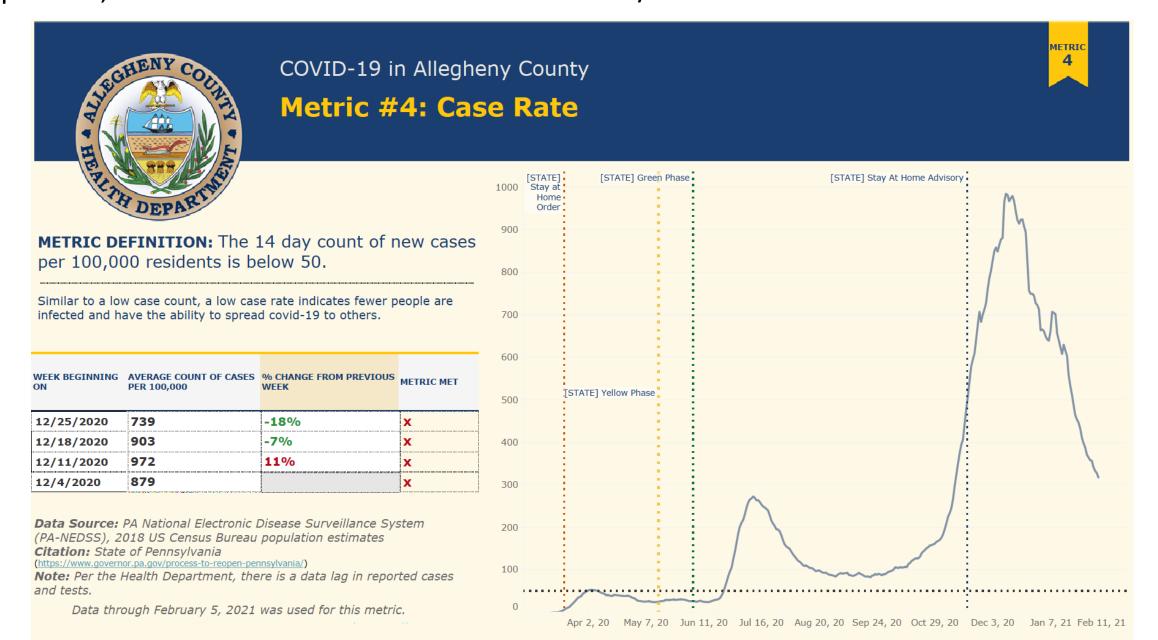




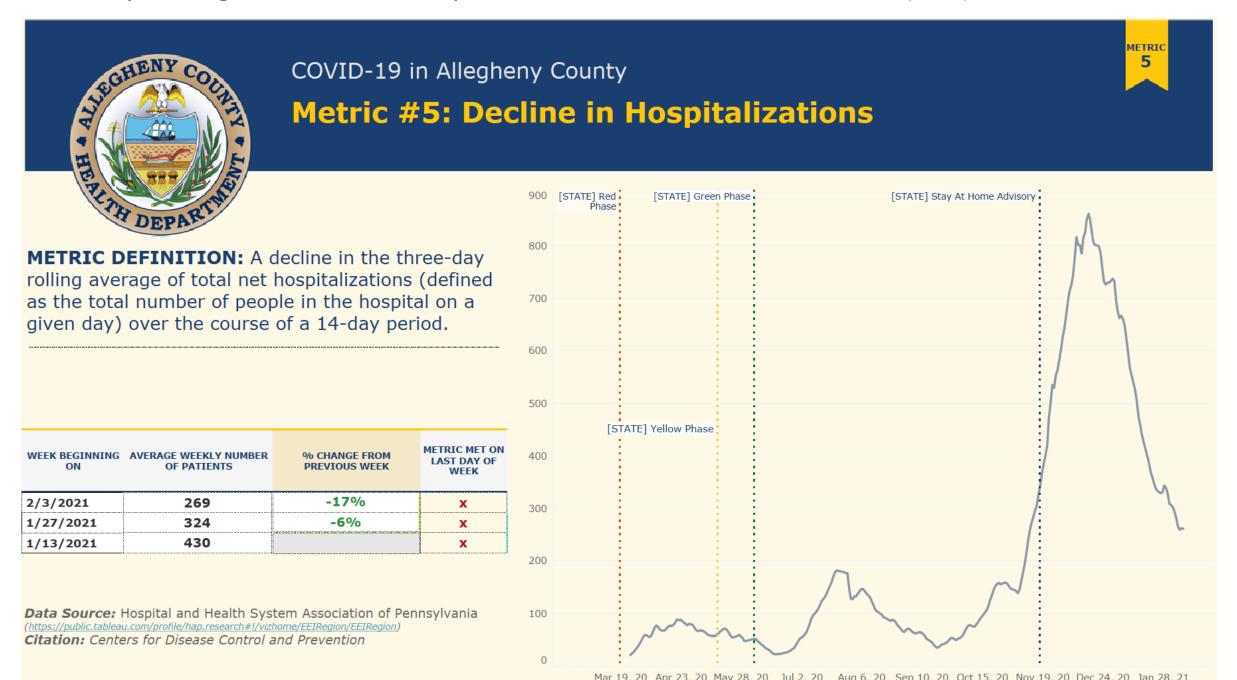
PA state's early warning system dashboard

(https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx).

