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DHS Provider Briefings

Thursday 7/9/20

Provider Briefings are now held weekly, on Thursdays.



Agenda

- Announcements
- Update with Dr. Bogen, Director, Allegheny County Health Department
- Health Metrics
- Covid-19 Illness Reporting Update, Brian Bell, DHS Privacy Officer
- DHS Plan for Covid Response CRF Funding
- Legislative Update
- Program Updates

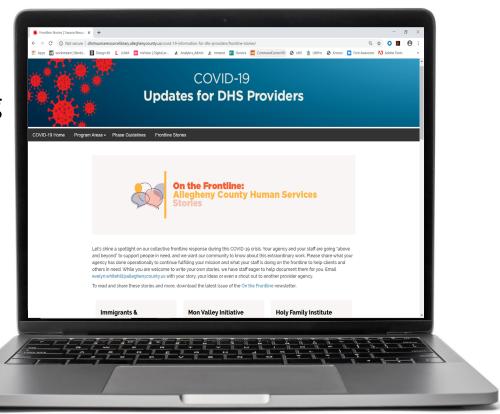


Please submit stories/photos about how COVID-19 has changed the ways in which your organization or staff conduct business and how it might impact your ongoing operations.

To get started, please contact:

Evelyn.Whitehill@AlleghenyCounty.US





Dr. Debra Bogen, Director Allegheny County Department of Health



New Order (7/8/20)

- Health Department Director Dr. Bogen issued a new two-week order that takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2020.
- The new order rescinds the June 28 and July 2 orders.
- Bars, restaurants or any other business establishment with food service are permitted to provide take-out and delivery sales, of food and alcohol, as well as dine-in service in outdoor seating areas as long as the establishment adheres to the State's <u>Guidance</u>.
- Events and gatherings of more than 25 persons indoors and more than 50 persons outdoors in Allegheny County are prohibited.
 - The requirement does not apply to religious gatherings held by churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, or other places of worship.

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)	X
Metric #2: New Cases Below Threshold	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Change from last week X
Metric #3: Decline in Total Hospitalizations	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	X
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	X
Metric #7: Percent positive tests	World Health Organization	Change from last week ——
Metric #8: Reproduction number of COVID-19 below 1	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	X

Metric 1: Decline in new cases

Current Status is Red: Allegheny County saw a 54% increase in new cases in the last week, following a 400% increase the previous week. The most recent week (6/28-7/4) had the highest number of new cases in a single week since the start of the pandemic.

Week beginning on	Number of Cases during week	% Change from Previous Week	Average Daily Positive Test Rate	Metric Met on Last Day of Week
6/7/2020	65		1.1%	X
6/14/2020	142	118%	2.7%	X
6/21/2020	710	400%	7.9%	X
6/28/2020	1,101	54%	9.5%	X

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.

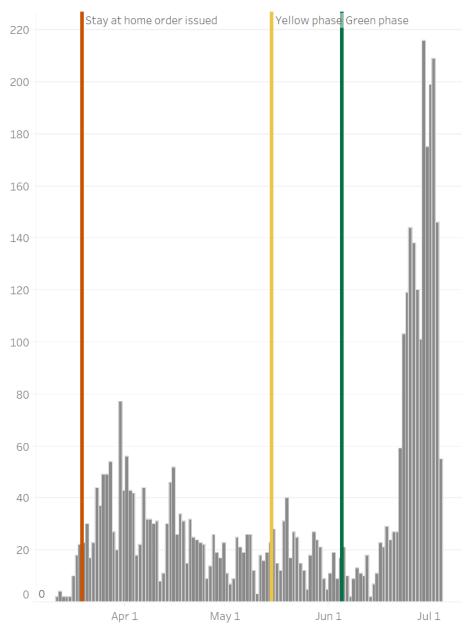
Metric Definition: A decline in new cases over the course of a 14-day period and/or continued low number of new cases.

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 4, 2020 was used for this metric.

Number of New Cases



Metric#2 New cases below threshold

Current Status is Red: Allegheny County had

new positive cases per 100,000 residents above 50 over 130
the last 14 days for the first time since the start of the
pandemic. The daily average increased by almost

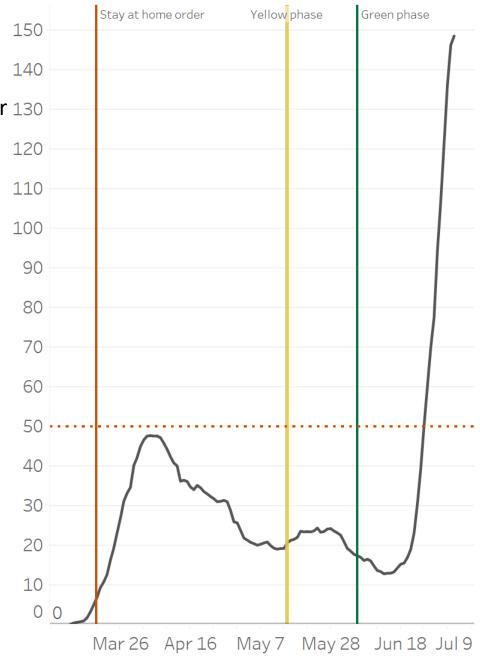
200% each week for the last 2 weeks.

