

THIS CALL IS BEING RECORDED

COVID-19

Briefing for providers Thursday 6/4/20

**Reminder: Provider Briefings are held
on Monday and Thursday**



Provider Briefings Changing to Once per Week

- Beginning, **AFTER** next week, the meetings will occur once per week, on Thursdays.
- After next week, the first meeting will be **Thursday, June 18**

Agenda

- Communications
- Update from Carolyn Bebb, Free Tax Prep Program
- Legislative/Policy Updates
- COVID Metrics
- Plans to Maintain Essential Services



New Questions Coming Soon on Neighborland

- **1. What's the best way to get the word out to your community?** There's new information about the virus, there are people who can help...but for immigrants and internationals especially, getting information is especially hard. Please let us know the ways we can reach your community.
- **2. What kind of support is most helpful to you during this difficult time?** It's normal to be stressed and anxious during an emergency like this. We'd like to know more about what helps (or would help) most. Please give us your ideas for how we can make sure you're doing okay.
- **3. Are you worried about someone you care about?** What issues are you seeing and how can we help make sure they are doing okay?
- **4. How can we more actively support the fight against racism and injustice?**
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<https://neighborland.com/alleghenycounty>

Free Tax Prep Program

- Allegheny County DHS is starting virtual tax return preparation from May 26th through June 30th on designated evenings. Traditional in person tax services were suspended in March at Allegheny County DHS.
- Qualifying individuals and families can have their taxes filed for free and have an opportunity to receive a refund from the safety of their own home.
- Taxpayers must have access and be able to use a smartphone, tablet, or computer. They also must have an email address and phone number.

Free Tax Prep Program

- Taxpayers must have all tax documents, valid ID, and social security cards, and date of birth for all individuals on the tax return. Direct deposit information is also recommended to expedite refund. Taxpayers can upload documents by taking pictures of documents on their smartphone using Dropbox technology.
- The IRS has extended the deadline for filing 2019 tax returns until July 15th. Appointments are available between May 26th and June 30th on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. *Alternate hours may be provided upon request.*

Free Tax Prep Program

- Most individuals who made less than \$30,000 and families (more than one person) who made less than \$55,000 in 2019 are eligible for the program.
- Taxpayers can contact the Free Tax Prep Program at FreeTaxPrep@alleghenycounty.us to schedule a tax appointment or ask questions about the program. Appointments are being scheduled now.

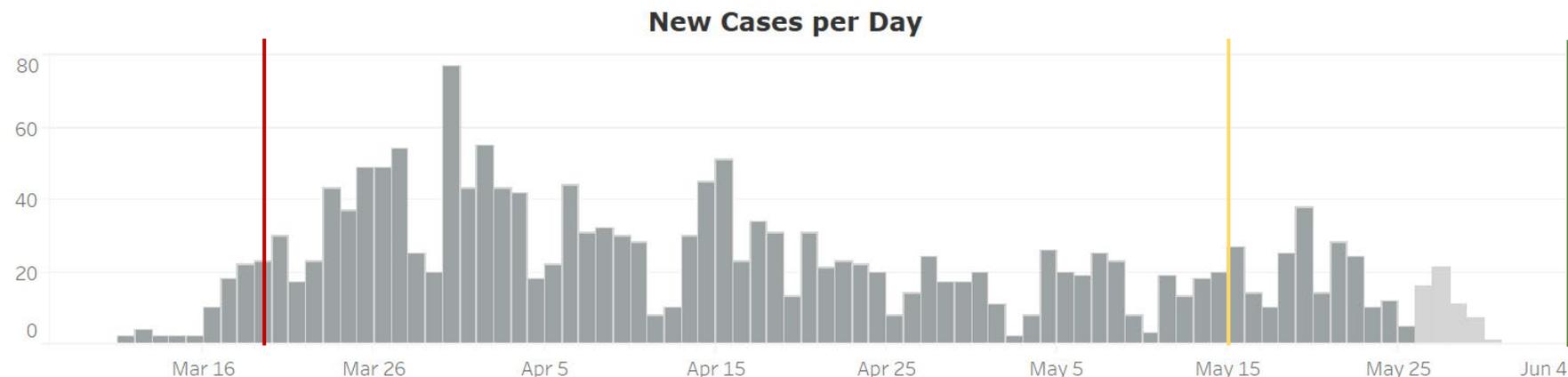
Policy and Legislative – Federal, State, Local

- Congress passes reforms to Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Senate considering extending federal unemployment payments.
 - Bill heading to President allows PPP funds to be spent over 24 weeks instead of the original 8 weeks and still be forgiven, and changes a 75-25 divide — which required businesses to spend 75 percent of the loan on payroll and 25 percent on other fixed costs such as rent and utilities — to a 60-40 ratio, allowing more flexibility for fixed costs.
 - Due to growing unemployment, conversations beginning among Senate Republicans about what to do about federal unemployment aid after the July 31 expiration; one proposal is to lower the amount from \$650 to \$450 a week.
- Based on May revenue decreases, PA Department of Revenue announces losses to current Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund are around \$2.6 billion.
- Allegheny County Board of Elections reports turnout for Tuesday's Primary at 40%, almost double over what has been normal for a second term presidential election year.
- Mayor Peduto calls for independent investigation into police action in breakup of peaceful protest in East Liberty earlier this week.

Metrics	Source	Current Status
Metric #1: Decline in new cases or low number of new cases	Centers for Disease control (CDC)	
Metric #2: New rate of cases below threshold	State of PA	
Metric #3: Decline in total hospitalizations	Centers for Disease control (CDC)	Change from previous week 
Metric #4: Decline in deaths	State of NY	
Metric #5: ICU Bed Capacity	World Health Organization, CDC	
Metric #6: Diagnostic Testing Capacity	Harvard Global Health Institute	
Metric #7: Increase or steady number of tests	Me 😊	
Metric #8: Percent positive rate	World Health Organization	
Metric #9: Reproduction number below 1	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PolicyLab	Change from previous week 

Metric 1: Decline in new cases

Yellow: Allegheny County has seen an increase in cases for the last three weeks, but the overall number of new cases is low



		Number of Cases	% change from previous week	Ave. positivity rate
Week of	4/27/2020	101		4.0%
Week of	5/4/2020	117	16%	4.0%
Week of	5/11/2020	127	9%	3.4%
Week of	5/18/2020	131	3%	3.2%

NOTE: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag of 3-5 days in reported tests and cases. We use through 5/26 to examine this metric