The case rate per 100,000 residents has fallen since 12/15. On 2/4, there was a case rate of 328 cases per 100,000. This is the lowest case rate since 11/11.



The 3-day average of total net hospitalizations has fallen since 12/17 (859). It was 262 on 2/9.



Policy & Legislative Update - State

- Gov. Wolf's 2021-2022 proposed budget will undergo hearings in the General Assembly (GA) from Feb 16th through the middle of April as the GA works to finalize a budget by the end of June.
- On SNAP benefits, PA DHS announced the implementation of the temporary federal <u>15% benefit increase</u> and <u>expanded eligibility for</u> college students.
 - Beginning in February 2021, SNAP benefits will be temporarily increased by 15%.
 Increase is effective Jan 1 through June 30, 2021. For January benefits, there will be a one-time issuance of the additional benefit.
 - College Student Eligibility: students who are eligible for a state or federal work study program, regardless of participation, or students who have an estimated family contribution of \$0 on their federal student aid determination are now eligible. This flexibility ends 30 days after the public health emergency ends.
 - Parents' incomes are still factored into determining if college students qualify for SNAP for those students under the age of 22 who live at home with their parents.

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Policy & Legislative Update - State & Local

- Pennie, PA's health insurance exchange, will hold an additional open enrollment period from Feb 15th through March 15th.
 - Pennie encourages anyone who has found themself recently uninsured and seeking coverage, and potentially financial assistance, to go to pennie.com or to call Pennie customer care at 844-844-8040.
 - Pennie is able to connect eligible applicants to Medicaid or CHIP.
 - As a reminder, anyone who experiences a qualifying life event is eligible to enroll in a plan through Pennie *throughout* the year.

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Active Solicitations

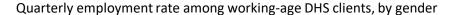
RFQ for Forensic Psychological and/or Psychiatric Evaluators

- Next deadline March 1
- Ongoing solicitation; deadlines March 1 and September 1 each year

CCBH/DHS RFP for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility

- Proposals due April 1
- Proposals submitted through CCBH, not DHS, but can find RFP on our Solicitations page

<u>Link</u> to DHS Solicitations





Source: Calculations using data from PA unemployment insurance records and DHS records

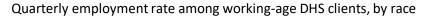
- Women involved in DHS services have a 3 to 5 percentage point higher employment rate than men throughout this time frame (July 2019-September 2020)
- Women had an 8 percentage point decrease in employment from Q1 to Q2 2020; men had a 6 percentage point decrease.
- Overall, employment rates are low for all DHS clients.
- 49% (N=40,647) of the sample were women and 51% (N=42,238) were men

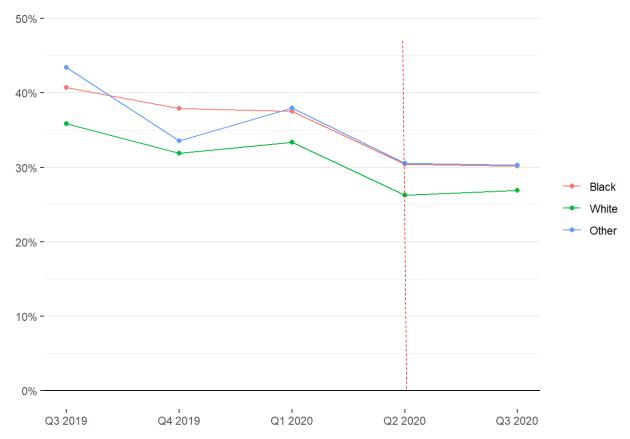
Note: Data only includes people in the formal workforce

Population included:

- DHS clients active in any of the following areas (Aging, CYF child, CYF parent, family centers, homeless services, independent living, intellectual disabilities, MATP, mental health, peer mentoring, self sufficiency program, and substance use disorder) July 1, 2019 –September 30, 2020
- Limited to clients ages 18 to 64
- N=82,899

Male

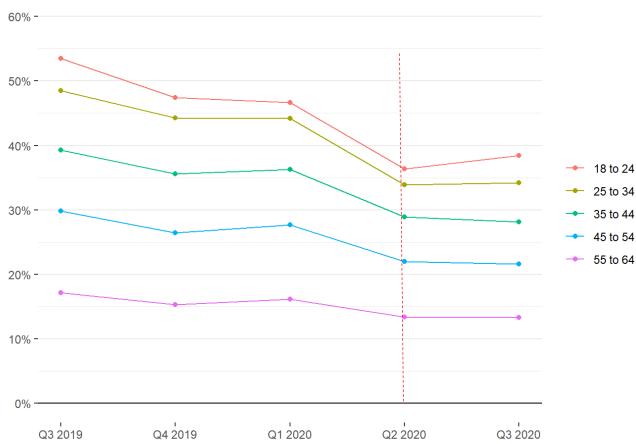




- Black and White clients both had a 7 percentage point decrease in employment from Q1 to Q2 2020
- 60% (N-49,578) of the sample were White, 35% (28,902) were Black and 2% (1,948) identified as another race.