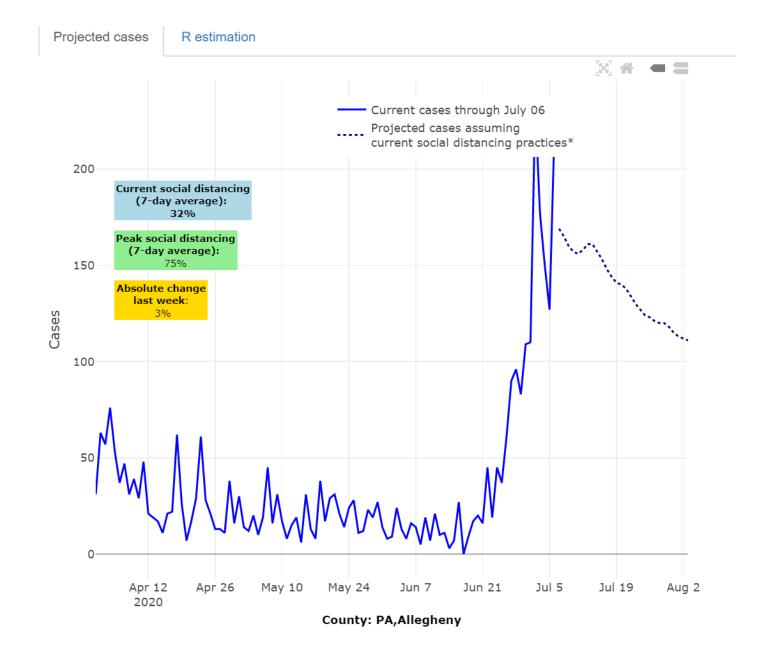
Week beginning on	Daily Average Cases over the Last 14 Days per 10	Metric Met During Week	Percent Change from Last
6/7/2020	15	~	
6/14/2020	15	~	-2%
6/21/2020	42	~	188%
6/28/2020	119	X	184%

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/)





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

Metric #7: Percent positive tests

Current Status is Yellow:

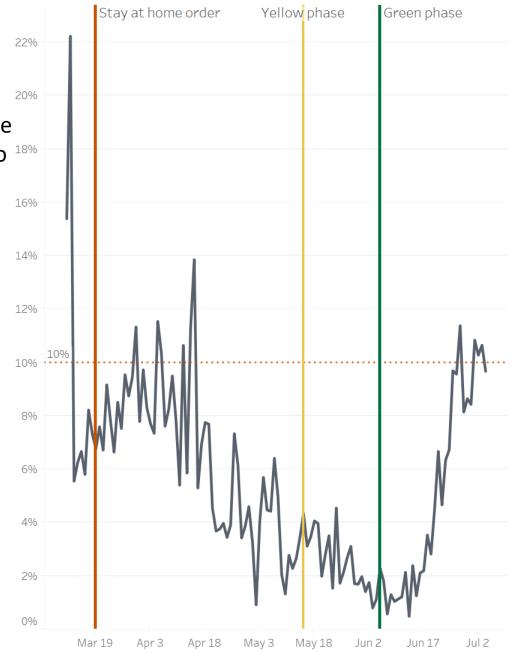
On July 4th, 10% (55 of 486) of tests were positive. The average rate of positivity has increased in the last two ^{18%} weeks and has been over 10% twice in the last week.

Week beginning on	Average Daily Positivity Rate	Metric Met Last Week	% Change from Previous Week
6/7/2020	1.1%	V	
6/14/2020	2.7%	V	138.4%
6/21/2020	7.9%	~	191.9%
6/28/2020	9.5%	~	21.1%

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

Citation: World Health Organization



Metric #6: Diagnostic Testing Capacity

Current Status is Red:

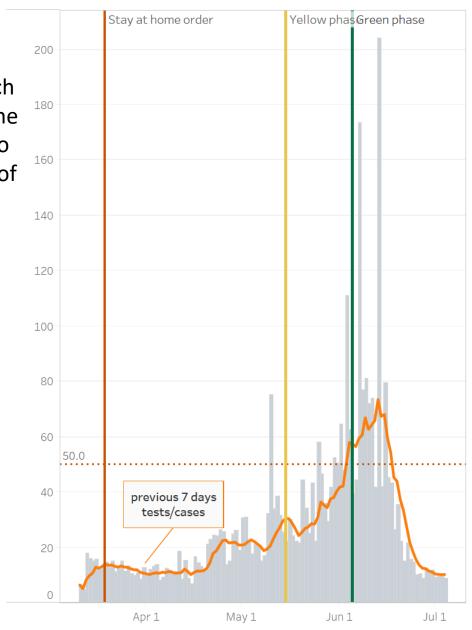
The ratio of testing to cases was 10 over the last week, which was a 18% decrease from the previous week and is below the recommendation of 50. Though overall testing continues to rise, it is not keeping pace with the increase in the number of cases.

