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# DHS Provider Briefings

Thursday 7/30/20

Provider Briefings are now held  
**weekly, on Thursdays.**



# Agenda

- Announcements/policy updates
- Health Metrics
- Cleaning Services for Congregate Care Providers
- Program Updates



# 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](mailto:DHS-PrivacyOfficer@alleghenycounty.us) (preferred method)  
Alternatively, you may report via phone to Brian Bell, Allegheny County Privacy Officer, at 412-350-2887.

# Testing Sites

- Squirrel Hill Health Center has hosted COVID-19 tests at two of our offices
- The Mobile Testing Center will be in Penn Hills every Wednesday morning through August
- More dates will be announced for the 1 Smithfield Street location

**To register, go to:**  
**[Alleghenycovidtesting.com](https://alleghenycovidtesting.com)**

## FREE COVID-19 TESTING

SQUIRREL HILL HEALTH CENTER MOBILE UNIT

Now offering walk-up COVID-19 testing to all at no charge at a number of locations throughout Allegheny County.

**WHEN: 9AM - 12PM**

**WEDNESDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST**

**WHERE: 10700 FRANKSTOWN ROAD,  
PENN HILLS, PA 15235**

To guarantee your test, sign up now!  
Go to: [alleghenycovidtesting.com](https://alleghenycovidtesting.com)

**SQUIRREL HILL  
HEALTH CENTER**



The Port Authority is launching online public meetings for NEXTransit. This is the first series of public and community meetings to gather input on the future of public transit in the Pittsburgh area.



Port Authority's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

**We need you to *get on board!***

Your input is crucial to our plan, take our survey today!

Online: [nextransit.network/input](https://nextransit.network/input) 

By phone: 855-925-2801, code 8676

By text: text 'go' to 855-925-2801

**Join us at an online meeting:**

Upcoming date & times:

<b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b> 1:00pm & 7:00pm	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am & 5:30pm	<b>August 25<sup>th</sup></b> 12:30pm & 4:00pm
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# COVID-19 Guidance Update

- ACHD announced a new order on July 17<sup>th</sup>
- In addition to the guidance from Governor Wolf, this is the current ACHD guidance:
  - Indoor and outdoor dining/alcohol consumption must end by 11 PM. Take-out and delivery for food/alcohol can continue after 11 PM. (State guidance makes it clear the number of indoor diners cannot exceed 25% of the fire code maximum.)
  - Events/gatherings limited to 25 people indoors/50 people outdoors. (State guidance allows 250 outdoors, but ACHD kept a lower limit.)
  - ACHD guidance is ongoing until revoked.

# Policy & Legislative Update – Fed, State & Local

- U.S. Senate has unveiled a \$1 trillion relief package, formalizing the starting point of negotiations for the next bill.
  - We'll continue to track and report on details of the negotiations as they firm up.
- Based on Pittsburgh City Council action, the City Code will now include language on policing that bans chokeholds and neck restraints and requires officers to intervene if they see “unreasonable force.”









# Court Update

- Last week, Judge Clark ordered the closure of the third and fifth floors of the courthouse after a district attorney tested positive for COVID-19.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup>, Judge Clark announced the courthouse will remain open with more efforts to conduct court activities through teleconferencing.
  - As of now, teleconferencing will be utilized for bail hearings and motions, guilty pleas, sentencing hearings, and ARD hearings.
  - Non-jury trials can take place via videoconferencing if the defendant agrees to it.



# 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
Percent positive tests	World Health Organization	
Number of People Tested per Number of New Cases	State of Washington	
Decline in new cases or low number of new cases	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	
New Cases Below Threshold	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	
Reproduction number of COVID-19 below 1	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	
Decline in Total Hospitalizations	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	
ICU Bed Usage	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	
Decline in Deaths	State of New York	

# Decline in new cases

**Current Status is Red:** Allegheny County saw a 24% decrease in new cases in the last week, following a 24% decrease the previous week. However, cases numbers remain high.

Week beginning on	Number of Cases during week	% Change from Previous Week	Average Daily Positive Test Rate	Metric Met on Last Day of Week
7/19/2020	816	-24%	7.9%	✗
7/12/2020	1,071	-24%	8.8%	✗
7/5/2020	1,404	2%	9.5%	✗
6/28/2020	1,377		9.5%	✗

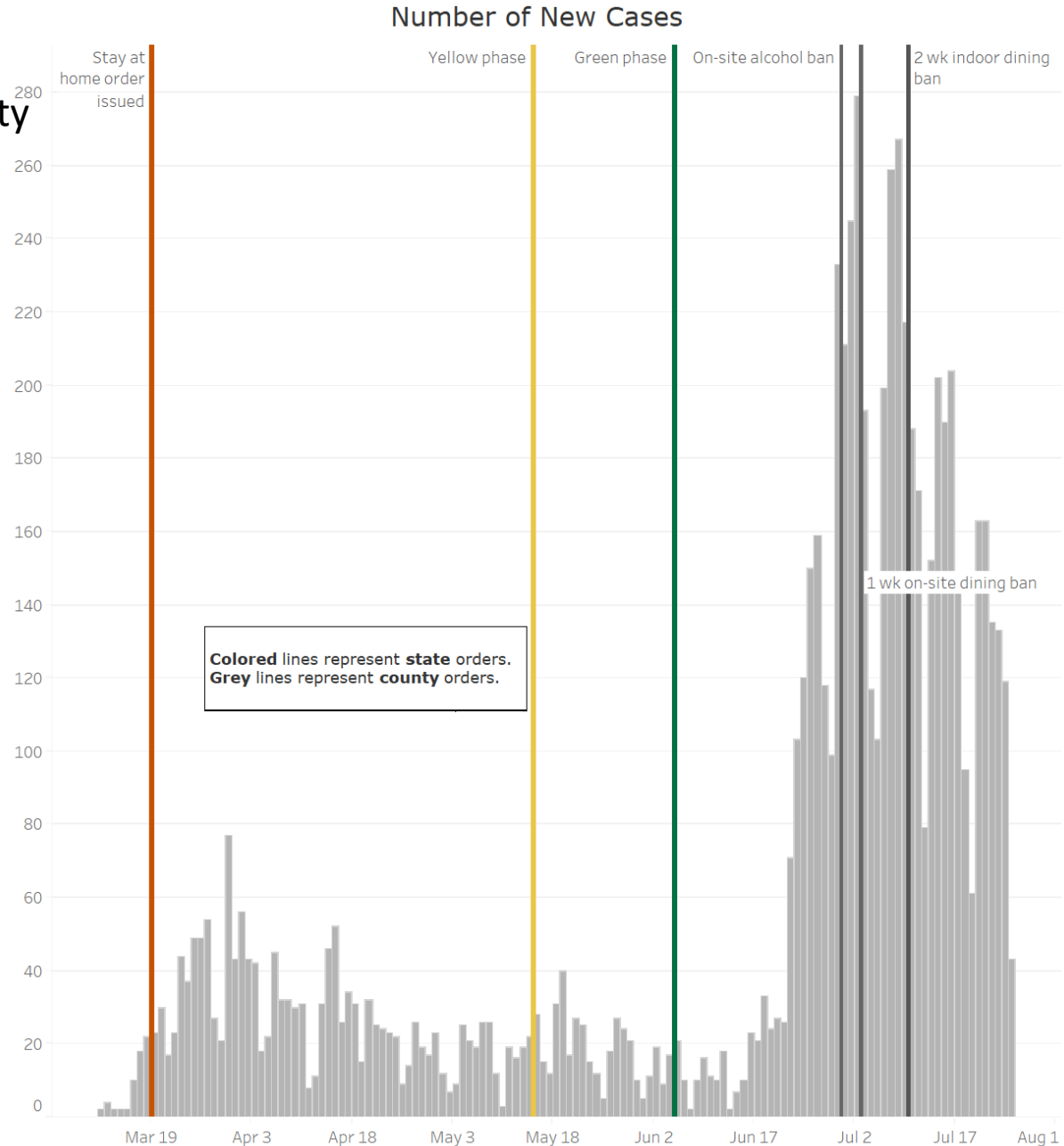
**Metric #1—Decline in New Cases or low number of new cases.** States, including North Dakota, Kansas, and North Carolina, are looking for a downward trajectory of new cases over a 14-day period to monitor infection spread. Allegheny County is monitoring this as well as monitoring for any large increases 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 July 25, 2020 was used for this metric.



