Agenda

- Announcements
- Health Metrics
- Legislative Update
- Crisis Prevention and Response
- Program Updates

New Order

- Health Department Director Dr. Debra Bogen today announced that additional mitigation measures are being taken in Allegheny County to further stem the spread of coronavirus cases in the county. The new order calls for a one-week closure of bars, restaurants and casinos and the cancellation of all activities or events over 25 people for that same one-week time period. Food establishments may still offer take-out and delivery during that time period. The order takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020.

- In addition to the order, Dr. Bogen also recommended a voluntary stay-at-home protocol for residents of the county. While not part of the order, limiting travel to necessities and other mitigation measures is intended to further reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our county.

- "I know that people were angry and frustrated with recent developments including the surge in cases, the prior order and recommendations, as well as the state mask order," said Bogen. "I also realize that this newest order won't make any of that better but as Health Department Director, I am charged with protecting, promoting, and preserving the health and well-being of all county residents, particularly the most vulnerable. This is not a decision that I've made lightly but I believe it's necessary based on the new cases in the county and the community spread that is occurring."

- This order is in addition to the restriction of on on-premises alcohol consumption at any business establishment in Allegheny County that was issued on Sunday.

Virtual Human Services Block Grant Public Meetings

- Held virtually on June 29 and 30

- 65 DHS staff and community members participated

- A meeting recording and the PowerPoint can be found at: https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/News-Events/Meetings-Hearings/Community.aspx

- You may still submit your comments to DHS-Ideas@AlleghenyCounty.US

- Input received will be incorporated into our HSBG Plan submission to the state, due 7/20

How to Report when Staff Tests Positive

- If a member of your staff has tested positive for COVID-19, including presumptive positive, or has been exposed to a confirmed case, notify DHS by emailing DHS-PrivacyOfficer@alleghenycounty.us (preferred method) Alternatively, you may report via phone to Brian Bell, Allegheny County Privacy Officer, at 412-350-2887.

Recruitment Platform *for*
Essential Human Service Workers

Recruiting Platform Registration

If you are an agency that would like to gain access to this recruitment platform and these potential canadines, request access via the below link:

https://bit.ly/SWPA_HHSprovider

Training
Training & support site:
https://bit.ly/swpa-support

Candidate Application

Candidates can learn more and indicate their interest in open positions via the link below:

https://bit.ly/SWPA_HHSopportunities

Allegheny County COVID-19 Key Metrics

Click on a metric's current state symbol to see how this metric has changed over time.

Metric	Source	Current State
Metric #1: Decline in new cases or low number of new cases	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	**Change from last week** ✗
Metric #2: New Cases Below Threshold	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	**Change from last week** —
Metric #3: Decline in Total Hospitalizations	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	**Change from last week** ✗
Metric #4—Decline in Deaths	State of New York	✔
Metric #5: ICU Bed Usage	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	✔
Metric #6: Diagnostic Testing Capacity	State of Washington	✗
Metric #7: Percent positive tests	World Health Organization	✔
Metric #8: Reproduction number of COVID-19 below 1	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	**Change from last week** ✗

Metric 1: Decline in new cases

Current Status is Red: Allegheny County saw a 267% increase in new cases in the last week, following a 117% increase the previous week. The week of 6/21 was the highest number of new cases in a single week since the start of the pandemic.

| Week beginning on	Number of Cases	% Change from Previous Week	Average Daily Positive Test Rate
5/31/2020	92		1.6%
6/7/2020	65	-29%	1.1%
6/14/2020	141	117%	2.7%
6/21/2020	517	267%	7.3%

Metric #1—Decline in New Cases or low number of new cases.
States, including North Dakota, Kansas, and North Carolina, are looking for a downward trajectory of new cases over a 14-day period to monitor infection spread. Allegheny County is monitoring this as well as monitoring for any large increases in new cases.

Metric Definition: A decline in new cases over the course of a 14-day period and/or continued low number of new cases.

Data source: PA National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS)
Citation: National Governors Association
(https://www.nga.org/coronavirus-reopening-plans/)

NOTE: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag of 3-5 days in reported tests and cases. Data through June 27, 2020 was used for this metric.

Number of New Cases
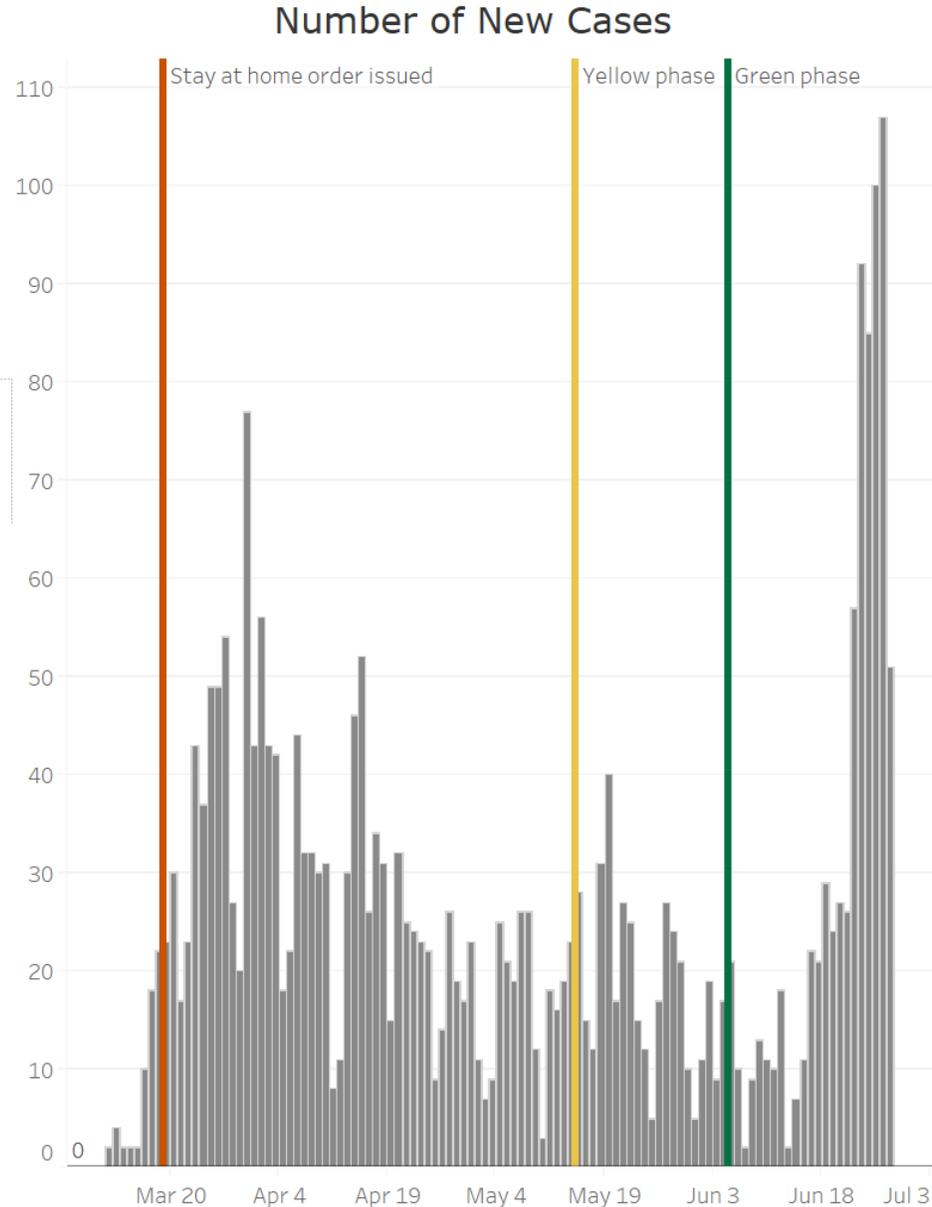
# Metric#2 New cases below threshold

Current Status is Yellow: Allegheny County is above 50 cases per 100,000 residents for the first time since the start of the pandemic. Despite this, the average new positive cases *over the last 14 days* remains below 50 per 100,000

Week beginning on	Daily Average Cases over the Last 14 Days per 100,000	% Change in Previous Week
5/31/2020	19	
6/7/2020	15	-22%
6/14/2020	14	-3%
6/21/2020	36	150%

Health, in coordination with other stakeholders, developed criteria to guide decisions about reopening that includes sustained positive cases below 50 per 100,000 residents.
Metric definition: The new positive cases per 100,000 residents is below 50 over the last 14 days. ..