Source: Calculations using data from PA unemployment insurance records and DHS records

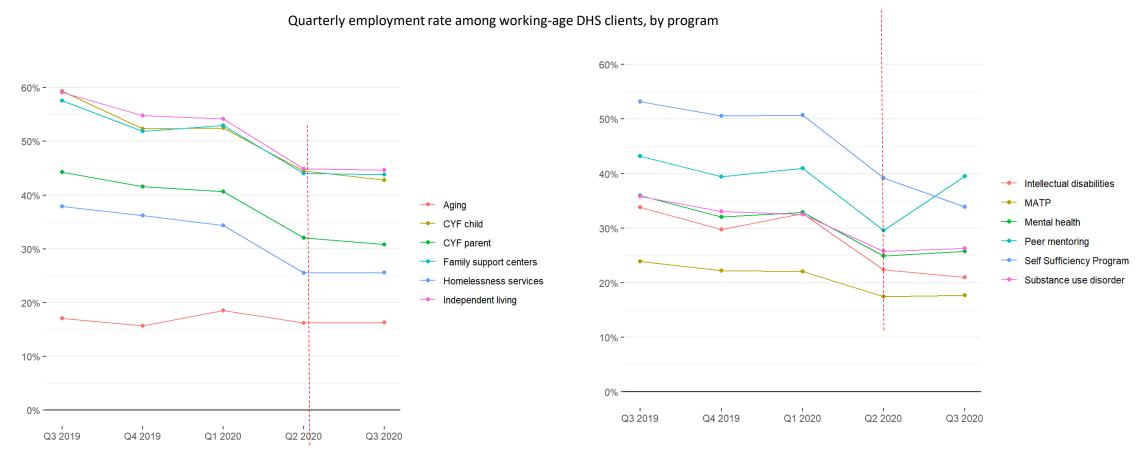




- The 18 to 24 year-old and 25 to 34 year-old clients had the largest percentage point decreases in employment (10 percentage points each) from Q1 to Q2 2020.
- 16% (13,116) of the sample were 18-24 year olds and 29% (N=23,807) were 25 to 34 year olds. The largest age group in the sample were the 25-34 year olds.

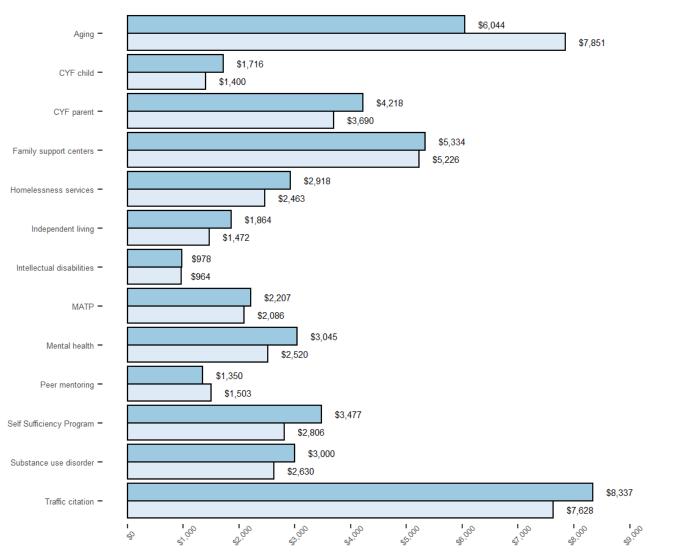
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Regardless of program, clients across the board saw decreases in employment. The largest decreases were for people participating in Intellectual disabilities services (10 percentage point), Independent living services, Family centers services, Homeless and housing supportive services or as parents in child welfare (9 percentage point decrease in each)



Earnings trends among employed DHS clients

Median quarterly earnings in pre-covid versus post-covid quarters, by program



- For those who continued to be employed, earnings fell during this time.
- Most groups have quarterly earnings that fall below poverty line for a single individual

Post covid

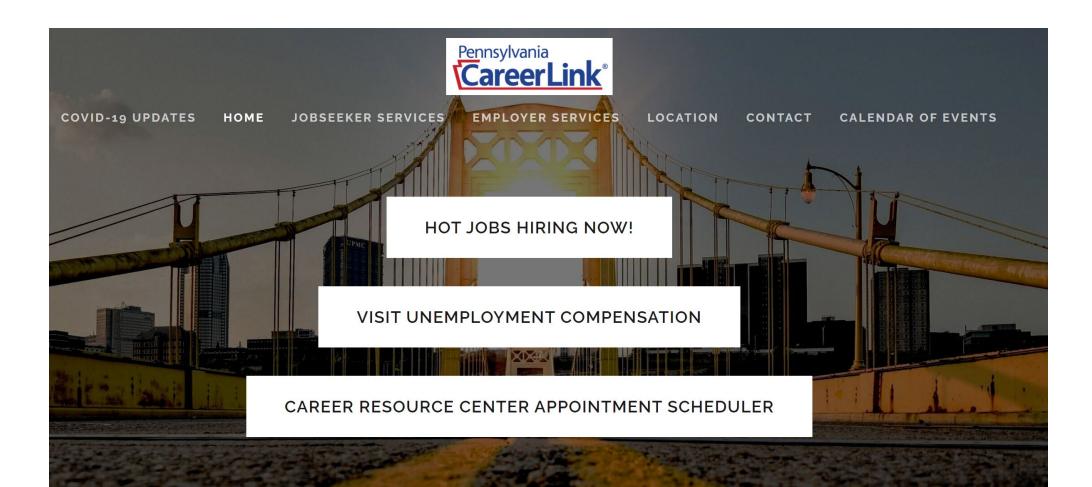
Pre covid

NOTE: We included a group of individuals who received traffic citations during this time for comparison; it's a cross-section of county residents. Their earnings are very close to the Countywide median.