# New cases below threshold

**Current Status is Red:** Allegheny County had new positive cases per 100,000 residents above 50 over the last 14 days. The daily average decreased by 16% over the last week and has been trending downwards since July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Week beginning on	Daily Average Cases over the Last 14 Days per 100,000	Percent Change from Last Week	Metric Met During Week
7/19/2020	179	-16%	✗
7/12/2020	214	2%	✗
7/5/2020	209	59%	✗
6/28/2020	132		✗

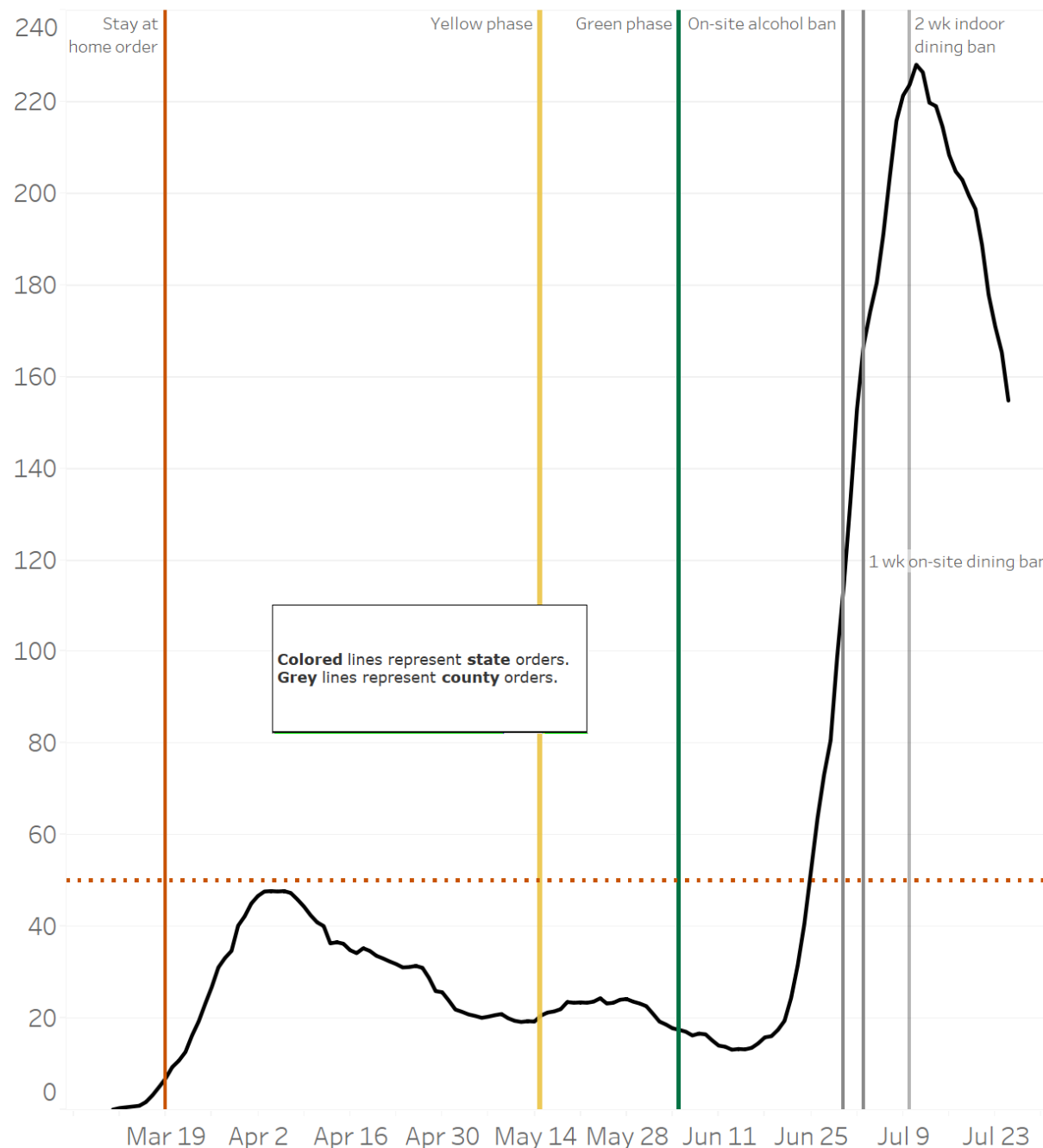
**Metric #2—New rate of cases below threshold.** The PA Department of Health, in coordination with other stakeholders, developed criteria to guide decisions about reopening that includes sustained positive cases below 50 per 100,000 residents.

