



Allegheny County
Department of
Human Services

DHS Provider Briefing

August 12, 2021

*The briefing will be recorded and posted on [Allegheny County Analytics](#).



Agenda

- Current and Upcoming Opportunities
- Policy Updates
- Health Department Update
- Economic Security Needs Assessment
- Q&A
- Resources

Opportunities

Active Solicitations

RFP for a Provider of the High-Risk Track of Functional Family Therapy through Child Welfare: An Evidence-Based Intervention

- Amended July 30
- Proposals now due at 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, September 10
- Join us for an optional pre-proposal information session via Microsoft Teams at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17. See the RFP for details.

RFQ for Forensic Psychological and/or Psychiatric Evaluators

- A biannual application deadline for this ongoing RFQ is coming up on Wednesday, September 1 at 3 p.m.

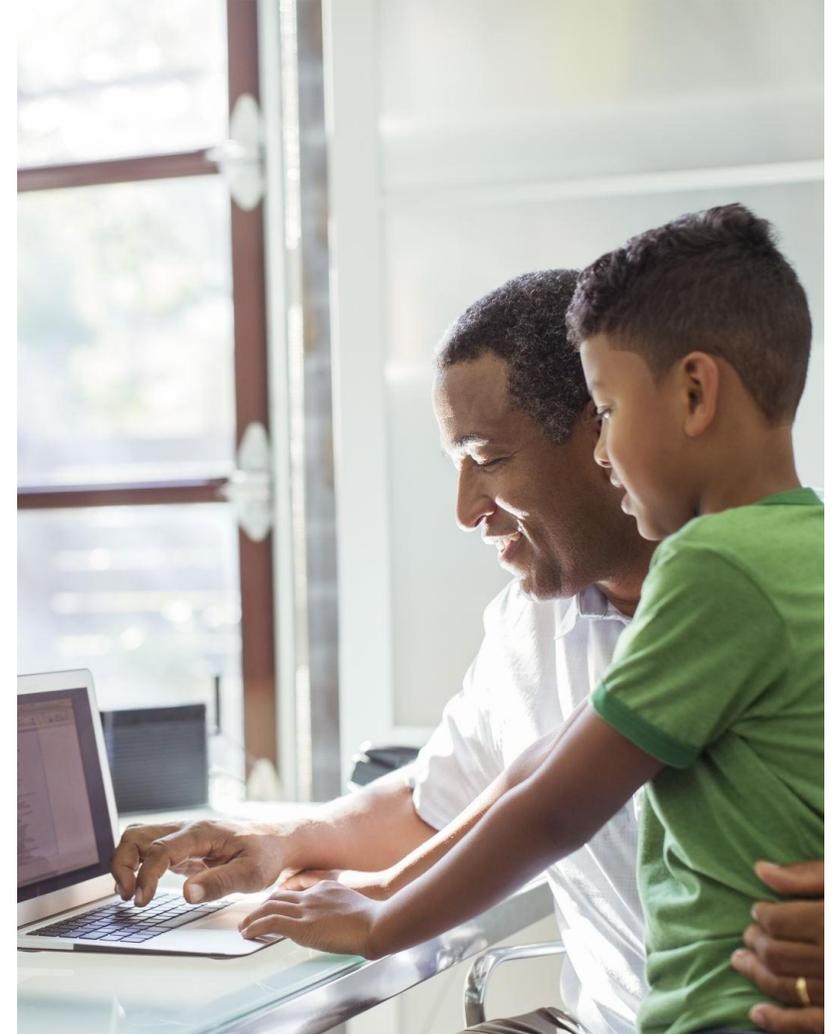
[Link to DHS Solicitations](#)

P-EBT Reminder

- **Every eligible child can receive \$375 in benefits.**
- **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**
 - **For kids ages 0-5:** You can still apply for SNAP benefits to receive summer P-EBT! This includes babies born during the summer.
 - Benefits will be posted to SNAP cards on September 27th or 28th. Those who apply or add a child in August will receive the benefit on October 15th.
 - **For K-12:** You can still apply for free/reduced price meals to receive summer P-EBT for school age kids!
 - The payment will be posting between September 13th and 25th to P-EBT cards. Cards for newly eligible children who apply for free/reduced-price meals in July and August will be mailed out starting October 8th.

Device Requests

- DHS has Distributed 3,781 laptops to date
- DHS has Distributed 1,592 hotspots to date
- DHS continues to receive requests for devices
 - [Device Request Form](#)



Policy Updates

Federal

- **Eviction moratorium has been extended until October 3rd.**
 - Applies to residents of counties determined by the [CDC](#) to have “substantial” or “high” COVID-19 community transmission. Allegheny County has a community transmission level of "substantial."
 - Extension of the moratorium is being litigated in the courts.
- **The U.S. Department of Education extended the freeze on federal student loan payments through the end of January 2022, indicating it's the last extension.**
 - Payments would have been set to resume in October. The freeze has been in effect since March 2020.
- **The U.S. Census Bureau released the first local level results from the 2020 Census.**
 - Data details population change, race, ethnicity, voting-age population, and housing occupancy status. States will use this data to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts.

Federal Legislation

- **U.S. Senate passed a \$1 trillion traditional infrastructure bill**
 - Would provide historic investments in roads, highways, bridges, rail, public transit, ports, airports, broadband, clean energy research, electric vehicle charging stations, and water infrastructure.
 - Uncertain timeline in the House.
- **U.S. Senate Committees are beginning to draft legislation based on the Budget Reconciliation instructions amounting to \$3.5 trillion.**
 - Goal of legislative text by Sept 15th.
 - Big focus on supports for working families.
 - Uncertain if the bill will stay at the \$3.5t level or be reduced to keep all Democrats on board.

State Funding Announcements

- **\$1.2 million federal grant to promote maternal and child health.**
 - OCDEL to hire an [Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems \(ECCS\)](#) program leader and an ECCS family leader who will work to increase the capacity of health and family and child service systems and promote equity, trauma-informed care, family engagement, and other positive parenting programs and resources available across the state.
- **Additional \$1.6 billion of federal relief for PA schools.**
 - With these funds, [PA has received \\$5 billion to help Pre-K to 12 schools.](#)
 - PA received the additional allocation upon approval of a [State Plan](#).
 - Based on ARP requirements, 90% (about \$4.5 billion) goes to school districts and charter schools directly, with the remaining \$500 million for use by the State to implement interventions that address learning loss, support summer enrichment and comprehensive afterschool programs, and assist career and technical schools and intermediate units not receiving direct allocations.

State Announcements

- **Federal temporary unemployment benefit programs will end at the beginning of September.**
 - Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), [will end September 4th](#).
 - The state's regular unemployment compensation program and those receiving benefits from it are unaffected.
- **State Department of Labor & Industry announced a free online job training program called [SkillUp® PA](#).**
 - Site will launch statewide on August 14th to help Pennsylvania job seekers gain new skills.

Local

- PPS announced a delayed start date from August 25th to September 8th due to a bus seat shortage, pending school board approval. Vote expected during a special legislative meeting on August 18th.
- If a parent can provide an alternative means of transportation, they can notify the district at www.pghschools.org/releaseyourseat.



COVID-19 Update

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August 12, 2021





COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard

Updated on 8/6/2021

Select a County

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All Counties



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Most recent 7 days

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Percent of hospital emergency department visits due to COVID-like-illness (CLI)