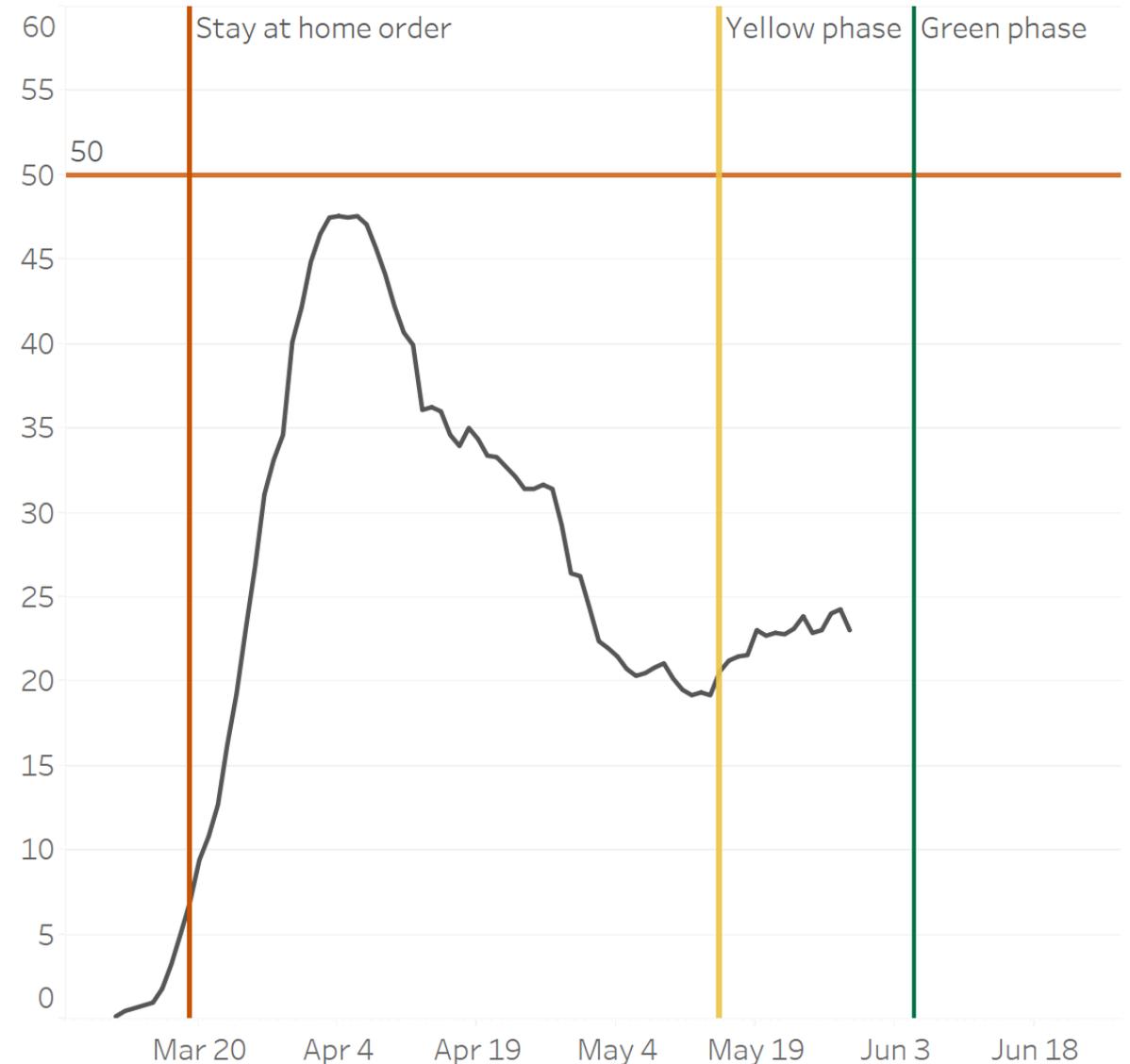
Metric 2: New Cases below threshold

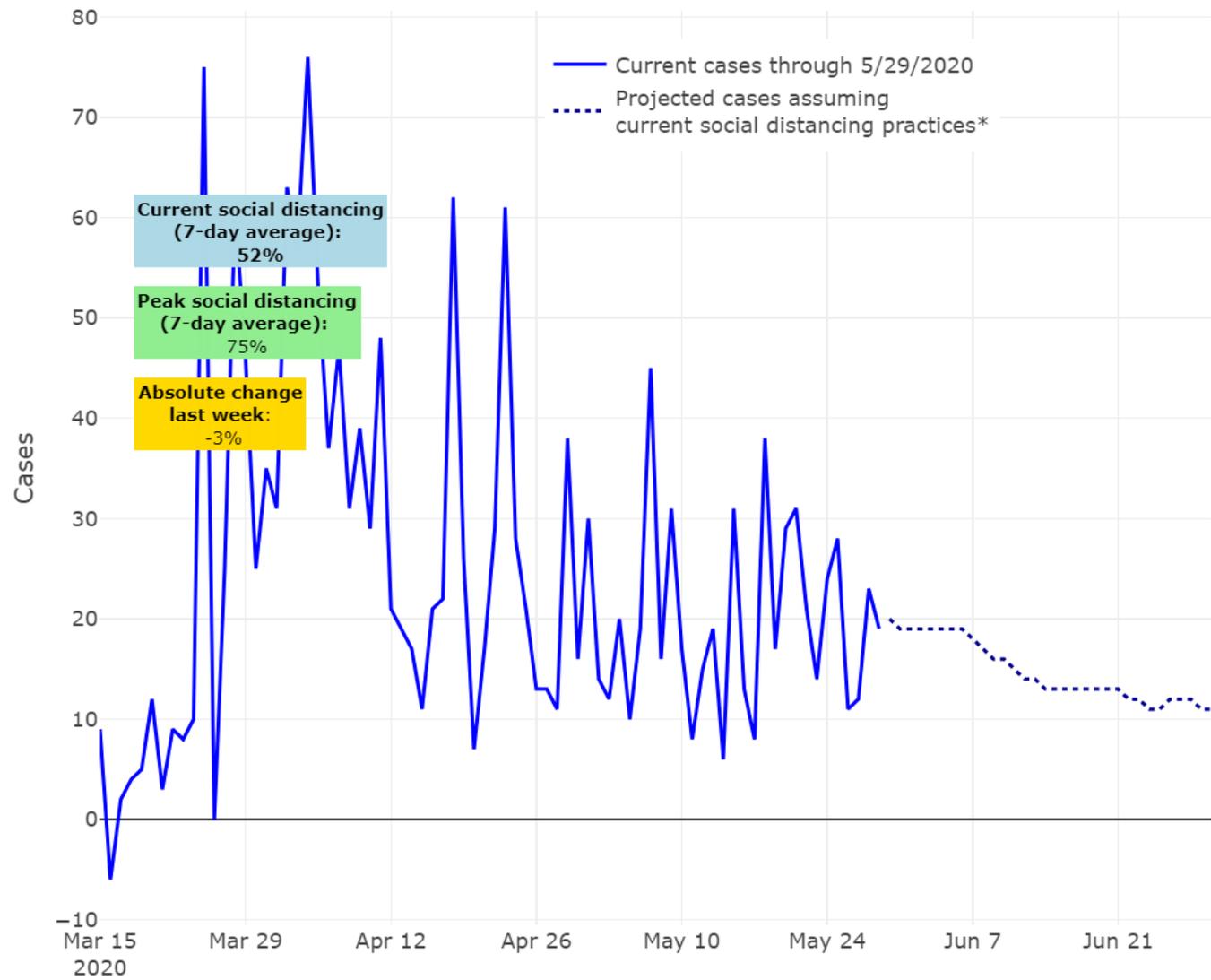
Green: On May 29th, there were 23 cases per 100,000 residents. We have seen a steady increase in new cases per 100,000 since the start of the yellow phase, though we are still way below the 50 cases per 100,000.

		Average Cases per 100,000	% change from previous week
Week of	5/1/2020	22	
Week of	5/8/2020	20	-9%
Week of	5/15/2020	22	12%
Week of	5/22/2020	23	6%

Metric definition: The new positive cases per 100,000 residents is below 50 over the last 14 days.