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

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/>)

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# Percent positive tests

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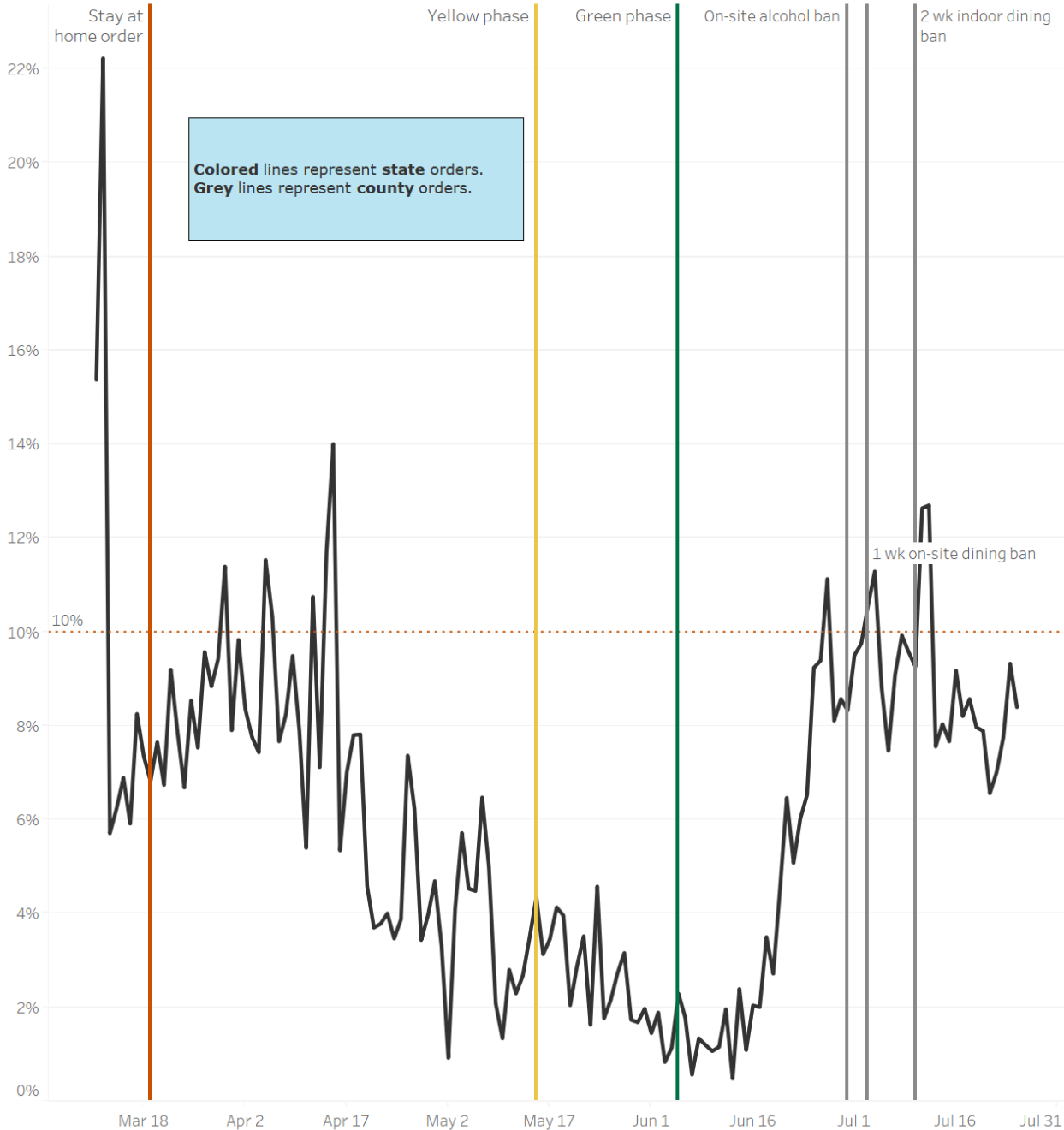
On July 25<sup>th</sup>, 9% (43 of 476) of tests were positive. The average rate of positivity for the week was below 10% and has been decreasing for the last two weeks.

Week beginning on	Average Daily Positivity Rate	Metric Met Last Week	% Change from Previous Week
7/19/2020	7.9%	✓	-11.3%
7/12/2020	8.8%	✓	-7.3%
7/5/2020	9.5%	✓	1.0%
6/28/2020	9.5%	✓	

**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 July 25, 2020 was used for this metric.



# Number of People Tested Per New Case

## Current Status is Red:

The ratio of testing to cases increased slightly over the last two weeks. This remains well below the recommendation of 50. There have been an average of 1,669 tests per day over the last week, which is a decrease from the previous 2 weeks.

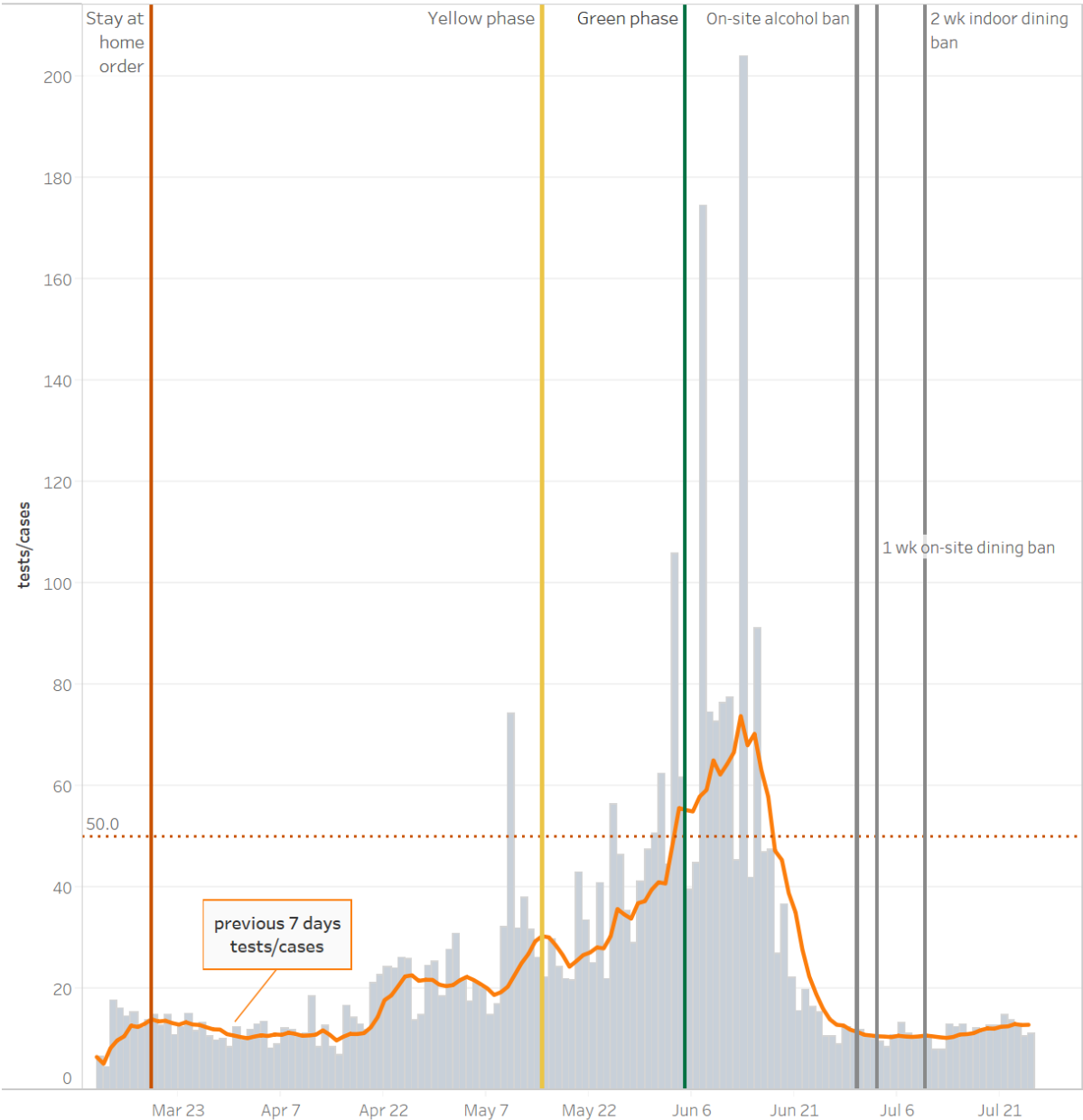
Week beginning on	Weekly Tests to Cases Ratio	Metric Met Last Week	% Change From Previous Week
7/19/2020	13	x	9%
7/12/2020	12	x	11%
7/5/2020	11	x	0%
6/28/2020	11	x	