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OVERALL

Cases: 104,807	Individuals Tested: 605,631	Positivity (PCR): 6.4%	Hospitalizations: 7,417	Deaths: 2,015
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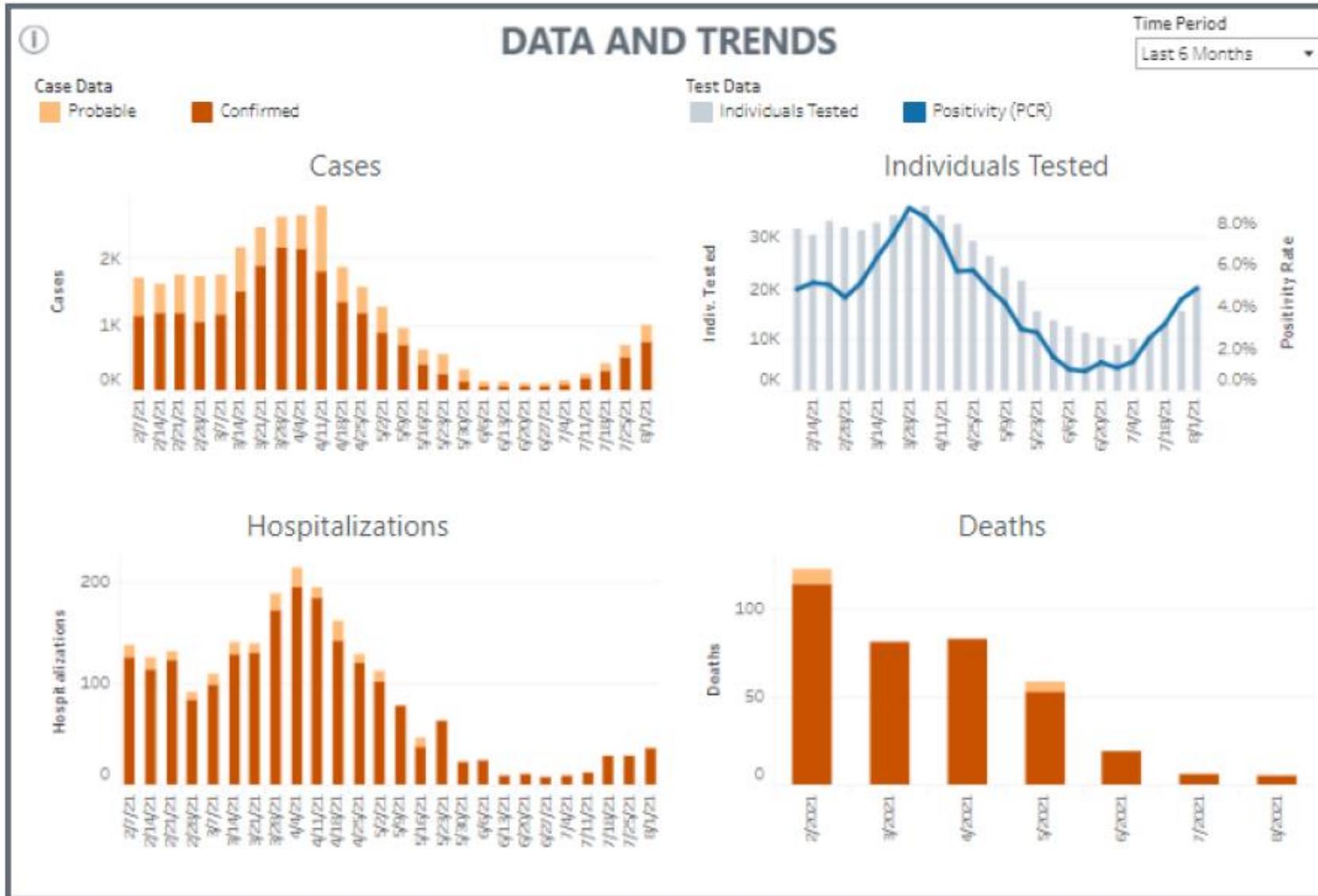


7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE

Cases: 128	Individuals Tested: 2,914	Positivity (PCR): 4.7%	Hospitalizations: 5	Deaths: 0
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AC COVID Dashboards

<https://alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19-Dashboards.aspx>



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CASES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

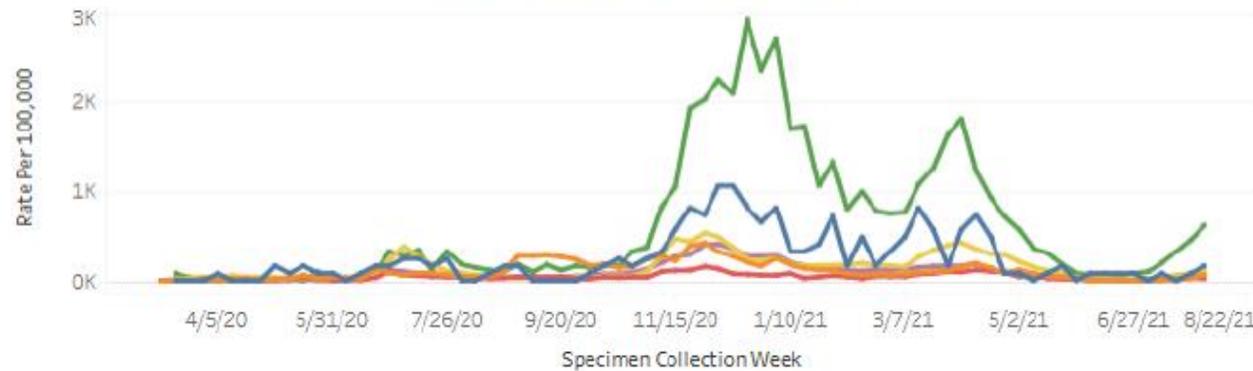


Description: User can use this tool to select Time Period (i.e. Last 1 Month, Last 3 Months, Last 6 Months, All) to view how weekly case rates per 100,000 have changed over time by Race or Ethnicity. User can update the view by filtering Race/Ethnicity. Population data is based on the American Community Survey - 5 Year Estimate.

RACE

Time Period

Weekly Case Rate Per 100,000



Race

- American Indian/Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Biracial/Multiracial
- Black/African American
- Other
- White

Race

ETHNICITY

Weekly Case Rate Per 100,000



Ethnicity

- Hispanic
- Not Hispanic

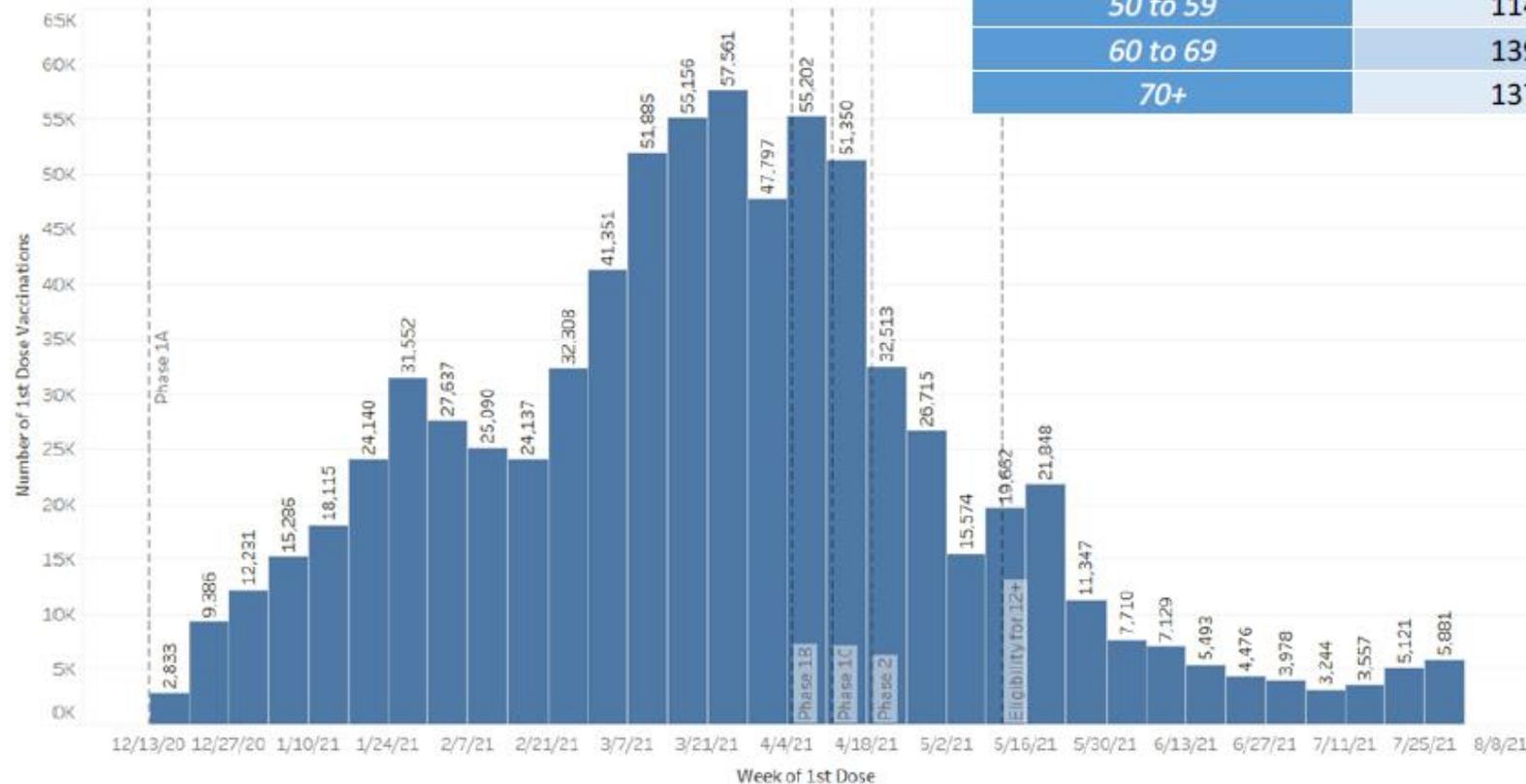
Ethnicity



Allegheny County Vaccines

COVID-19 Vaccination Rates By Age Group as of Week Ending 7-31-21			
Age Group (years)	Individuals at least Partially Vaccinated	Est. Population (2019); Age 10+	Vaccination Rate per 10,000
10 to 19*	54,233	132,549	4,092
20 to 29	101,203	166,598	6,075
30 to 39	115,893	176,327	6,573
40 to 49	94,678	134,981	7,014
50 to 59	114,547	154,438	7,417
60 to 69	139,277	166,598	8,360
70+	137,318	159,302	8,620