Citation: State of Pennsylvania



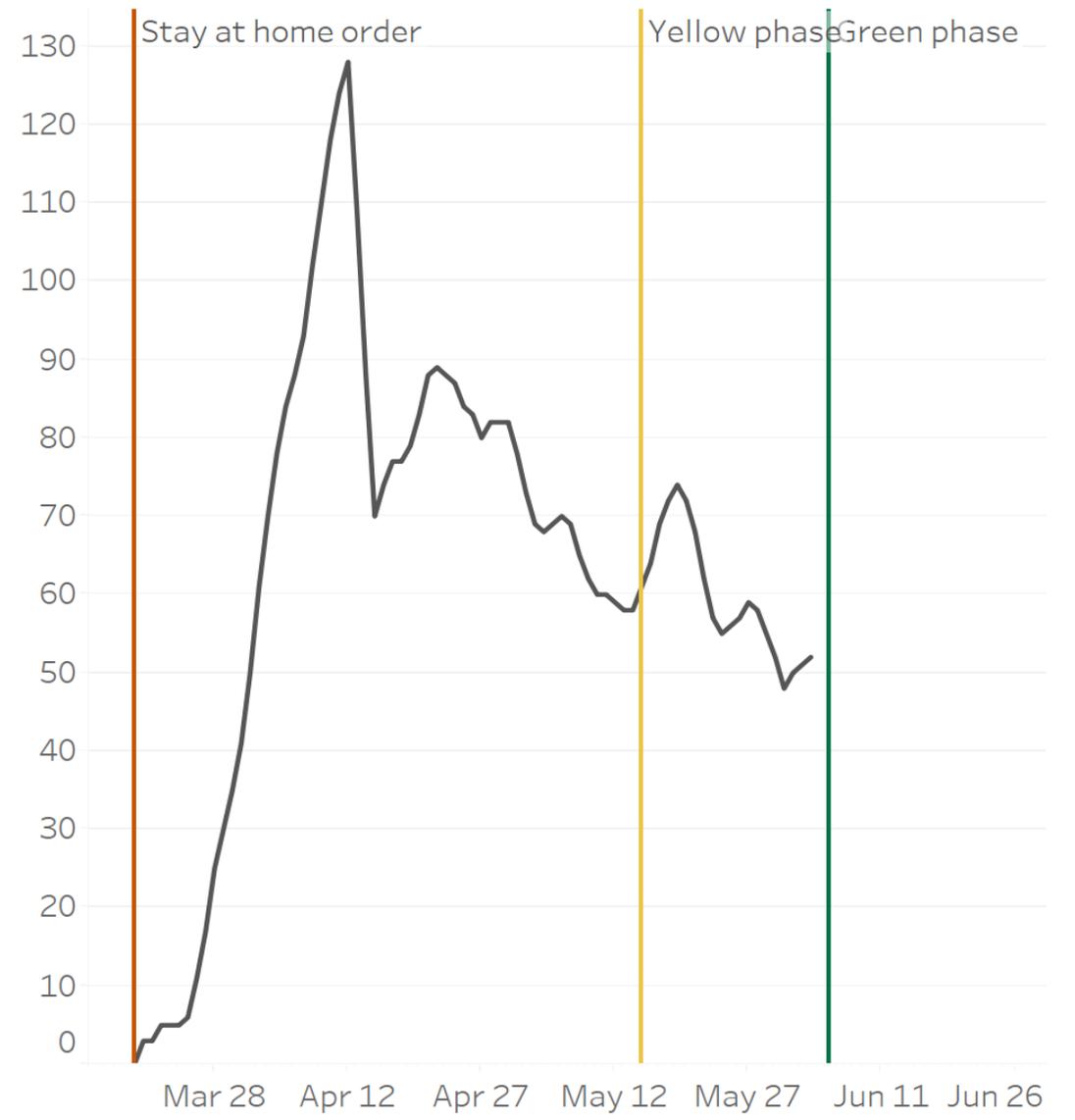


Metric 3: Decline in Total Hospitalizations

Green: There has been a decline in the number of people in the hospital for the last two weeks.

		Average Daily Number of People in the Hospital	% change from previous week
Week of	5/6/2020	62	
Week of	5/13/2020	67	9%
Week of	5/20/2020	59	-13%
Week of	5/27/2020	52	-11%

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.
Citation: CDC



Metric 4: Decline in Deaths

Green: The 3-day average of daily deaths in Allegheny County per day has never exceeded 5 and has also been declining.

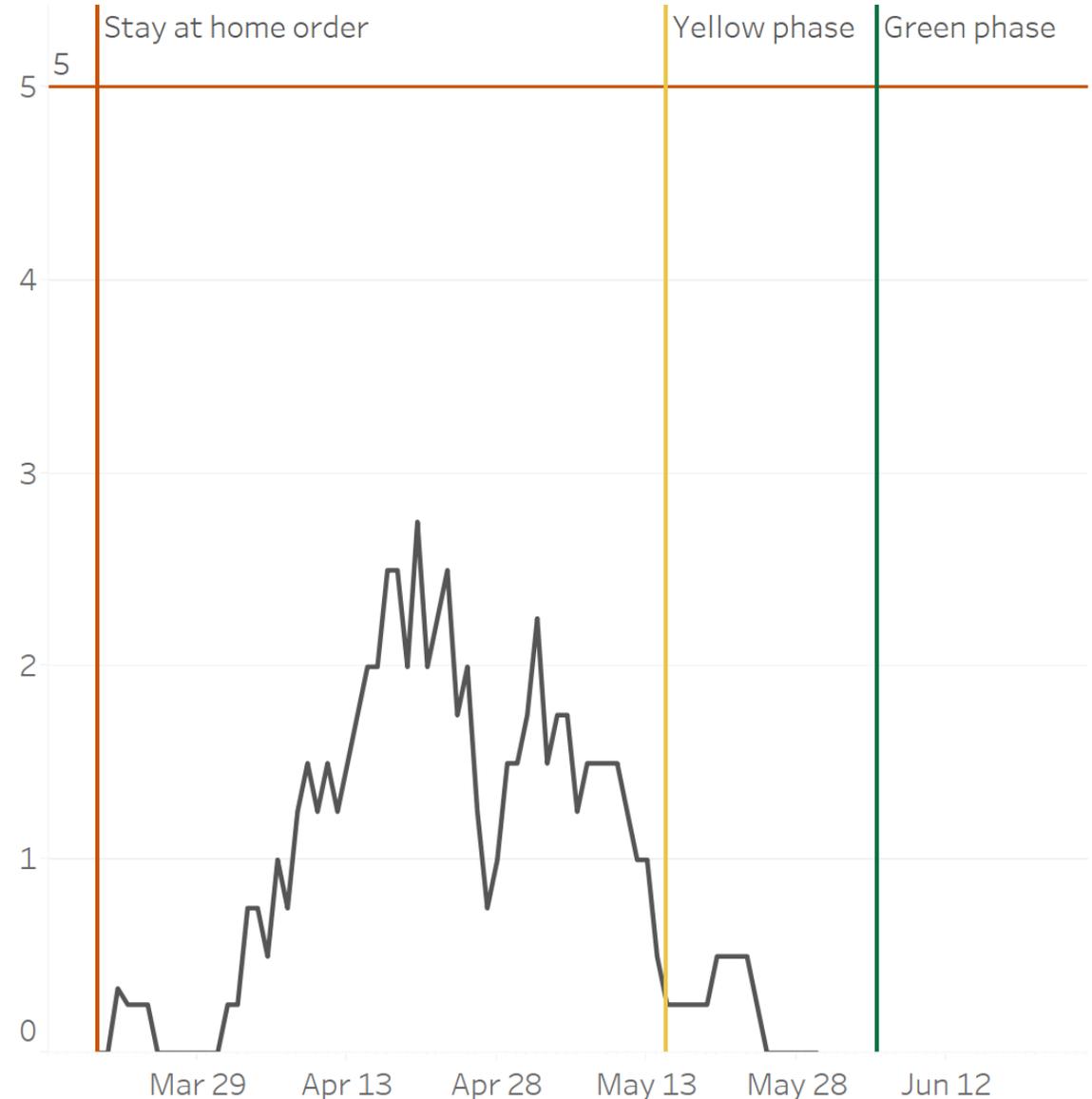
		Total number of deaths	% change from previous week
Week of	5/2/2020	12	
Week of	5/9/2020	5	-58%
Week of	5/16/2020	1	-80%
Week of	5/23/2020*	0	-100%

* does not include data released today

Metric Definition (a): The three-day rolling average of daily new hospital deaths has never exceeded 5.

Metric Definition (b): A decline in the three-day rolling average of daily hospital deaths over the course of a 14-day period.

Citation: State of New York



Metric 5: ICU bed capacity

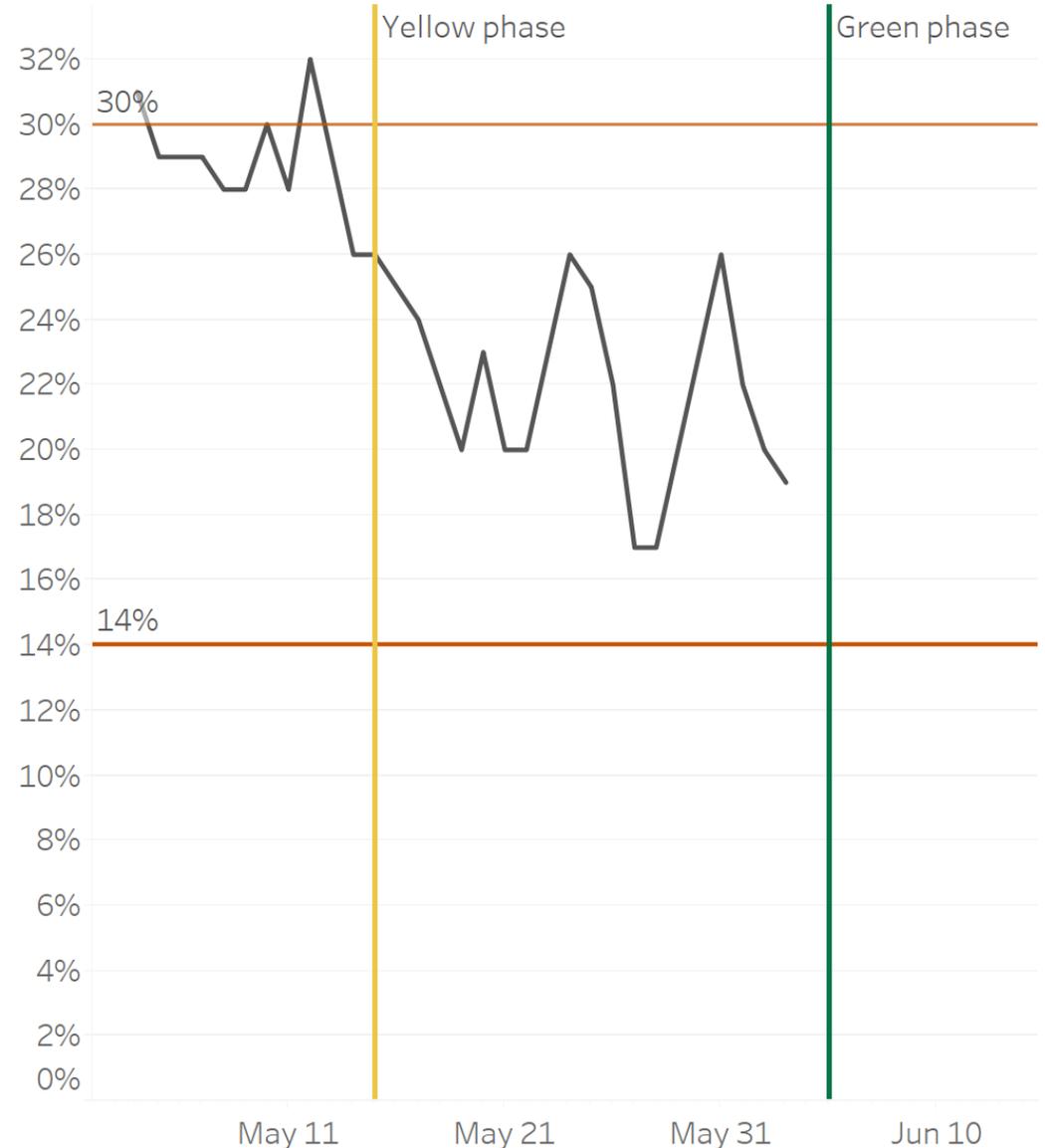
Yellow: The State of New York estimates they need at least 30% ICU bed capacity while Illinois estimates they need 14% to serve people affect by a potential second wave.

