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DHS Provider Briefings

Thursday 8/6/20

Provider Briefings are now held
weekly, on Thursdays.



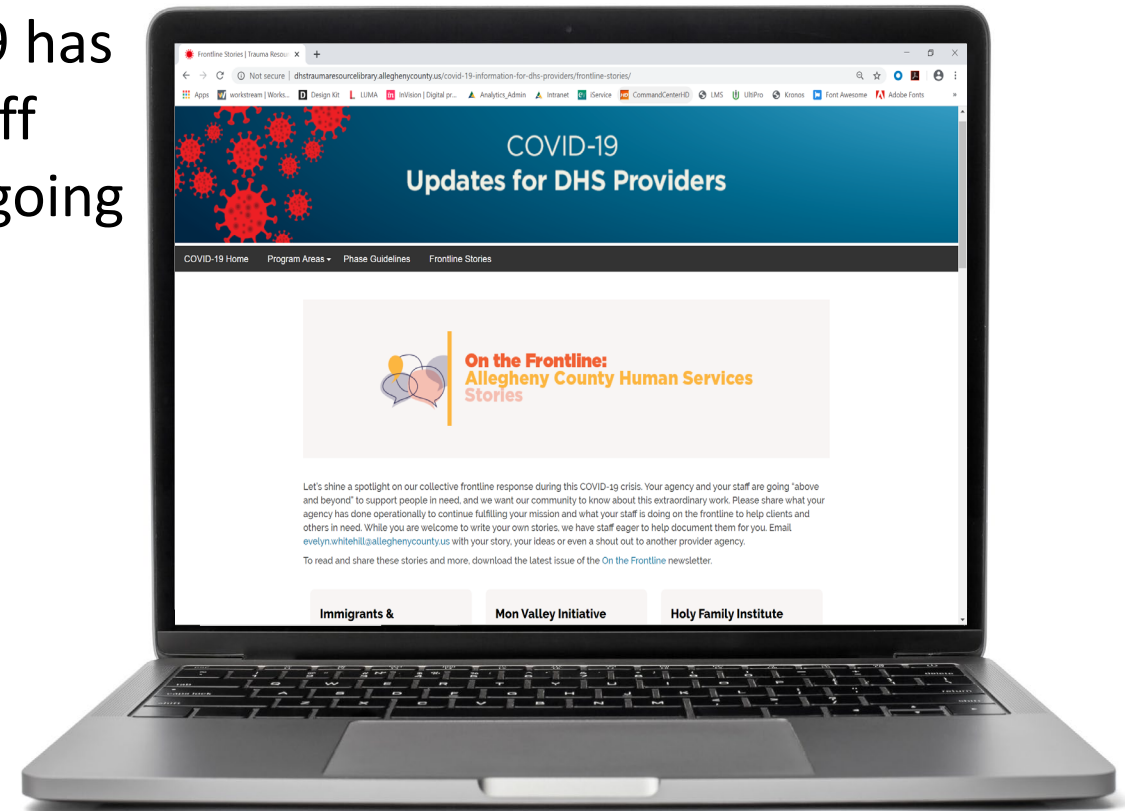
Agenda

- Announcements/policy updates
- Health Metrics
- Education/School 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



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.

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.



We need you to *get on board!*

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

Online: 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:		
July 27th 1:00pm & 7:00pm	August 6th 9:00am & 5:30pm	August 25th 12:30pm & 4:00pm

Follow us:    

Learn more at [NEXTransit.network](https://nextransit.network)

Share your ideas



Children and Families

What do children and families in your community need most right now?

Answer

Needs Based Plan and Budget

- The Office of Children Youth and Families is partnering with Juvenile Probation to prepare our Needs Based Plan and Budget for FY21-22.
- Here is how you can share your input:
 - Read the [draft plan](#)
 - Watch the [Public Meeting recording](#) (held yesterday, 8/5)
 - Visit [Neighborland](#) to share your input

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 incident
- 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=Ej0n4MvksU6fcIu6FvuWjUkxQI749jdHphHNKdg0q-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



COVID-19 Guidance Update

- ACHD announced a new order on July 17th
- 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 – Federal

- The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives continue negotiations on a 5th stimulus bill and are hoping for a breakthrough this evening or tomorrow.
 - We'll continue to track and report on details as they firm up.



POLL WORKERS NEEDED

Your help is needed now more than ever.

- Serve your community
 - Support elections
- Be a champion of democracy

Get involved today



VotesPA.com/GetInvolved

- [Poll worker application](#)
- [Become a Poll Worker](#) video
- [Election Officers](#): Serve as a Judge, Inspector or Clerk of Election. Election Officers earn from \$115 to \$140 for the day. New Election Officers receive paid training

Voter resources

- Allegheny County Elections Division E-newsletter: [Sign-up](#) to receive information on preparations for the November general election
- [Overview of vote by mail process in Allegheny County](#)
- [Register to vote](#)
- [Check voter registration status](#)
- [Absentee Ballot Application](#): The last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the November 3, 2020 election is October 27th. The application must be received in the Elections office by that date.

Decline in new cases

Current Status is Yellow: Allegheny County saw a 36% decrease in new cases in the last week, following a 18% decrease the previous week. Cases numbers remain high but continue to decrease.

Week beginning on	Number of Cases during week	% Change from Previous Week	Average Daily Positive Test Rate	Metric Met on Last Day of Week
7/26/2020	591	-36%	6.7%	X
7/19/2020	922	-18%	7.8%	X
7/12/2020	1,121	-22%	8.9%	X
7/5/2020	1,433		9.5%	X