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https://policylab.chop.edu/covid-lab-mapping-covid-19-your-community
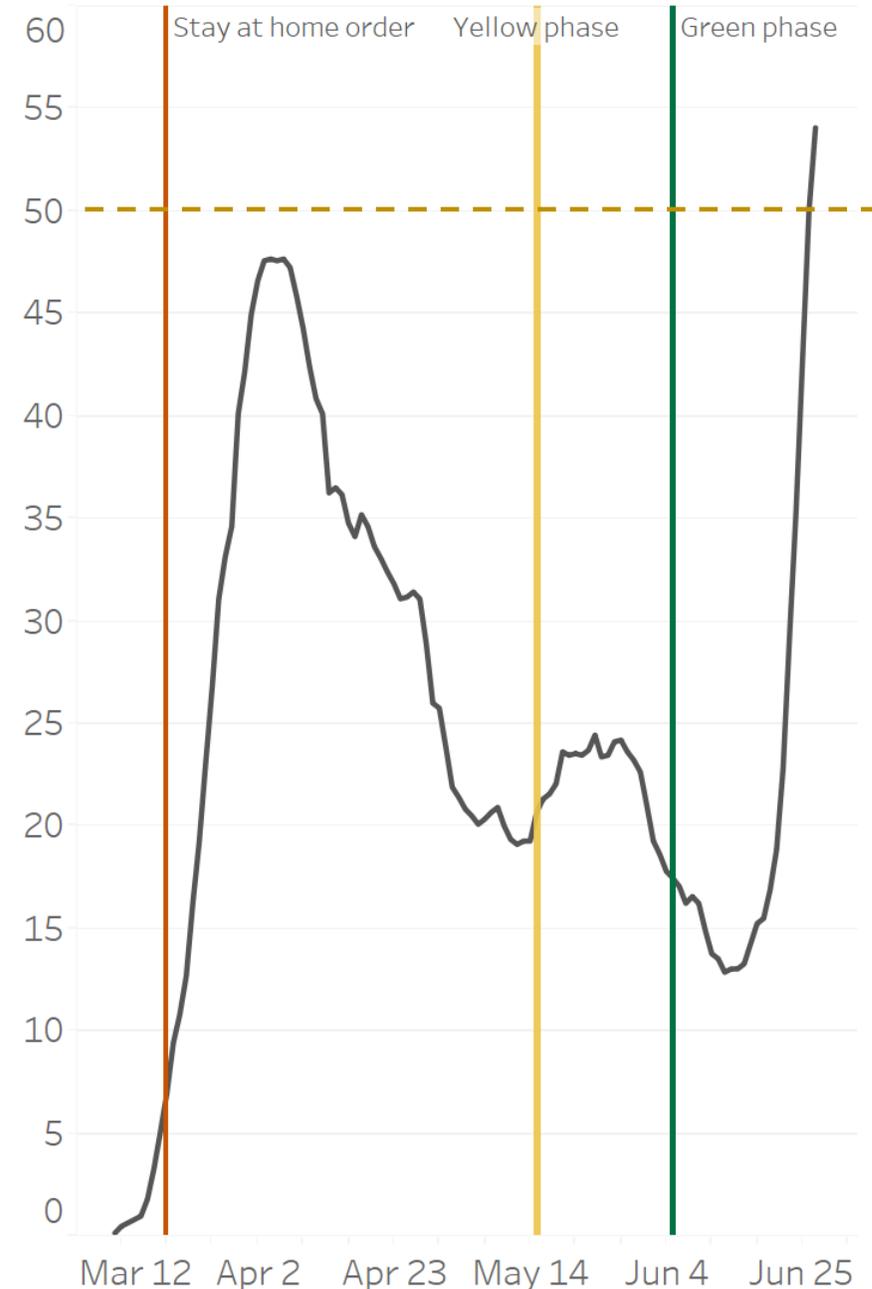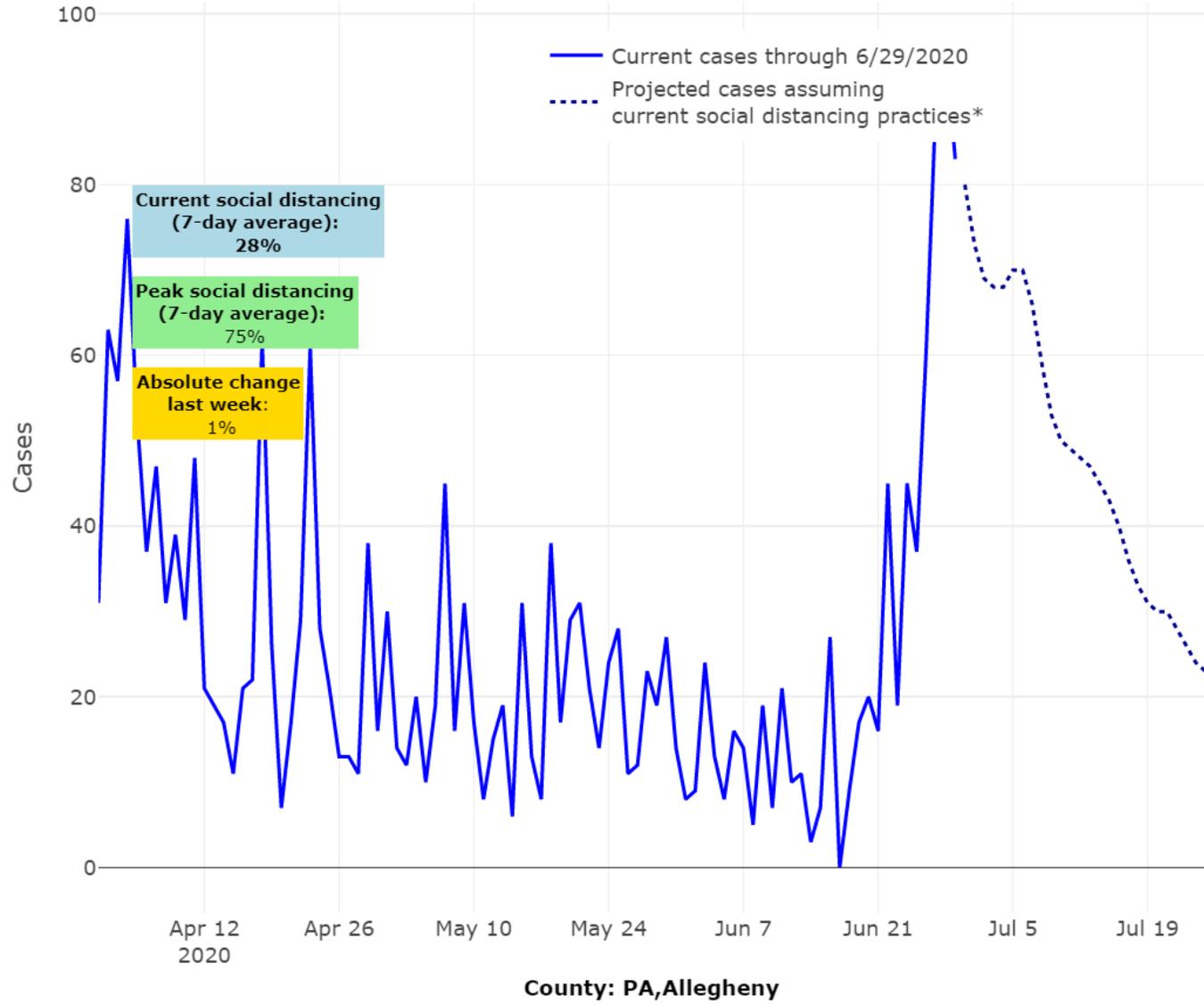
Metric #3 Decline in Hospitalizations

Current Status is Red:

There has been an increase in the number of people in the hospital since June 17th and a 47% increase in average daily number of people in the hospital in the last week.

Week beginning on	Average Daily Number of People in the Hospital	% Change from Previous Week
6/3/2020	49	
6/10/2020	31	-37%
6/17/2020	25	-19%
6/24/2020	37	47%

Metric #3—Decline in Total Hospitalizations. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that reopening be dependent on a downward trajectory of hospitalizations and infections over a 14-day period.

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.

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

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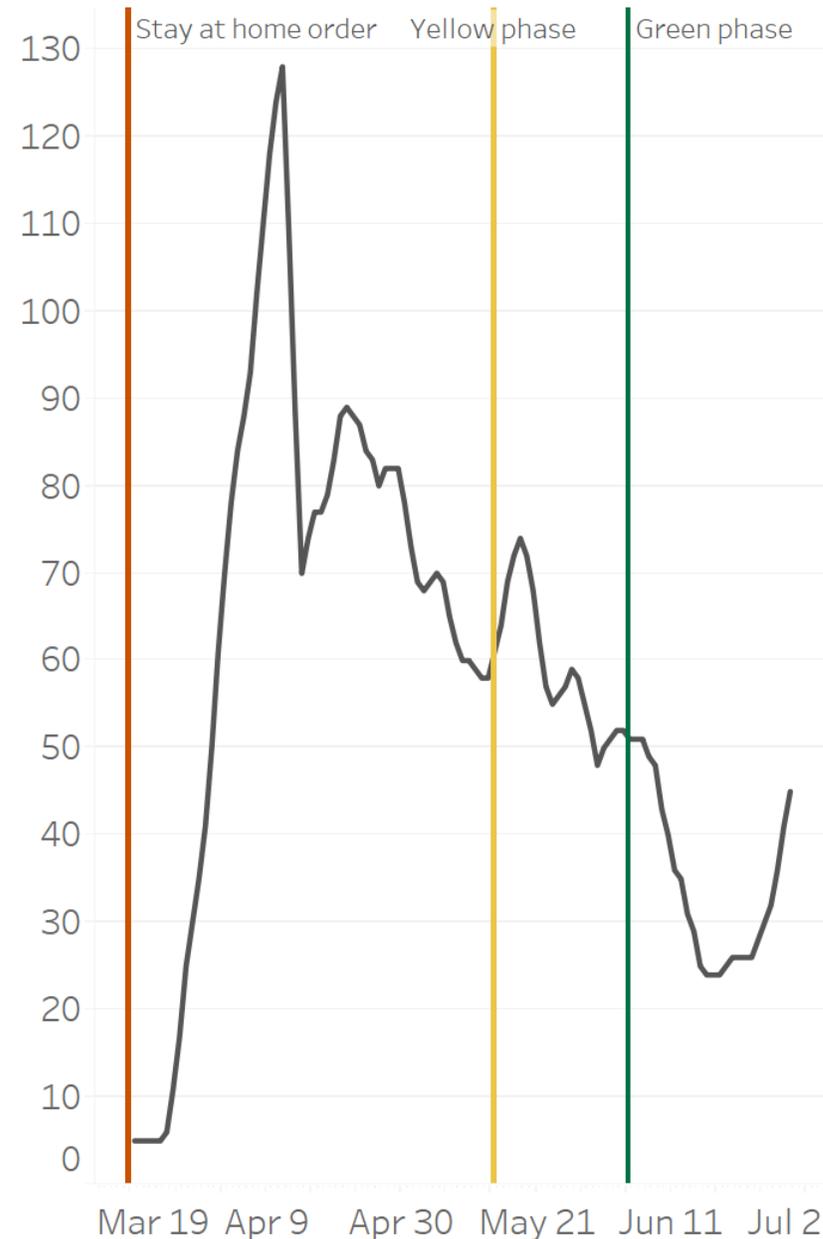
Metric#4: Decline in Deaths

Current Status is Green:

Th 3-day average of daily deaths in Allegheny County per day has never exceeded 5 and declined in the last week. However, this is a lagging indicator, so may increase in the coming weeks.

| Week beginning on	Total number of deaths	% Change From Previous Week
5/31/2020	5	
6/7/2020	3	-40%
6/14/2020	6	100%
6/21/2020	3	-50%

Metric #4—Decline in Deaths. The number of daily deaths is another metric for monitoring the infection rate.