Though the average ICU bed capacity has been decreasing steadily over the last month, on June 3rd, Allegheny County had 19% ICU bed capacity.

		Average ICU Bed Capacity	% change from previous week
Week of	5/6/2020	29%	
Week of	5/13/2020	25%	-16%
Week of	5/20/2020	23%	-8%
Week of	5/27/2020	21%	-10%

Metric definition: At least 30% of ICU beds available (State of New York)
At least 14% of ICU beds available (State of Illinois)

Citation: CDC and World Health Organization



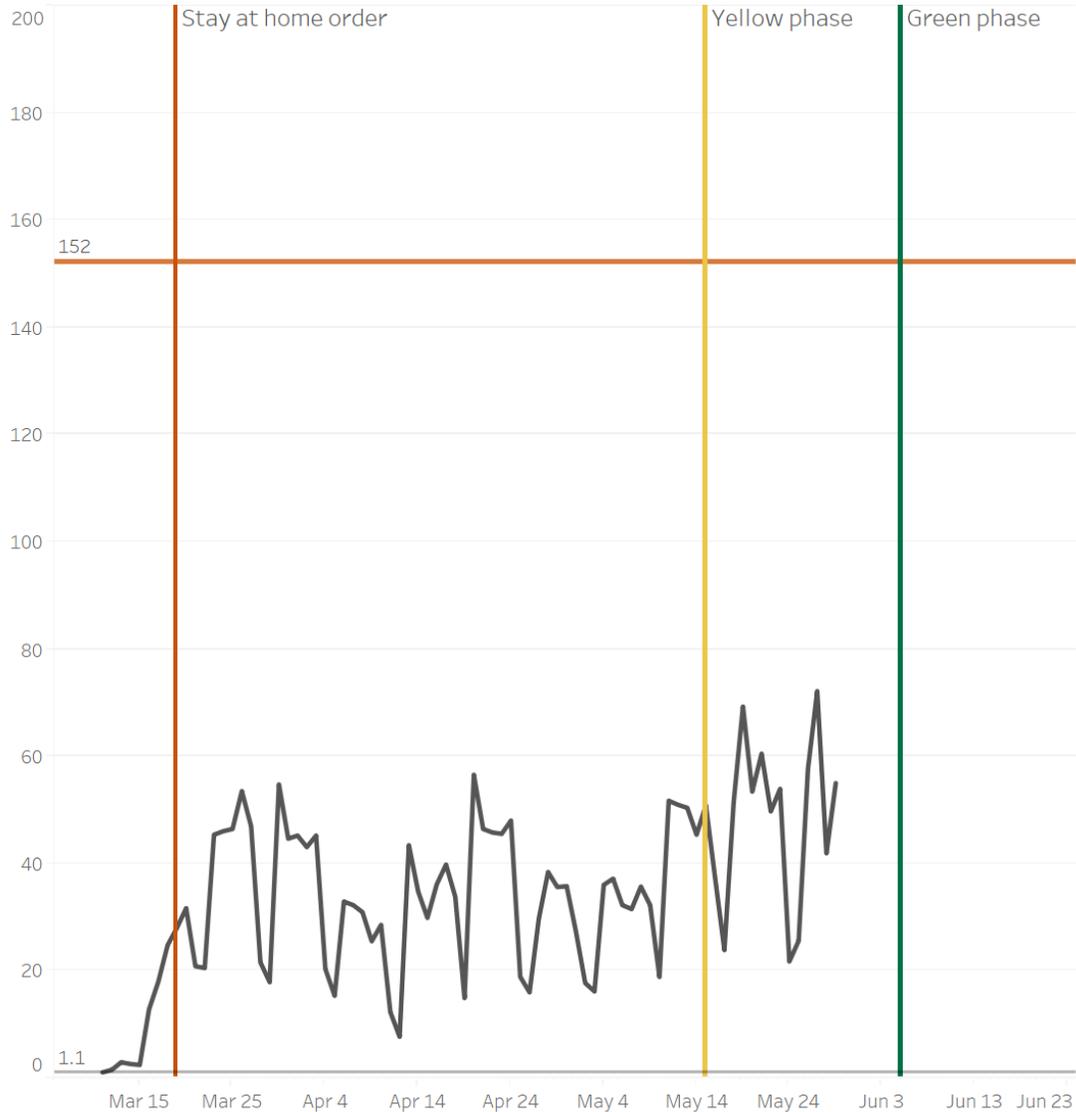
Metric 6: Diagnostic Testing Capacity

Red: Though Allegheny County continues to test well below Harvard’s recommendation of 152 tests per 100,000, the average daily tests continues to increase.

Week of	Average Tests per 100,000	% change from previous week
5/6/2020	29%	
5/13/2020	25%	-16%
5/20/2020	23%	-8%
5/27/2020	21%	-10%

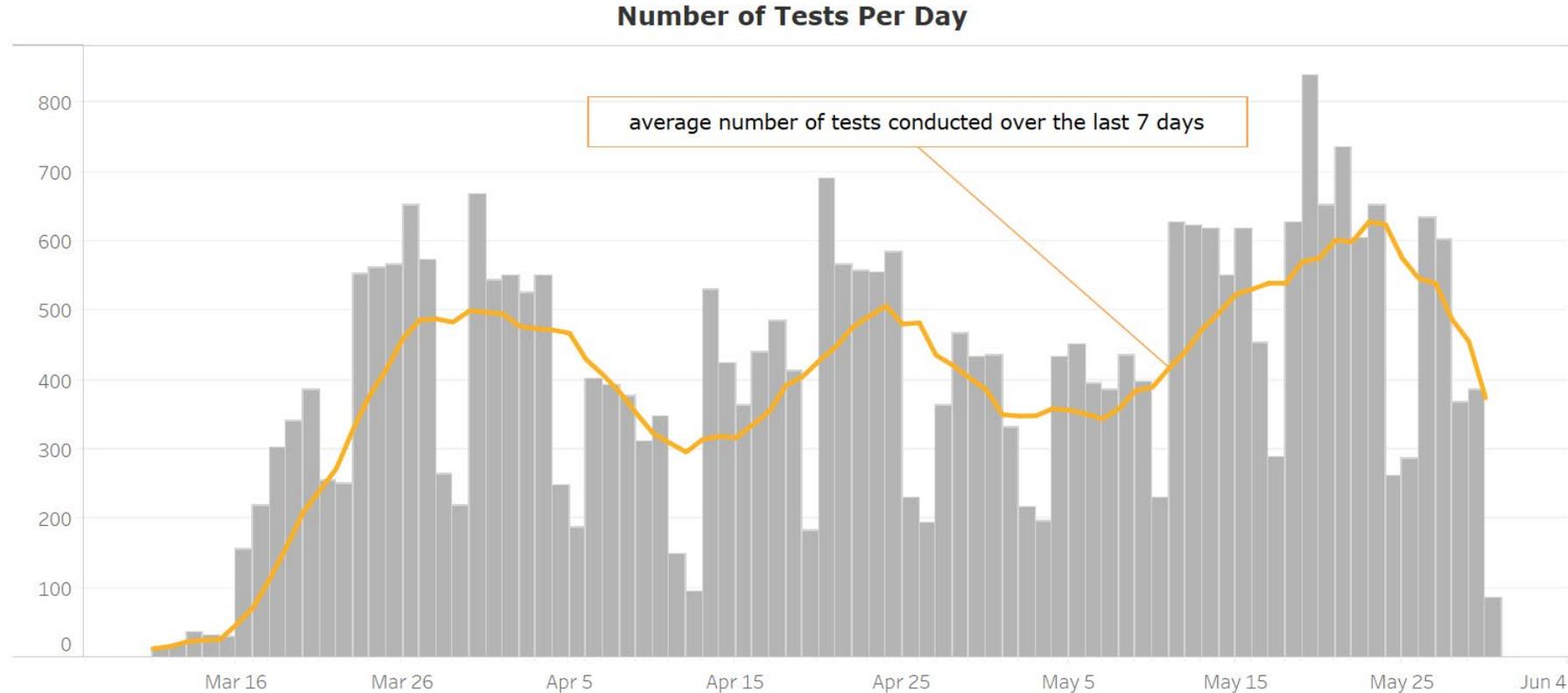
Metric definition: Average daily diagnostic testing over the past 7 days must equal or exceed 152 tests per 100,000 residents.