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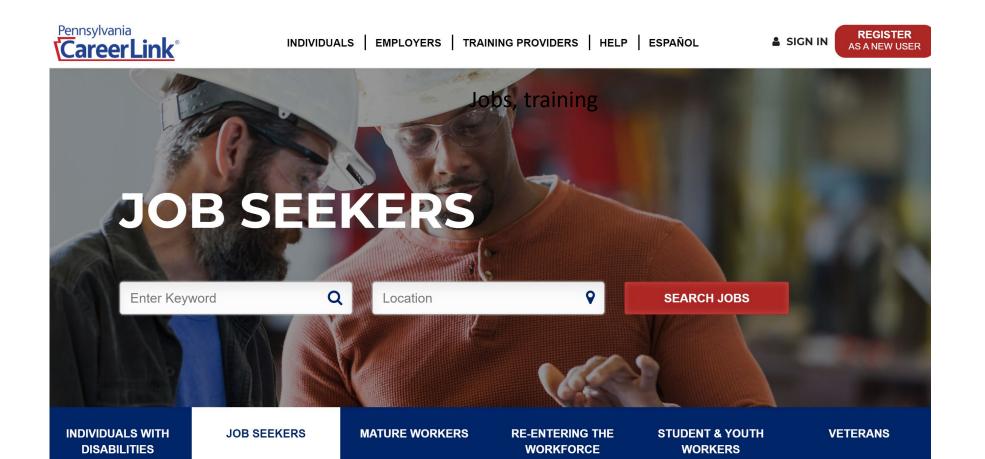
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Go to Careerlinkpittsburgh.com



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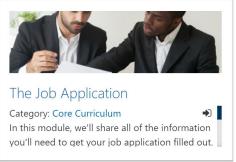
Take online courses, look into training

Available courses











Occupational Training Calendar 2021

The following calendar houses information regarding available local training programs

Currently Available Trainings				
Training Provider	Training(s) Offered	Website	Industry	PACL Point of Contact
Academy PGH (APDB)	-Developer Bootcamp (DB)	https://www.academy.com/	Information Technology	Kathleen Rump 412-475-8422
All State Career School (ASCS)	-CDL Prep - Welding	https://www.allstatecareer.edu/	Manufacturing/ transportation	Kathleen Rump 412-475-8422
Energy Innovation Center (Bankwork\$)	-Bankworks	https://bankworks.org/	Banking	Davis Roddy 412-436-2231
Builder's Guild (I2TT)	-Intro to Construction Trades (I2TT)	https://www.buildersguild.org/	Manufacturing	
New Century Careers	-Machinist Training	https://www.ncsquared.com/	Manufacturing	
New Horizons (NH)	-Microsoft Office Specialist -Help Desk Technician - Microsoft Technical Support & Certified Help Desk Analyst	https://www.nhpittsburgh.com/	Information Technology	
NuPaths (TSS) (ITSA)	-Technical Support Specialist (TSS) - IT Security Analyst (ITSA)	https://www.nupaths.org/	Information Technology	Kathleen Rump 412-475-8422

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JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE



WORKSHOPS

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Top 25 Services



Basic Needs



Consumer Services



Criminal Justice and Legal Services



Education



Environment and Public Health / Safety



Health Care



Income Support and Employment



Individual and Family



Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services



Organizational / Community / International Services



Target Populations

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Can't find what you're looking for? Contact us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to reach a Specialist directly.

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Calls are free and confidential. Interpreter services are available in over 140 languages.

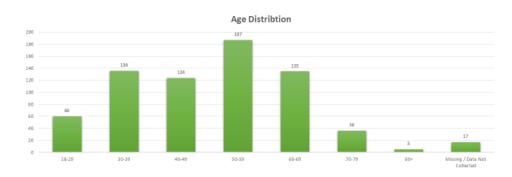
Health of the Homelessness System

- **Providers** are still operating, sheltering, taking in new clients.
- Not seeing new Section 8 vouchers or habitability inspections yet.
- Adult shelter beds available at some year-round shelters (Bethlehem Haven, EECM & Light of Life). CALL AHEAD BEFORE SENDING ANYONE.
- Beds filling up most nights at Smithfield and McKeesport winter shelters. People can still come, overflow sent to Safe Haven. Downtown Winter Shelters will be open one hour earlier (6:00PM) and close one hour later (8:00AM) through Sunday due to the approaching frigid weather.
- Shepherd's Heart winter shelter (females) usually has open beds.
- Youth shelter beds available at DOCS.
- Family Shelter one larger space available, can hold one family up to 6 or two smaller families.
- Warming Centers open during hours winter shelters are closed. Warming Centers are at the Catholic Charities building on 9th and Liberty, the Red Door downtown, and McKeesport Downtown Housing.
- Isolation and Quarantine facilities have spaces available as needed. Prioritization policy for highly vulnerable referrals still in place.