Metric Definition: A decline in the three-day rolling average of daily deaths/

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 of 3-5 days in reported tests and cases. Data through June 27, 2020 was used for this metric.
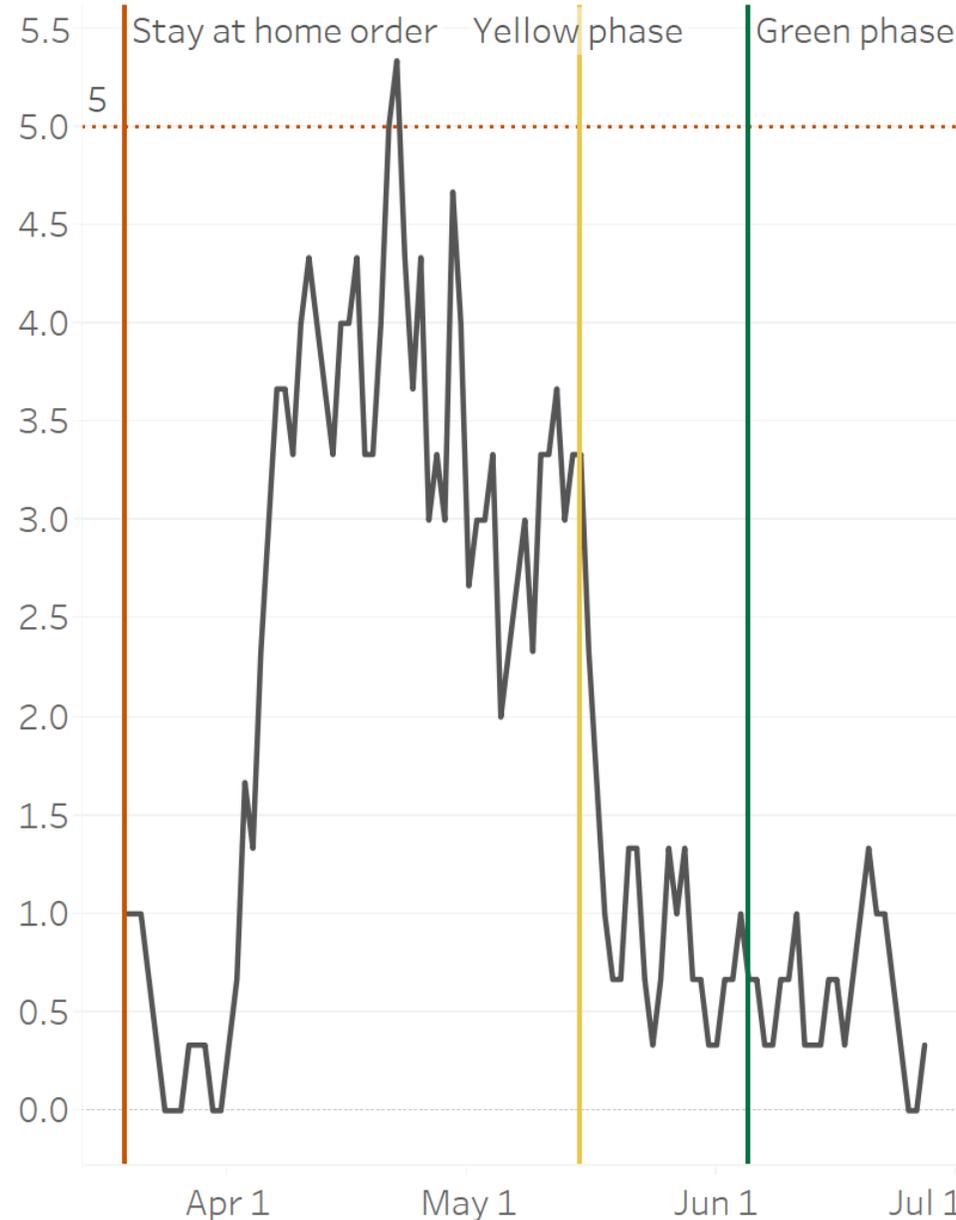
Metric #5: ICU Bed Usage

Current Status is Green:

Pennsylvania states that ICU capacity should not exceed 90%. Allegheny County remains below that threshold.

Week beginning on	Average ICU Bed Usage	% Change from Previous Week
6/3/2020	78%	
6/10/2020	76%	-2%
6/17/2020	76%	0%
6/24/2020	79%	4%

Metric #5—ICU Bed Use. 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.
Metric definition: Percent of ICU beds that are currently occupied is less than 90%
Data source: Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania (https://public.tableau.com/profile/hap.research#!/vizhome/EEIRegion/EEIRegion)
Citation: State of Pennsylvania (https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/County-Dashboard.aspx)

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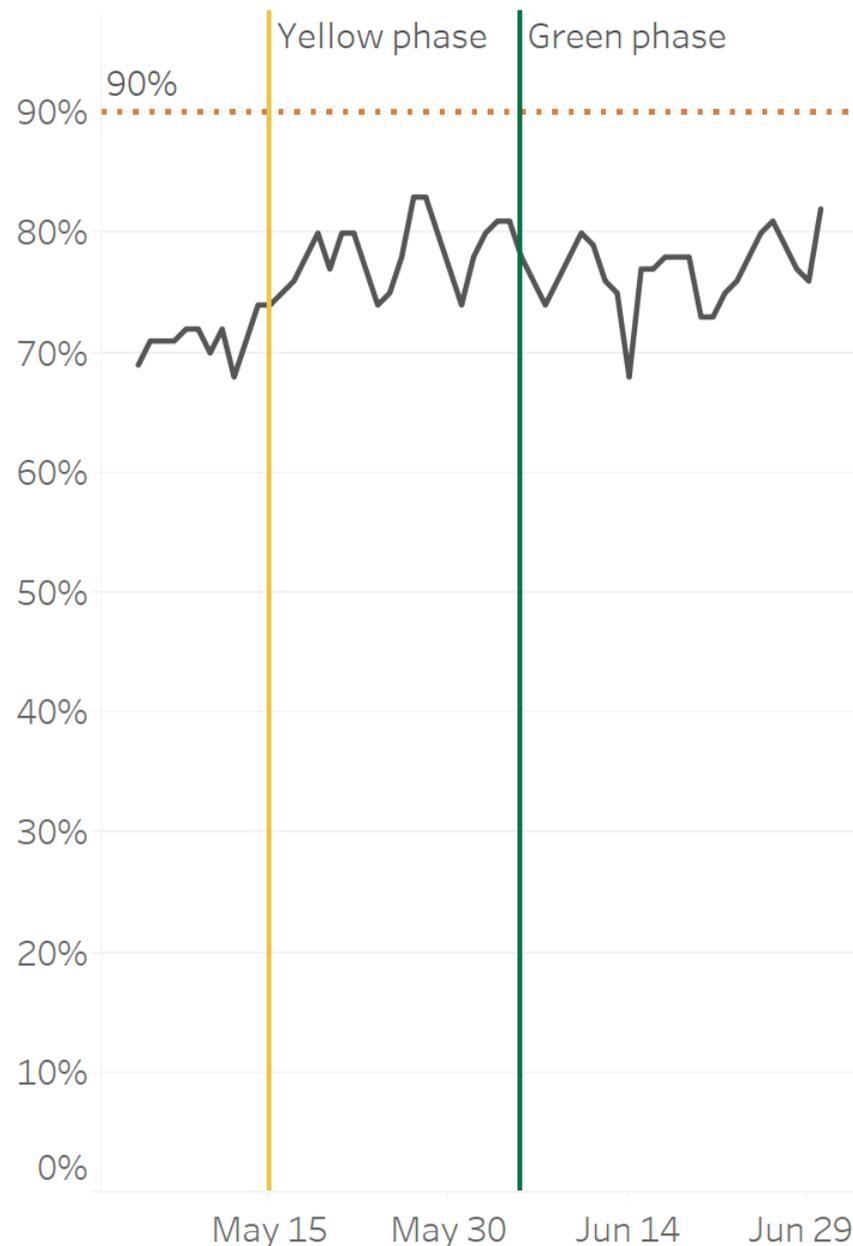
Metric #6: Diagnostic Testing Capacity

Current Status is Red:

The ratio of testing to cases was 14 over the last week, which was a 63% decrease from the previous week and is below the recommendation of 50. Though overall testing continues to rise, it is not keeping pace with the increase in the number of cases.

Week beginning on	Weekly Tests to Cases Ratio	% Change From Previous Week
5/31/2020	57	
6/7/2020	73	30%
6/14/2020	38	-49%
6/21/2020	14	-63%

Metric #6—Diagnostic Testing Capacity. A high level of testing is necessary to identify most people who are infected and isolate them from people who are healthy.

Metric definition: Total diagnostic tests divided by total cases over the last 7 days must equal or exceed 50.

Data source: Washington State Department of Health

NOTE: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag of 3-5 days in reported tests and cases. Data through June 27, 2020 was used for this metric.
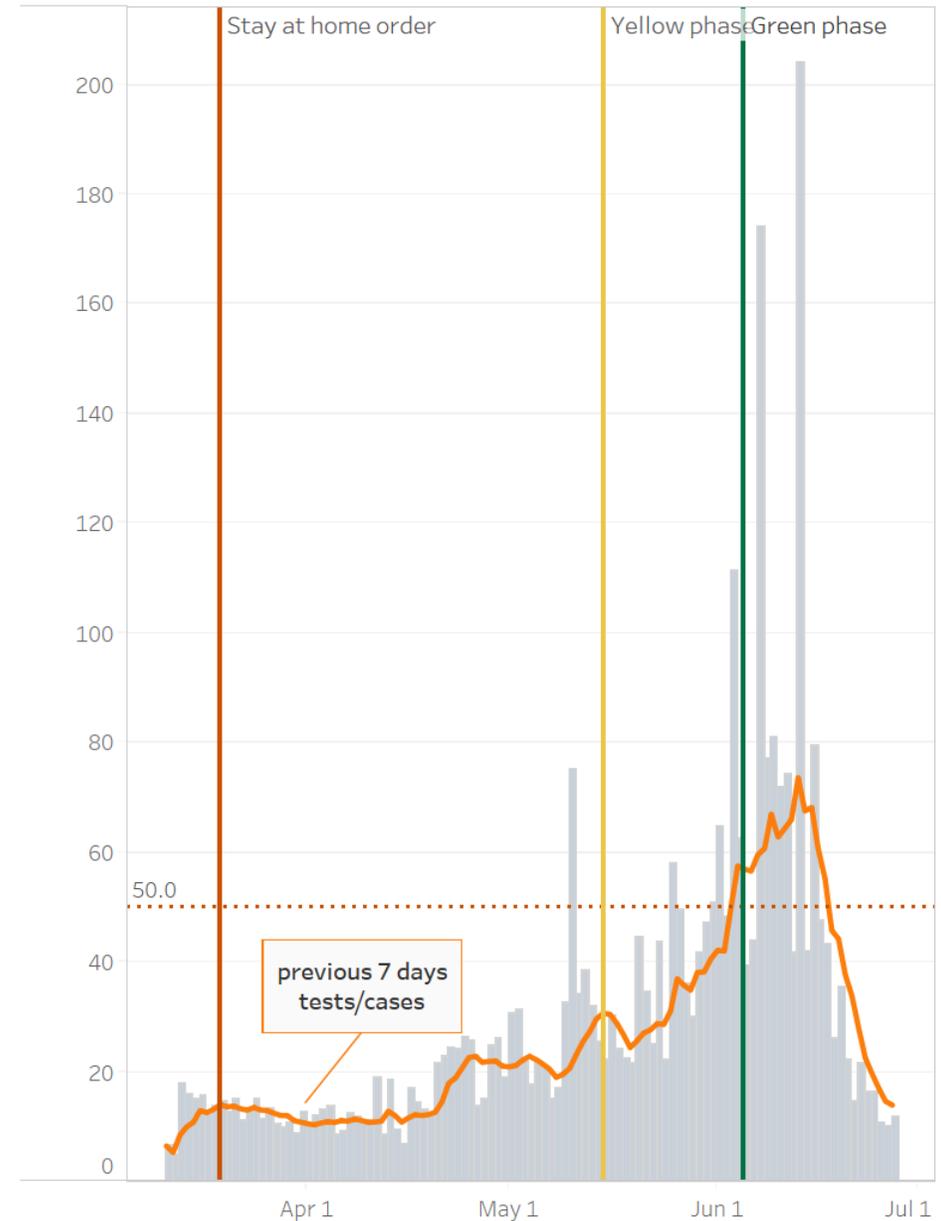
Metric #7: Percent positive tests

Current Status is Green:

On June 27th, 9% (51 of 592) of tests were positive. The average rate of positivity has increased in the last two weeks, though Allegheny County remains under the 10% threshold.

Week beginning on	Average Daily Positivity Rate	% Change from Previous Week
5/31/2020	1.6%	
6/7/2020	1.1%	-29.3%
6/14/2020	2.7%	138.8%
6/21/2020	7.3%	170.6%

Metric #8— Percent positive cases. According to the World Health Organization, communities that see about 10% or fewer positives among their test results may be testing enough. If the rate is higher, they are likely missing a lot of active infections.