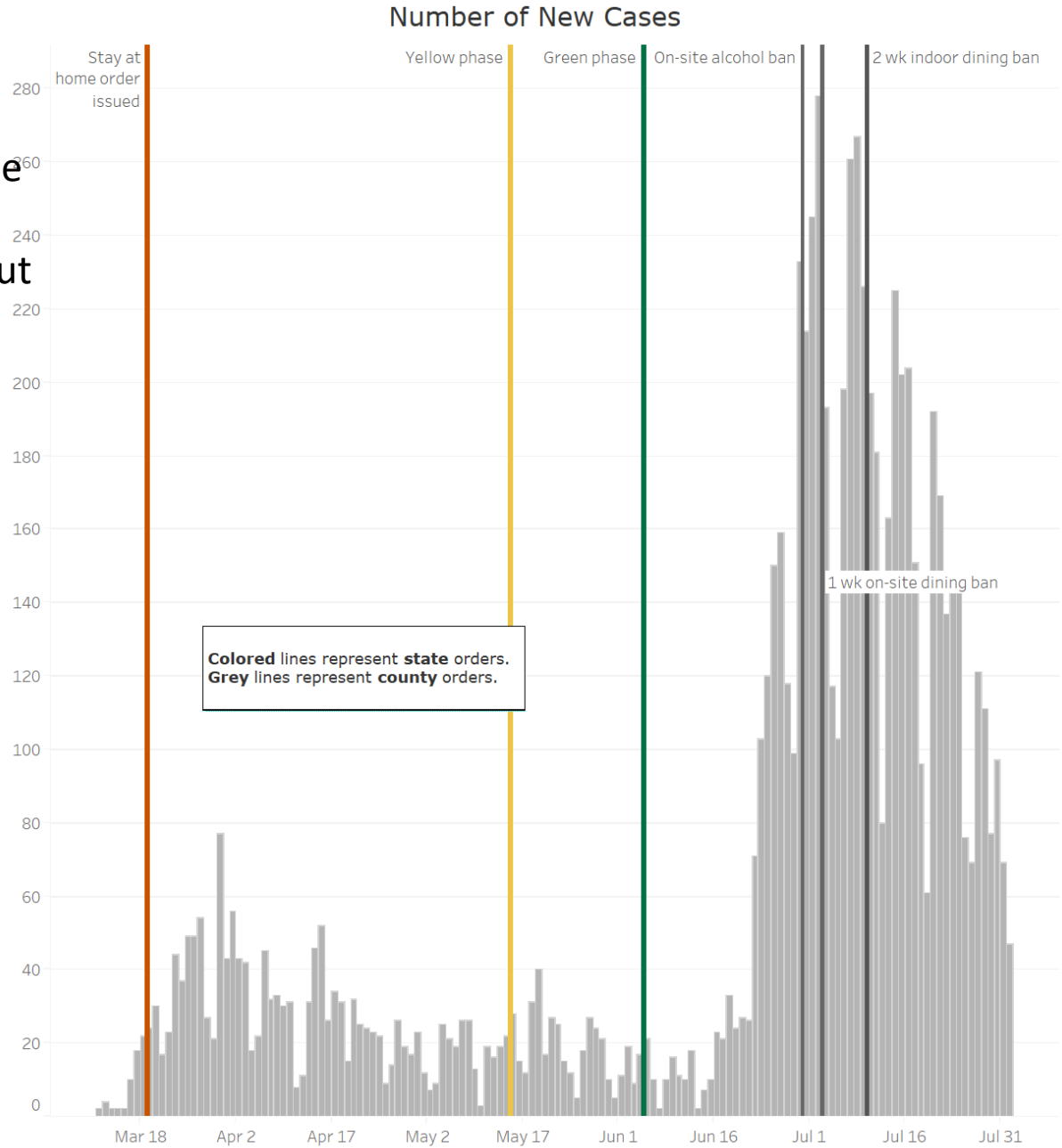
Metric #1—Decline in New Cases or low number of new cases. States, including North Dakota, Kansas, and North Carolina, are looking for a downward trajectory of new cases over a 14-day period to monitor infection spread. Allegheny County is monitoring this as well as monitoring for any large increases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



Colored lines represent state orders. Grey lines represent county orders.

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 23% over the last week and has been trending downwards since July 11th.

Week beginning on	Daily Average Cases over the Last 14 Days per 100,000	Percent Change from Last Week	Metric Met During Week
7/26/2020	145	-23%	✗
7/19/2020	189	-14%	✗
7/12/2020	219	4%	✗
7/5/2020	210		✗

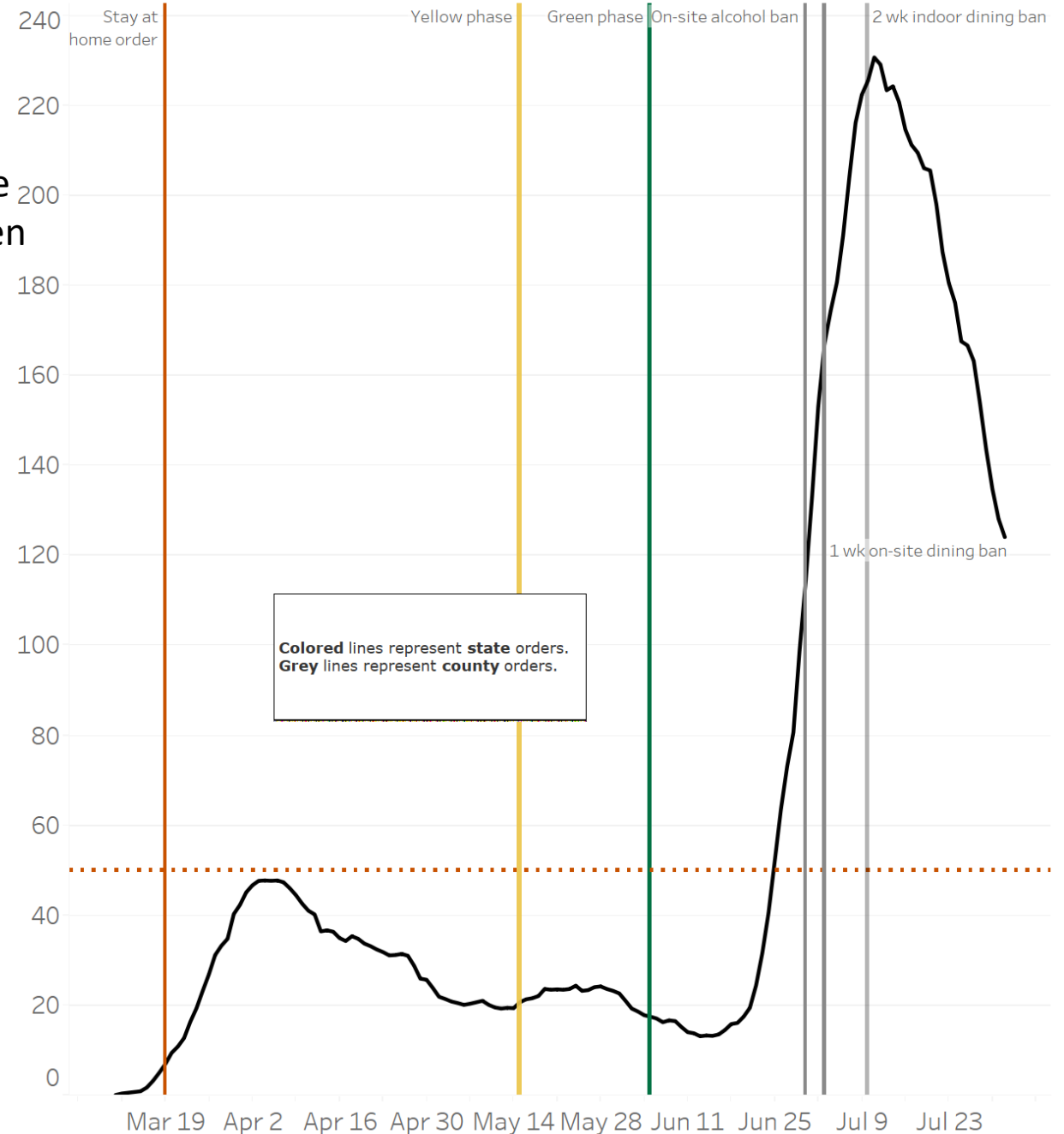
Metric #2—New rate of cases below threshold. The PA Department of Health, in coordination with other stakeholders, developed criteria to guide decisions about reopening that includes sustained positive cases below 50 per 100,000 residents.