**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 July 25, 2020 was used for this metric.



# Reproduction number of COVID-19 below 1

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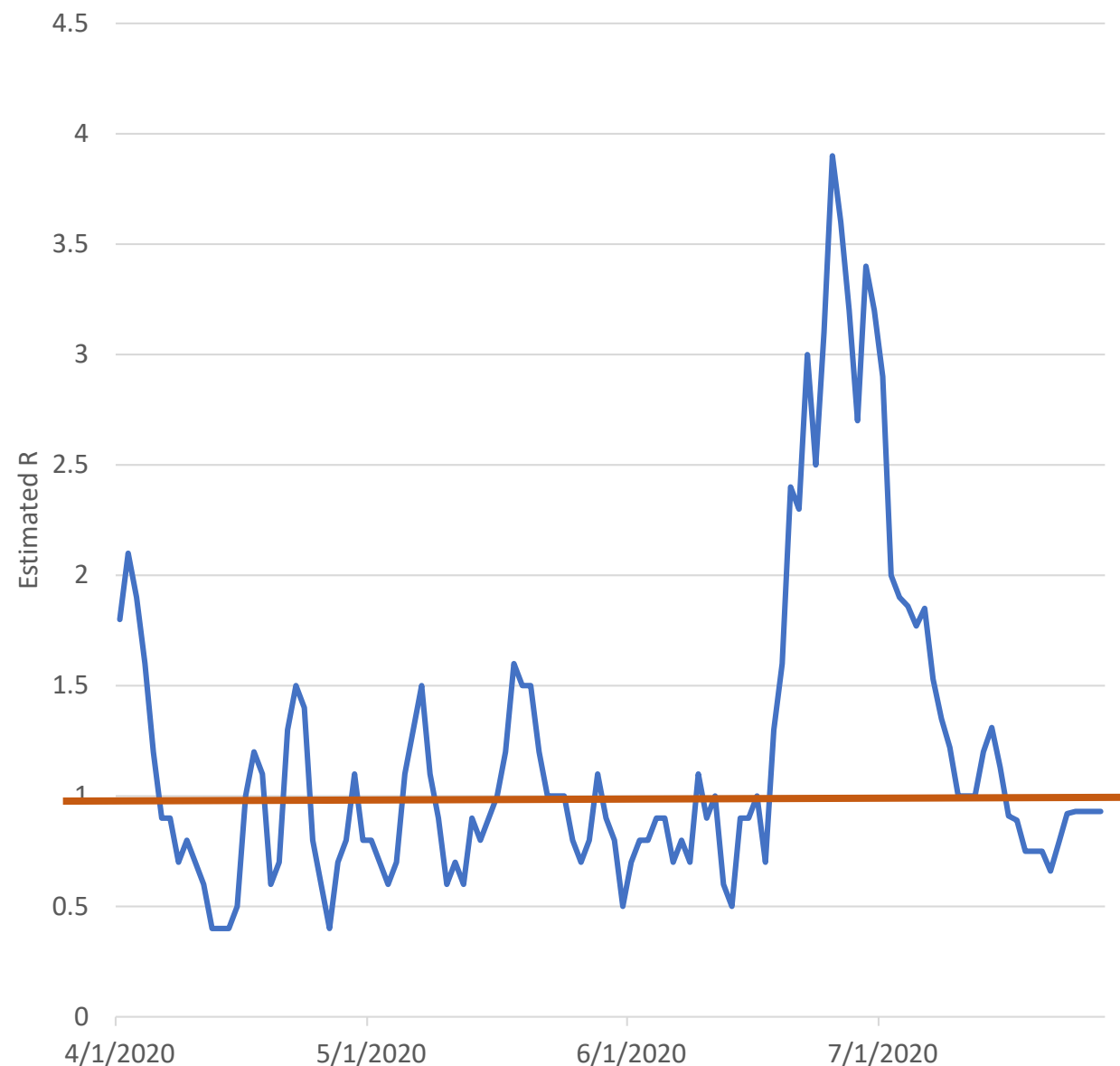
On July 27th, the  $R_0$  value in Allegheny County was 93, and the average is below 1 for the most recent week. We've seen a slight increase in the last week, but the value remains below 1.

		Average $R_0$	% change from previous week
Week of	7/22/2020	0.91	8%
Week of	7/15/2020	0.83	-28%
Week of	7/8/2020	1.15	-41%
Week of	7/1/2020	1.97	

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.