Metric definition: Percent of positive tests is 10% or less.
Citation: World Health Organization

NOTE: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag of 3-5 days in reported tests and cases. Data through June 27, 2020 was used for this metric.
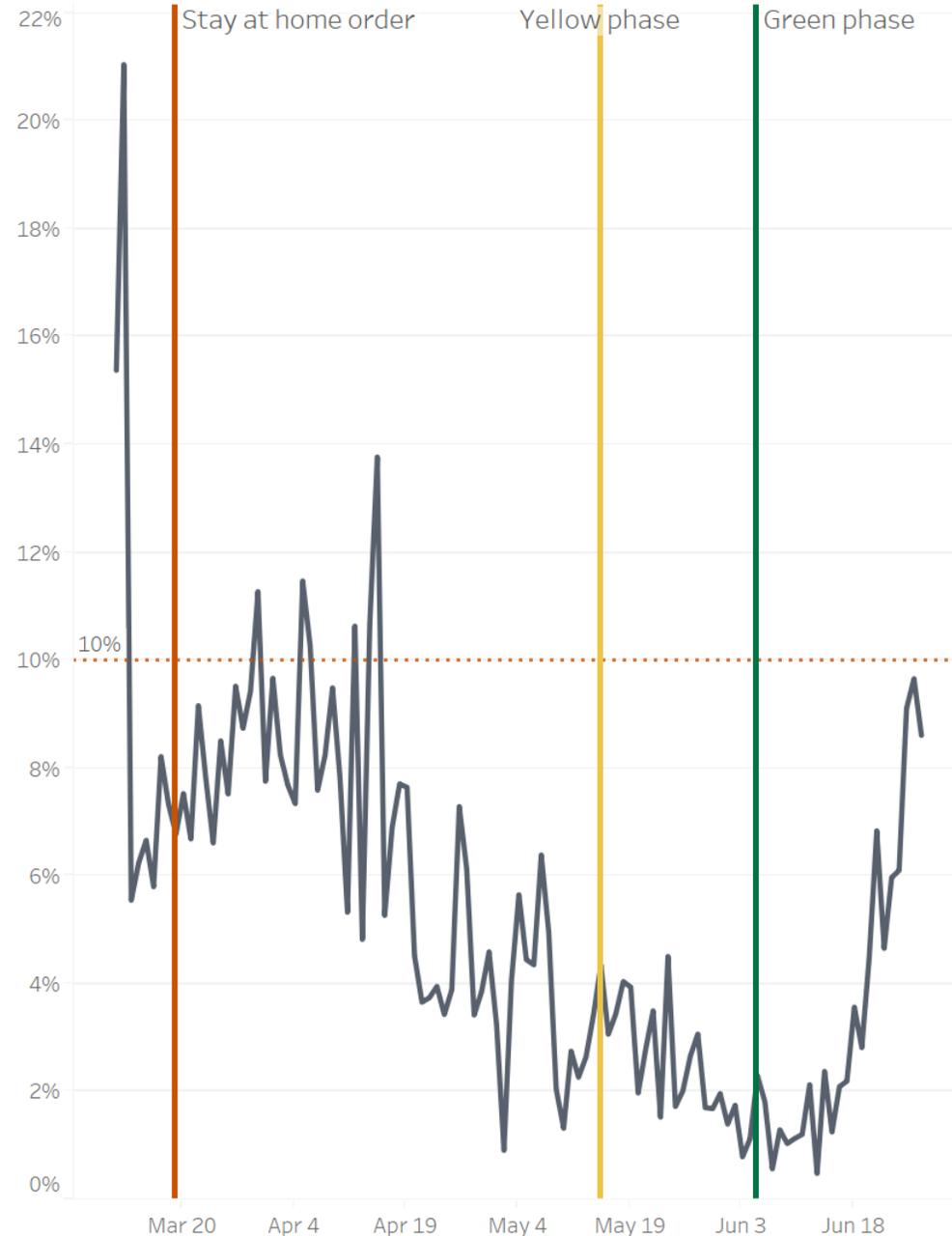
Metric 8: Reproduction number of COVID-19 below 1

Current Status is Red:

On June 27th, the R_0 value in Allegheny County was 3.6. This value has been increasing for 3 weeks

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.

		Average R0	% change from previous week
Week of	5/31/2020	0.76	
Week of	6/7/2020	0.80	6%
Week of	6/14/2020	1.26	57%
Week of	6/21/2020	3.13	149%

Metric definition: R0 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

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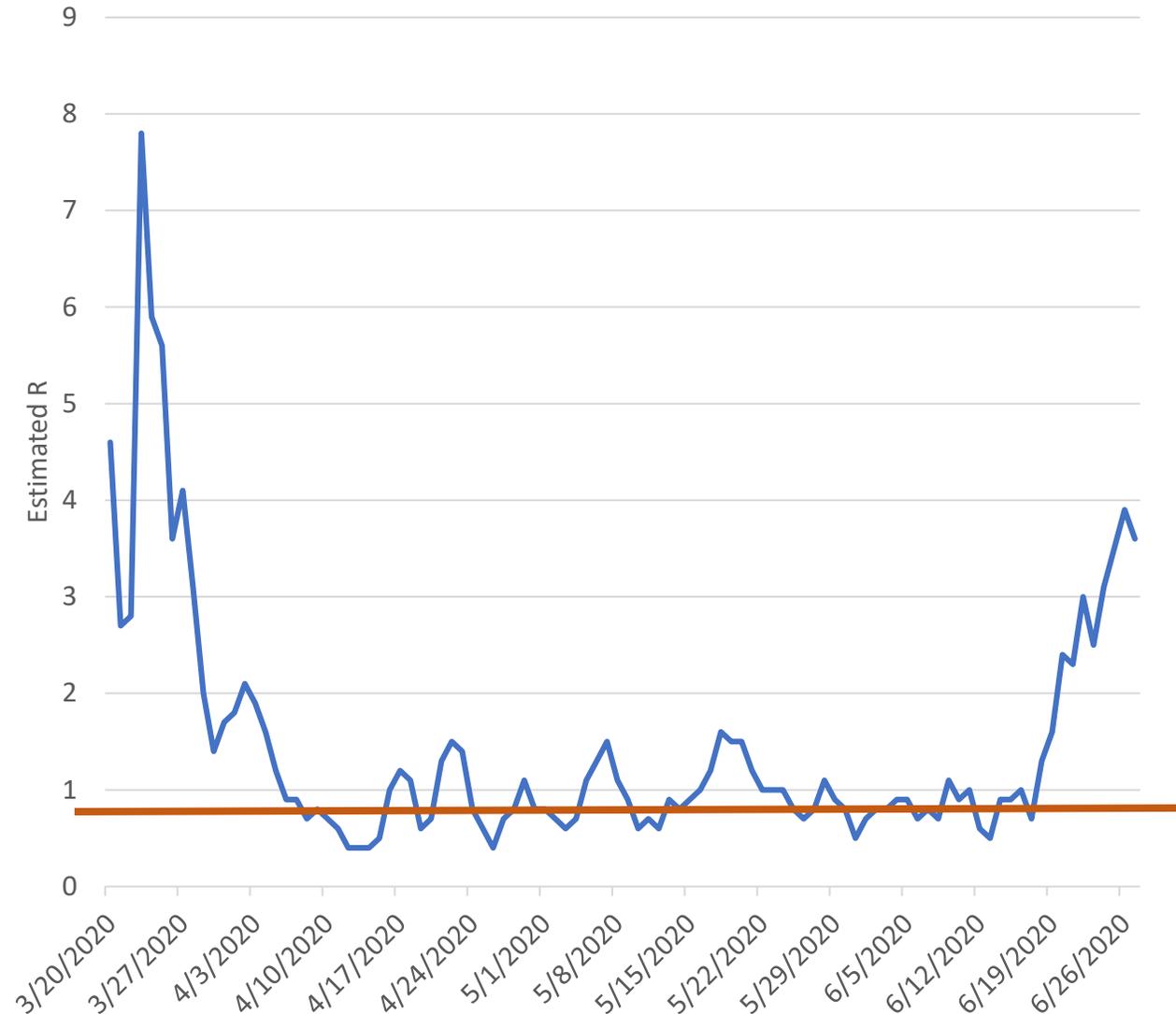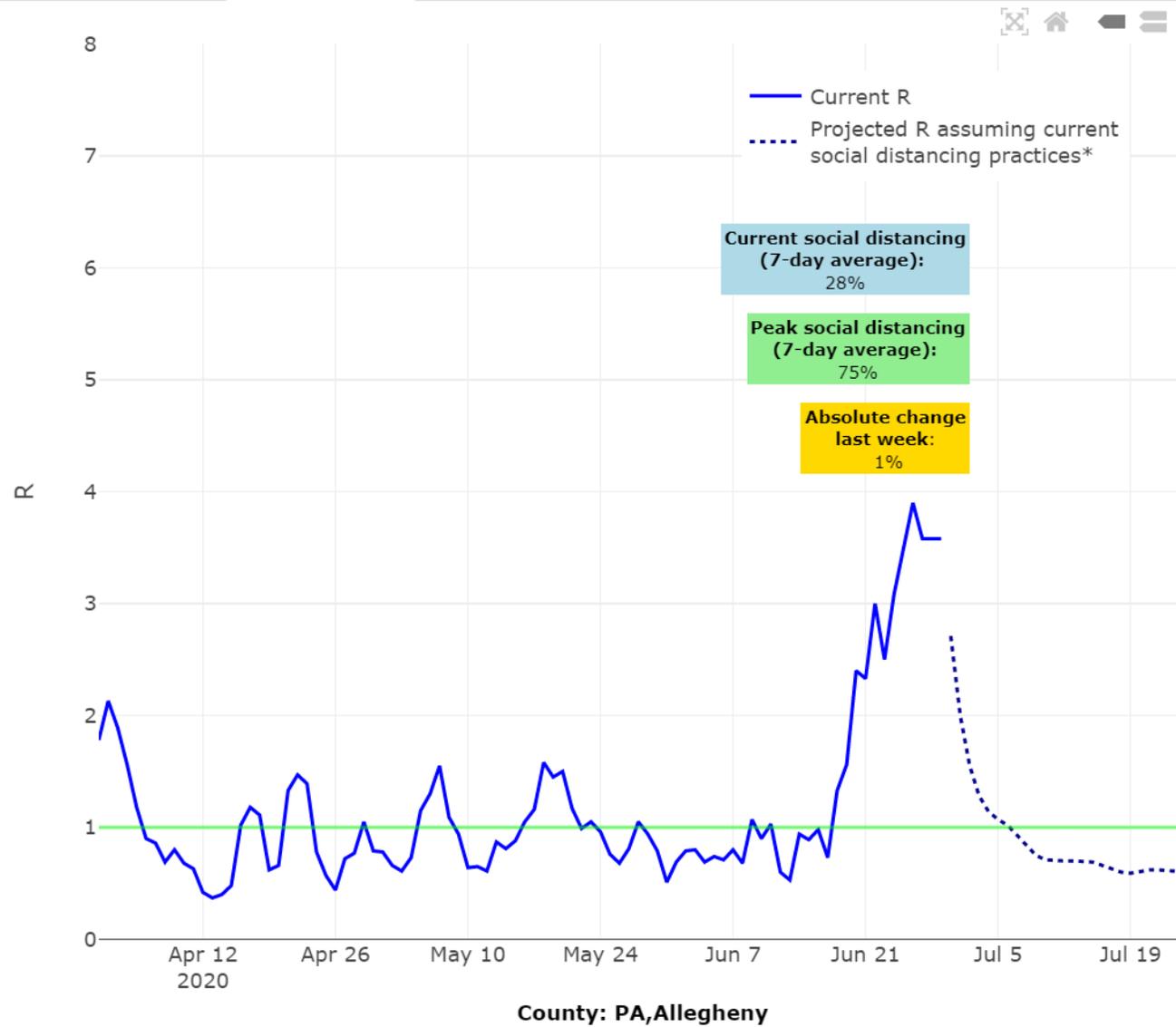
Basic stats – The first two weeks (3/16 to 3/29)