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

Current Status is Green:

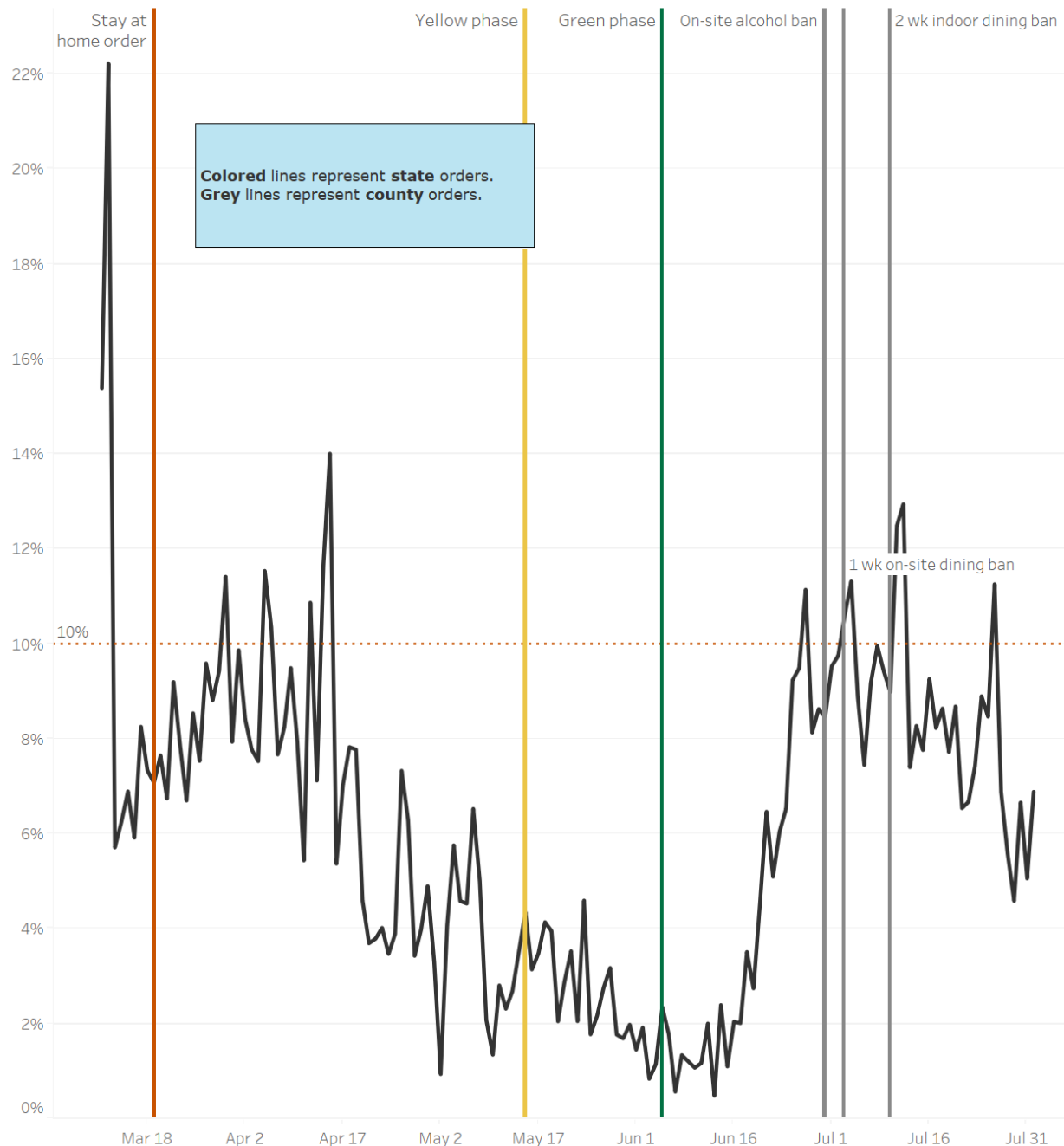
On August 1st, 7% (41 of 668) of tests were positive. The average rate of positivity for the week was below 10% and has been decreasing for the last three weeks.

Week beginning on	Average Daily Positivity Rate	Metric Met Last Week	% Change from Previous Week
7/26/2020	6.7%	✓	-13.8%
7/19/2020	7.8%	✓	-13.0%
7/12/2020	8.9%	✓	-5.8%
7/5/2020	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

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Number of People Tested Per New Case

Current Status is Red:

The ratio of testing to cases increased slightly over the last three weeks. This remains well below the recommendation of 50. The average number of tests per day has been decreasing since July 10th.