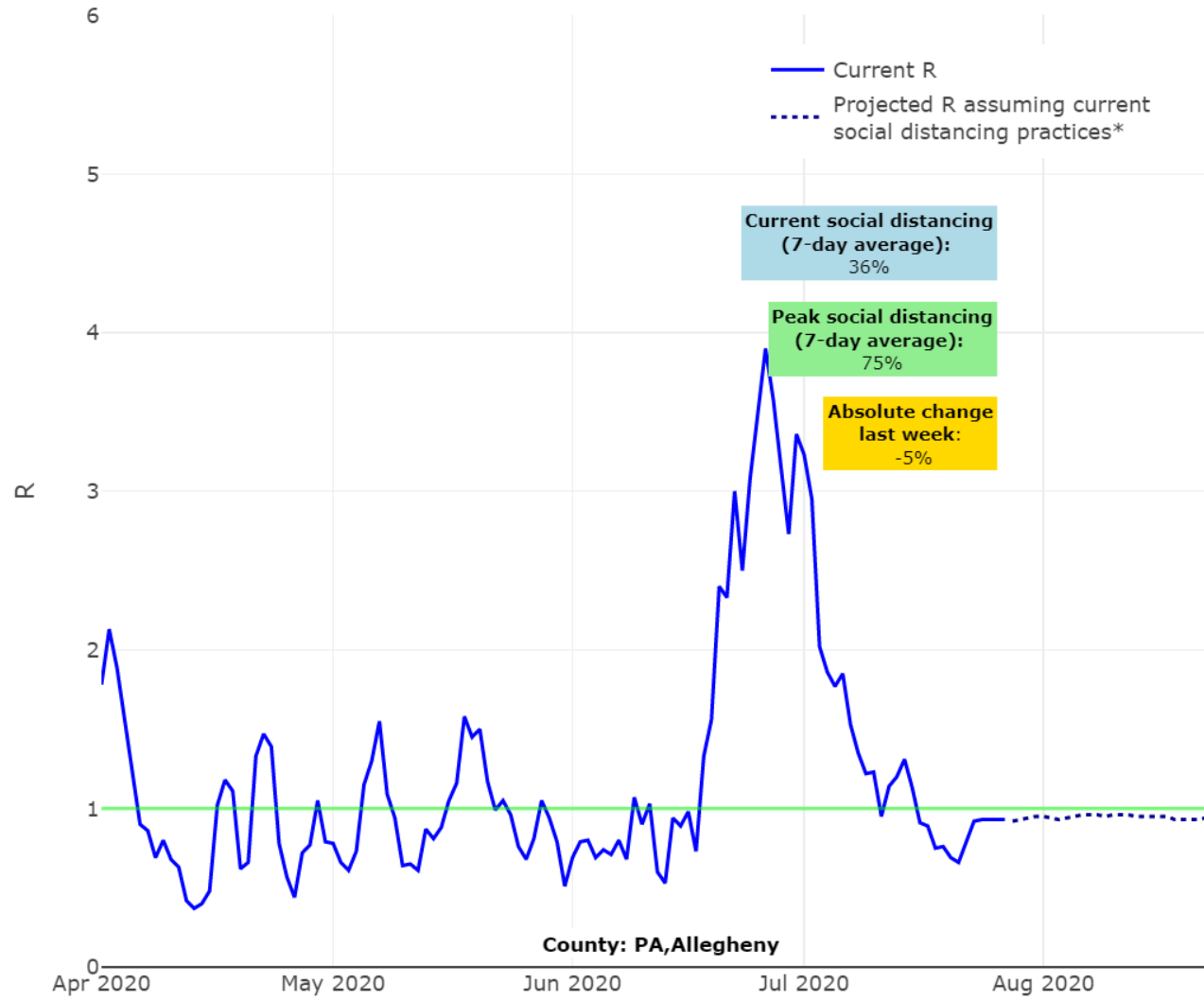
Citation: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Policy Lab: <https://poli.cylab.chop.edu/covid-lab-mapping-covid-19-your-community>

Source: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Policy Lab



Projected cases

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

# Decline in Hospitalizations

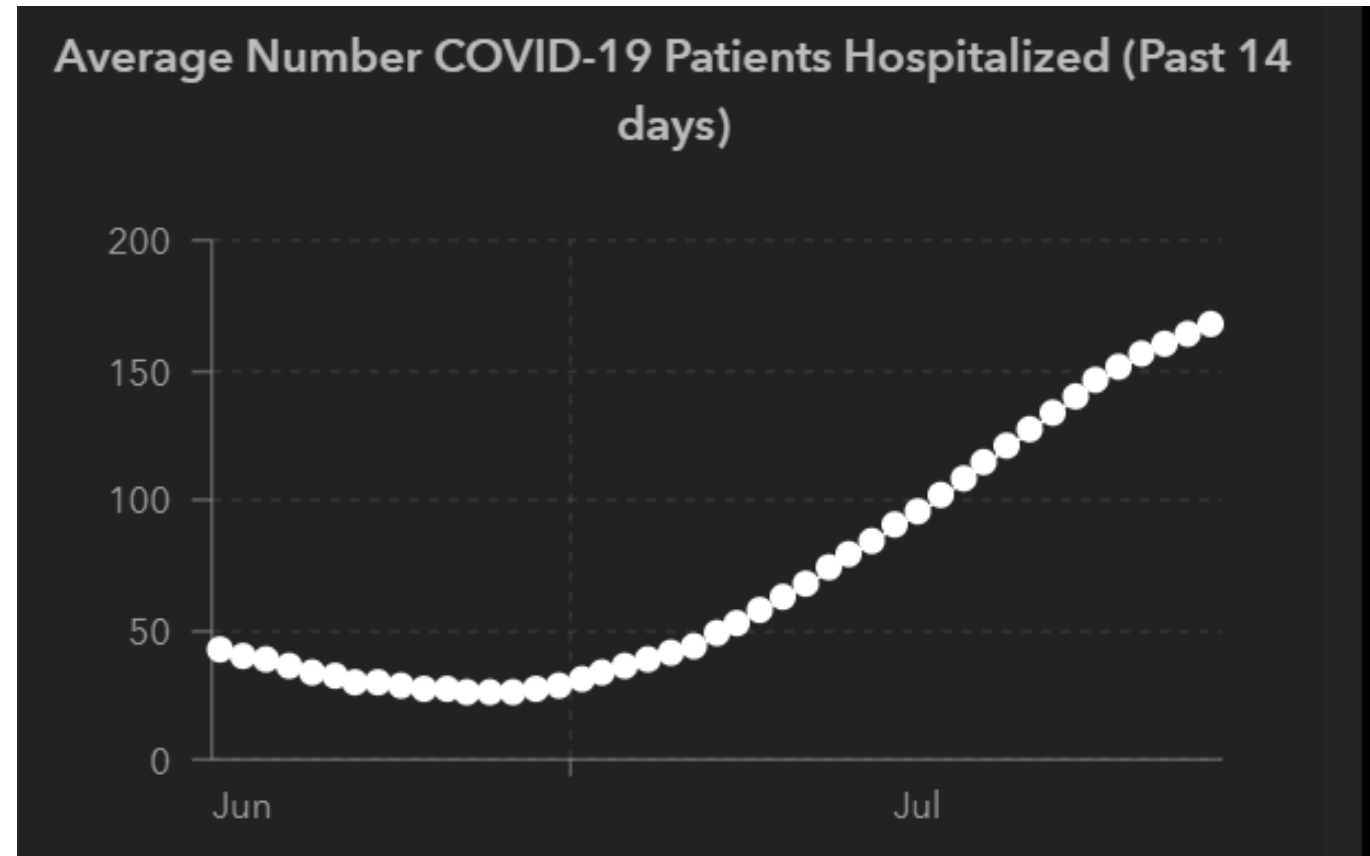
## Current Status is Red:

On July 29th, there was an average of 167 people hospitalized over the last 14 days. This has been increasing since 6/27.

	Average number of hospitalizations over last 14 days	% change from previous week
7/29/2020	167	25%
7/22/2020	133	49%
7/15/2020	90	71%
7/8/2020	52	

**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.



Source: PA Department of Health :

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/cfb3803eb93d42f7ab1c2cfccca78bf7>

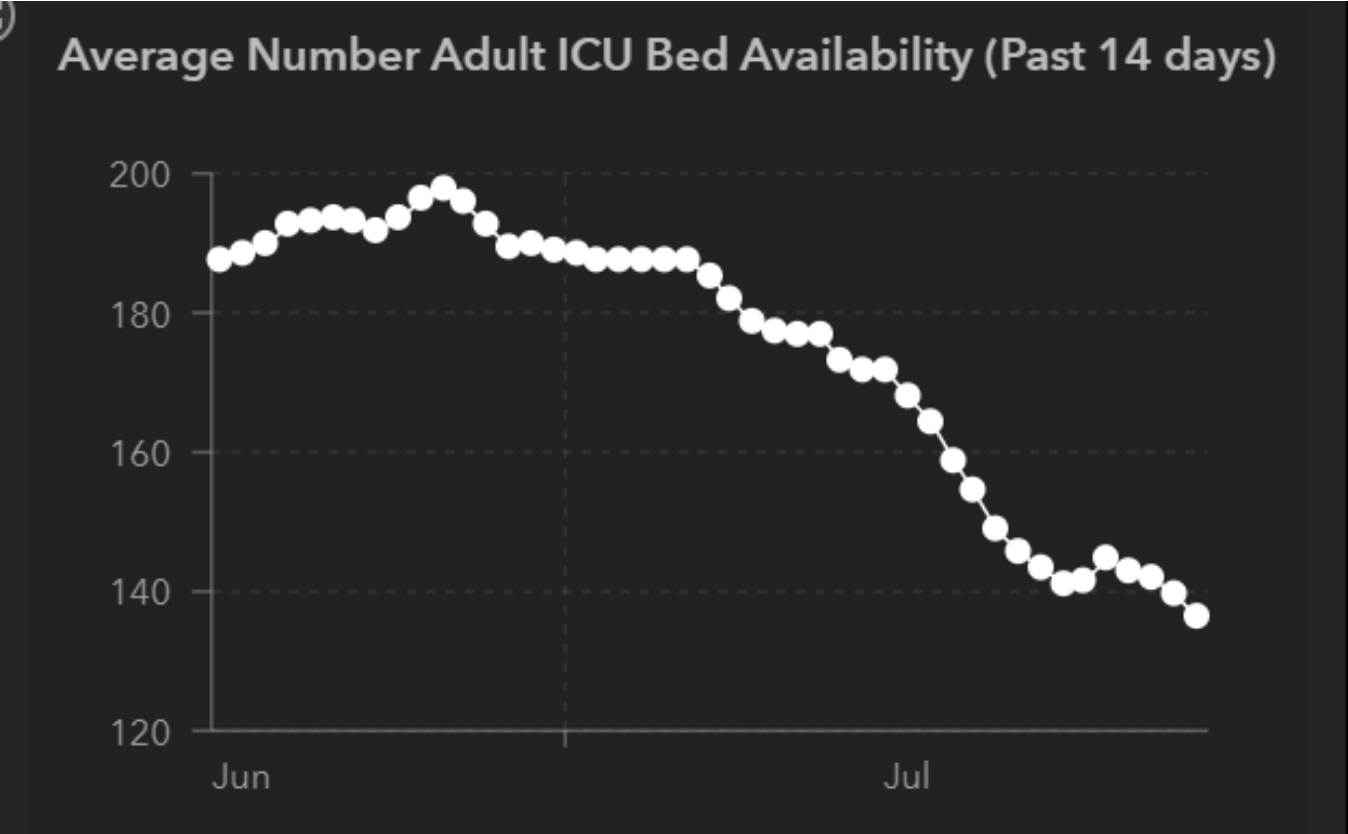


# ICU Bed Availability

**Current Status is Green:** Pennsylvania states that ICU bed availability should be 10% or greater. On July 29<sup>th</sup>, **17.1%** of ICU beds were available in Allegheny County. ICU available beds have been declining since July 6<sup>th</sup>.

	Average number of ICU bed availability over last 14 days	% change from previous week
7/29/2020	136	-5%
7/22/2020	143	-17%
7/15/2020	172	-6%
7/8/2020	182	

**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%



Source: PA Department of Health :  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/cfb3803eb93d42f7ab1c2cfccca78bf7>

# Decline in Deaths

## Current Status is Green:

The 3-day average of daily deaths in Allegheny County per day has not exceeded 5 and remains low. Total deaths did increase in July, but have decreased over the last week.