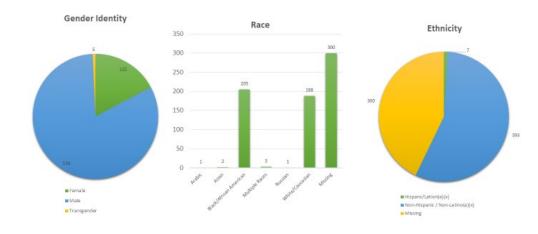
Safe Haven

Total Referrals

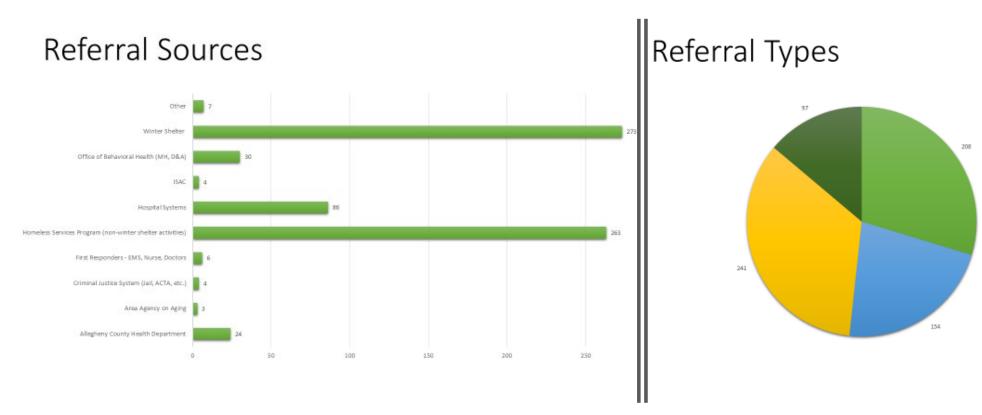
- 700 online referral requests submitted
- 624 unique clients

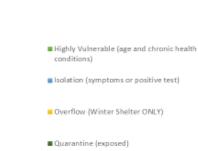


Demographics



Safe Haven





Status Updates

- 2021 Point in Time Count: Forms due yesterday
- 2021 UFA application Letters need to be in by 2/12/21 (tomorrow)
- 2022 Application: Finalizing the ranking tool

Vaccines

Scheduling vaccine education and Q&A with physicians for homelessness staff and clients.

- February 10th session was hosted by East Liberty Family Healthcare Center
- February 17th session will be hosted by Primary Health

On the call, physicians covered:

- How the virus works and how vaccine prevents infection
- Vaccine testing process
- Effectiveness of vaccine
- What to expect when you receive vaccine -- potential side effects
- Vaccine distribution process; what to expect
- Necessary safety precautions to avoid infections
- Q&A on safety of vaccine and side effects

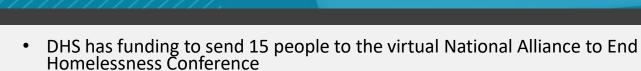
Keeping CoC funds in Allegheny County

- DHS regularly reviewing spending across all grants.
- For grants that are underspent, providers can move funding around within the program, move funding between their grants, or ask for funds to be reallocated to another provider.
- Overspent providers or providers with additional capacity may request to receive reallocated funds.
 - Complete the UFA Reallocation Form.
 - To be considered for funds currently available for reallocation, forms must be received by March 1. Rolling reviews after March 1.
- Continuing to monitor spending monthly thru the end of the fiscal year.
- Goal: Zeroing out the entire HUD CoC grant (\$20+ million).

ENDING HOMELESSNESS: A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 8 – 10, 2021





One person per organization, first 15 homelessness service provider organizations to respond will be given priority. Any seats left after COB on Monday, 15th will be released for providers to request a second person attend.

MEETING CHALLENGES

AND SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES

Understanding Homelessness in America

• Email Rob Eamigh at Robert.Eamigh@alleghenycounty.us to sign up.

NAEH Conference

Homeless Services and Supports Coordination for Youth (HSSCY)

- New supportive service program designed to help young adults experiencing homelessness to navigate systems, obtain stable housing, and ensure their voice is heard.
- HSSCY was designed for and by young adults ages 18-24. The program is voluntary and offers the
 opportunity for a young adult to be paired with a navigator who will serve as a consistent point of contact
 before and after they obtain permanent housing.
- HSSCY Navigators are former Youth Support Partners that will help youth identify strengths and goals and provide direct support to help overcome housing barriers. Once a youth is housed, Navigators provide follow-up and direct support with housing stabilization and other life goals, such as education, employment and social connections. Navigators also help youth advocate for their needs.
- Housing access and stabilization is a key goal of HSSCY, but this is not a housing program. Navigators work in close coordination with shelter, street outreach, housing providers, and other professional supports the youth may be working with.
- The program launched last month and is currently taking referrals. Eligible youth include those who are least 18, and no older than 24, at time of referral and currently experiencing homelessness. To make a referral, please contact Jake Hirsch, program supervisor, at jacob.hirsch@alleghenycounty.us.

Youth Support Partners: Now Hiring!