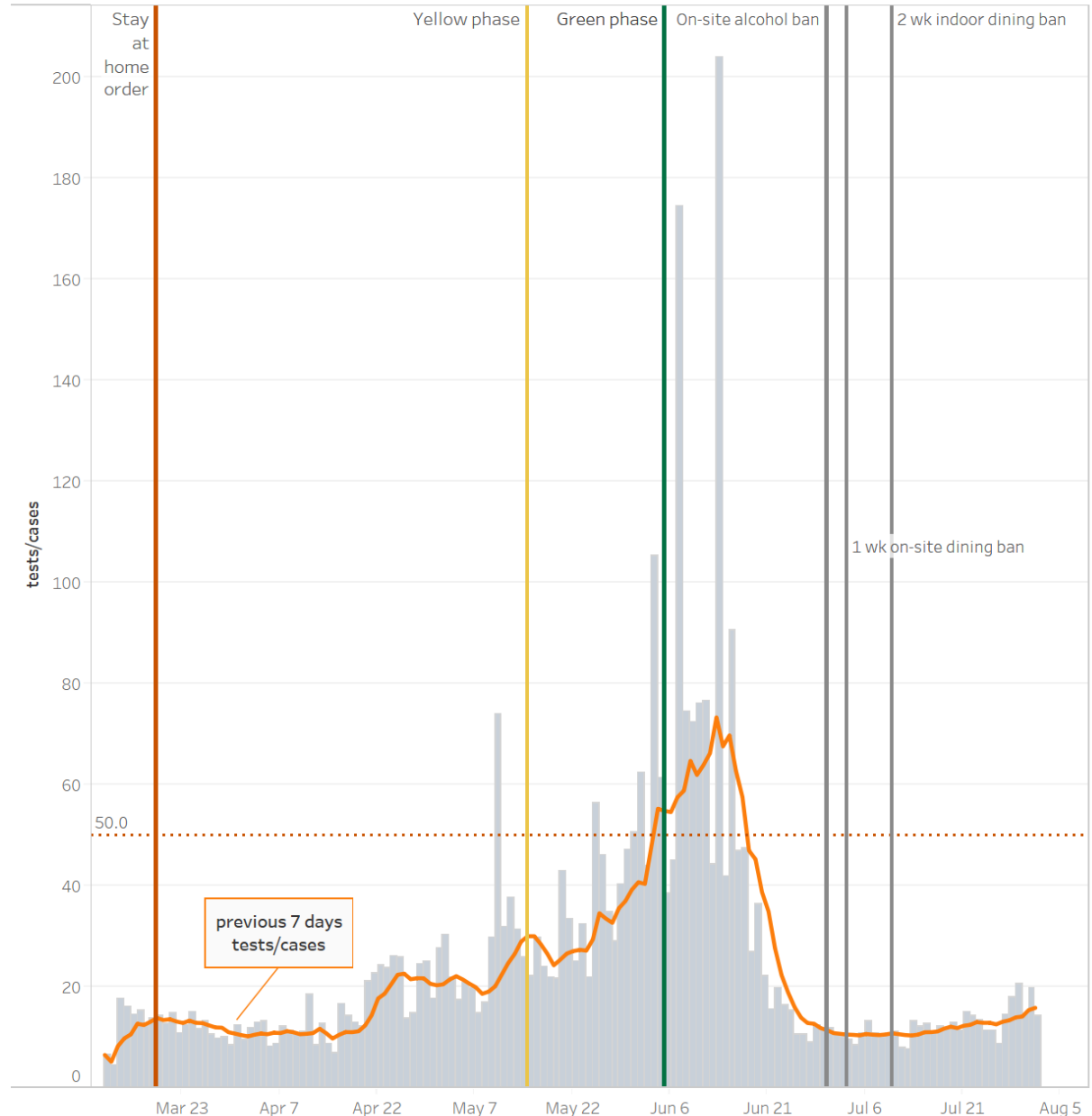
Week beginning on	Weekly Tests to Cases Ratio	Metric Met Last Week	% Change From Previous Week
7/26/2020	16	x	23%
7/19/2020	13	x	10%
7/12/2020	12	x	10%
7/5/2020	11	x	

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

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Reproduction number of COVID-19 below 1

Current Status is Green:

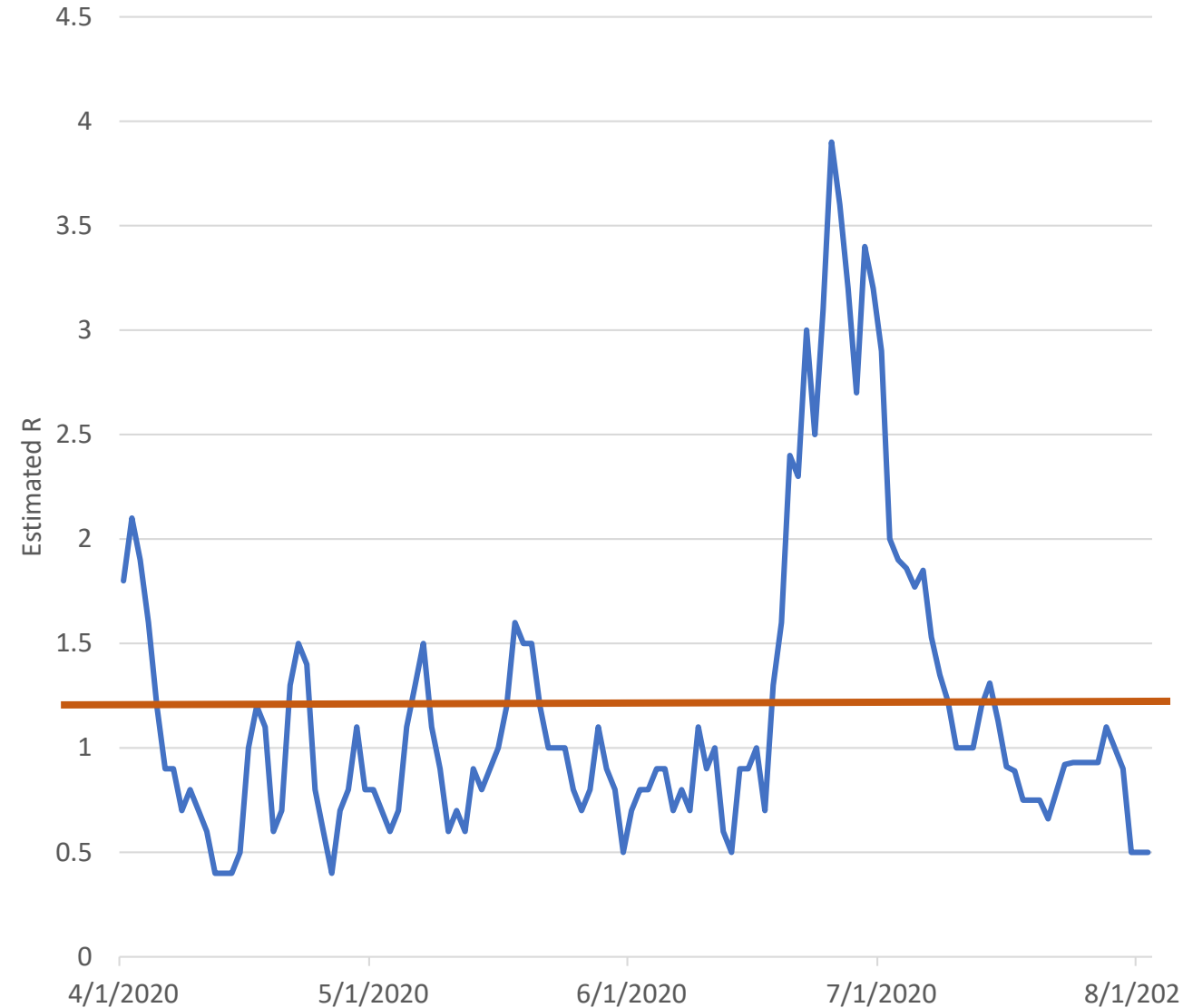
On August 2nd, the R_0 value in Allegheny County was .5, and the average is below 1 for the most recent week. The reproduction number has been decreasing for the last 3 weeks.