Citation: Harvard Global Health Institute



Metric 7: Increase or steady number of tests

Green: There have been an increase in the number of tests administered every week over the last 4 weeks .



		Number of Tests	% change from previous week
Week of	4/28/2020	2511	
Week of	5/5/2020	2922	16%
Week of	5/12/2020	3777	29%
Week of	5/19/2020	4031	7%

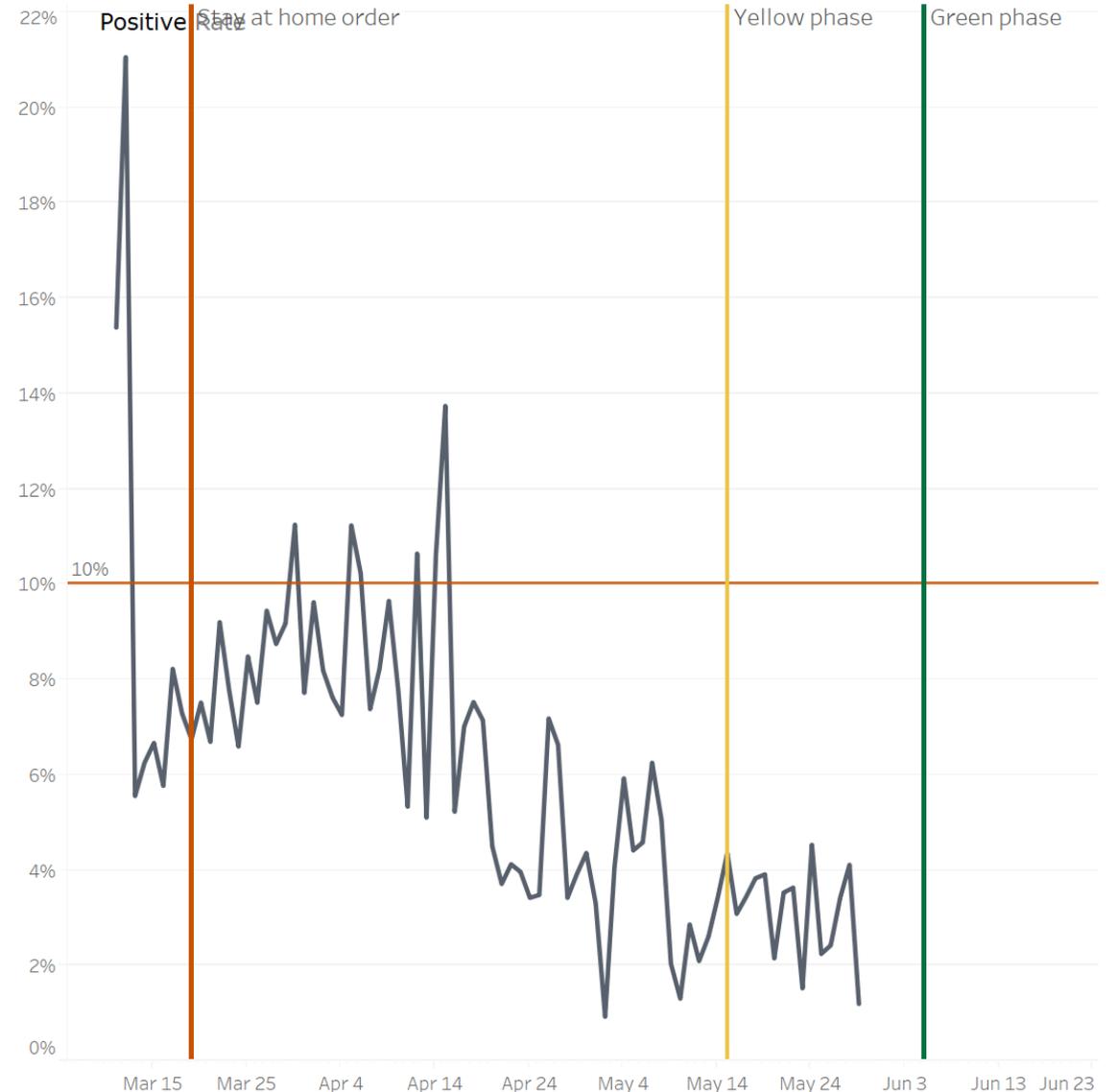
Metric 8: Percent of Positive Tests

Green: According to the WHO, communities that see about 10% or fewer positive cases among their test results may be testing enough. On May 29th, 2% (7 of 385 of tests) were positive and average rates of positivity have been declining for the last two weeks. Allegheny County has been under 10% since April 16th.

		Average Positivity Rate	% change from previous week
Week of	4/28/2020	3.8%	
Week of	5/5/2020	3.9%	3%
Week of	5/12/2020	3.4%	-14%
Week of	5/19/2020	3.2%	-5%

Metric definition: Percent of positive tests is 10% or less.