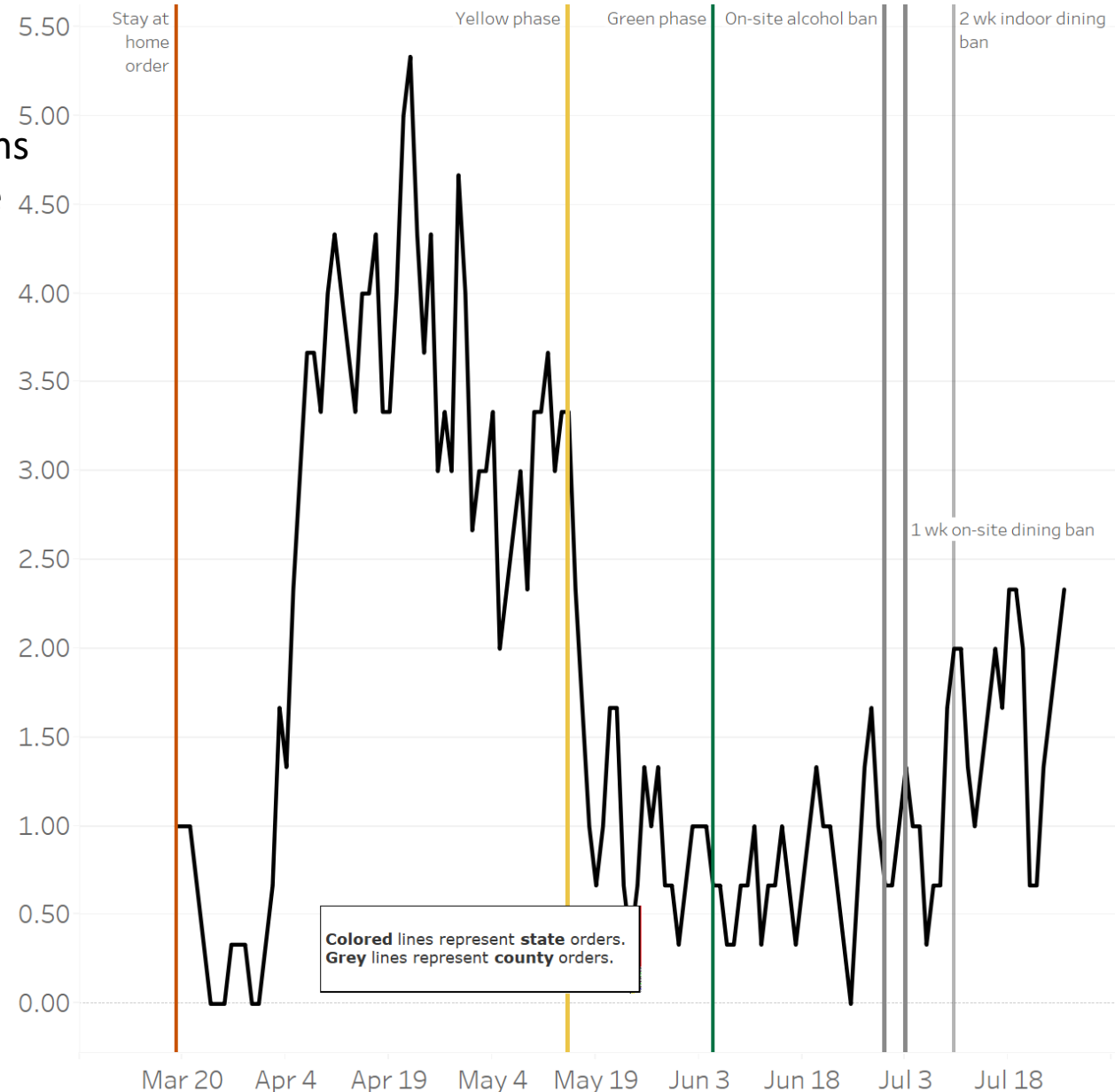
Week beginning on	Total number of deaths	% Change From Previous Week	Metric Met on Last Day of Week
7/19/2020	10	-23%	✗
7/12/2020	13	44%	✗
7/5/2020	9	50%	✗
6/28/2020	6		✗

**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 July 25, 2020 was used for this metric.



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# Cleaning Services for Congregate Care Providers

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- ▶ Cleaning/sanitation of facilities is one of the initiatives we are undertaking with the Coronavirus Relief Funds (funding authorized by the CARES Act)
- ▶ DHS has entered into a contract with ServiceMaster
- ▶ Only DHS-contracted providers and DHS staff can request services
- ▶ For now, only available to congregate care providers when there has been a known COVID-19 incident in the building

# When to Request

- ▶ Congregate providers can request services after someone was present in the building who meets the following criteria:
  - ▶ Person has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19
  - ▶ Person has been exposed to COVID-19 AND is showing symptoms
- ▶ “Exposed” means the person spent more than 15 minutes within six feet of someone who tested positive or who is showing symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of whether one or both individuals wore masks

# Incident Details

- ▶ If those criteria are met, then the parts of the building the person occupied up to 48 hours prior to diagnosis or onset of symptoms will be eligible for cleaning services
- ▶ Web form will ask for some information about your facility and the exposure
- ▶ Form also asks for a contact person who can help coordinate the cleaning service
- ▶ A DHS representative will make the connection between your agency and ServiceMaster, and together we will determine the specific cleaning protocol called for

# Web Form to Request Cleaning Services

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ej0n4MvksU6fclu6FvuWjUkxQI749jdHphHNKdg0q-tURE9HNk9XQk5TWDQ4WU5GUE01MVBOMUpaRS4u>

This link will be available on the DHS COVID-19 site in the “Operations” subsection, under “Allegheny County DHS Guidance and Operations”

# Operations

## Cleaning Services Request Form

- DHS is partnering with ServiceMaster to provide cleaning/sanitation services to congregate care providers when someone who has or was exposed to COVID-19 was in the building.

[Free COVID-19 Testing Available at Community Health Clinics in Allegheny County](#) (May 26, 2020)

[Neighborland Survey](#) (May 8, 2020)

[COVID-19 Testing Locations in Allegheny County](#) (May 3, 2020)

[Temporary Health and Human Service Worker Platform](#) (May 1, 2020)

- DHS has developed a platform to connect providers to temporary workers in the event that full-time personnel is unavailable due to an emergency. Check [Employment and Financial Assistance](#) for information about training your Human Resources staff.

[Supply Request Form: Global Links COVID-19 Southwest PA Request for Materials](#) (April 22, 2020)

- DHS is now partnering with Global Links for supply requests. Please see the [Food and Supplies](#) page for specifics

[Operational Changes Tracker](#) (April 15, 2020)

[Tracking COVID-19 Provider Expenses Presentation](#) (April 14, 2020)

[Provider Exemption Letter](#) (March 24, 2020)

- This letter indicates that your agency is deemed an essential provider in support of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services. Please keep a copy of this letter available at your offices and share it with staff electronically so they can present it should they be stopped while driving.