Interested candidates can send along a cover email/resume to Amanda Hirsh at dhs-yspadmin@alleghenycounty.us or apply directly through the Great Lakes/DCM website at www.greatlakesresearch.com.

Also:

KidsVoice is in need of community service placements for youth with summary charges. Unfilled volunteer positions are a great fit. If interested in hosting, please reach out to KidsVoice directly at info@kidsvoice.org.

Kudos

https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/CpL49xOS

- THANK YOU to all of the street outreach, LINK, shelter, and housing staff throughout the CoC. Now more than ever individuals have needed your assistance and you have delivered! THANK YOU THANK YOU! Christy Pietryga
- A huge shout out to Sherry Rorison and her team at Light of Life. They continually offer their resources to clients and other providers. Sherry's given so much support to the clients at the Safe Haven in offering multiple donations of food supplies, clothing, and warm winter gear. We are so grateful for your giving spirit and generosity!!!
- Here's to **Craig Laffey and Jamar Foulks** with CHS at the Home 2020 shelter site. They have endured some extremely challenging situations at that site, and have done so with aplomb and perseverance. They address problems in a constructive and solution oriented way, and with insights that are as unique as they are wise. I am constantly impressed by their dedication to support the people that come in and out of their project, and they are the glue that keeps that site together.

Key Contacts

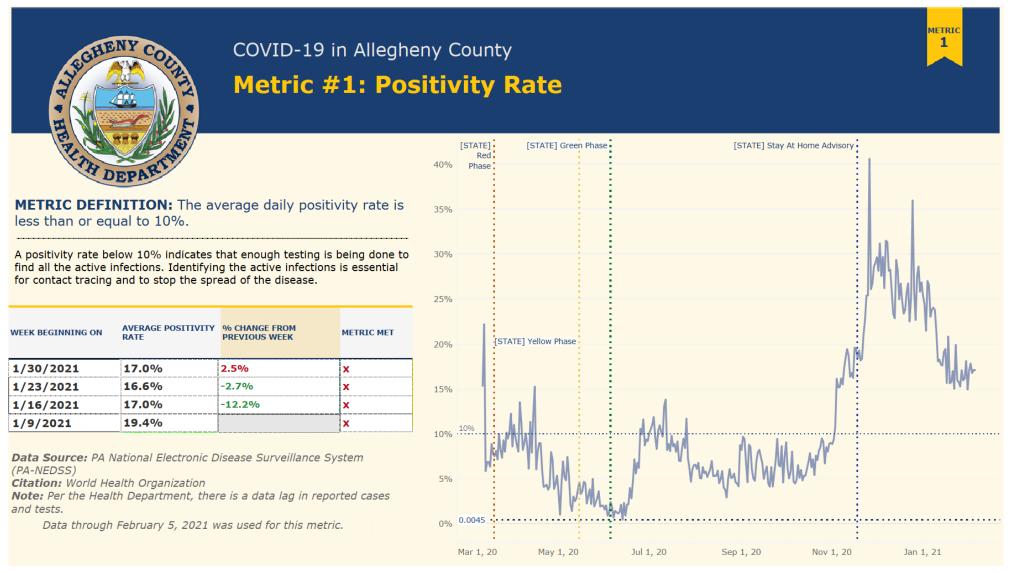
- Provider questions for Allegheny County Health Department
 - DHS-COVID19Planning@alleghenycounty.us
 - Use the subject field to indicate if your qq is about CYF, Aging, BH, CYF, ID, Community Services, or DHS operations (e.g., contracting, payment)
 - https://www.alleghenycounty.us/healthdepartment/index.aspx
- Key DHS staff
 - Payment inquiries: Dan Evancho <u>Dan.Evancho@alleghenycounty.us</u>
 - Contract inquiries: Kathy Heinz <u>Kathy.Heinz@alleghenycounty.us</u>

Laura Brigido <u>Laura.Brigido@alleghenycounty.us</u>

- 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.

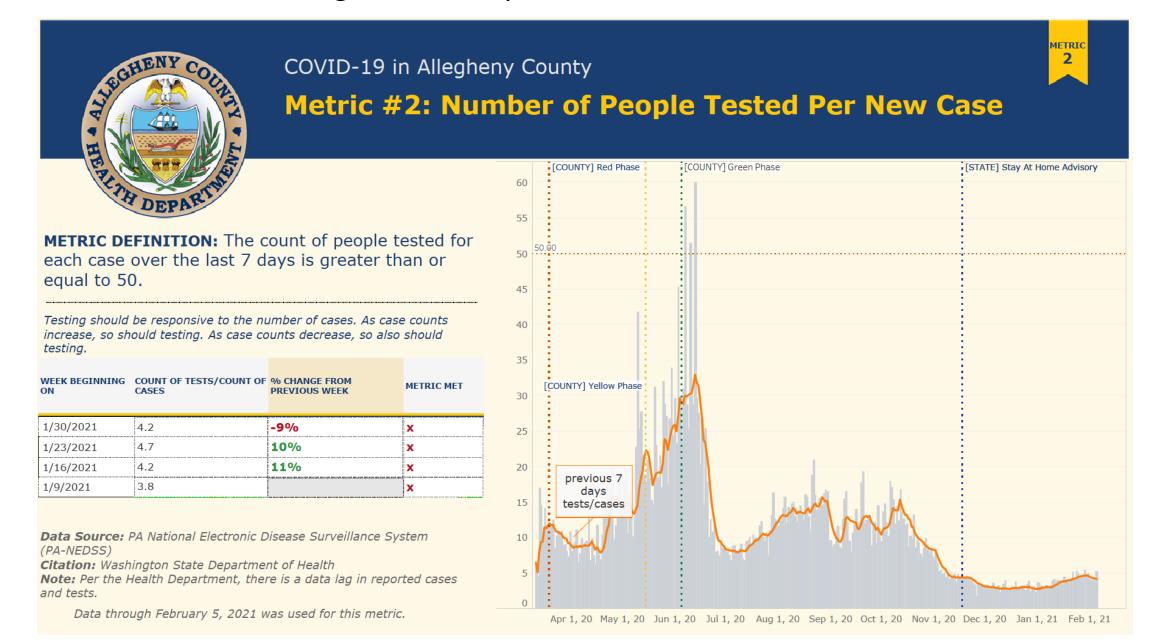
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The average weekly positivity rate been decreasing since early December, but remains above 10%. On February 4th, there was a **17% positivity rate** (215 cases out of 1,254 tests).