Week beginning on	Weekly Tests to Cases Ratio	Metric Met Last Week	% Change From Previous Week
6/7/2020	73	~	
6/14/2020	37	X	-49%
6/21/2020	13	X	-66%
6/28/2020	10	X	-18%

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



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 78% increase in average daily number of people in the hospital in the last week.

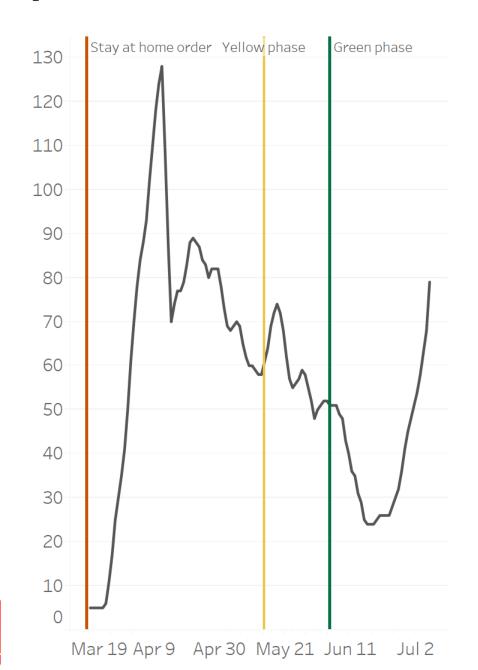
Week beginning on	Average Daily Number of People in th	% Change from Previous Week	Metric Met on Last Day of Week
6/10/2020	31		X
6/17/2020	25	-19%	X
6/24/2020	37	47%	X
7/1/2020	66	78%	X
7/1/2020	66	/8%	X

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)

Citation: CDC



Metric #5: ICU Bed Usage

Current Status is Green:

Pennsylvania states that ICU capacity should not exceed 90%. Allegheny County remains below that threshold and capacity has been steady in the upper 70% or the last 4 weeks.

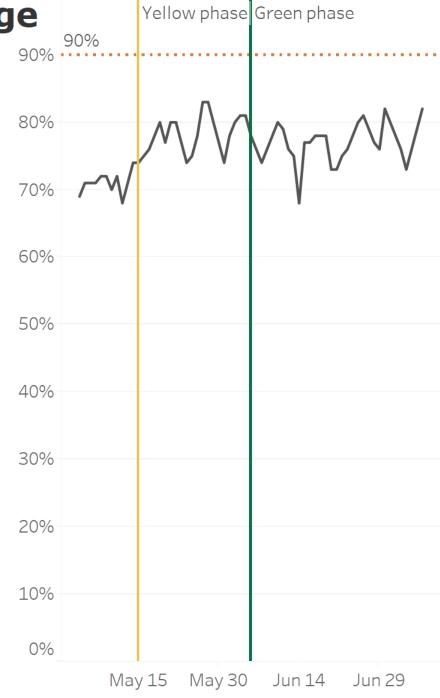
Week beginning on	Average ICU Bed Usage	Metric Met Last Week	% Change from Previous Week
6/10/2020	76%	✓	
6/17/2020	76%	~	0%
6/24/2020	79%	✓	3%
7/1/2020	78%	✓	-1%

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)



Metric#4: Decline in Deaths

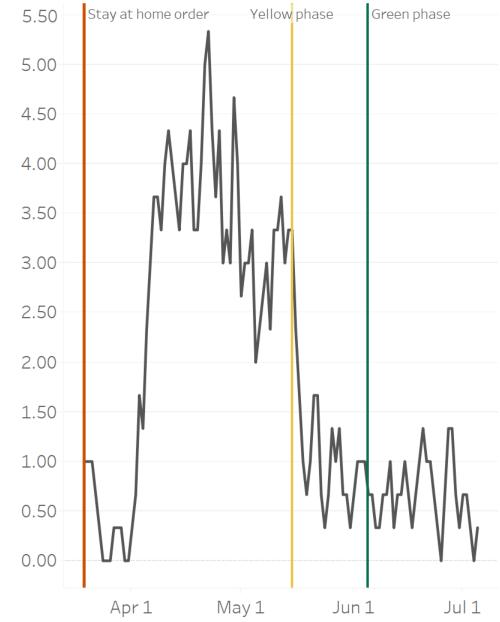
Current Status is Green:

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
6/7/2020	4	
6/14/2020	6	50%
6/21/2020	6	0%
6/28/2020	2	-67%

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/



Metric 8: Reproduction number of COVID-19 below 1

Current Status is Red:

On July 5th, the R_0 value in Allegheny County was 1.9. Though still above 1, the average value decreased by 22% in the last week.