		Average R_0	% change from previous week
Week of	7/27/2020	0.78	-8%
Week of	7/20/2020	0.84	-15%
Week of	7/13/2020	0.99	-22%
Week of	7/6/2020	1.28	

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

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

Source: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Policy Lab



Decline in Hospitalizations

Current Status is Red:

We are missing data on daily hospitalizations from July 9-July 28th. Over the last week, there was an average of 139 daily people in the hospital. This was an 93% increase from the week of July 2nd.

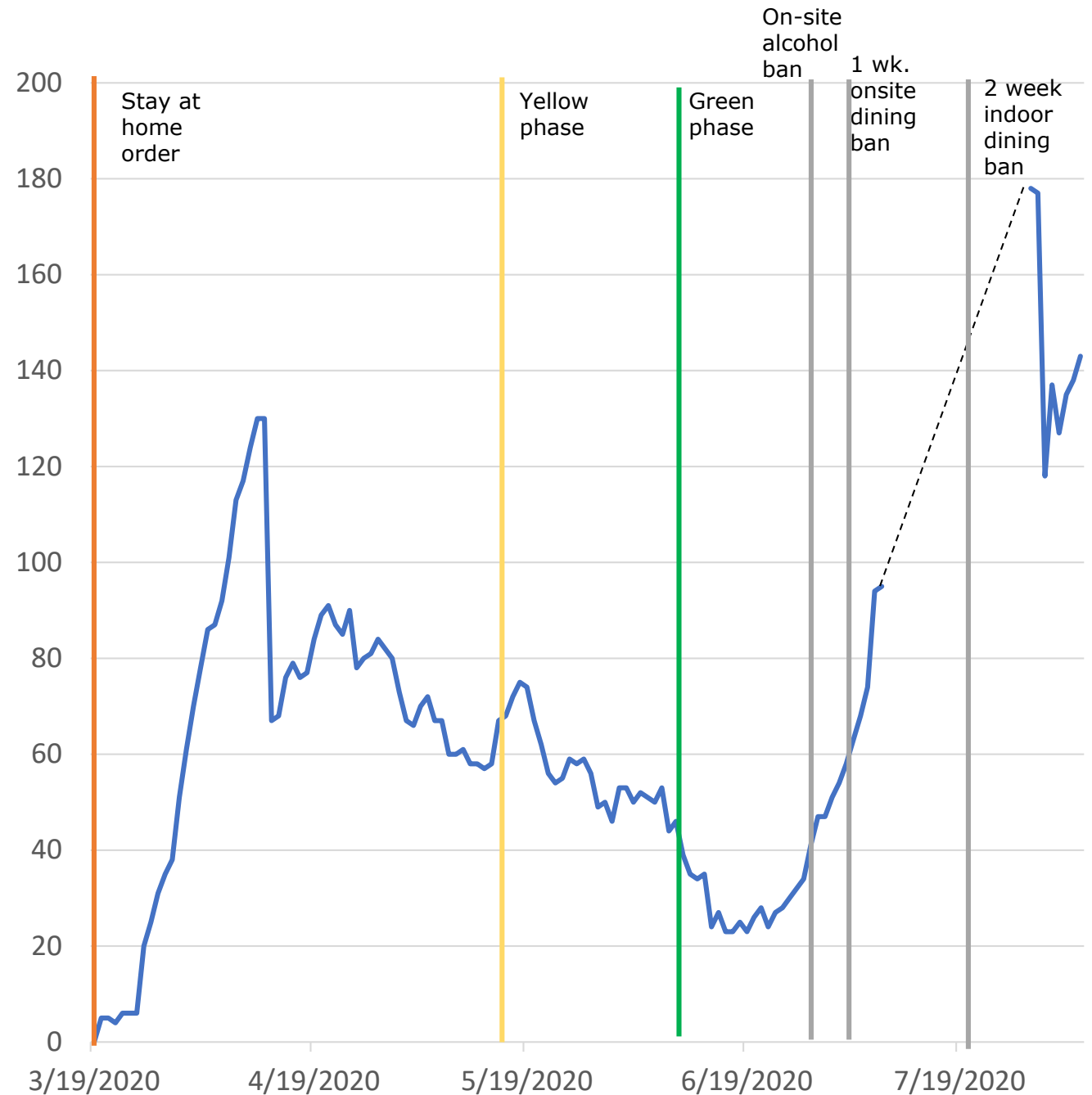
	Average daily number of people in the hospital	% change from prior week
7/30/2020	139	93%
7/23/2020	?	
7/16/2020	?	
7/9/2020	?	
7/2/2020	72	

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/cfb3803eb93d42f7ab1c2cfcca78bf7>