NOTE: The spikes on the graph are from Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, when there were much fewer tests taken.

The people tested per case has been increasing since early January. This is primarily because case numbers have fallen throughout January.



Cases continue to fall. There were 1,868 cases the week of 1/30.



COVID-19 in Allegheny County

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
1/30/2021	1,868	-7%	17.0%	X
1/23/2021	2,006	-21%	16.6%	X
1/16/2021	2,524		17.1%	X
1/9/2021	3,133	-Salan Bariba Ba	19.4%	X

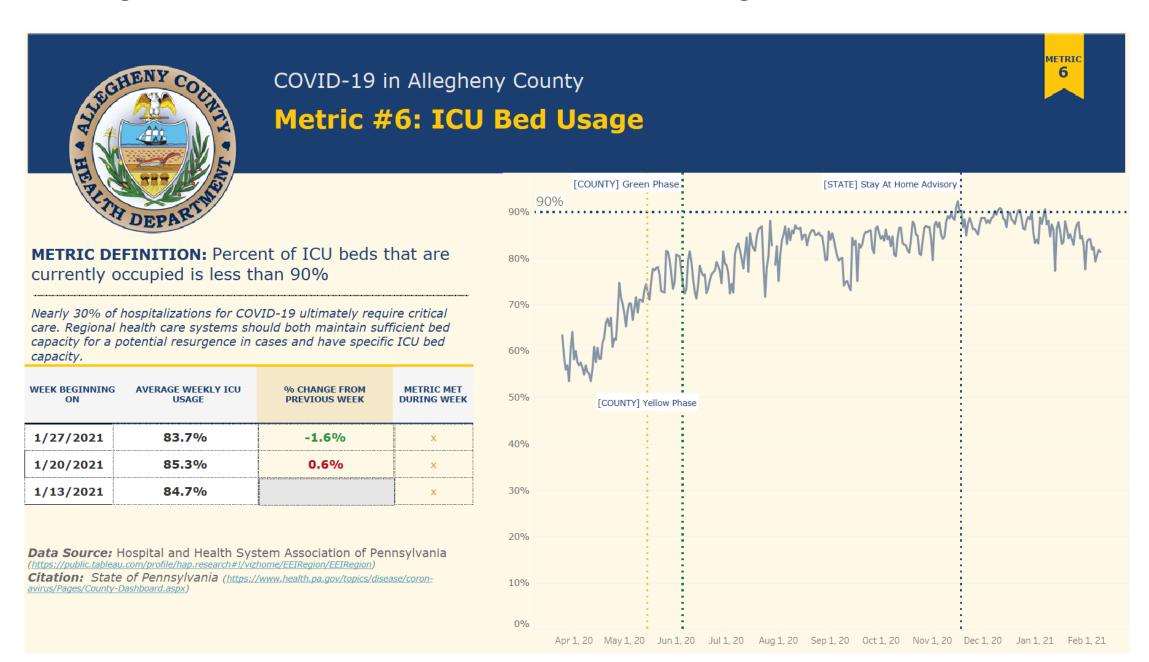
Data Source: PA National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS) **Citation:** National Governors Association

Note: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag in reported cases and tests. Data through February 5, 2021 was used for this metric.