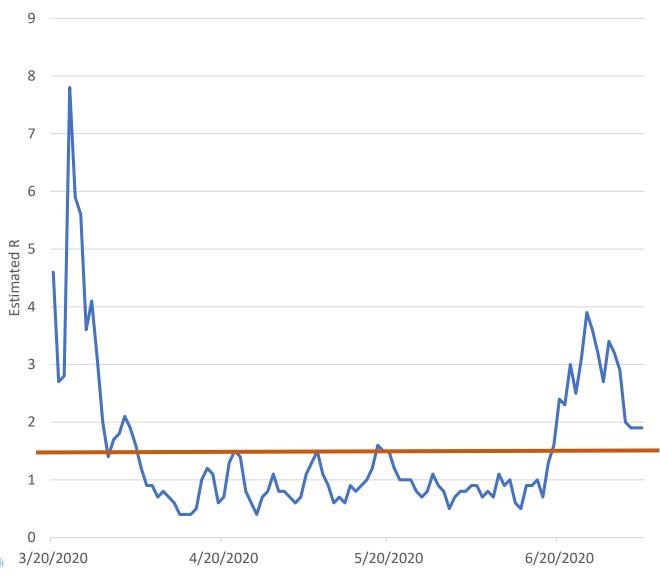
If R_0 is less than 1, each existing infection causes less than one new infection. In this case, the disease will decline and eventually die out.

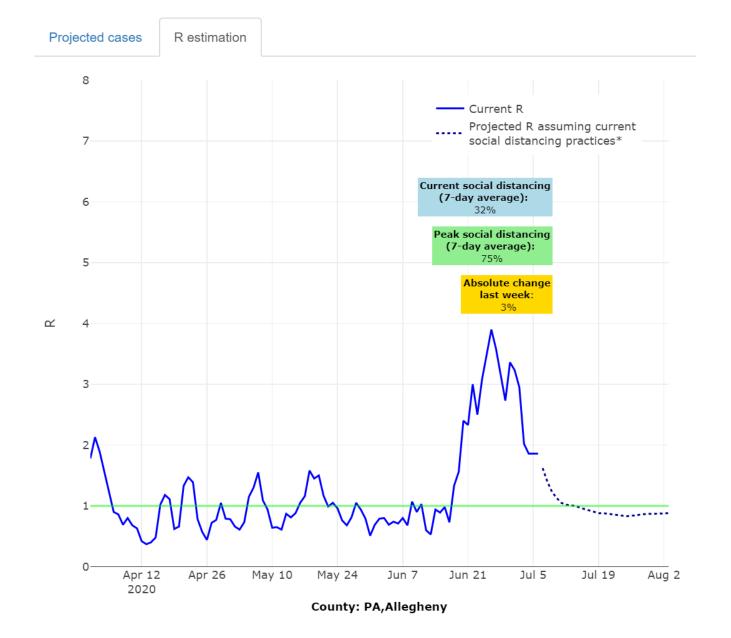
			% change from
		Average R0	previous week
Week of	6/8/2020	0.81	
Week of	6/15/2020	1.46	79%
Week of	6/22/2020	3.14	116%
Week of	6/29/2020	2.46	-22%