ICU Bed Availability

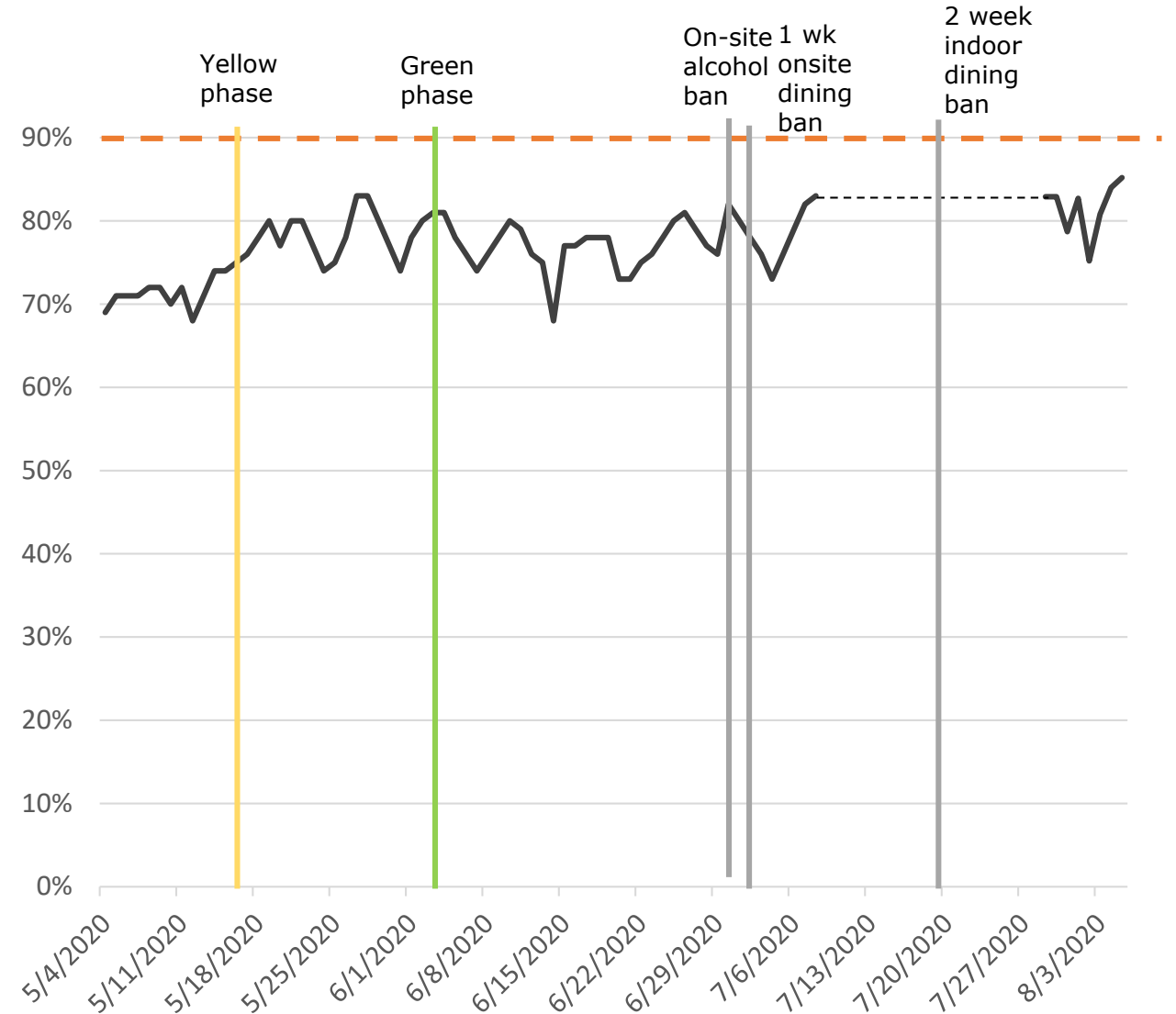
Current Status is Green: Pennsylvania states that ICU bed availability should be 10% or greater. On August 5th, **15%** of ICU beds were available in Allegheny County.

	Average ICU bed usage	% change from prior week
7/30/2020	81%	4%
7/23/2020	?	
7/16/2020	?	
7/9/2020	?	
7/2/2020	78%	

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
7/26/2020	12	-20%	x
7/19/2020	15	15%	x
7/12/2020	13	44%	x
7/5/2020	9		x

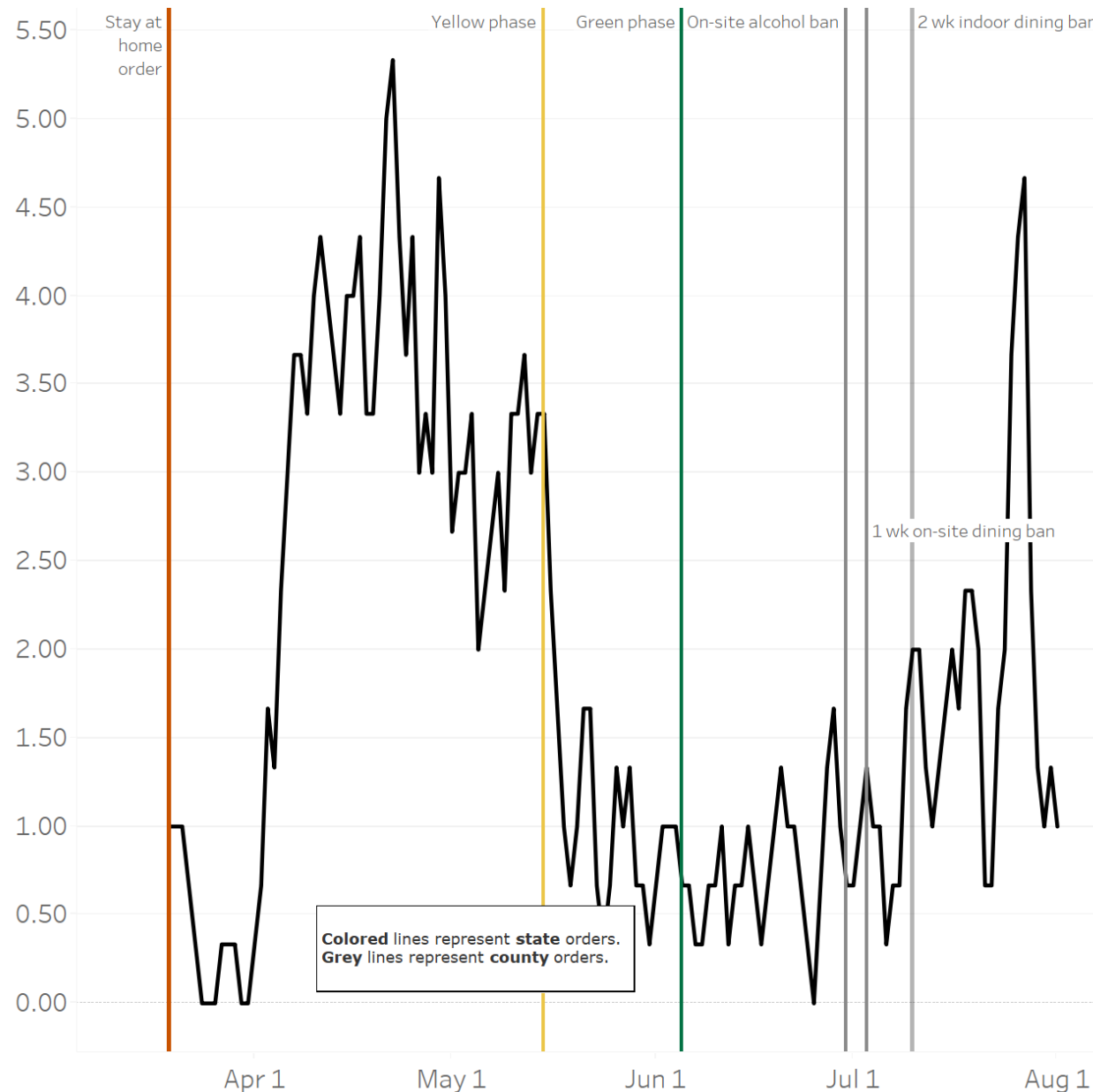
Metric #4—Decline in Deaths. The number of daily deaths is another metric for monitoring the infection rate.