First Dose Vaccinations by Week

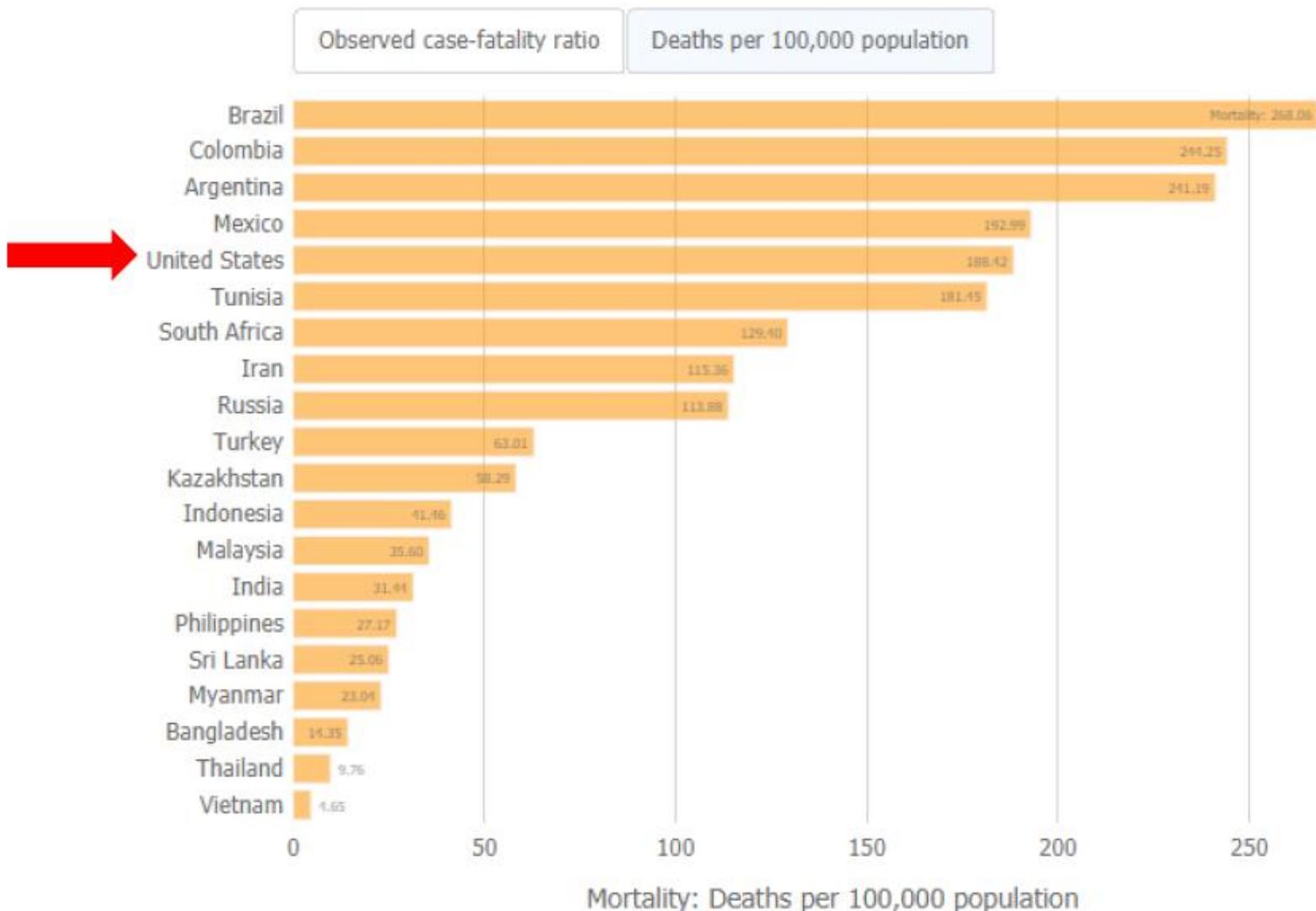




Mortality in most affected countries

For 20 countries currently most affected by COVID-19 worldwide, bars in chart show number of deaths/100,000

Countries at top have most deaths proportionally to their population, not necessarily most deaths overall.



CDC August 4 Updates

- Recommend universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status
- Same Preschool and childcare (\geq age 2)
- Fully vaccinated people who have known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure, regardless of whether they have symptoms

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

To get kids back in-person safely, schools should monitor



Community Transmission Vaccination Coverage Testing Outbreaks

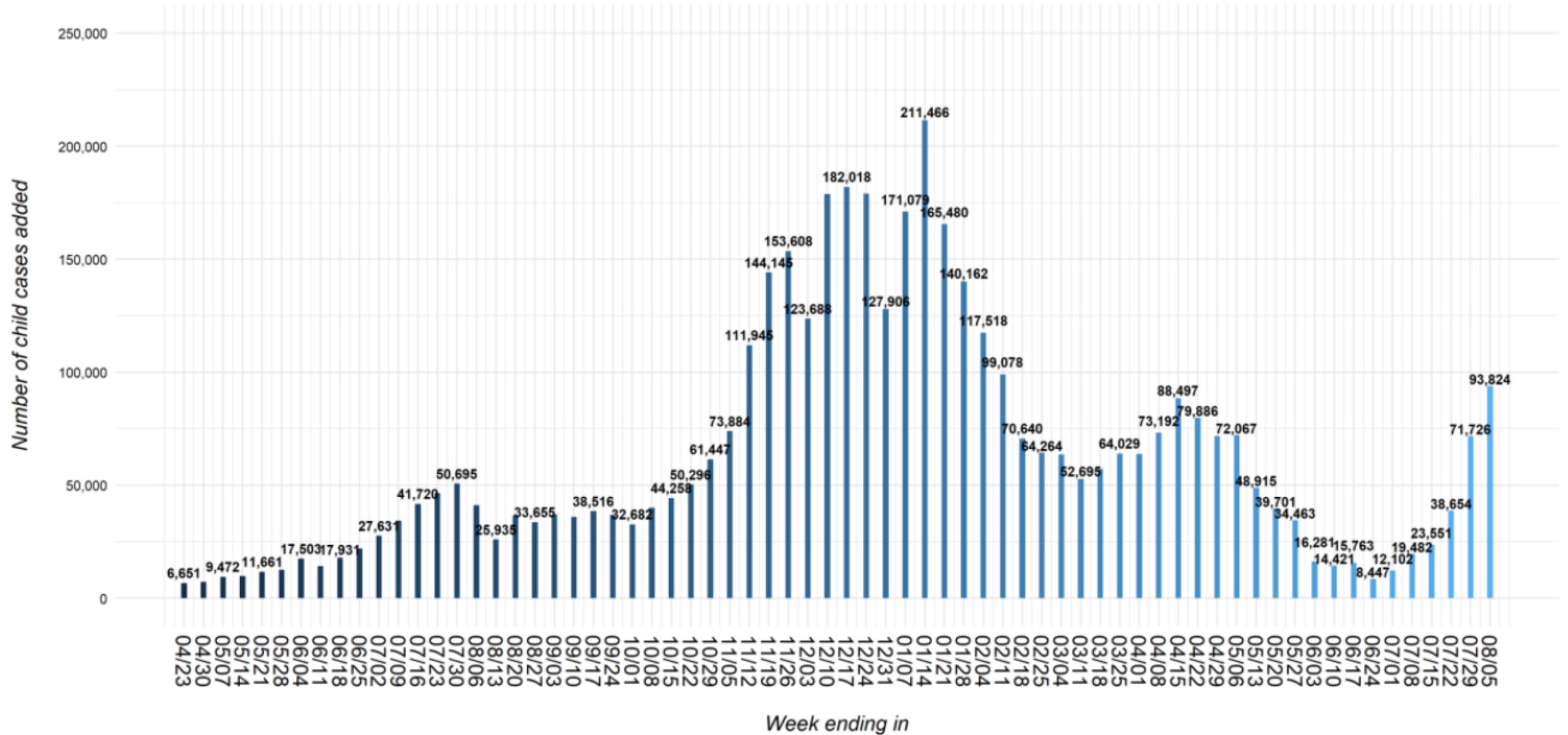
to help prevent the spread of COVID-19



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Fig 6. United States: Number of Child COVID-19 Cases Added in Past Week*