- **Testing volume** increased from a 7-day average of zero to 500 people per day
- **Positive testing rate** increased from 6% to 9%
- **Cases per day** rose from 10 to 54, then fell to 20
- **Total deaths:** 29

Tests per day
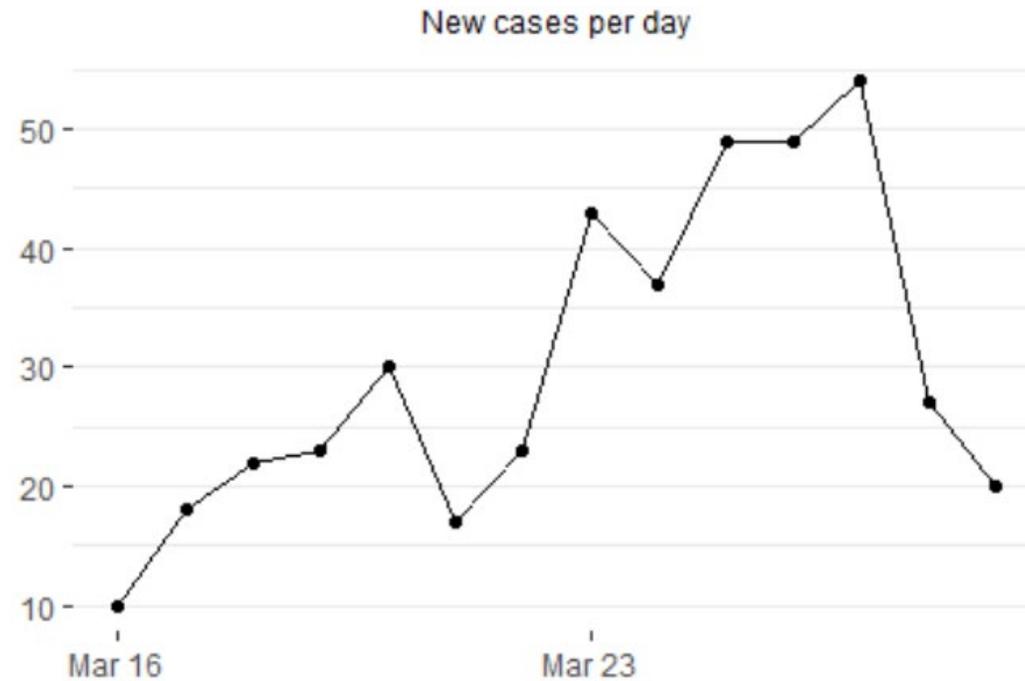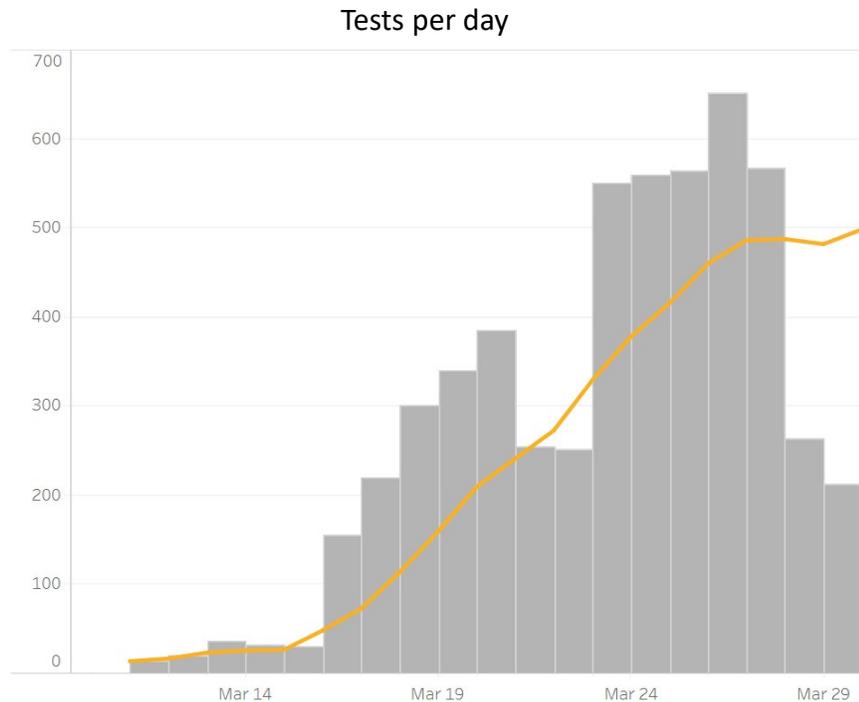
New cases per day

Basic stats – The shutdown (3/30 to 6/09)

- **Testing volume** increased from a 7-day average of 497 to 745 people per day
- **Positive testing rate** decreased steadily from 11% to 1%
- **Cases per day** fell from 77 to 11
- **Total deaths:** 164

Tests per day

average number of people tested over the last 7 days
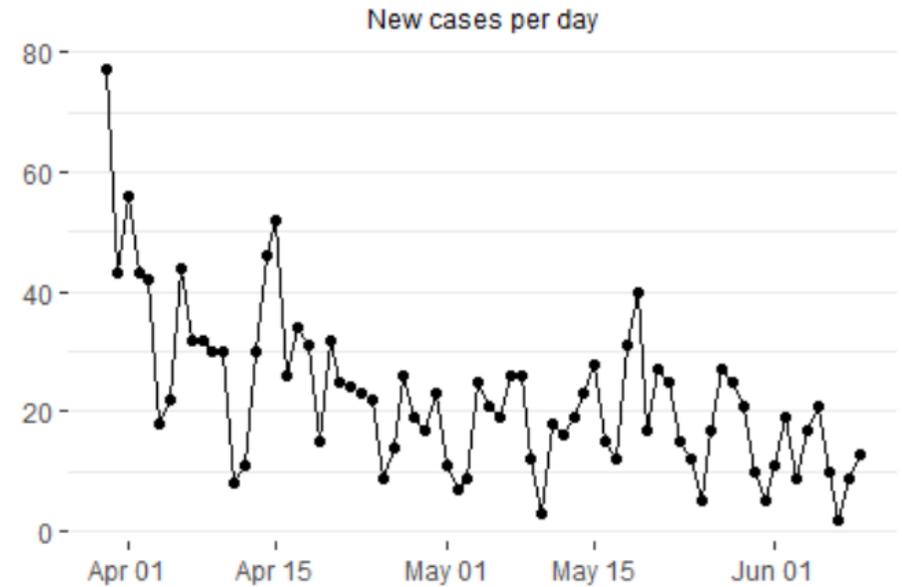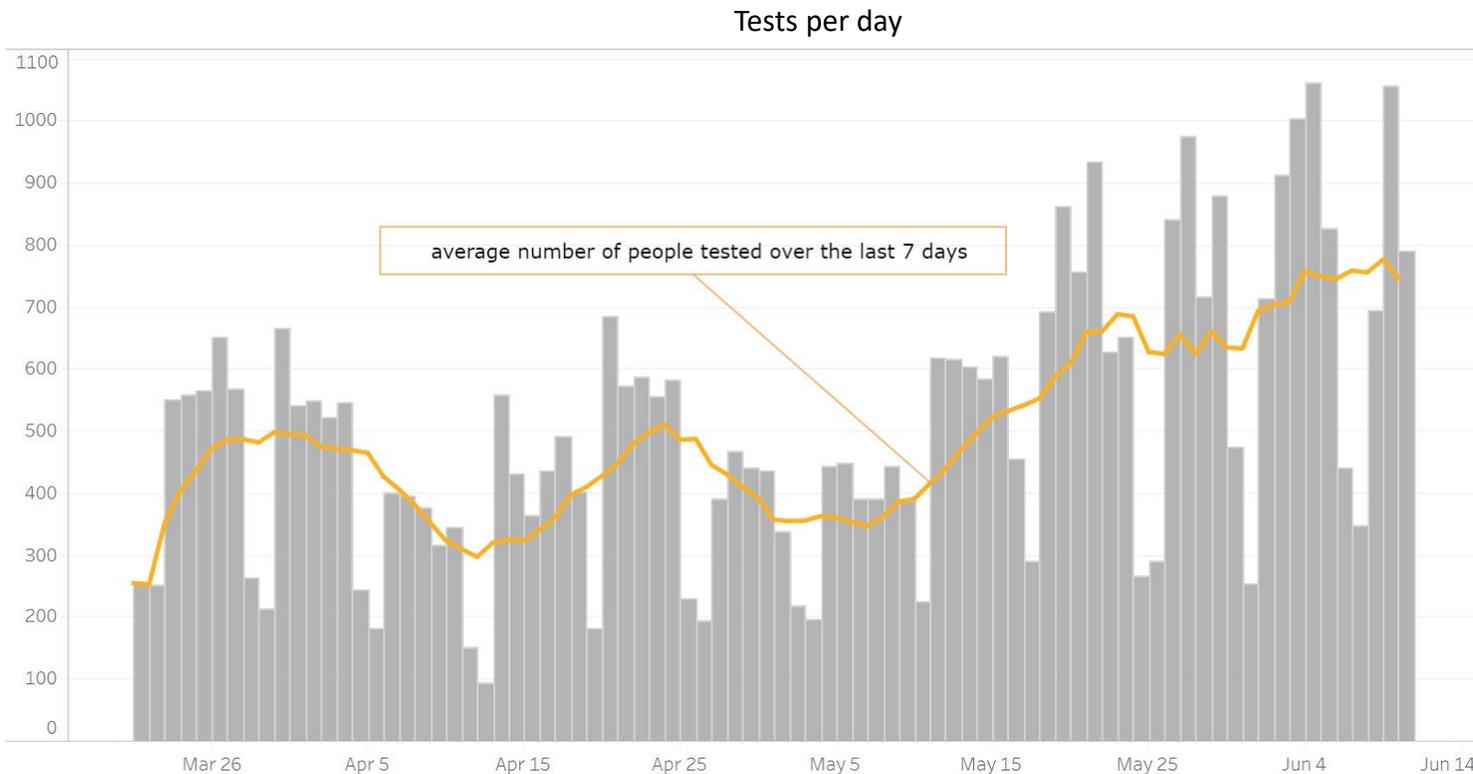
New cases per day

Basic stats – First reopening (6/10 to present)