Daily Briefing Materials







# AAA Updates: Senior Centers

- With support from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, the Allegheny County Senior Center system remains in Phase 1.
  - Phase 1 is where planning for reopening can occur, but no actual in-person services at Centers are offered.
- At this point:
  - All Allegheny County Senior Centers remain closed
  - Senior Centers in Philadelphia and Westmoreland County, in addition to other areas throughout the state, also remain closed
- No firm date for reopening Centers within Allegheny County has been established at this time

# FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTIONS

August 1

**Wilkinsburg**

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution Event WHEN:  
Saturday, August 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. WHERE: 333  
Lincoln Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

<https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/drive-up/>

August 10 -  
MilitaryShare

**Military  
Share  
Pittsburgh**

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution Event -  
\*MilitaryShare\* WHEN: Monday, August 10 at noon  
(12 p.m.) WHERE: Veterans Leadership Program;  
2934 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Updated 7/30/20

# FARMERS TO FAMILIES DISTRIBUTIONS

## FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Saturday, July 25 ♥ McKeesport

Saturday, August 1 ♥ Hill District

Friday, August 7 ♥ Clairton

Saturday, August 8 ♥ North Side

Friday, August 14 ♥ Penn Hills

Saturday, August 22 ♥ North Shore

Saturday, August 29 ♥ Washington

For more information, visit [412foodrescue.org/covid19](https://412foodrescue.org/covid19)



PARAGON  
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## Fresh Produce Distribution

Paragon Foods will distribute a mixed box of produce  
every Thursday for the next six months!



Distribution will occur every Thursday beginning on May 28 through October 29,  
for the next six months in the parking lots at the following schools:

**Milliones (UPrep):** 3117 Centre Avenue, 15219

**Carmalt:** 1550 Breining Street, 15226

**Perry:** 3875 Perrysville Avenue, 15214

**Faison:** 7430 Tioga Street, 15208

**The Gifted Center:** 1400 Crucible Street, 15205

Paragon Trucks will arrive at 9 AM, and families can begin to line up at 10 AM. Food will be placed in a family's car/trunk beginning at 10 AM and ending at 12 PM on a first-come, first-serve basis. Per guidelines for social distancing and quick traffic flow, interested families will be required to use a car to pick up boxes of produce. Families unable to participate with a car can contact The Food Bank at 412-460-3663 ext. 665 or 2-1-1.

Mixed boxes of produce may include potatoes, onions, carrots, sweet potatoes, apples, pears, oranges, blueberries, strawberries, and tomatoes.

### Mark your calendars with the following dates:

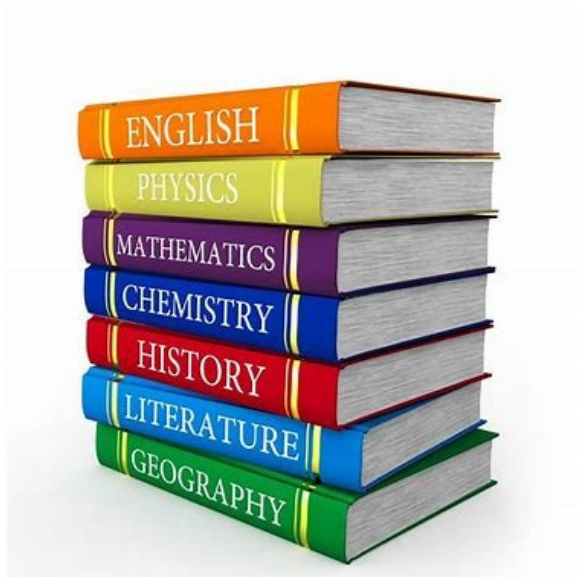
May 28 • June 4, 11, 18, 25 • July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • August 6, 13, 20, 27  
September 3, 10, 17, 24 • October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Expect great things.

Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, gender (including gender identity or expression), sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or disability in its programs, activities or employment and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries may be directed to the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Title IX Coordinator or the Section 504/ADA Title II Coordinator at 341 S. Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, 412-528-3950, TitleIXCoordinator@ppschools.org or 412-529-HELP (4357).

# 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR PLANNING



- School district plans can be found here (thanks to Allies for Children for compiling!)
- Almost all districts have announced preliminary plans at this point
- Most districts are starting all remote or hybrid
- We are having conversations with districts, partners, providers
- Families will need support with:
  - Childcare
  - Safety of children
  - Support with e-learning/addressing learning loss
  - Social emotional well-being
  - Engagement with peers
  - Support with basic needs

# Updated Resources for older youth

- CDC has a new [Toolkit for Young Adults: 15 to 21](#) that includes easy to read FAQ's, fact sheets, infographics, PSA's, social media messages, and videos.
- The webpage contains a [Coronavirus Self-Checker](#) with questions to help individuals determine if they need to seek medical care. Compiled mental health resources are also published on the [Support For Teens and Young Adults](#) webpage to include COVID-19 prevention messages along with contact information for disaster, domestic violence, child abuse, and suicide prevention services. These resources to be particularly useful for communicating with youth.
- In addition, on the [Toolkit for K-12 Schools](#), programs can find updated social media messages, posters, and videos on how to properly wear face masks, appropriately practice social distancing, and safely manage youth sports

## **PA Older Youth Retreat**

- August 7-10 this year virtually Please register for any sessions you are interested in here: <http://forms.cwrc.pitt.edu/VirtualOYR2020/> please use **PACWRC Staff** as your registration type.
- Additional information on these sessions and the 2020 Older Youth Retreat can be found on the PA Youth Advisory Board website. <http://www.payab.pitt.edu/VirtualRetreat.htm>



Can you lend a hand?

## **COMMUNITY** Emergency **RESPITE**

***Consider becoming a respite provider...***

Respite care is needed for children if their caregivers become ill and unable to care for them or ensure their safety. They may be hospitalized or simply too sick to attend to the children's needs.

**A Second Chance, Inc. (ASCI)** is recruiting for respite homes to temporarily host one or more children whose caregivers are unable to care for them due to coronavirus symptoms or hospitalization.

We will work with you to help prepare your home.

There is a per diem payment to meet the child's needs

Average respite period is 12-14 days, although it could go to 30 days.

We will discuss the ways to safeguard your home.

You must attend a virtual training.

**Are these children going to have coronavirus?** The children may be anywhere on the COVID spectrum. Most likely they have not have been tested but may have been exposed and asymptomatic. They also might have symptoms or may develop them during their time in your home.

**We are here to help you do this!**



**How can I get more information or apply?**

**EMAIL:** [ASCICovidCombat@secondchance-kinship.com](mailto:ASCICovidCombat@secondchance-kinship.com)

**CALL:** Davida Allen at 412-377-2511 or Tara Skibiel at 412-715-9242

# Key Contacts

- Provider questions for Allegheny County Health Department
  - [DHS-COVID19Planning@alleghenycounty.us](mailto: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](mailto:Dan.Evancho@alleghenycounty.us)
  - Contract inquiries: Kathy Heinz [Kathy.Heinz@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:Kathy.Heinz@alleghenycounty.us)  
Laura Brigido [Laura.Brigido@alleghenycounty.us](mailto: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.