* Note: 4 states changed their definition of child cases: AL as of 8/13/20, HI as of 8/27/20, RI as of 9/10/20, MO as of 10/1/20; TX reported age for only a small proportion of total cases each week (eg, 3-20%)

As of 6/30/21, NE COVID-19 dashboard is no longer available; NE cumulative cases through 6/24/21

Due to available data and changes made to dashboard, AL cumulative cases through 7/29/21

Due to available data and calculations required to obtain MA child cases, weekly estimates fluctuate (eg, on 8/5/21, there were 1,463 fewer cases)

See detail in Appendix: Data from 49 states, NYC, DC, PR and GU

All data reported by state/local health departments are preliminary and subject to change; Analysis by American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital Association



Why mitigation strategies for kids?

- Children and young adults may not get very sick - but when you have a lot of cases
 - Children can get very ill - including MISC
 - Virus spread to at-risk populations
- AAP and Children's Hospital Association Weekly Report
 - Children represent 14.3% of all cases
 - Week of 7/22-8/5 children 15.0% of weekly reported cases
 - Among states reporting
 - children 1.5%-3.5% of total cumulated hospitalizations, and 0.1%-1.9% of all their child COVID-19 cases hospitalized
 - children were 0.00%-0.26% of all COVID-19 deaths
 - 0.00%-0.03% of all child COVID-19 cases resulted in death

PA MISC: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Cases.aspx>

AAP report: <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/children-and-covid-19-state-level-data-report/>



REMEMBER.....

- Stay home if you are sick
- Isolate/quarantine as advised by ACHD
- Stay home when possible/limit travel
- Maintain physical distancing
- Wear masks over nose and mouth
- Wash hands
- Clean frequently

3 W's to reduce risk of COVID-19

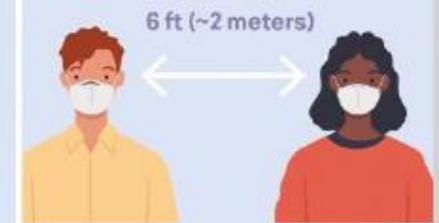
Wear a mask



Wash your hands



Watch your distance



COVID-19

RESOLVE
TO SAVE LIVES

 Vital
Strategies

More info at
[PreventEpidemics.org](https://www.PreventEpidemics.org)

#KnowCOVID
#PreventEpidemics

Economic Security Needs Assessment

Economic Security Theory of Change

Five Pillars of the Bridge to Economic Security

Basic needs include housing, child and dependent care, food, transportation, health care, and technology.

- We focus on access to basic needs because we believe it is extremely hard for someone to work on long term economic goals until they are out of crisis, stabilized and meeting their core needs

Social capital is composed of networks of relationships characterized by trust and reciprocity.

- We focus on social capital because it provides access to support, information, power, and resources. Social capital can help people learn about jobs, get hired, and advance their interests.

Postsecondary education and training leads to obtaining work experience, certificates and technical degrees, associate's degrees, and bachelor's degrees.

- We focus on education and training because they are often prerequisites to accessing jobs that provide a living wage.

Employment is having paid work.

- We focus on employment because a living-wage job enables people to meet their families' financial needs, save for the future, and exercise autonomy.

Wealth building includes managing debt and building assets.

- We focus on wealth building because assets such as savings, homes, pensions, and small businesses can strengthen a family's safety net, sustain seniors in retirement, and give lower-income people a foothold on the economic ladder.

Economic Security Needs Assessment

Community Members

- Interviews
- Survey
- ACS and warehouse data

Workforce Providers

- Focus Group

Human Services Providers

- Provider Briefing Poll

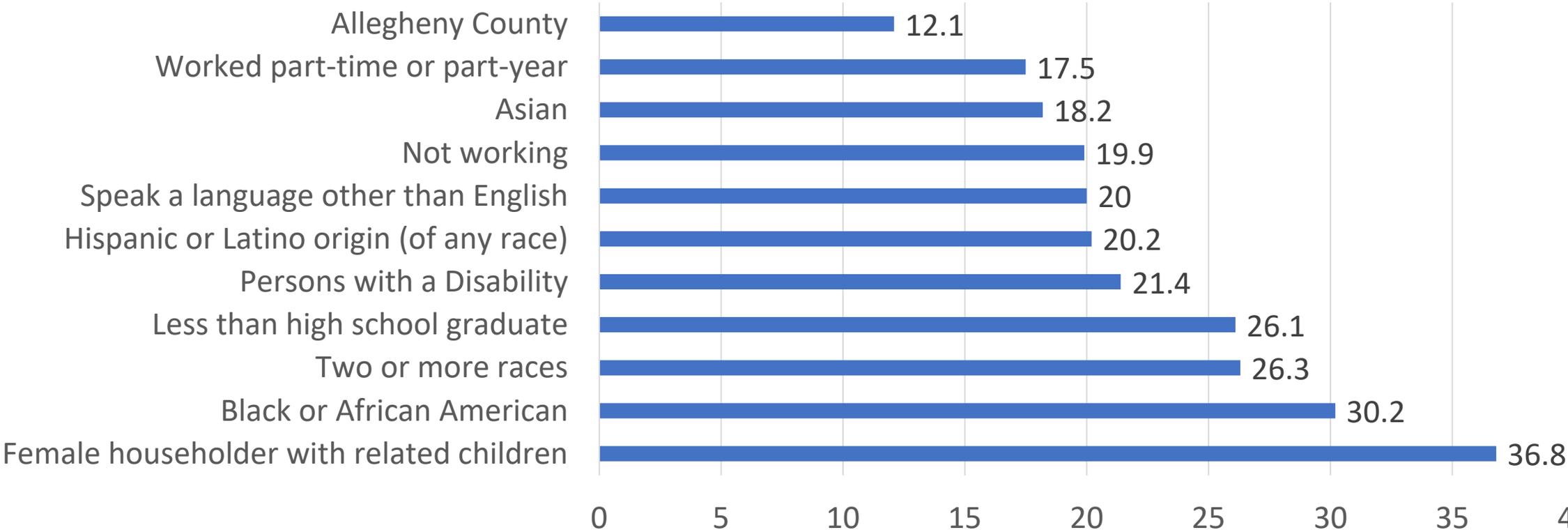
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Preliminary Findings: American Community Survey Data

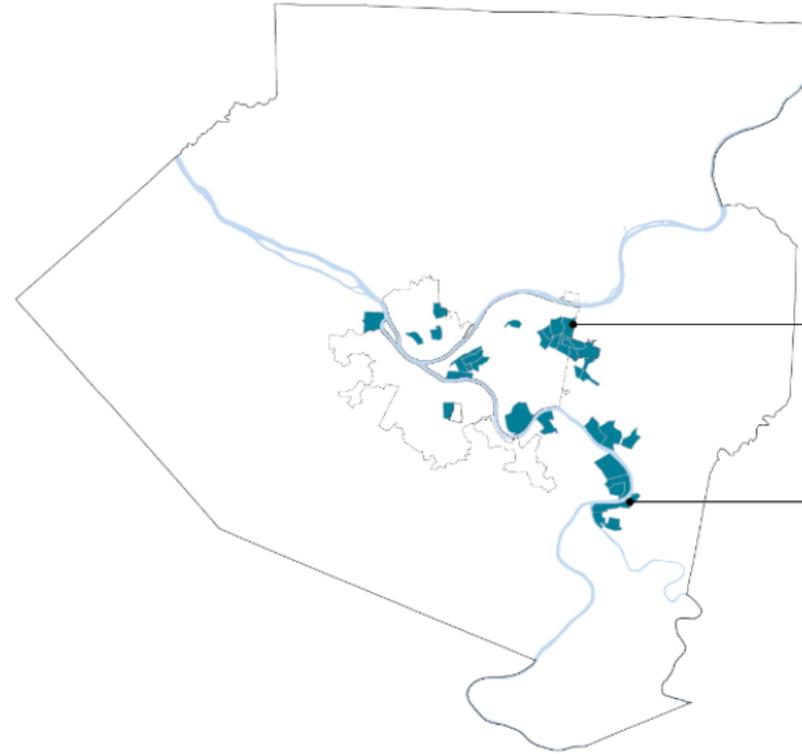
Poverty rates range widely by household status, race, ethnicity, education, and employment

Poverty Rate, 2018 5-Year Estimates



Preliminary Findings: Community Need Index

Extreme Need Areas



The Eastern edge of Pittsburgh, including Homewood, East Hills and Larimer, have extreme levels of need.