Citation: World Health Organization



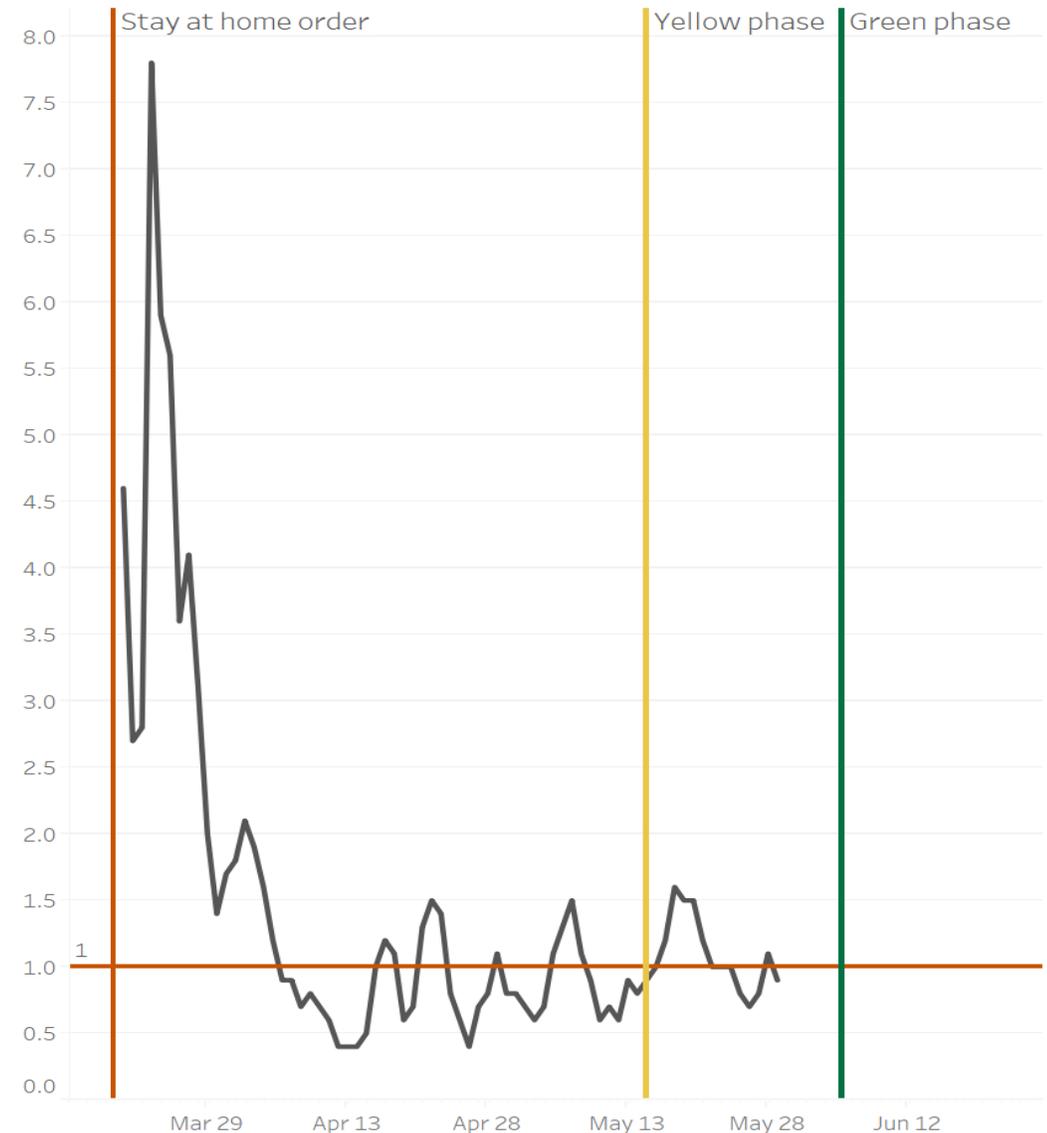
Metric 9: Reproduction number below 1

Green: On May 29th, the R_0 value in Allegheny County was 0.9. If R_0 is less than 1, each existing infection causes less than one new infection. In this case, the disease will decline and eventually die out.

Week of	Average R_0	% change from previous week
5/1/2020	0.96	
5/8/2020	0.80	-16%
5/15/2020	1.27	59%
5/22/2020	0.91	-28%

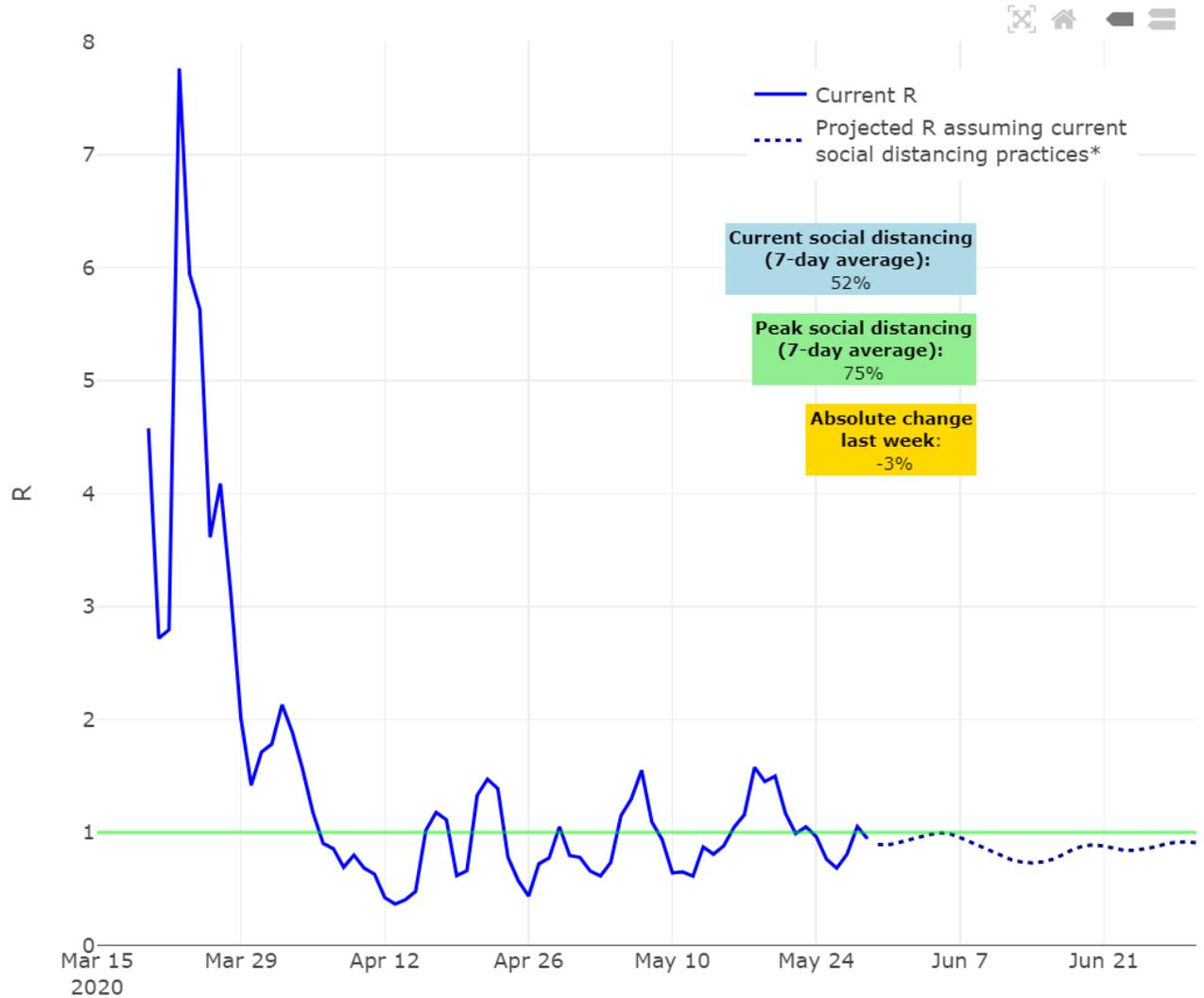
Metric definition: R_0 is the average number of people who will contract COVID-19 from one person with that disease. This model was developed by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Policy Lab.

Citation: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Policy Lab: <https://policylab.chop.edu/covid-lab-mapping-covid-19-your-community>



Projected cases

R estimation



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

Essential Services

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

Essential Service Status Snapshot

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

AAA Updates: Farmers Market Vouchers

- The SeniorLine is currently experiencing from double to triple the amount of daily phone calls due to public interest in the upcoming Farmers Market Vouchers
- Prior to this week, daily calls were averaging at 100
- Each day this week the number of calls has ranged from 275-300



Food: for Seniors

No Updates 6/4/20

Essential Service:		Food for Seniors		Overall Service Capability:		At Risk
Staffing:	At Risk	Level 2 Agencies invoke their own COOP plan	Supplies:	Unstable	Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need	
Notes: <p>-AAA has received a shipment of over 800 FEMA shelf stable meals and are putting together a plan for a rolling distribution to identified sites.</p> <p>-Between FEMA and the AAA food providers there have been over 3,000 shelf stable meals ordered to be distributed.</p> <p>-Due to the increase in HDM referrals ACCESS is now assisting with deliveries for Northern Area Multiservice Center in the Tarentum area.</p> <p>-HDM providers have transitioned to 2 day per week delivery in order to maximize delivery and minimize social contact. Planning is underway to move to a 1 day per week delivery where possible.</p>						
Service Locations:	Stable	Level 1 100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public and those in need	Funding:	Stable	Level 1 Normal funding available	
Notes: <p>-Current system has reached a plateau and is doing well.</p> <p>-Preparing for increases.</p>			Notes:			

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

No Updates 6/4/20

Essential Service:		Elder abuse investigations, In-home services & other critical aging services		Overall Service Capability:		Stable	
Staffing:		Level 1 Stable Agencies staff their own services, or have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate level		Supplies:		Level 3 At Risk 40 - 59% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need	
Notes:				Notes:			
-Care Managers are completing consumer contacts and assessments by telephone rather than in-home visits to reduce the spread of Covid-19 -Per state direction, OPTIONS has developed internal processes to track Covid-19 specific services in the statewide SAMS/Wellsky database -In-Home services network is serving all consumers for Personal Care & Home Support -Personal Emergency Response Systems providers are offering modified, "contact free" install processes				-Available protective supplies (masks, gloves and sanitizer) have all been distributed to PS provider agencies and Options RN's.			
Service Locations:		Level 1 Stable 100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public and those in need		Funding:		Level 1 Stable Normal funding available	
Notes:				Notes:			

Food: For Broader Community

Essential Service:	Food for Broader Community			Overall Service Capability:	At Risk
Staffing:	At Risk	Level 2 Agencies invoke their own COOP plan	Supplies:	Unstable	Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need
Notes: -Overall, Food Bank, 412 Food Rescue, School Districts, Food Pantries, Community Groups getting food out to community -As demand and need increases, focus is on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Developing mechanisms to get food closer to people (more distribution sites, transportation) -Contingency planning for sites that must close (additional food prep sites) -Meeting additional demand (additional food supply to Food Bank and pantries) -Processes for families in quarantine or other "last resort" situations (in their own home or in facility) (quick solutions) 					
Service Locations:	At Risk	Level 2 100% coverage to the public from either normal or alternative Service Locations	Funding:	Stable	Level 1 Normal funding available
Notes: see above			Notes: see above		

FARMERS TO FAMILIES

Food Distribution



NATRONA HEIGHTS



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TOMORROW AT 1 PM – 3 PM

Farmers to Families Food Distribution | Natrona Heights

Highlands High School Gymnasium

Out-of-School Time providers served over 20,000 grab and go meals in May!