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#1/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 August 1, 2020 was used for this metric.



Active Solicitations

- Request for Comments on Foster Care Concept Paper
 - Submit Comments by August 14
- RFP for Trauma-Informed Care Training and Consultation
 - Proposals Due August 21
- RFQ for Forensic Psychological and/or Psychiatric Evaluators
 - Proposals Due Sept 1 (RFQ is ongoing; proposals due Sept 1 and March 1)
- RFP for Inpatient Program for Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
 - Proposals Due September 16
- All available on [DHS Solicitations Page](#), along with form to sign up to receive email notifications when we post new solicitations

FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTIONS

August 10

Duquesne

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution WHEN: Monday, August 10 (5 p.m. – 7 p.m.) WHERE: Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank; 1 N Linden Street, Duquesne, PA 15110

August 11

**Allegheny
Valley**

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution WHEN: Tuesday, August 11 (5 p.m. – 7 p.m.) WHERE: Pittsburgh Mills Galleria; 590 Pittsburgh Mills Blvd., Tarentum, PA 15084

August 15

McKeesport

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution WHEN: Saturday, August 15 (10 a.m. – noon) WHERE: 1960 Eden Park Blvd., McKeesport, PA 15132

Make a reservation here: <https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/drive-up/>



Economic Stimulus Payment (EIPs)

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economy Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act), the United States Department of Treasury began issuing funds known as Recovery Rebates or as Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) to most Americans beginning April 2020.

What if I Already Receive Assistance?

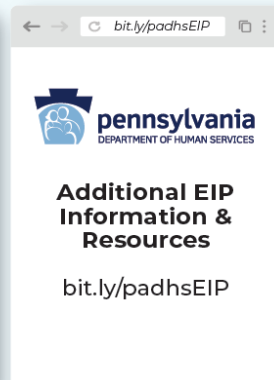
If you currently receive assistance in the form of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or Medical Assistance, this one-time issuance will not affect your benefit amount.

Deadline to File for EIP: October 15, 2020



Have Questions about Your EIP?

Online outreach resources are available below if you have questions about how to file or your issued payment.



If you need help filing for your Economic Impact Payment or income tax return, visit the Campaign for Working Families site at www.cwfphilly.org.

According to the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#) and the [Campaign for Working Families \(CWF\)](#), an estimated 350,000-450,000 Pennsylvanians may have missed their [Economic Impact Payment \(EIP\)](#), also known as the \$1,200 stimulus payment. If people did not file taxes, they can still complete the form for the EIP until **October 15, 2020.**

Call the Allegheny Link for help!
866-730-2368

PPS COMPUTER DEVICE EXCHANGE AND NEED-BASED DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

The Pittsburgh Public Schools is in the process of exchanging computer devices distributed during the 2019-2020 school year. Updated devices are needed to support students' participation in E-Learning during the 2020-2021 school year. Current devices will be shut off and will not work until they receive the necessary update.

To receive an updated device, families need to exchange devices on specific days. Families of students in the grades noted below, who do not have access to a computer device or are new to the District, may also pick up a device according to the schedule below. **Families with access to a personal device at home are asked to continue to use that device until all of the District's devices arrive to support a full 1:1 model.** To receive an updated device, guardians must bring their child's current computer and charger. Guardians will be asked to show their ID, bring their child's student ID # and sign an acceptable use form. Devices will only be distributed to the primary guardian of the child.

Device distribution will take place between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the following locations:

- Pittsburgh Classical Academy, West End, 1463 Chartiers Avenue, 15220
- Pittsburgh Oliver Citywide Academy, Northside, 2323 Brighton Road, 15212
- Pittsburgh Westinghouse High Academy, Homewood, 101 N. Murtland Ave, 15208
- Pittsburgh SciTech, Oakland, 107 Thackeray Ave, 15260

Grade	Distribution Date	Location
12th	Thursday, August 6	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
11th	Monday, August 10	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
10th	Wednesday, August 12	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
9th	Friday, August 14	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
2nd	Monday, August 17	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
8th	Tuesday, August 18	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
3rd	Wednesday, August 19	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
7th	Thursday, August 20	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
4th & 6th	Monday, August 24	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
5th	Tuesday, August 25	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
"Make-Up Days"	Wednesday, August 26, Thursday, August 27, and Friday, August 28	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech
Kindergarten & PreKindergarten	Monday, August 31	Classical Academy, Oliver City-Wide, Westinghouse and Sci-Tech

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



- With many Allegheny County schools starting the year full or partially remote, families with school age children will face several challenges this fall.
- The Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Trying Together, and United Way's Allegheny County Partners for Out of School Time (APOST) have joined forces to help programs that can support this effort.
- Funding is available to support both in-person Community Learning Hubs for children grades K-5, as well as Virtual Pods and Programming.
- Application can be found here and is due next Friday, August 14: <https://tryingtogether.org/school-age-funding-opportunity-in-allegheny-county/>

Free COVID Frontline Support Groups

Registration Link for Physicians:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcuitrzMjG GquSWktNdwJa1LOT9Vpm82>

Registration Link for Nurses:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sc-ihqzgoGdDLNzCUbHtwgKK5_5d50GAX

“Helping the Helpers” COVID Frontline Support Group

Attention Physicians

You are invited to a weekly video conference support group.