Areas in the Mon Valley, including Braddock, Dusquene, and McKeesport also experience extreme levels of need.

9% Of census tracts in Allegheny County are extreme need.

39% Of families in high need areas live in poverty.

44% Of families are head by a single mother.

87% Of people over 25 do not have bachelors degrees.

46% Of men are unemployed.

16.8 Is the average number of gunshots per month in these areas

Preliminary Findings: Analysis of DHS Client Income Data

Black males have had the lowest earnings in every quarter since 2018

Independent Living clients have had the highest employment rate in most quarters since 2018; but have had markedly lower earnings

Over 38 percent of the DHS clients who were employed between 2018 and 2020 worked in the Accommodation and Food Services industry

The majority of employed DHS clients have earnings that fall below the federal poverty line

30-38% of DHS clients have zero earnings in any given quarter since 2018; the vast majority are not receiving UI benefits

Preliminary Findings: What we're hearing from community members so far

"After my kids go back to school in the fall, I'm going to get a new job."

"I am overwhelmed with financial obligations that appear to be getting bigger and bigger"

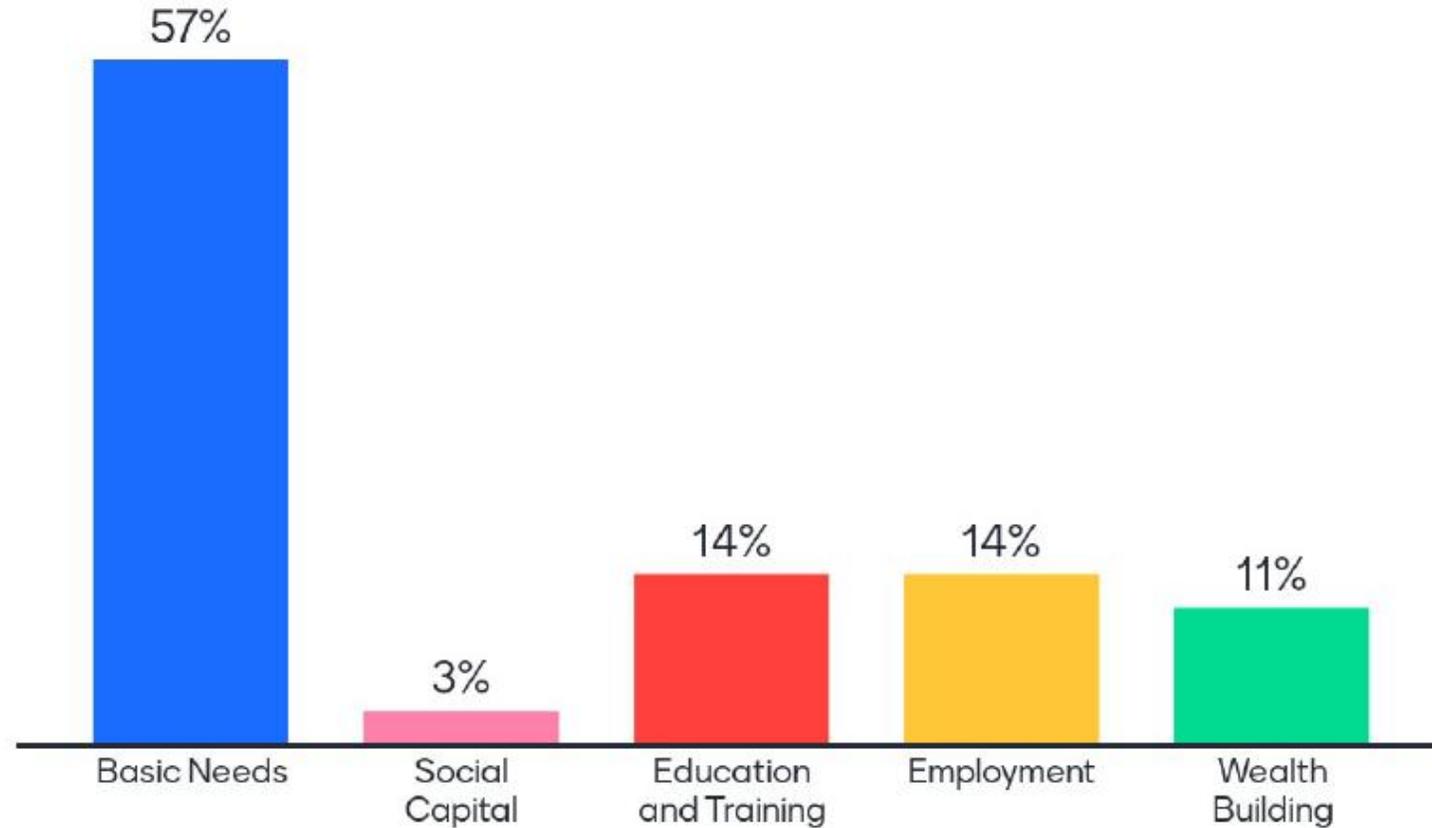
"If I could save, I could feel less stressed and anxious about providing for my family"

"I have been trying to get things organized for a year, but I haven't been able to find the resources that can help me and they keep telling me we don't qualify for food stamps."

Seeking Your Input!

- We have a few quick poll questions for you.
- To participate on your computer or smartphone:
 - be ready to click a link in the Teams chat OR
 - go to menti.com and get ready to enter a code!

Where should DHS invest to move individuals and families toward economic security?



What's missing from our service array or should be expanded to move individuals and families toward economic security?

Housing

Basic Income Program

Transportation Support

Basic Income

Transportation

programs for wealth building, like basic income guarantees

Programs which support mental health, medical and social supports

affordable housing

Meeting needs in real time. All, needs.

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Free pre-school

Workforce training for those who do not have higher education. We also need to focus on subsidized housing.

Give People Money

Transportation resources. Employment with living wage.

Comprehensive services beyond just training to allow people to access and keep employment.

Safe, affordable housing.

Reduced barriers to accessing those basic needs

Partnerships with local banks who desire to assist lower income clients with wealth building.

Housing. Access to healthcare. Training.

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Affordable housing

Transportation support for OST's

Employment prep

Elimination of language barriers

universal basic income

INCREASED JOB TRAINING SITES

Transportation or Support those organizations that may already be providing transportation but would like to expand

Money and financial/budget support

Support or training and employment programs

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24 access to housing/shelter stabilization

Affordable Child Care

Affordable and safe child care

Less Policing of Individuals and Families

Assistance with debt relief

Minimum wage increase - employment training programs that starts in high schools and low income, at-risk communities.

Inclusive and affordable mental health services

Emergency childcare

Wealth Building programs

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Mortgage Support Programs

Support for OST's wishing to expand to meet employment hours of parents

What has been the biggest struggle for you this past year?

Please take a 10-minute survey to let us know what kind of community support could be helpful.

**Please Share
the Community
Survey!**

There are two ways to access the 10-minute web survey:

- Text ACNEEDS21 to 987987
- Visit <https://bit.ly/acneeds21>
 - English and Spanish available

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 available.



Appendix

PA State Metrics

Compares week of July 30th-Aug 5th to previous week (July 23rd-July 29th)

	% change from last week to this week
Newly reported cases	+73%
Incidence rate per 100,000	+73%
Positivity rate	+32%
Ave. daily hospitalizations	+32%
Ave. daily patients on ventilators	+120%
% ED visits due to CLI	+40%



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PA state's early warning system dashboard

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



COVID-19 in Allegheny County

Metric #1: Positivity Rate

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
8/1/2021	11.5%	5.2%	X
7/25/2021	11.0%	30.6%	X
7/18/2021	8.4%	35.7%	✓
7/11/2021	6.2%		✓

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 7, 2021 was used for this metric.





COVID-19 in Allegheny County

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.