Food Access Coordination and Resources

<http://dhstraumaresourcelibrary.alleghenycounty.us/covid-19-information-for-dhs-providers/food-supplies/>

- Food Map, FAQs and more!

Food Access Call

Tuesdays at 3:30

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[+1 267-368-7515](tel:+12673687515) United States, Philadelphia (Toll)

Conference ID: 287 284 875#

Childcare for essential employees, including first responders

Essential Service:	Childcare for essential employees, including first responders		Overall Service Capability:	At Risk
Staffing:	Stable Level 1 Agencies staff their own services, or have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate level	Supplies:	Unstable Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need	
Notes: "staffing" for essential childcare presumably includes a huge network of relative/neighbor and other natural support caregivers. Traditional childcare staff supply is stable (with so many centers closed, several staff not currently employed)		Notes: Trying Together supporting childcare providers in accessing supplies, summer camp providers in the process of procuring supplies now		
Service Locations:	Stable Level 1 100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public and those in need	Funding:	At Risk Level 2 Concerns over short-term funds to cover operations - cash flow issues arising	
Notes: Childcare available for 0-5 year olds. Over 400 of ~650 regulated providers are opening or are in the process of reopening. Many opened June 1. Many summer camps are going virtual but many others operating some in person programming		Notes: Local philanthropic community have made this a priority, state is continuing to make subsidy payments to providers thru June 30, CARES funding going to providers this month		



Catch Up With Your Vaccines!

Don't let your child fall behind on their needed immunizations.

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, UPMC Children's Community Pediatrics, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown are partnering to bring needed vaccines, safely, to western Pennsylvania communities.

Look for the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile in your community.

Important!

Appropriate physical distancing measures will be maintained. Please give yourself adequate time in case of a wait. To ensure child, family and staff safety, adults and children over age 2 are asked to arrive wearing a mask. A mask will be provided if you do not have one. Child must be accompanied by one parent or legal guardian.

Have questions or need more information? Contact the Care Mobile at **412-352-1059**. Check www.chp.edu for more dates and locations this summer.

Services provided:

- Vaccinations, ages 2 months through high school
- WIC (Women, Infants, & Children) form assistance
- Health and safety information

Also available:

- Kindergarten registration information
- At-home activities for summertime
- Food and infant formula resources

Neighborhood	Location	Dates
Chartiers	Chartiers Early Childhood Center 3799 Chartiers Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15204	June 8 th & 10 th
Clairton	Family Dollar 533 Miller Ave, Clairton, PA 15025	June 4 th
Coraopolis	Cornell School District 1099 Maple St, Coraopolis, PA 15108	August 31 st
Homestead/Munhall	Steel Valley Middle School 3114 Main St, Munhall, PA 15120	July 27 th & 29 th
Homewood	Homewood-Brushton YMCA 7140 Bennett St, Pittsburgh, PA 15208	June 25 th & July 23 rd
Natrona Heights	Allegheny Valley YMCA 5021 Freeport Rd, Natrona Heights, PA 15065	July 2 nd & August 6 th
New Castle	New Castle Jr/Sr High School 300 E Lincoln Ave, New Castle, PA 16101	July 20 th & August 19 th
New Kensington	Valley Points Family YMCA 800 Constitution Blvd, New Kensington, PA 15068	June 22 nd & July 16 th
North Side	Children's Museum of Pittsburgh 10 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212	June 17 th & July 15 th
Penn Hills	Penn Hills Family Care Connection 10 Duff Rd, Penn Hills, PA 15235	June 18 th & July 31 st

Check <https://www.chp.edu/our-services/mobile-medical-clinic/schedule> for most up-to-date locations and dates!

All clinics run from 10AM - 2PM

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

Essential Service:		Services for people experiencing homelessness and/or in supportive housing		Overall Service Capability:		At Risk	
Staffing:	At Risk	Level 2		Supplies:	Unstable	Level 4	
		Agencies invoke their own COOP plan				20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need	
<p>Notes: Providers are functioning, with some staff performing virtual case management as needed. At risk staff at several agencies are working remotely, but some staff are calling off or not showing up. Staffing issues have not forced services to be closed at any providers, but the network is at risk.</p>				<p>Notes: Necessary cleaning supplies and protective equipment are in low supply, and masks are in very low supply. Providers are trying to secure supplies on their own, but also hoping DHS can provide.</p>			
Service Locations:	Stable	Level 1		Funding:	Stable	Level 1	
		100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public and those in need				Normal funding available	
<p>Notes: All shelter facilities are still open and are staffed. Shelters with vacancies are still accepting new clients. Isolation/quarantine hotel location is open.</p>				<p>Notes: There are currently no funding concerns for the homeless network; federal stimulus bill includes some additional funding for homeless services.</p>			

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

Family Quarantine/Isolation space:

- 2- and 3-bedroom apartments for families
- For more information, please contact Remy Harris: Remy.Harris@alleghenycounty.us

Individual Quarantine/Isolation space:

For more information, please contact:

Homeless referrals: Jessica.McKown@alleghenycounty.us

Office of Behavioral Health referrals: Diane.Johnson@alleghenycounty.us

Allegheny County Jail referrals: Jennifer.Batterton@alleghenycounty.us

Immigrants and Internationals referrals: bgreen@jfcspgh.org

Client Cell Phones

- Please contact Gabe Krivosh (Gabriel.Krivosh@alleghenycounty.us) for additional information

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

Eviction cases pending in March resume June 2; eviction moratorium expires July 11.

Rental assistance and eviction prevention assistance:

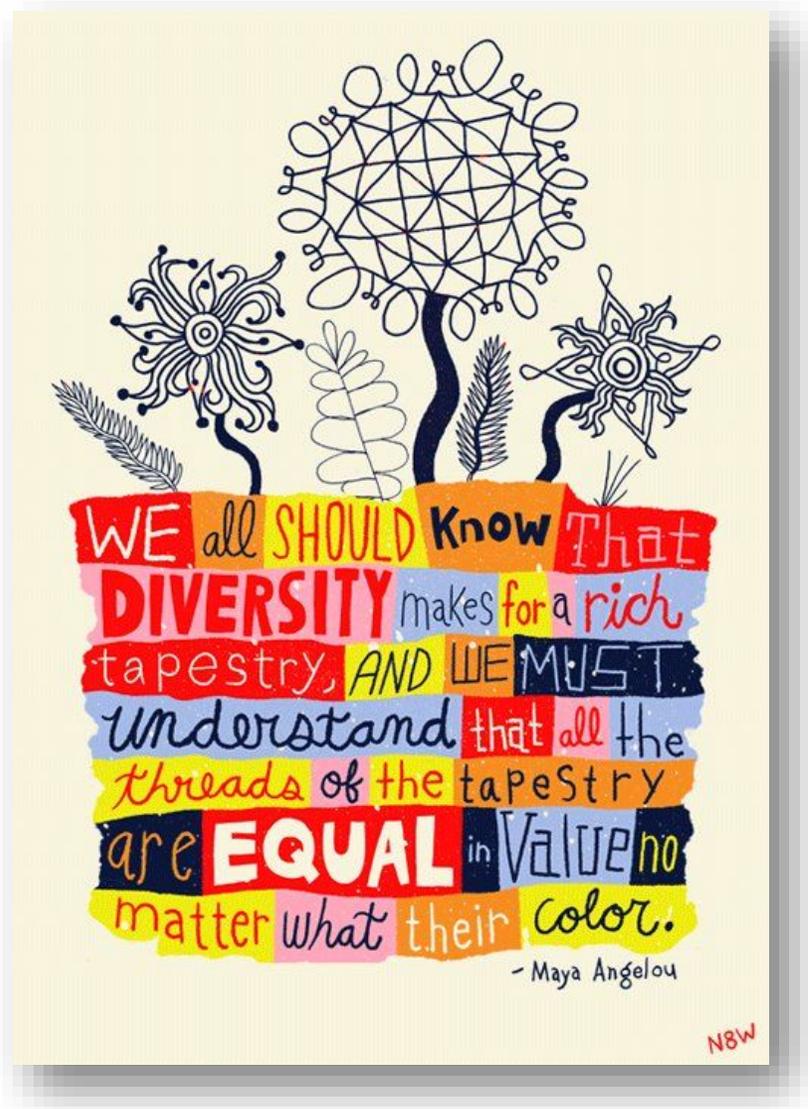
- Contact Allegheny Link (1-866-730-2368)
- Rental assistance (first months' rent and security deposit) is available to persons who are in shelter or street homeless
- Eviction prevention: person must have a judgement from magistrate