Source: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Policy Lab

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



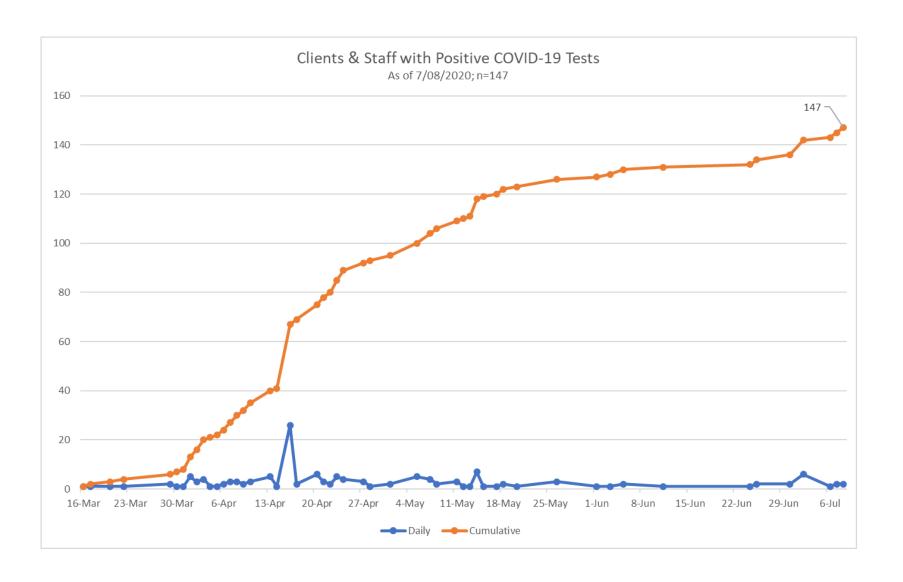


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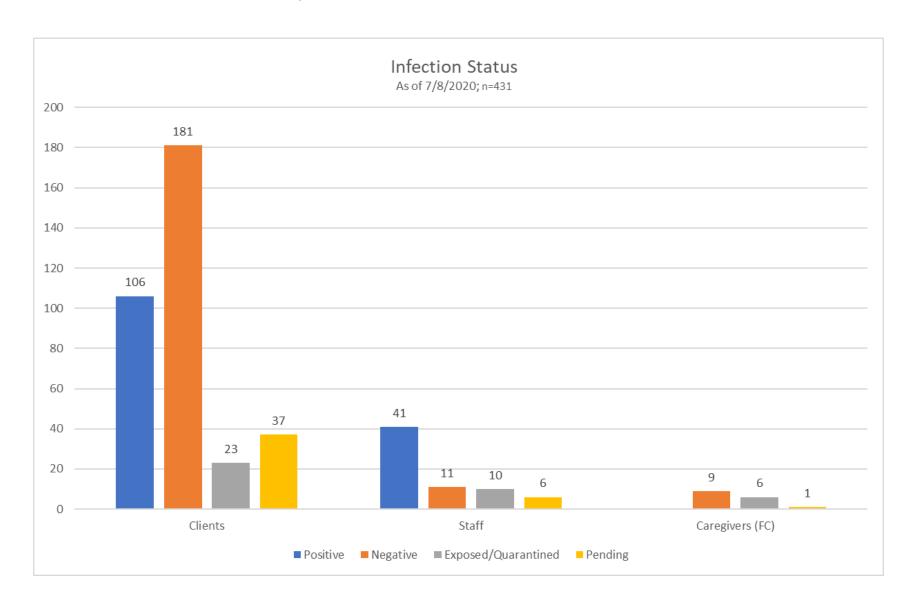
Covid-19 Illness Reporting Update

Brian Bell, DHS Privacy Officer

Provider – Staff and Client Illness

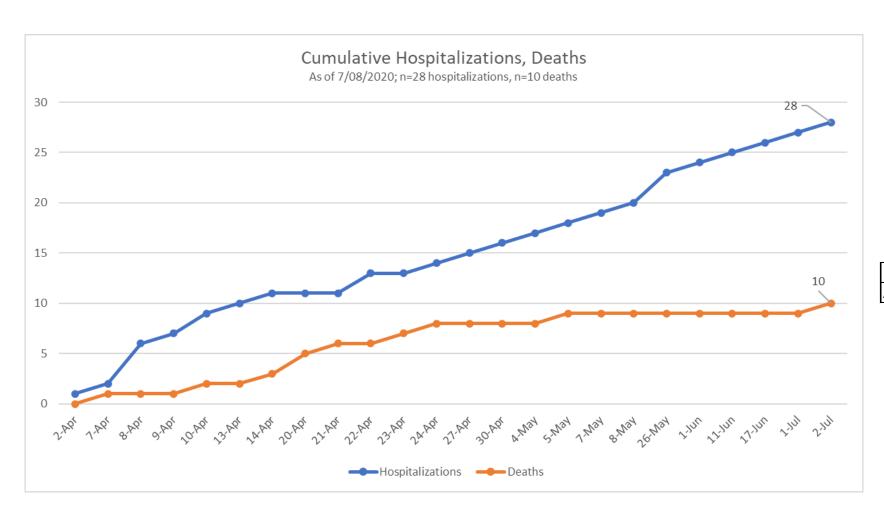


Provider - Status of Reports on Infection for Clients and Staff



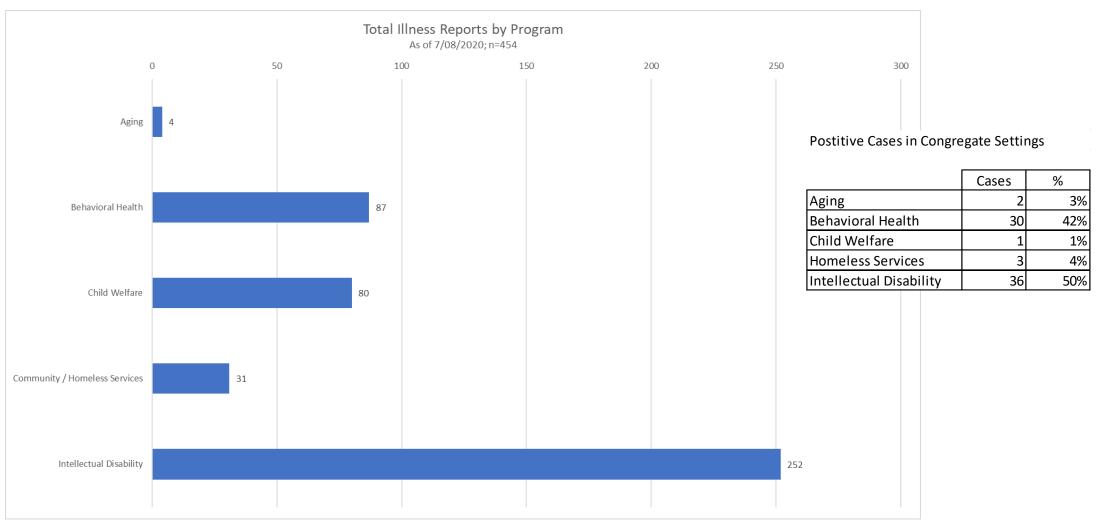
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Provider – Client Hospitalizations and Deaths



	Hospitalizations	<u>Deaths</u>	
	% of cases	% of cases	n
DHS	19%	7%	147
Allegheny County	10%	5%	4209
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Provider – Reports by Program



DHS Staff - Reports

DHS has received 26 reports from June 19 until July 8, 2020 notifying of exposure or illness.