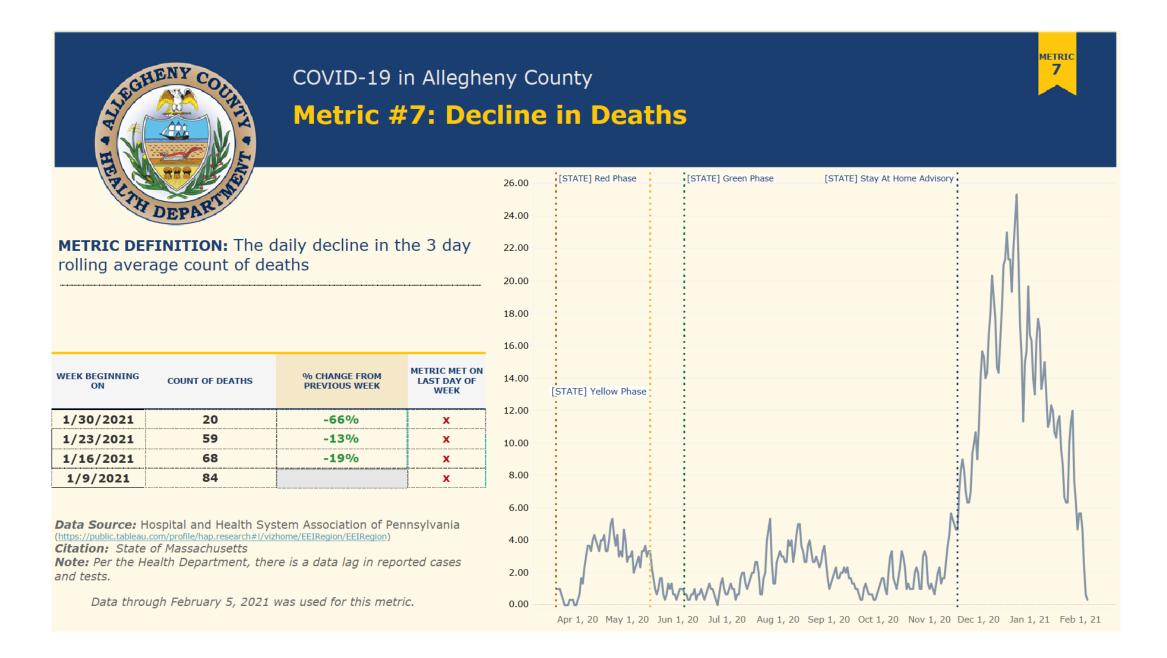


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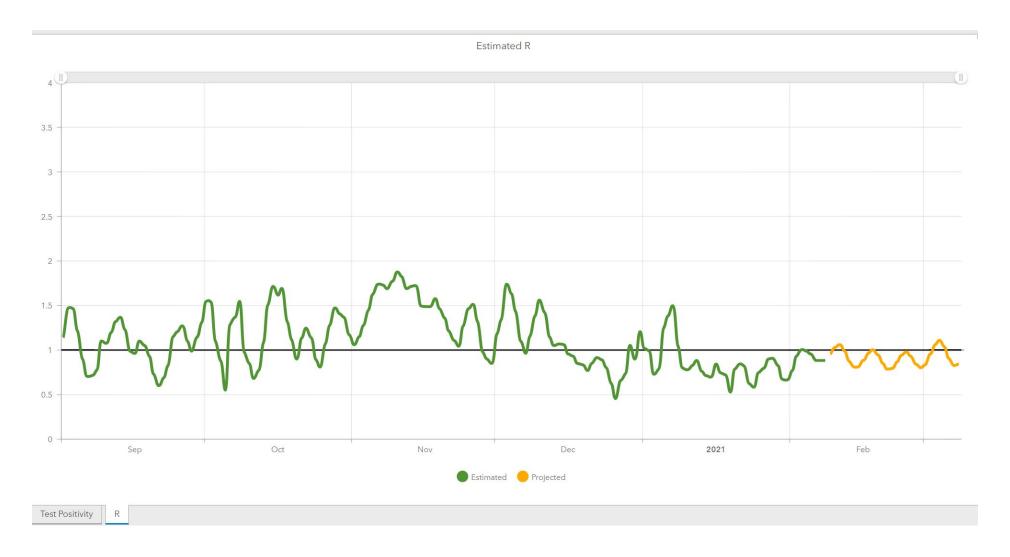
ICU bed usage has fallen since 1/7. On 2/9, the ICU bed usage was 82%.



Deaths have fallen since the end of December.



The CHOP model shows an R value of 0.9 on 2/8. They are projecting the R value to be below 1 through February and early March.



Source: https://policylab.chop.edu/covid-lab-mapping-covid-19-your-community





COVID-19 in Allegheny County

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
1/27/2021	83.7%	-1.6%	X
1/20/2021	85.3%	0.6%	X
1/13/2021	84.7%		X

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/coron-avirus/Pages/County-Dashboard.aspx)



COVID-1

Allegheny County Mobile Testing Sites



City of Clairton Municipal Building 551 Ravensburg Blvd, Clairton, PA 15025

Pre-registration link: https://curative.com/sites/15396/

Friday, Feb 5, 1pm-4pm

Parkway Center Mall, 9am-12pm 15 Mall Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 Pre-registration link: https://curative.com/sites/15423/



Friday, Feb 5, 1pm-4pm

St. Paul AME Church, 1pm-4pm 400 Orchard Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15210 Pre-registration link:

https://curative.com/sites/15426/

Squirrel Hill Health Center Mobile Testing Site

Friday, Feb 5, 1:00pm - 4:00

Squirrel Hill, Jewish Association on Aging 300 JHF Drive Pittsburgh PA 15217 Pre-registration link:

http://alleghenycovidtesting.com

Walk-ins welcomed Insurance not required. However, if you have insurance that will cover the cost, your insurance will be billed

These sites are for **Covid-19 testing ONLY.**

Vaccines are NOT AVAILABLE at these locations