- **Testing volume** increased from a 7-day average of 791 to 918 tests per day
- **Positive testing rate** increased from 1% to 12%
- **Cases per day** had a large spike in late June
- **Total deaths:** 2

Tests per day
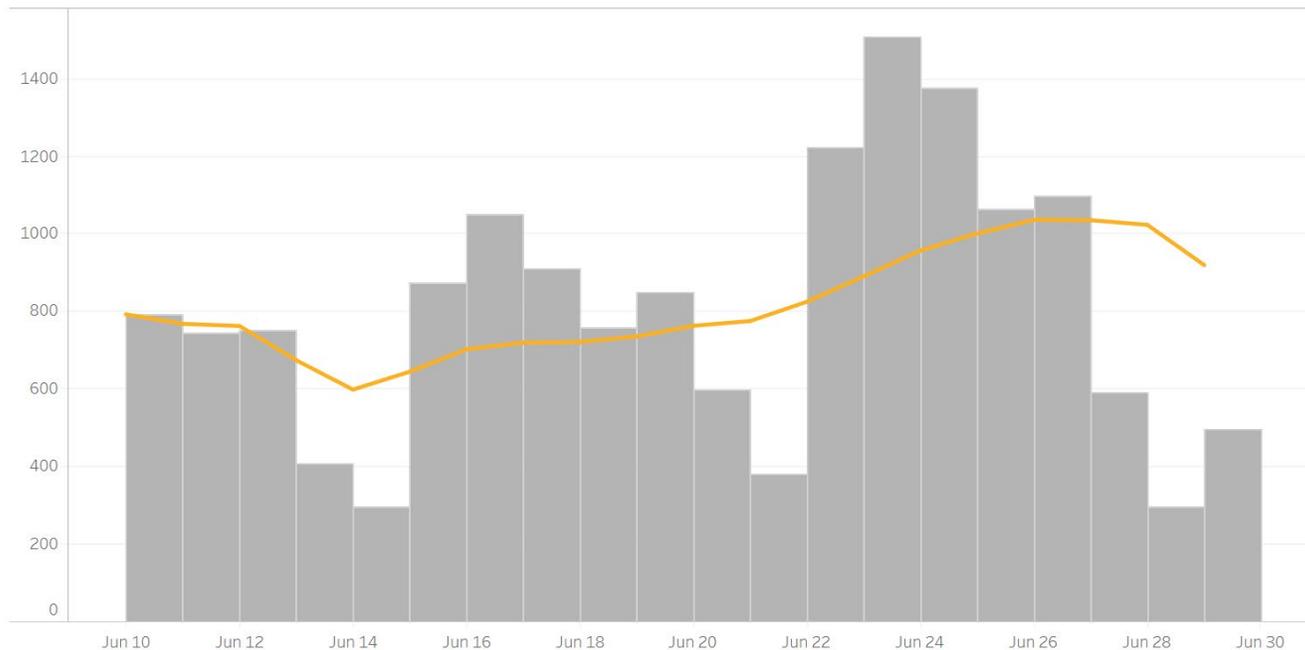
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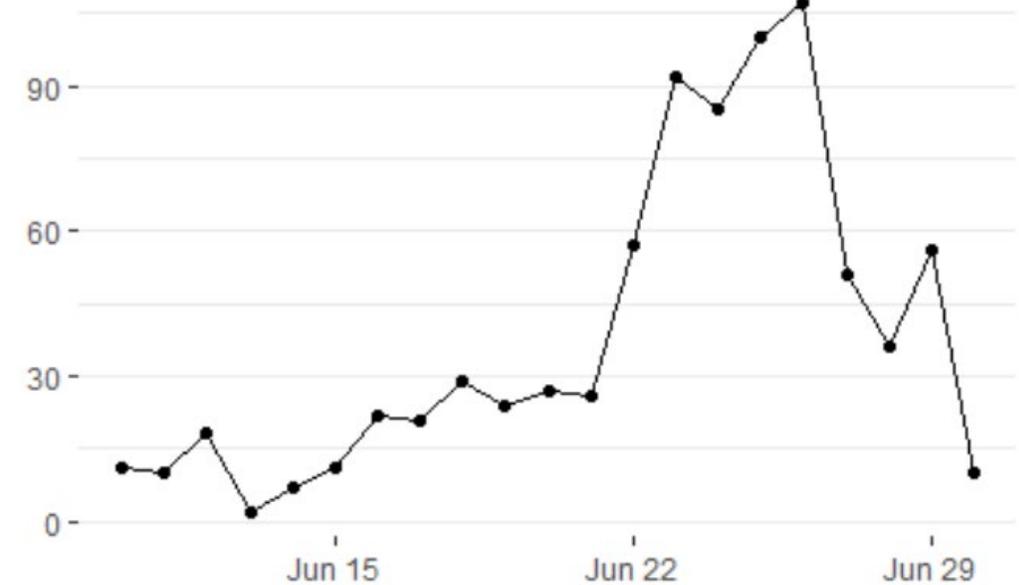
Age Differences Across the Three Periods
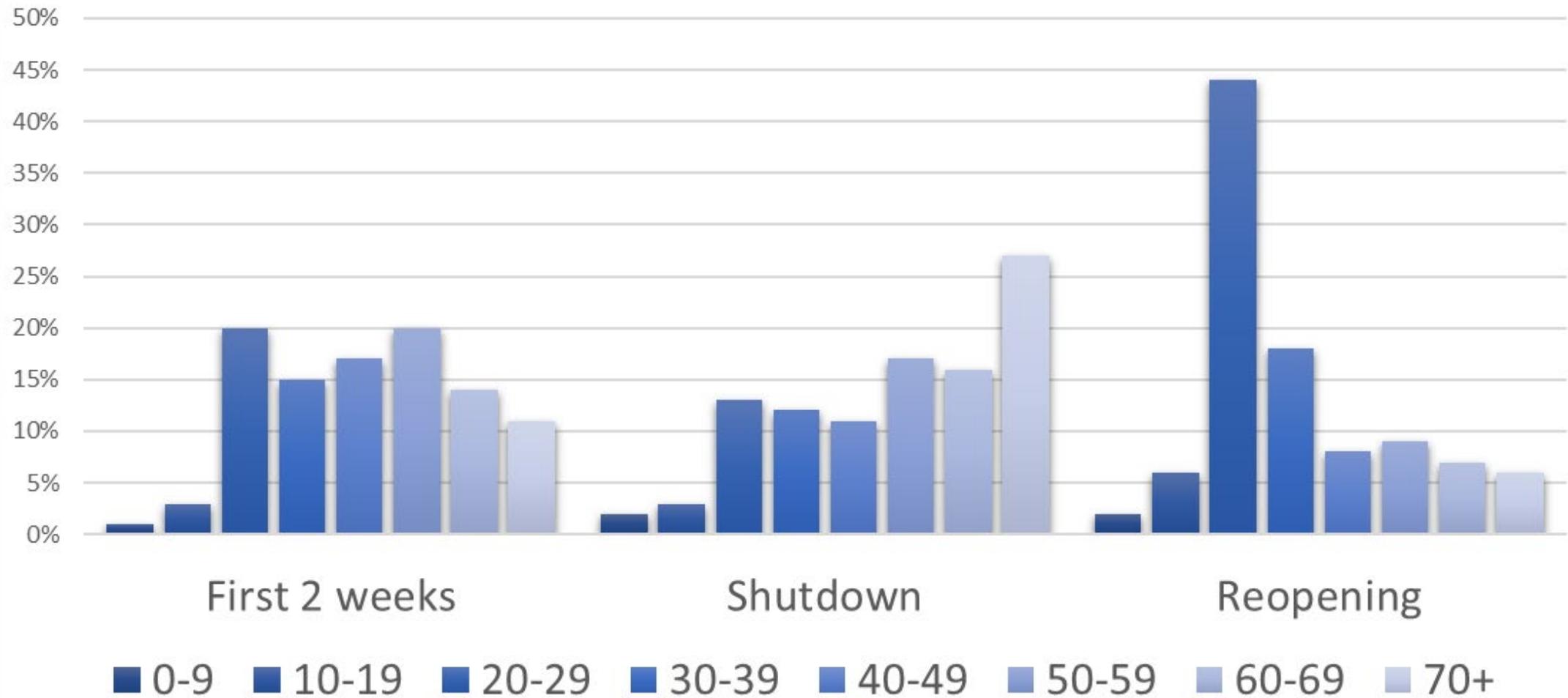
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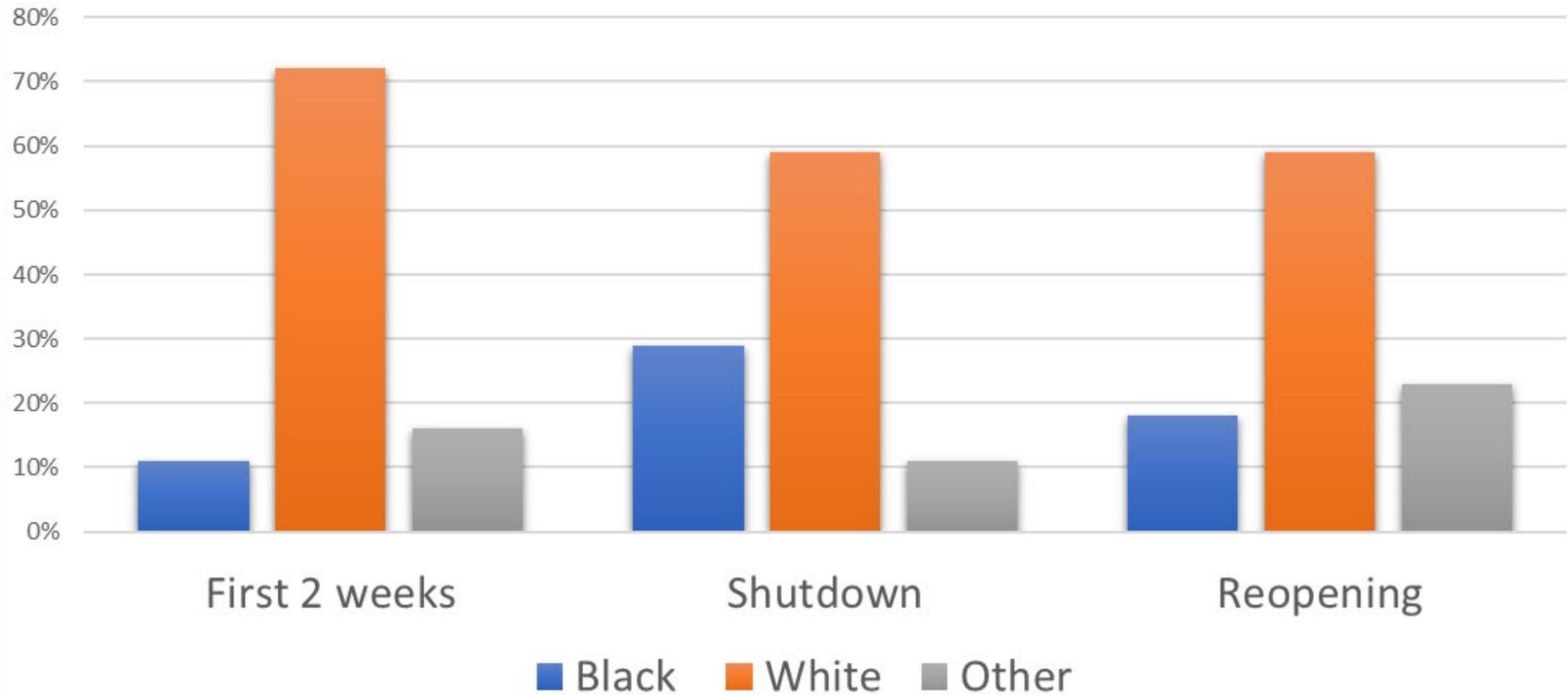
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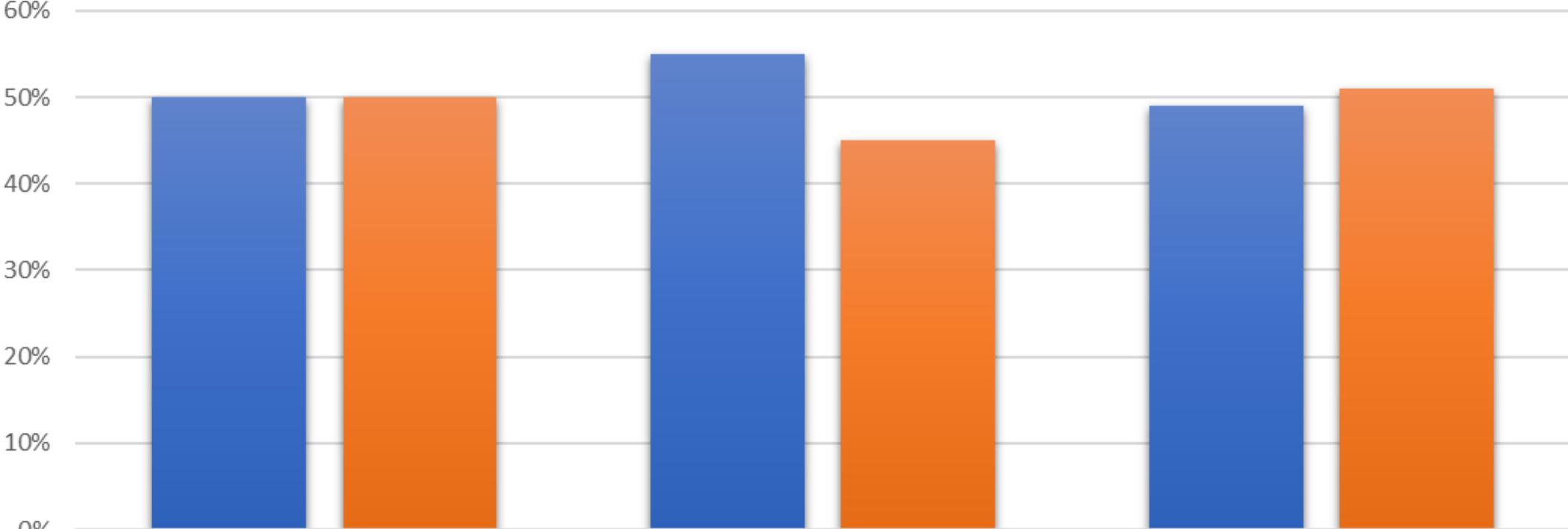
	First 2 weeks	Shutdown	Reopening
Female	50%	55%	49%
Male	50%	45%	51%