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

Homelessness Provider Network COVID-19 Working Group:

- Every other Tuesday at 9:30 AM (next one is June 9)
- All homelessness service providers invited and encouraged to participate
- Call in information:
 - Phone number: 1-267-368-7515***
 - Conference ID #: 883 836 652***

Behavioral Health: Mental Health & Drug and Alcohol



Essential Service:	Behavioral health acute, crisis, and residential care			Overall Service Capability:	At Risk
Staffing:	At Risk	Level 2	Supplies:	At Risk	Level 3
		Agencies invoke their own COOP plan			40 - 59% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in
Notes: At risk but stabilizing.			Notes: Gloves, antiseptic wipes, antibacterial soap, thermometers, etc. in short supply for providers. In the past few days more supply requests have come in. Reminding providers to follow the supply request process and to not call in for supply request		
Service Locations:	Stable	Level 1	Funding:	Stable	Level 1
		100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public			Normal funding available
Notes: Broadened use of telehealth. Reminding providers to submit incident reports when they are updating policies/procedure to their facilities and services.			Notes: APA and gap payments have been developed for eligible levels of care/services.		

Schedule of ASAM Service Descriptions

- DDAP scheduled online presentation for service descriptions alignment with ASAM
- The first presentation is on July 7th
- More information can be found [here](#)



UPCOMING ASAM ONLINE OVERVIEW

Alignment of Service Delivery with ASAM Criteria, 2013

- WHO:** Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
Program Directors/Managers
Chief Executive Officers
Clinical Supervisors
Clinicians
Payors
Single County Authorities
BH-MCOs
- WHAT:** Alignment of Service Delivery with ASAM Criteria, 2013
- WHERE:** Online Overview
- WHEN:** Beginning July 7, 2020. [View Rollout Schedule](#). No registration is required, use the specific link provided to join the designated meeting.

DETAILS: The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) worked jointly with its sister agency, the Department of Human Services (DHS/OMHSAS) and its system partners to train over 8500 assessors and clinicians in the use of the ASAM Criteria and to facilitate the transition to the use of the ASAM Criteria as a level of care placement tool.

The next phase of the ASAM Criteria alignment process is to *make adjustments to the delivery of services* that ensures widespread use of evidence-based program standards, comprehensive treatment strategies and improved care coordination and transition between levels of care required for quality services, as well as for the implementation of the Pennsylvania 1115 Demonstration Waiver project.

Treatment providers that are recipients of public funds, including Medicaid and SCA dollars, will be required to make these adjustments. While this will be an ongoing process, these online presentations will begin this next phase of describing the expectations for aligning with the ASAM Criteria, 2013. Therefore, programmatic decision-makers should plan on participating on one of the presentations for each level of care (LoC) related to services delivered. DDAP will also be releasing supporting written documentation via its listserv and website for each LoC, will be holding web and live Q & A sessions, etc. to assist with this next phase of the ASAM Criteria alignment. Please watch the website and listserv for additional details.

Early Intervention

Essential Service:		Early Intervention		Overall Service Capability:		Stable
Staffing:	Stable	Level 1	Supplies:	Unstable	Level 4	20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need
		Agencies staff their own services, or have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate level				
Notes: Completely up and running with tele intervention services. Only services not approved for telehealth are social work and nursing.			Notes: In the past few days more supply requests have come in			
Service Locations:	Stable	Level 1	Funding:	At Risk	Level 2	Concerns over short-term funds to cover operations - cash flow issues arising
		100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public and those in need				
Notes: All Infant/Toddler Early Intervention services have the approval to be delivered using tele-intervention, this includes Social Work and Nursing.			Notes: Providers have been greatly impacted by the loss of revenue			

Transportation to essential medical and social services

No updates

Essential Service:		Transportation to essential medical and social services		Overall Service Capability:		Stable	
Staffing:	Stable	Level 1		Supplies:	At Risk	Level 2	
		Agencies staff their own services, or have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate				60 - 89% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in	
Notes: Traveler's Aide and ACCESS are able to accommodate MATP transports at this time.				Notes: MATP guidelines have mandated that riders and drivers wear masks. Traveler's Aid and Access has been able to acquire PPE for staff.			
Service Locations :	Stable	Level 1		Funding:	Stable	Level 1	
		100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public				Normal funding available	
Notes: MATP has issued guidances for providers and riders.				Notes:			

Child welfare critical services: Local plans & next steps

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





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Peace everyone. If any Black person in Pittsburgh is uninsured and in need of mental health therapy, please let us know. **Steel Smiling** has some funding available to help offset costs for your in-person/ tele-mental health sessions.

Also, if you're Black and have insurance but can't afford the co-payments, we have some funding to support with those costs too.

Text/email us at (412)-532-9458 or info@steelsmilingpgh.org. We'll do our very best to honor your needs and get you connected with a Black, culturally-sensitive, clinical professional in a timely manner.

Stay safe and please try to center your Healing today. 🖤💛



In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Children's Bureau will be conducting a webinar on *Child Welfare Worker Safety in the Time of COVID: CDC Recommendations for In-Person Interactions with Families*. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, June 11, 2020 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. EDT/12:30-1:30 p.m. CDT/11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. MDT/10:30-11:30 a.m. PDT.**

Child welfare agencies have taken steps to promote safety of case workers and families during this time of physical distancing, including strategies to limit face-to-face interactions. However, circumstances remain where these interactions are necessary to assess child safety and parent/caregiver capacity to maintain child safety and well-being. This webinar will review relevant guidance and recommendations by the CDC to on how to reduce the risk of child welfare case workers while conducting in-person interactions with children and families during the crisis. Participants will also hear an example from the field of how this guidance is being implemented in practice in Massachusetts.

Please hold the date and time on your calendars. Registration information is forthcoming.

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism services:

Essential Service:	Intellectual Disabilities and Autism services		Overall Service Capability:	Stable
Staffing:	Stable	Level 1 Agencies staff their own services, or have invoked contingency plans that have brought staffing to an adequate level	Supplies:	Unstable Level 4 20 - 39% of necessary supplies are available for the essential service to be safely and adequately delivered to those in need
Notes: We continue to reach out to agencies weekly. Provider agencies are getting a lot of information but seem to be keeping up service delivery in light of COVID. We have confirmed providers have and are implementing COVID response plans when necessary.			Notes: Providers are reporting that they are submitting supply requests to any and all resources provided and getting some response although quantity is still not near what is needed.	
Service Locations:	Stable	Level 1 100% coverage to the public from normal Service Locations, which are open and fully operational to the public and those in need	Funding:	Stable Level 1 Normal funding available
Notes: Providers have relocation plans in place but so far, everyone is at their normal service location. Providers are aware of resources available and reporting requirements.			Notes:	

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism services: Current Activities

ODP Announcement 20-063 Reinstatement of SIS & PA Supplement for those in Yellow/Green Phases.

ODP Announcement 20-062 CPS Readiness Tool

Continue to follow local information and directives, along with PA Department of Health and the State Office of Developmental Programs. Links to COVID-19 updates can be found on MyODP.org, <https://www.myodp.org/mod/page/view.php?id=26808>

No Updates 6/4/2020



Family Transition & Resource Guides

Your Roadmap Back into the Community

The attached guide can assist family members and caretakers in assessing critical community re-entry criteria for individuals. This guide acts as a guide to supplements a similar transition guide that supports coordinators and counties use to assess community transition readiness. Families may use this guide to prepare for community re-entry and SC assessments.

https://dhstraumaresourcelibrary.alleghenycounty.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Roadmap_Family_Caregiver_v4111.pdf

Resource Guide to Community Readiness

The *Resource Guide to Community Readiness* is designed to provide resources and to help plan a path forward for families and caregivers as you consider the many different ways in which lives have been impacted as a result of COVID-19. Information within the guide can be used to help plan for services and supports that may be needed, and inform discussions with supports coordinators, service providers and support staff.

https://dhstraumaresourcelibrary.alleghenycounty.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Family_Caregiver-Guide-v2111.pdf

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.