Test Results	Count
Positive	5
Negative	4
Pending	7
Total	16

A majority of those reports (70%), involved exposure and illness to staff in our child welfare office. Followed by our Aging office (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 <u>DHS-</u>

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_HHSopport unities

Policy & Legislative Update – Local

- On Tuesday, Allegheny County Council approved and passed the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) appropriations etablished by the federal CARES Act. This approved COVID-19 related funding can now be distributed to County Departments and municipalities.
- Pittsburgh City Council held a public hearing on possible changes to the Citizen's Police Review Board's powers, including requiring full cooperation from any officer being investigated.
 - Any changes could only be approved through a City-wide referendum since the CPRB is a part of the City's Home Rule Charter.

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Safeguarding people at risk, helping those facing hardship

Plan for Covid-19 response
Allegheny County DHS

The reasons for the plan

Our clients have higher risk of getting seriously ill from Covid

- People with chronic conditions are at much greater risk of serious illness or death from Covid
- DHS clients—chronic condition rates
 - Mental health residential clients: 48%
 - People with intellectual disabilities: 47%
 - Older adults (not in nursing homes): 46%
 - People experiencing homelessness and other housing insecurity: 40%
 - Parents involved with child welfare: 43%

Especially concerned about:

People in congregate living

Shelters: study found 25% positive for Covid

In Allegheny County DHS' programs, 94 of 130 positives lived or worked in congregate setting

Older adults

Over 60% of PA deaths were in long-term facilities, personal care homes

Older adults living at home contract virus from loved ones, staff who come into their home

More hardship for more people in the county

- Unemployment (16.8% in PSMA in June), reduction in hours will increase need in 2020-21
 - Households earning under \$40,000 hit hardest: 65% lost wages vs. 41% for HH earning >\$75,000
- Housing
 - One in five renters not able to pay rent in August
 - Rent, utility assistance calls to 211 up over same quarter of 2019 (43% of all calls in May)
- Mental health/substance use
 - National survey: 36% say Covid has serious impact on MH; 8% reported increase in alcohol/other drugs
 - Symptoms of serious psychological distress highest among young adults, adults with household income of less than \$35,000 per year, and Hispanic adults
 - 17% of Pittsburgh residents surveyed in June felt depressed, 14% hopeless about the future
- Children
 - Abuse and neglect increases correlated with unemployment
 - Number who are hungry in Allegheny County estimated to increase 58%
 - 23% of children in County estimated to be food insecure (already)

All of this affects black people more

Covid-related deaths and hospitalizations

	Deaths		Hospitalizations	
	Expected rate	Actual rate	Expected rate	Actual rate
Black	13%	23%	13%	32%
White	76%	53%	80%	64%
Other race	7%	1%	7%	4%

All of this affects black people more

- Black nursing home residents are more likely to live in a facility with disease Covid cases than white people (national studies)
- Comorbidity:
 - Hypertension is prevalent among 40% of non-Hispanic Blacks compared with 28% of whites and Hispanics.
 - Non-elderly Blacks and native populations are twice as likely as whites to have had a heart attack or heart disease
- Allegheny is one of five PA counties whose black unemployment claims rate exceeds the white rate by 5 percentage points

Therefore--while this is what DHS does in a normal year...

Protects

Children and youth
Older Adults

Other vulnerable adults

Prevents

Homelessness

Substance abuse, overdose

Mental health crises, suicide

Abuse and neglect

Incarceration

Supports

Communities and families

Health and Wellness

Treatment and Recovery

With Covid, we also need to...

- 1. Mitigate **spread of virus** to people most at risk of getting seriously ill
- 2. Ensure access to **life-saving health and human** services, and deliver them safely
- 3. Help people facing **increased hardship** because of Covid-sparked economic recession

Goal: Reduce spread to people at high risk of serious illness

1 Hygiene/safety \$5M

Sanitizing/cleaning services: residential, DHS

Summer camps

Hygiene stations - homeless and CYF visitation

Client masks

2 Reduce density in shelters \$600K

Winter shelter (2nd), housing for people in shelters

3 Testing

Push for testing at congregate facilities

4 Quarantine and Isolation \$7M

Isolation and quarantine facility (Safe Haven Hotel)

CYF quarantine facilities (Teen Healing Center and Family Apartments)

5 Older adults living at home \$100K

Delivering food, medicine to older adults (community)

Goal: Access to services

- 6 Front door
- 7 Warmlines/response \$800K

Expand Link

Expand Senior Line capacity

Expand re:solve, warmlines

- 8 Triage
- 9 Community outreach to Black, Latinx people, immigrants \$3M

Goal: Services,
basic needs,
delivered
safely

10	Benefits enrollment through community \$2M
11	Digital divide/remote \$1.8M
	Reduce digital divide
	Virtual programming
12	Homeless prevention \$5.8 M
13	Health of network \$1.8M
	Coordinate PPE
	CYF (foster/resource families, providers on front lines)
14	Crisis response
15	Personnel \$700K
	Contact tracers, staff for Safe Haven
16	Food \$4M
17	Child Care \$4.4M