Overall demographic trends

- Testing
  - By gender
    - *Overall:* Females have comprised a larger share of tests (57%) than males (43%)
    - *Notable trends over time:* None. Breakdown has remained steady
  - By race
    - *Overall:* Proportion of Black tests (20%) is higher than proportion of Black AC residents (13%).
    - *Notable trends over time:* None. Breakdown has remained steady
  - By age group
    - *Overall:* 70+ age group has comprised largest share of tests (20%)
    - *Notable trends over time:* The 70+ age group's share of tests has declined in recent weeks. 20 to 29 year-olds' share has increased.
  - By industry of employment
    - *Overall:* 'Health Care' industry has comprised largest share of tests (36%)
    - *Notable trends over time:* None. Breakdown has remained steady.

Overall demographic trends cont'd

- Cases
  - By gender
    - *Overall:* Females have comprised a larger share of cases (52%) than males (48%)
    - *Notable trends over time:* Males overtook females as majority of cases in early June
  - By race
    - *Overall:* Proportion of Black cases (26%) is disproportionately high, compared with AC population
    - *Notable trends over time:* White share of cases declined steadily until late May, but then began increasing
  - By age group
    - *Overall:* 20 to 29 year-olds have comprised largest share of cases (24%)
    - *Notable trends over time:* 20 to 29 year-olds' share of cases spiked dramatically the week of 6/16
  - By industry of employment
    - *Overall:* 'Health Care' industry has comprised largest share of cases (36%)
    - *Notable trends over time:* 'Accomodation and Food Services' industry's share of cases has spiked in recent weeks

Overall demographic trends cont'd

- Positive test rates
  - By gender
    - _Overall:_ Males have had higher positive test rate (6%) than females (5%)
    - _Notable trends over time:_ Males have maintained a higher rate than females in almost every week
  - By race
    - _Overall:_ Blacks have had higher positive test rate (7%) than Whites (5%)
    - _Notable trends over time:_ Blacks have maintained a higher rate than Whites in almost every week
  - By age group
    - _Overall:_ 20 to 29 year-olds have had highest positive test rate among age groups (8%)
    - _Notable trends over time:_ The 70+ age group had highest positive test rate until early May. Since then the youngest age groups have had highest rate.
  - By industry of employment
    - _Overall:_ 'Public Administration' industry has had highest positive test rate (6.1%).
    - _Notable trends over time:_ 'Wholesale Trade' industry has seen largest increase in positive test rate among all industries

Overall demographic trends cont'd

- Case outcomes
  - Hospitalization rates
    - *By gender:* Male cases have had higher rate of hospitalizations (16%) than female cases (12%)
    - *By race:* Black cases have had higher rate of hospitalizations (18%) than White cases (14%)
    - *By age group:* The 70+ year-old cases have had the highest rate of hospitalizations (29%) among age groups
  - Death rates
    - *By gender:* Female cases have had a higher rate of death (7%) than male cases (6%)
    - *By race:* White cases have had a higher rate of death (8%) than Black cases (5%)
    - *By age group:* The 70+ year-old cases have had the highest rate of death (28%) among age groups

Overall geographic trends

- Per capita testing rates
  - By Allegheny muni
    - *Highest rates:* Sewickley Heights (119%), Brackenridge (11%), Oakmont (10%)
    - *Lowest rates:* Wall (2%), Trafford (2%), McDonald (2%)
    - *Largest relative increase:* Ohio Twp, Churchill, and Scott
    - *Largest relative decrease:* Rosslyn Farms, Chalfant, Ben Avon Heights
  - By Pgh neighborhood
    - *Highest rates:* Duquesne Heights (41%), Larimer (17%), Crawford Roberts (14%)
    - *Lowest rates:* Esplen (0.3%), Chartiers City (0.3%), West End (0.4%)
    - *Largest relative increase:* South Side Flats, Lower Lawrenceville, Point Breeze
    - *Largest relative decrease:* North Shore, Glen Hazel, Terrace Village
- Positive test rates
  - By Allegheny muni
    - *Highest rates:* Richland (15%), Kennedy (14%), Coraopolis (12%)
    - *Lowest rates:* 13 muni's have had no positive tests so far, despite testing at least 10 people
    - *Largest relative increases:* Sewickley, Castle Shannon, and Whitehall
    - *Largest relative decreases:* Homestead, Crafton, and Churchill
  - By Pgh neighborhood
    - *Highest rates:* Glen Hazel (33%), Bluff (18%), Fairywood (17%)
    - *Lowest rates:* 8 neighborhoods have had no positive tests so far, despite testing at least 10 people
    - *Largest relative increases:* South Side Flats, East Liberty, and Downtown
    - *Largest relative decreases:* Bluff, Central Lawrenceville, Homewood South

Legislative and Policy Update – State

- The Governor's disaster declaration will stay in effect. PA Supreme Court ruled (5-2) yesterday against the General Assembly's attempt to end the Governor's COVID-19 disaster declaration by a resolution that could not be vetoed.

- Gov. Wolf signed SB 637 on Wednesday, which removes barriers to state occupational licensing for individuals with a criminal record, unless their criminal history is directly related to the occupation in which they are seeking a license.

- Gov. Wolf set to sign two police reform bills that passed the General Assembly unanimously.
  - HB 1841 requires departments to conduct background checks of job applicants that require an applicant's former department to disclose information on the officer's employment history, including disciplinary actions, complaints and reasons for separation.
  - HB 1910 requires officers to be trained every other year in how to interact with people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds and to receive annual instruction on de-escalation and harm-reduction techniques. It also requires officers to undergo a mental health evaluation for post-traumatic stress disorder within 30 days of an incident in which the officer used lethal force or at the request of a supervisor.

7/2/2020

Financial Assistance Opportunity

- PA DCED's [COVID-19 Relief Statewide Small Business Assistance](#)
  - Provides grants ranging from $5,000 to $50,000 to small businesses that have been economically impacted by COVID-19. This is *not* a first-come, first-served program. There will be multiple rounds of application windows.
  - At least 50% of the grants to small businesses will be awarded to Historically Disadvantaged businesses.
  - More details online about eligibility and application process.

RE-ENVISIONING CRISIS PREVENTION & RESPONSE

STEPPING UP SO THAT POLICE CAN STEP BACK

BACKGROUND

- Allegheny County has invested in a robust system of services for people experiencing homelessness, and those struggling with mental illness or substance use.
  - Street outreach & coordinated intake for homeless/housing
  - Peer supports
  - Crisis services
  - The soon-to-open 24/7 Engagement Center
  - A network of residential and outpatient treatment providers

Nevertheless, we see that a disproportionate number of individuals who encounter police and end up incarcerated, or otherwise harmed, have underlying human services needs.

BACKGROUND

- Nationally

  - Approximately **20%** of people killed by police have a mental health condition.

  - **17%** of people in U.S. jails have a serious mental illness.

  - **68%** of jail inmates reported symptoms consistent with alcohol and/or drug use disorders in the year prior to their jail admission

  - Up to **15%** of incarcerated people experienced homelessness in the year leading up to their incarceration.

- Locally

  - In Pennsylvania, an individual with mental illness is **2 times** more likely to be in jail or prison than in a hospital.

  - At least **75%** of individuals booked in the Allegheny County Jail in 2018 had a **substance use or mental health issue** at some point prior to their incarceration.

    - At least **45%** had both.

BACKGROUND

- Moreover, it is undeniable that policing and incarceration, along with a host of collateral consequences, harm Black people at much higher rates.

  - Black men are **2.5 times** more like to be killed by police than white people.

  - Black people are incarcerated at more than **5 times** the rates of white people.

  - Even if arrest and incarceration do not ensue, studies show that encounters with police are associated with a **twofold** higher prevalence of poor mental health outcomes among Black Americans.

- Black people represent **49%** of the Allegheny County Jail population, while making up only 13.4% of the population in Allegheny County.