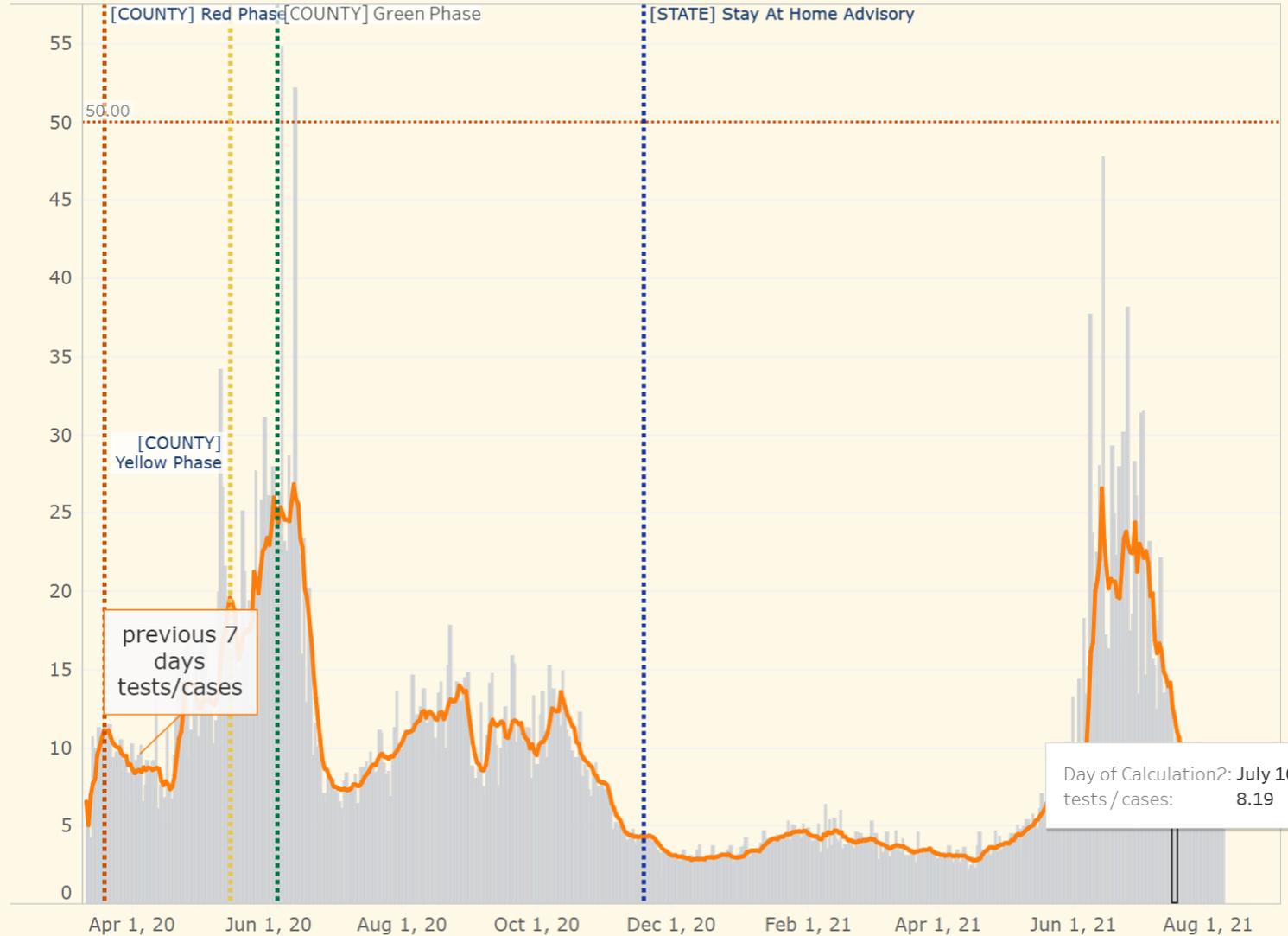
WEEK BEGINNING ON	COUNT OF TESTS/COUNT OF CASES	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET
8/1/2021	6.4	-5%	X
7/25/2021	6.7	-23%	X
7/18/2021	8.8	-27%	X
7/11/2021	11.9		X

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

Citation: Washington State Department of Health

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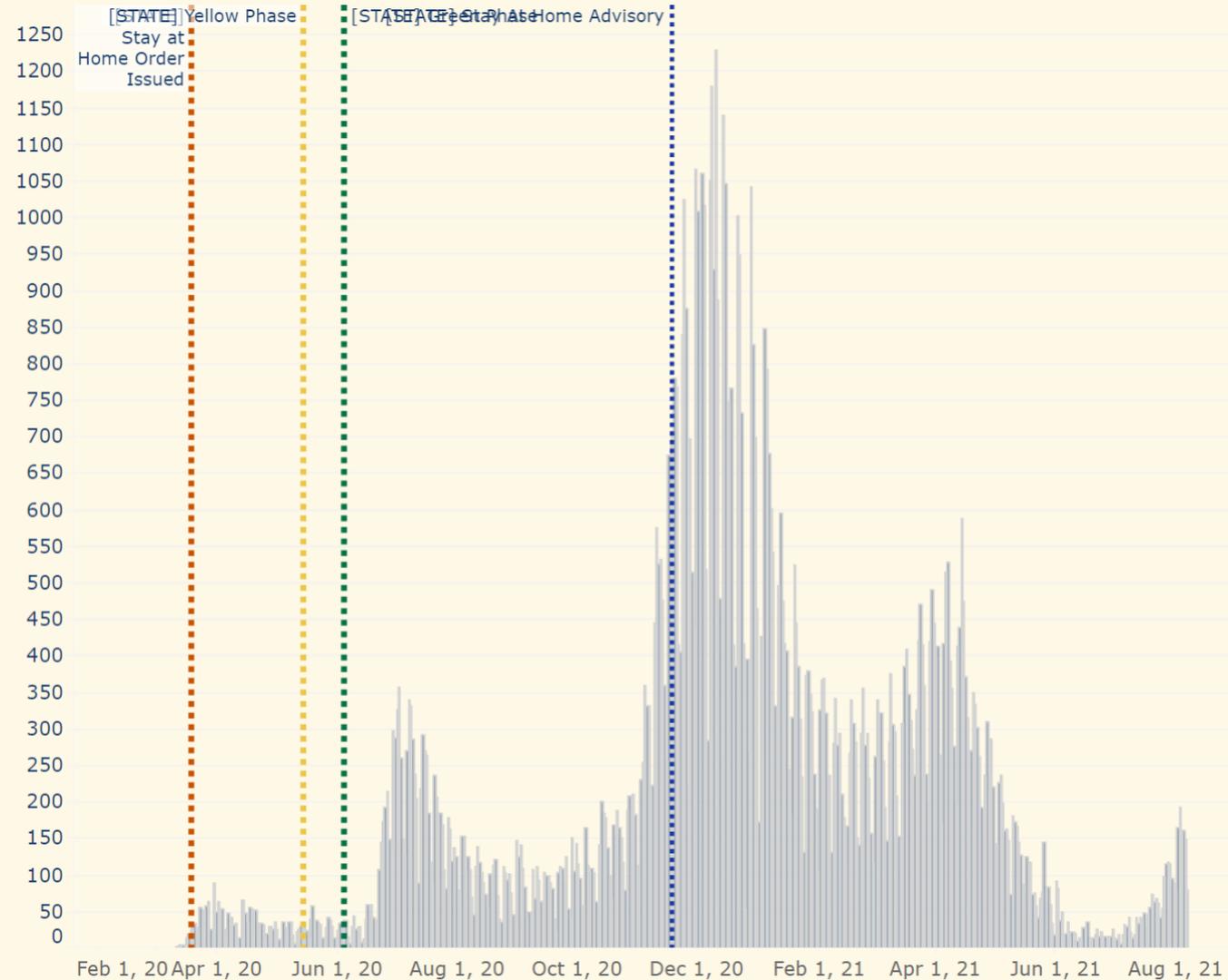
Metric #3: Declining or Low Case Counts

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
8/1/2021	983	44%	11.6%	X
7/25/2021	685	68%	11.0%	X
7/18/2021	408	66%	8.4%	X
7/11/2021	246		6.2%	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 August 7, 2021 was used for this metric.





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Metric #4: Case Rate

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.