CARES Funding

- Coronavirus Relief Fund: \$212M to Allegheny County
 - \$38 M to DHS, including funding for Food initiative (United Way); and Child Care (Trying Together)
- CSBG: \$1.7M thru 2022
 - DHS will address emerging needs of low-income households impacted by COVID-19, including work to expand its "self-sufficiency" programs; implement a new workforce initiative; and sustain the public benefits enrollment begun with CRF funds.
- Aging: \$500K this SFY; \$3.7M pending for next SFY
 - DHS will provide home delivered meals, congregate meals, support services, and caregiver services.
- Title IV-B: \$186K thru 2021
 - DHS will utilize these funds for CYF expenses incurred after January 2021, to minimize impact of expected Needs-Based budget cuts.
- ECE Supplemental: \$4.7M thru June 2020
 - DHS passes these funds through to Trying Together and the Alliance for Infants and Toddlers. Funds for child care providers to remain open or reopen, and for reducing child care subsidy wait list.
- Head Start COVID Response & Supplemental Summer Programs: \$850K pending
 - DHS passes these funds through to Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Funds will support COVID-related costs and the delivery of summer programming to Head Start children to offset learning losses from program closures.



Seniors and the Heat: Staying Cool

- Please know that the Area
 Agency on Aging continues to
 check on our most vulnerable
 seniors during this heat wave.
- We are also delivering fans and other cooling relayed supplies through emergency care management.
- Should you know a senior who is potentially at risk due to the heat, please do not hesitate to contact the Senior Line at 412 350-5460.
 - This number will also connect the caller 24/7 to emergency senior services.



Food: Farmers Market Vouchers

- Unlike previous years where vouchers were picked up at Allegheny County Senior Centers just on one day, Vouchers are now being sent by US Mail.
- First mailings occurred this week.
 - Our target is to have all Vouchers mailed out within the next two weeks.
 - This target period is so we hit the height of the growing season and the most popular fresh foods are available.
 - More than 12,000 application have been received.
 - More than half a million dollars in Voucher are being mailed.
 - There is no waiting list for Vouchers currently.

Upcoming Food Bank Distributions

Allegheny Valley

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution Event WHEN: Tuesday, July 14 from 5 to 7 WHERE: Pittsburgh Mills Galleria, 590 Pittsburgh Mills Blvd, Tarentum, PA 15084 Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is hosting a Drive-Up distribution event t...

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July 18

McKeesport

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution Event WHEN:
Saturday, July 18 from 10 to 12 WHERE: McKeesport
Founder's Hall Middle School 1960 Eden Park Blvd,
McKeesport, PA 15132 Greater Pittsburgh
Community Food Bank is hosting a Drive-Up
distributi...

LEARN MORE

July 20

Duquesne

Please make a reservation in advance of for the Duquesne event. Reservations allow us to serve you better by controlling traffic and making sure we have the right amount of food.

MAKE A RESERVATION

Learn more about all of these

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

Bus Stop Food Distributions













BUS STOP FOOD DISTRIBUTION JULY 2020!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11:00 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM

Community Change Center (McKees Rocks) 3632 Centralia St.15204

Pittsburgh Project (Northside) 2801 N. Charles St., 15214

Project Destiny (Northside) 2200 California Ave, 15212

Abiding Missions* (Allentown) *Thursdays only 731 Excelsior St. 15210

Muddy Cup (Brookline) 1555 Broadway Ave, 15216

Lifespan (Hilltop) 320 Brownsville Rd. 15210

Frazier House (South Oakland) 3632 Frazier St. 15213

RAIN OR SHINE!

Stop by for grab & go meals! The Bus Stop Food Distribution program is back. Come to any of the locations listed here on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11AM and 1PM, throughout the month of July.

The distribution sites are INDOOR LOCATIONS, along non-city bus routes. Volunteers, following all social distancing guidelines, will be at tables distributing meals.

QUESTIONS? Call Jennifer at (412) 849-1477

For a list of city-wide food distribution sites near you. call the United Way's 2-1-1 number.

A United Way resource navigator can help connect you with essential services in your area.













More Bus Stop Food Distribution







SCHOOL BUS STOP MEAL PICK UP IN PENN HILLS

Starting July 1st - 11:00-1:00 Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Through a collaborative partnership spanning government, nonprofit, and local business, food delivery bus routes have been developed throughout the Penn Hills community to ensure children, families, and seniors can receive meals at convenient locations during this difficult and uncertain time. Partners include the United Way of Southwestern PA, Eat'n Park, A Second Chance Inc, Carnegie Mellon University, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Penn Hills School District, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, the Municipality of Penn Hills, Allies for Children, Penn Hills Clergy Association, and other community organizations. Generously funded through the United Way's Students and Families Food Relief Fund, this model has the capacity to serve an additional 1,000 meals per day.