THE PROBLEM

- **Law enforcement, judges and the jail are tasked with too much.**

  - Police are called on to be first responders in far too many situations that could be better addressed by sending a human services professional or community outreach worker.

  - Police and judges are not trained social workers, yet they are too often put in the position to respond to people with human services needs, to make clinical assessments and to detain people because they lack alternatives or believe doing so will expedite a path to treatment.

  - The jail environment is not conducive to maintaining mental health and is not the best place for someone with substance use disorder to get care.

- **We can – and must – do better.**

VISION

Our vision is to improve our system of prevention and care so that individuals are far more likely to receive the support they need to avoid crisis and, when crisis occurs, have access to a new type of first responder who leads them to appropriate, life-affirming resources in the least restrictive setting required.

GOALS

Decrease the number of people in active crisis in public spaces.

Reduce unnecessary law enforcement encounters, arrests and the inapprropriate use of force or incarceration for individuals with underlying human services needs, and reduce the number of black people negatively impacted by our criminal justice system.

Eliminate the practice of confining people in the jail so that they may receive behavioral health supports and treatment.

Increase and simplify access to culturally competent, trauma-informed human services for adults in the community.

POTENTIAL STRATEGIES

- **Prevention**

  - **Simplify and promote ways to find care** through online portals like 211, coordinated intake hubs and hotlines, and partnerships with neighborhood-based, culturally competent outreach teams.

  - **Build up proactive outreach.** We want to provide more helpers to engage people on the streets who are in need of human services, such as housing, harm reduction support, treatment and more to prevent crisis or unnecessary interactions with law enforcement

- **New kinds of first responders**

  - **Reimagine 911.** Provide alternatives to dispatching police whenever the situation allows, such as sending a team of unarmed professionals to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

    - **Mobile Crisis Response**

  - **Pre-arrest diversion.** Partner with police, community and system stakeholders on pre-arrest diversion efforts that provide opportunities for law enforcement to connect people with underlying needs to community-based supports in lieu of arresting them.

  - **Co-responding opportunities.** Provide co-responding opportunities where social workers and police officers form teams to jointly respond and address certain calls for service.

POTENTIAL STRATEGIES

- **Communicate and Train**. Refine, streamline and widely communicate crisis response procedures and protocols to first responders, service agencies, individuals and their families, and the general public, providing on-going training as necessary.

- **Remove systemic incentives** - and provide alternatives - to placing people in the jail for behavioral health assessments, referrals, and treatments.

- **Reallocate resources** and adjust the placement/roles of direct service professionals within the broader criminal justice continuum to align with these goals and strategies.

NEXT STEPS

- **Planning**

  - **Ongoing best practice research.** We will continue to explore how other jurisdictions are using innovative approaches to crisis response that allow police to step back.

  - **Engage community to co-design.** We want to ensure that our goals and strategies reflect community needs. We will engage the community, particularly those with lived experiences, to plan and effectively implement these and other identified strategies.

  - **Convene a Crisis Response Stakeholders Group.** We know that existing systems and procedures will have to change, so we are going to bring those system actors together to identify gaps and address them.

Food Bank Drive-Up Distribution
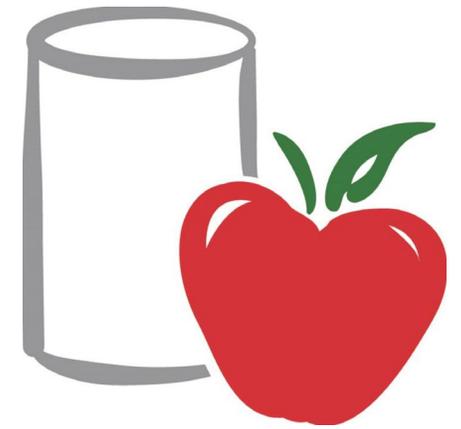
- **WHAT**: Drive-Up Food Distribution
- **WHEN**: Monday, July 6 (noon – 2 p.m.)
- **WHERE**: Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank; 1 N Linden Street, Duquesne, PA 15110

Details:

- **The Food Bank will be able to serve up to 500 vehicles at this distribution.**
- For the safety of the staff and volunteers working to set-up the event, those attending the event are **asked to arrive no earlier than when the event starts at noon.** Those who arrive prior to 12 p.m. may be asked to return at that time. **The distribution will end promptly at 2 p.m.** Drive-up service will be discontinued at that time.
- Attendees **must stay in their vehicles.** Upon pulling into "distribution row", place the vehicle in park and unlock the trunk or backseat.
- Attendees will not be required to fill out a registration form in order to receive food.

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

Quarantine locations will remain open at least through end of December; Winter shelter will open on time as well

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

- DHS will have additional cell phones soon

- Organizations can use HUD funds (within specific parameters) to pay for client cell phones

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

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

Federal strategic plan to end homelessness input sought:

- United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) seeks public input on revisions to the federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness

- Comment period ends July 11

- Link: https://www.usich.gov/public-input/

PHFA's CARES Rent Relief Program

- Applications are now available (applications can be submitted starting July 6th) for people seeking rent or mortgage relief due to COVID-19.

- To be eligible, renters and homeowners must:
  - document at least a 30% reduction in annual income since March 1 related to COVID-19, or they must have become unemployed after March 1;
  - household income must be under 100% of area median income

- Additional information: https://www.phfa.org/pacares/rent.aspx

- Please contact Cassandra.Collinge@alleghenycounty.us for more information

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Homelessness Provider Network COVID-19 Working Group:

- Every other Tuesday at 9:30 AM (next one is July 7)

- All homelessness service providers invited and encouraged to participate

- Call in information:

  Phone number: 1-267-368-7515

  Conference ID #: 883 836 652

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Grants for Employment Services for Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder

- Governor Wolf announced today that the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) is awarding more than $2 million in federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants to provide employment support services for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).

- Congratulations to all of the awardee's including those who will be serving residents of Allegheny County:
  - Allegheny Intermediate Unit
  - East End Cooperative Ministry
  - Life's Work of Western PA
  - Westmoreland Co. Community Action

- https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-more-than-2-million-in-grants-for-employment-services-for-individuals-with-opioid-use-disorder/

Strategies for Home Visits

- Please call ahead informing the family that we are hoping to conduct a home visit and ask the following questions. If they do not answer the phone and you stop by their home, maintain a safe distance from the door before you ask the following questions.

- NUMBER ONE -- DO YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF A RESPIRATORY INFECTION – SUCH AS COUGH, SORE THROAT, FEVER OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH?

- NUMBER TWO -- HAVE YOU HAD CONTACT WITH ANY PERSON EXHIBITING THESE SYMPTOMS OR WITH SOMEONE DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19 WITHIN THE PAST 14 DAYS?

- NUMBER THREE—HAS ANYONE IN YOUR HOME BEEN CONFIRMED TO HAVE COVID-19 VIA A TEST?

[Be a Lifeline](https://)

Allegheny County Department of Human Services
May 4 at 8:53 AM · 🌐

Many of us are struggling with social distancing, but it can be exceptionally challenging for older adults, people who live alone, those with health issues, and even new parents. Taking just a few minutes to call, leave a handwritten note, or have a short visit (from a safe distance) with your neighbors can brighten their day – and will also brighten yours.

Check in on your neighbors

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Key Contacts

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

    Laura Brigido Laura.Brigido@alleghenycounty.us
- United Way 2-1-1
  - For basic needs assistance or general COVID-19 inquiries call the 24/7 COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-856-2774. Language services are available.

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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 neccesary 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

As of:
6/25/20, 2:00pm

Please share your Frontline stories

- Is someone on your staff going above and beyond? Let us know!
- Please contact Evelyn.Whitehill@AlleghenyCounty.US to get started.
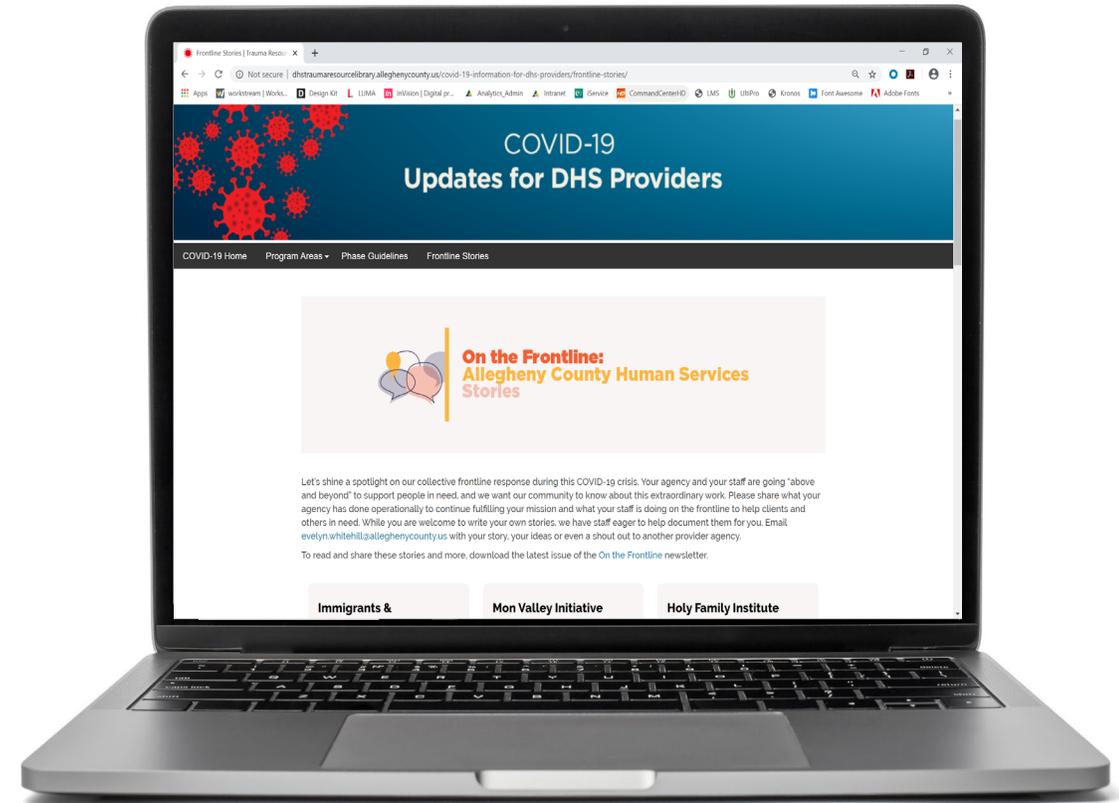
PA Department of Aging Wants Community and Stakeholder Input

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Now through June 26, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging is looking for your input on services and the issues affecting older adults to help build the next state plan. This plan will guide the direction of Pennsylvania's aging services for the next 4 years. You can take the short, 3-5-minute survey in English or Spanish by visiting https://bit.ly/PAAgingStatePlan.

The Department of Aging will also host a virtual community conversation **from noon to 1:30 PM on Tuesday, July 7** to discuss its State Plan on Aging for 2020-2024 and invites feedback from the public and community stakeholders throughout Pennsylvania. People interested in participating can be an observer only or can make comments for up to two minutes on aging issues that are important to them. Participants can join the conversation by WebEx on the internet, or can call 1-855-797-9485 and enter the access code:161 264 3439 when prompted.

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