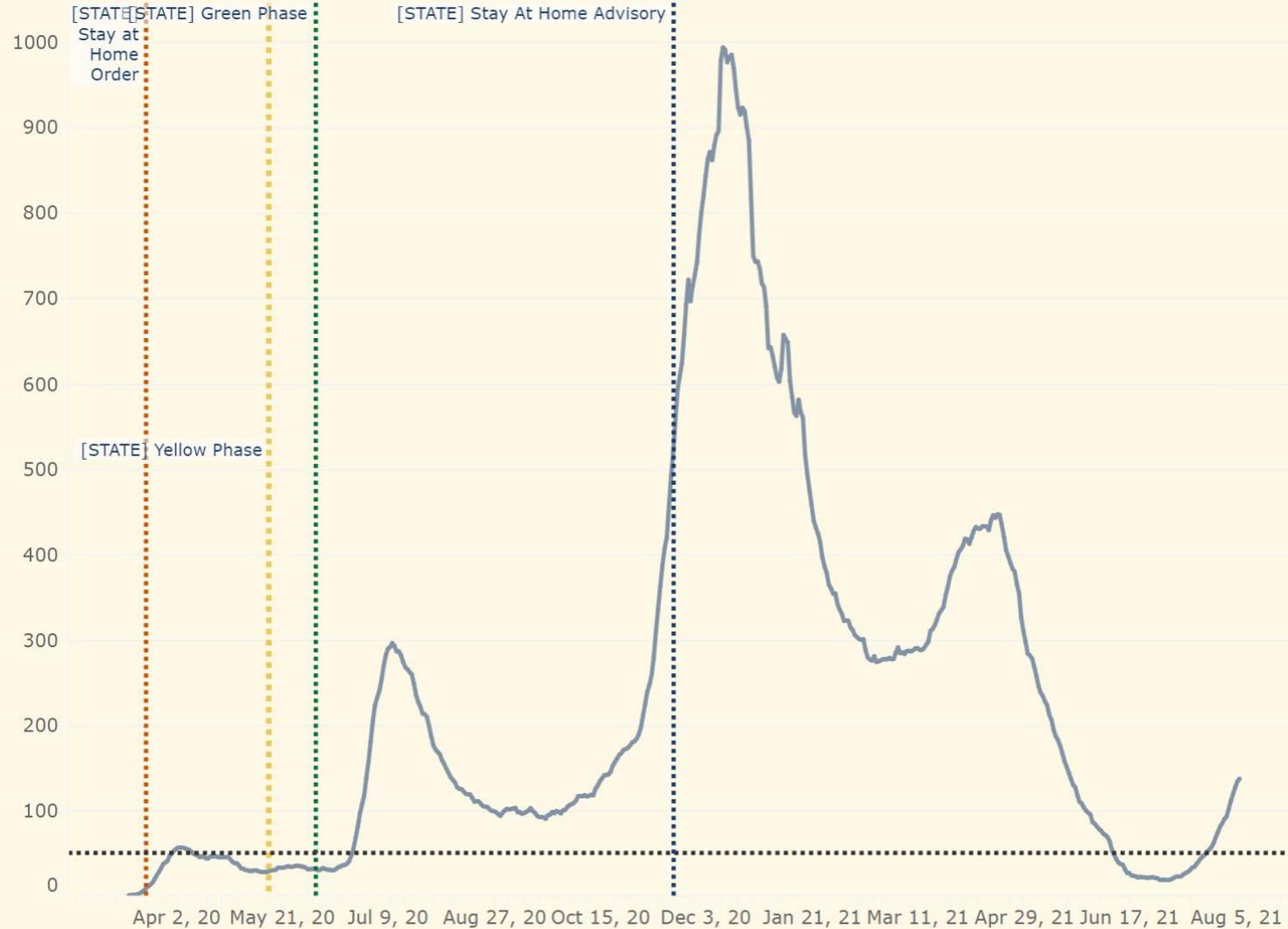
WEEK BEGINNING ON	AVERAGE COUNT OF CASES PER 100,000	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET
8/1/2021	117	59%	X
7/25/2021	74	62%	X
7/18/2021	46	62%	✓
7/11/2021	28		✓

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.

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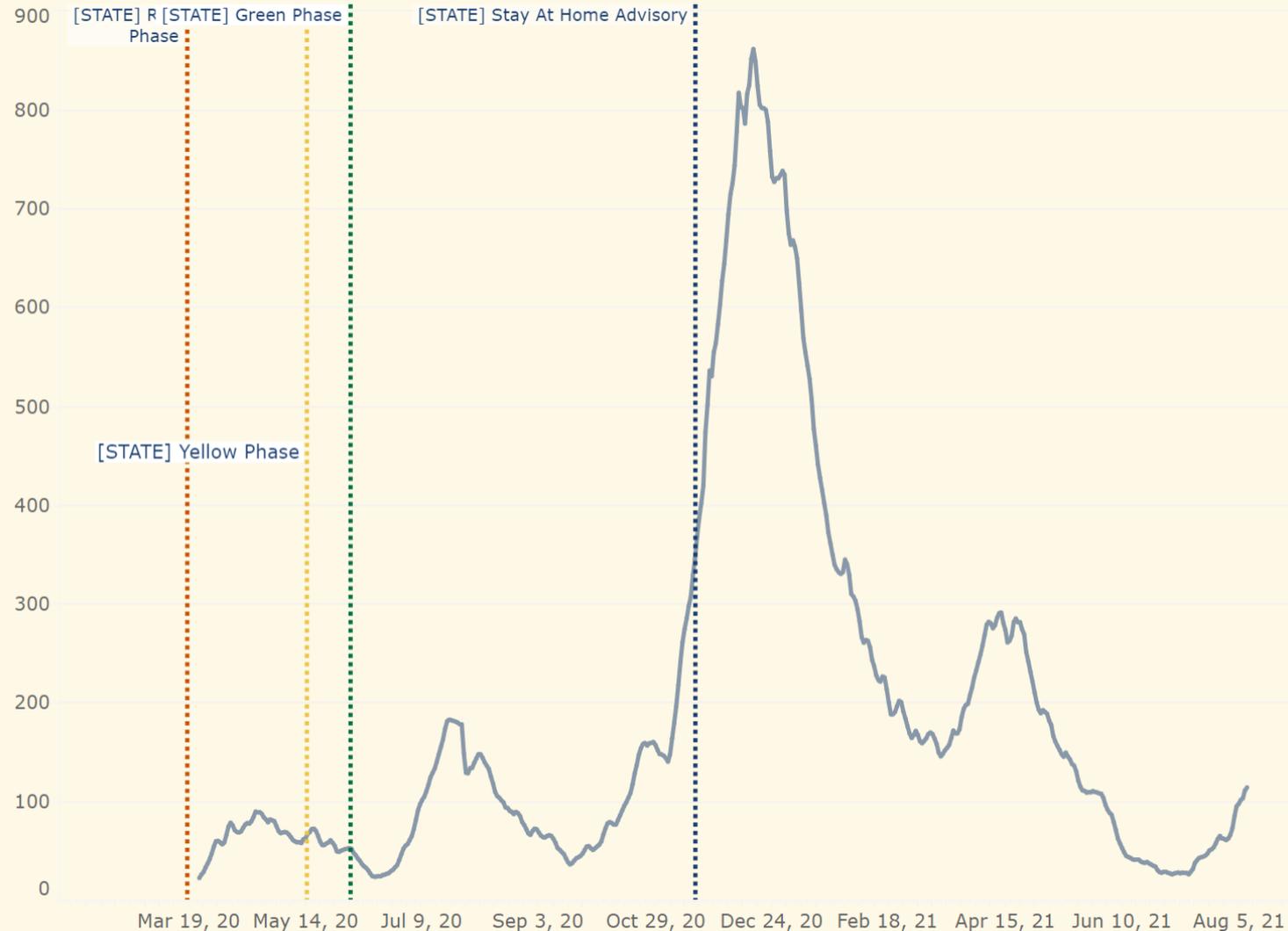
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Metric #5: Decline in Hospitalizations

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
8/4/2021	106	60%	X
7/28/2021	66	21%	X
7/14/2021	41		X