Facilitators: Ellen Decker PsyD, LPC & Chris Famiglietti LCSW

Thursday, July 23, July 30, August 6, August 13
7:00 PM – 8: 15 PM

To attend, we ask you to please register at this zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88051518905?pwd=V3c1Rk1kUjdRSTMzdG44VVVlekv6QT09>
Meeting ID: 880 5151 8905 Password: 869500

Registration questions, contact Valerie Ferri at Vferri@pmhcc.org

Goals:

- To provide free emotional support, encouragement and compassionate self-care strategies to medical providers who are on the “front lines” of this unprecedented crisis.
- To be united in solidarity during this time of global crisis.
- Provide an opportunity for medical providers to explore and share feelings regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Provide strategies that promote Self-Care.
- Cultivate a Supportive & Non-judgmental atmosphere.

Note: This is a **support group only** and is not intended to provide professional therapy.

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Program is made possible by a grant from **The Foundation for Delaware County**

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Attention Nurses

You are invited to a weekly video conference support group.

Facilitators: Ellen Decker PsyD, LPC & Lavanya Devdas PhD

Wednesday, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12
7:00 PM – 8: 15 PM

To attend, we ask you to please register at this zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sc-ihqzgoGdDLNzCUbHtwgKK5_5d50GAX After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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How To Support Your Healthcare Worker Staff During COVID-19

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

2:15 pm ET / 1:15 pm CT / 11:15 am PT

Healthcare workers are at increased risk for burnout due to the added stresses from the COVID-19 pandemic. It is imperative to support caretakers so that they are able to continue providing care to others. There are ways in which organizations and supervisors can support their healthcare worker staff during these particularly stressful times.

Join this free, 60-minute webinar where we will discuss the new and existing wellness challenges for healthcare workers:

- ways to build resilience and improve mental well-being among staff working on COVID-19 response;
- signs of stress manifesting at work in healthcare settings; and
- evidence-based recommendations for leaders to support their staff.

REGISTER NOW

Meet the Presenters:

Jill Fieleke, RN, CNM, PMHNP is a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and Certified Nurse Midwife who has worked to support and enhance the emotional resilience of individuals and communities in the greater Boston area for the past 25 years. She currently owns a private mental health practice where she primarily cares for healthcare and social service providers, as well as families during their pregnancies and postpartum transitions. Jill also serves on the board of the Emotional PPE Project, a grassroots, nonprofit, mental health collective that serves to connect health care workers with free, confidential therapy during the time of COVID-19.

Jonathan DePierro, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is Clinical Director of Mount Sinai's new Center for Stress, Resilience and Personal Growth, where he oversees employee-facing resilience training, clinical assessment and intervention services. He is also a supervising psychologist at the Mount Sinai World Trade Center (WTC) Mental Health Program. He has published on novel treatment approaches for PTSD, mental health service needs in WTC and COVID-19 responders, and the physiological consequences of complex trauma. He lives in New York, NY with his wife Vivian, and his dog, Mamburu.

This webinar will not provide CEUs, however a certificate of attendance is available upon request. The recording and a copy of the materials will be available for download within 5 business days.

Free Webinar for Supporting Staff from Mental Health America

Registration Link:

<https://www.mhanational.org/events/how-support-your-healthcare-worker-staff-during-covid-19>





September is Black Girls Equity Month in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County! Gwen's Girls and the Black Girls Equity Alliance are seeking to highlight Black girls and young women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and advocacy skills, especially related to social justice. We will feature them across the organization's digital platforms for the entire month of September (and possibly beyond). Help us recognize and celebrate our young leaders!

Please click [HERE](#) to complete the form to nominate a young person up to age 24 years old. All responses are due by August 14, 2020.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is asking for our partners' help in getting this message out to people who may really need this financial support if they have not already received it. DHS will also be including messages about the Economic Impact Payment (EIP) on our call center recording, the COMPASS banner, and our [website](#).

According to the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#) and the [Campaign for Working Families](#) (CWF), an estimated 350,000-450,000 Pennsylvanians may have missed their [EIP](#), also known as the \$1200 stimulus payment. If people did not file taxes, they can still complete the non-filer form for the EIP until October 15, 2020. In addition, CWF is able to assist people with completing the non-filer form if needed. More information can be found in the press release below.



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Have Questions about Your EIP?

Online outreach resources are available below if you have questions about how to file or your issued payment.



If you need help filing for your Economic Impact Payment or income tax return, visit the Campaign for Working Families site at www.cwfphilly.org.

CYF Challenges & Strategies

Challenge: Meeting the County's need for prevention services.

- Strengthening the stability of families through housing and income supports, childcare, training and employment.
- Investing in evidence-based in-home services and decision-support tool to match needs with services.

Challenge: Building a foster care system that improves outcomes for children and families.

- Promoting placement stability and permanency.
- Ensuring foster care families have the support and resources they need.
- Creating a culture of accountability among foster care providers.

Challenge: Reducing systemic racial inequities.

- Increasing concrete supports and access to basic needs for families in recognition of, and in an effort to confront, economic inequities.
- Increasing culturally responsive, community-based placement options.




CYF initiatives
under
consideration

- Investments in prevention
 - At case opening
 - Through Family Center enhancements
 - For Hello Baby
- Foster Care revamp
- High Impact Unit for High Risk Teens
- Specialized Investigative Unit for active families
- Administrative Service Coordinators as bridge to MH services
- Peer support warmline for CYF staff
- One Kind Word
- Supporting Structure or Racial Equity and Placement Stability

Share your ideas

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Children and Families

What do children and families in your community need most right now?

Answer

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.