Beginning on July 1st, ACCESS vehicles will deliver food to Penn Hills residents along five bus routes. The stops are strategically placed to ensure residents are able to access the food they need. Communications alerting residents to the bus routes will be conducted through community organizations, municipal channels, and the school district. By launching this model, Penn Hills is leading the way for other communities, as this innovation is now being replicated in additional municipalities with significant need. The United Way's Students and Families Food Relief Fund has already served over 250,000 meals since the end of March. With this newfound collaboration and innovative delivery model, capacity to feed more families is expected to grow.

Route 1	Start Time
HAMIL RD AND VALEMONT DR	11:00 AM
6506 QUINCY RD	11:21 AM
SHANNON RD AND SHANNON HEIGHTS DR	11:38 AM
HULTON RD AND HAMIL RD	11:54 AM
6161 HEBERTON DR	12:10 PM
FRANKSTOWN RD AND PARKRIDGE DR	12:28 PM
LIME HOLLOW RD AND ALTHEA DR	12:44 PM
Route 2	Start Time
FRANKSTOWN RD AND JANICE DR	11:00 AM
BON AIR RD. AND CALVIN ST.	11:18 AM
FRANKSTOWN RD AND CHAMPA STREET	11:34 AM
EASTWOOD RD AND UPLAND TERRACE	11:51 AM
MT CARMEL RD AND CALMAR DR	12:08 PM
GROVE RD AND MARK DR	12:25 PM
GROVE RD AND SELVIN DR	12:42 PM
Route 3	Start Time
LEECHBURG RD AND GARDEN DR	11:00 AM
NASH AVE AND SUTTON DR	11:16 AM
LEECHBURG RD AND AUBURN DRIVE	11:32 AM
UNIVERSAL RD AND MEADOW DR	11:49 AM
WOODSTONE DR AND DEERWOOD DR	12:07 PM
ALCOMA DR AND TUNNELVIEW DR	12:25 PM
225 ALCOMA BLVD	12:43 PM
Route 4	Start Trne
LAURIE DR AND LOMOND DR	11:00 AM
FREY RD AND WHITES LN	11:17 AM
715 UNIVERSAL RD	11:34 AM
ANTHON DR AND ANGE DR	11:52 AM
ANTHON DR AND CHARLESTON DR	12:08 PM
STOTLER RD AND BALE DR	12:26 PM
SHENANDOAH DR AND YOSEMITE DR	12:44 PM
Route 5	Start Time
LONG RD AND JOAN DR	11:00 AM
LONG RD AND ROSEWOOD DR	11:16 AM
MACFARLANE DR AND PENN VISTA DR	11:32 AM
MARSHALL DR AND MAROSE DR	11:51 AM
DUFF AND NEWPORT SQUARE	12:08 PM
375 RODI RD - RODI RD AND DARREL DR	12:25 PM
JEFFERSON HEIGHTS RD AND LEWIS RD	12:43 PM



Statewide Eviction Moratorium Continued

Governor Wolf signed a new executive order that protects homeowners and renters from eviction or foreclosure until Aug. 31, if they have not received assistance from the new CARES Act Rental Assistance Program or are not already receiving relief through one of several federal foreclosure moratorium programs or judicial orders.



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

https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us/

 Please contact <u>Cassandra.Collinge@alleghenycounty.us</u> for more information



Allegheny County CARES Rent Relief Program

Home Apply



Get help paying rent during COVID-19



Governor Wolf allocated \$150 million of federal funding to help struggling Pennsylvanians avoid eviction. The Pennsylvania Housing and Finance Agency (PHFA) is administering the CARES Rent Relief Program (CRRP) on behalf of the state and Allegheny County Economic Development and the Department of Human Services is managing it locally.

Applications can be submitted July 6, 2020—September 30, 2020

Apply Now

Who qualifies for CARES rental assistance?

- ✓ Renter's income may not exceed the <u>Area Median Income</u> for their county of residence (and adjusted for the number of people in the household).
- ✓ Renter must document at least a 30% reduction in income since March 1, 2020, due to COVID-19; or
- Renter must have become <u>unemployed</u> as verified by the PA Department of Labor and Industry, after March 1, 2020 as a result of COVID-19

How much assistance can a renter get?

- ✓ Through PHFA funding, the maximum amount available per renter is \$750 a month, covering no more than six (6) months of rent expenses. The maximum funding available per renter is \$4,500.

Resources

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:

Homelessness 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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MEDICAL/CLINICAL Director Needed!

CHS is hiring for a medical/clinical director at the Safe Haven

To apply or for additional information and application here: https://communityhumanservices.applytojob.com/apply/eSjNe80QFw/Medical-Director



Connect & Collaborate

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/

Homelessness Provider Network COVID-19 Working Group:

- Every other Tuesday at 9:30 AM (next one is July 21)
- July 21 meeting focused on workforce development
- All homelessness service providers invited and encouraged to participate
- Call in information:

Phone number: 1-267-368-7515 Conference ID #: 883 836 652