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





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Metric #6: ICU Bed Usage

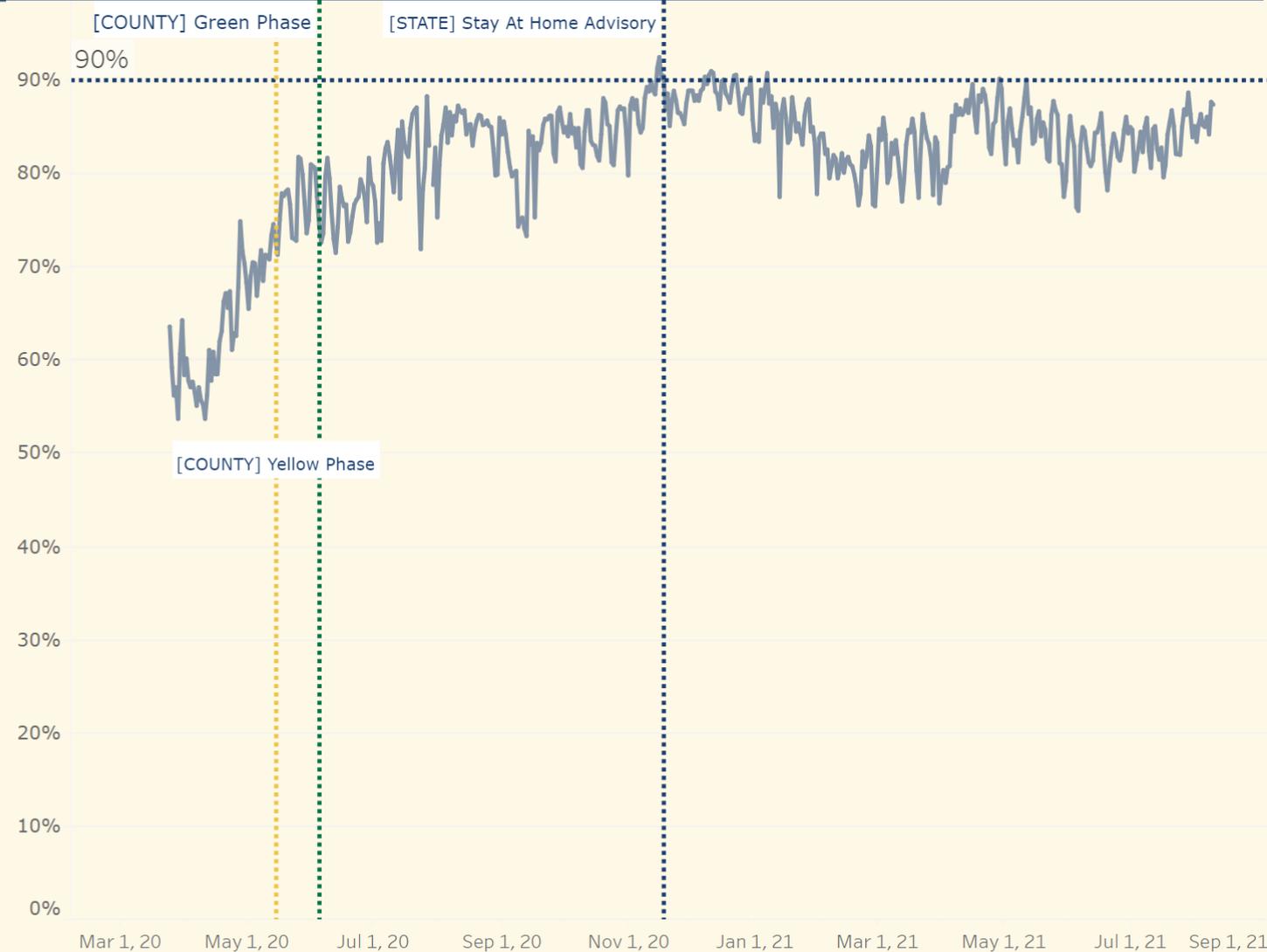
METRIC DEFINITION: Percent of ICU beds that are currently occupied is less than 90%

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
7/28/2021	85.5%	1.3%	x
7/21/2021	84.2%	1.8%	x
7/14/2021	82.3%		x

Data Source: Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania
https://public.tableau.com/profile/hap_research#!/vizhome/EEIRRegion/EEIRRegion

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





COVID-19 in Allegheny County

Metric #7: Decline in Deaths

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
8/1/2021	3	50%	X
7/25/2021	2	0%	X
7/18/2021	2	100%	X
7/11/2021	1		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.

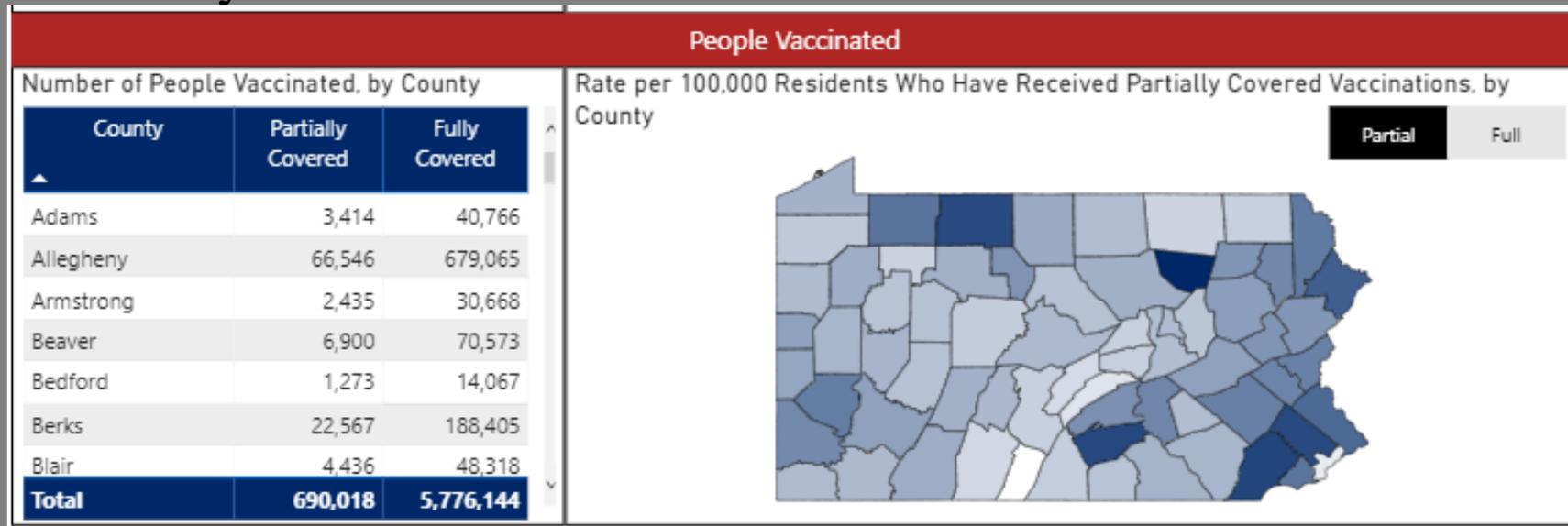
Data through August 7, 2021 was used for this metric.



Allegheny County Vaccination

Through 8/11/2021:

- 66,546 are partially vaccinated and 679,065 are fully vaccinated
 - 68.1% of residents have received at least one dose
 - 62.1% are fully vaccinated <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Dashboard.aspx>



FFT-CW RFP Amendment

- DHS is seeking a provider for only the **High-Risk** Track of Functional Family Therapy through Child Welfare (FFT-CW).
 - The RFP misstated that DHS was seeking both the High-Risk and the Low-Risk Tracks.
- The RFP information session originally scheduled for Thursday, July 22 was canceled
 - It will be rescheduled and the proposal deadline for the RFP will be extended.
- Comments or questions, email DHSProposals@alleghenycounty.us.

Youth Essay Contest

- The Pittsburgh Chapter of NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement) invites all Allegheny County youth aged 14-18 to submit an essay answering the question “What will it take to bring peace to the streets?”
- Cash Prizes: 1st Prize \$500.00 - 2nd Prize \$250.00 - 3rd Prize \$100.00
- To qualify essays must be submitted with the [registration form](#) and emailed to the NOBLE email address at noble@noblepittsburgh.org by Friday, August 20, 2021 at 5:00p.m.
- Essays will be judged by a Team of Community Volunteers & NOBLE members. Prizes will be awarded Friday, August 27, 2021

Local Innovations in Vaccine Equity Grant

- The Wolf Administration and United Way of Pennsylvania launched the Local Innovations in Vaccine Equity in Pennsylvania project (LIVE PA) to administer \$4 million in mini-grants to local organizations
- Provides a \$10 per shot reimbursement for partner agencies that offer shots to populations with barriers to vaccination
- Eligible Zip Codes: 15219, 15208, 15282, 15264, 15104 (Braddock) 15134 (McKeesport)
- Apply for the grant at <https://www.uwp.org/programs/live-grant/>

Pennie COVID Enrollment Period

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (American Rescue Plan or ARP) greatly increases the amount of financial assistance Pennsylvanians will be eligible for in 2021 and 2022 to lower the cost of health coverage through Pennie.
- Enrollment period runs until **August 15th**
- Anyone can shop for coverage. Just select “2021 COVID-19 Enrollment Period” as the Qualifying Life Event.
- Visit <https://pennie.com/learn/covid19/> to use the Savings Calculator or enroll.