

# **Office of Developmental Programs**

## **COVID-19 Update**

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**July 2, 2020**



Worldwide

Total Cases 10,653,987

Deaths 514,697



The United States of America

Total Cases 2,682,270

Deaths 128,044

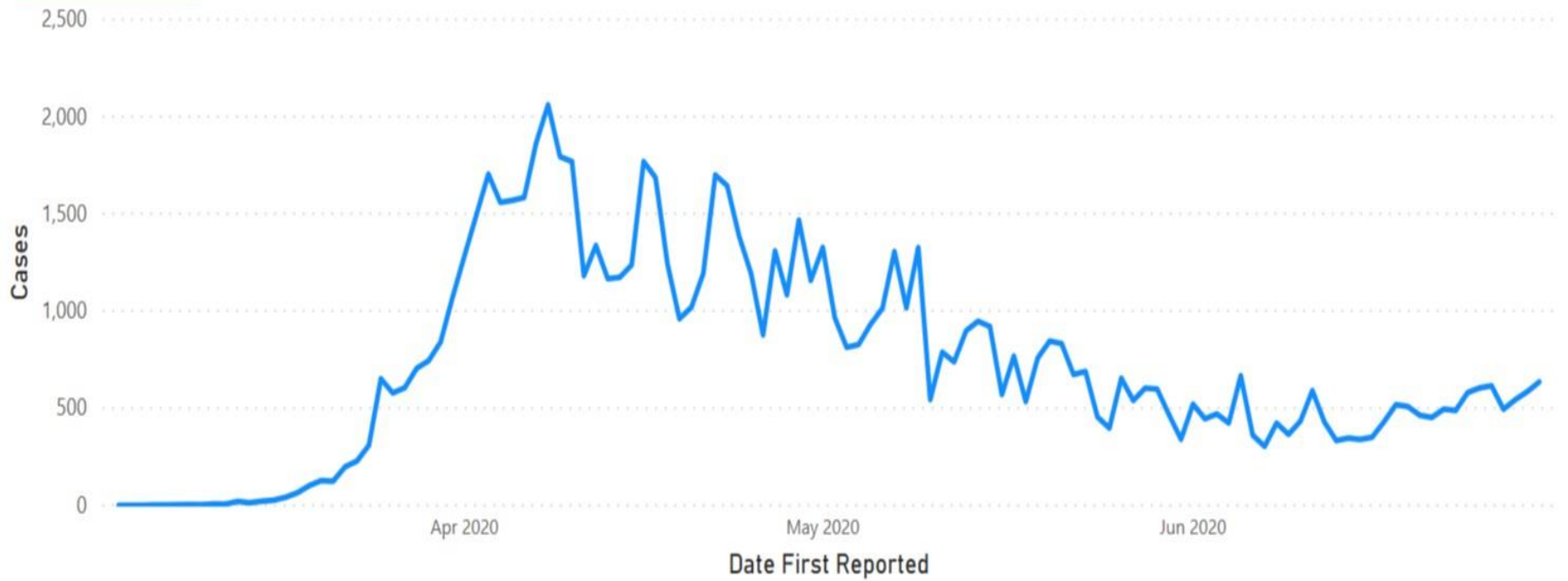
Pennsylvania

Total Cases 87,242

Deaths 6649

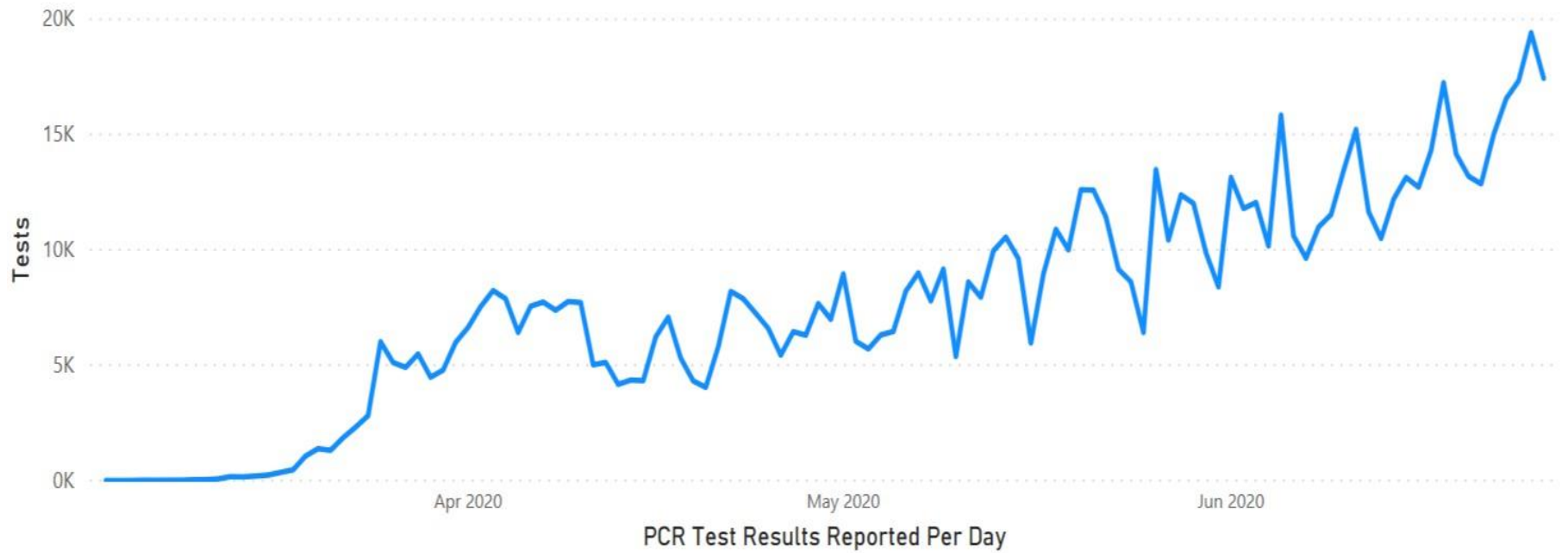
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DAILY COVID-19 CASES\*



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**DAILY COVID-19 TESTS**



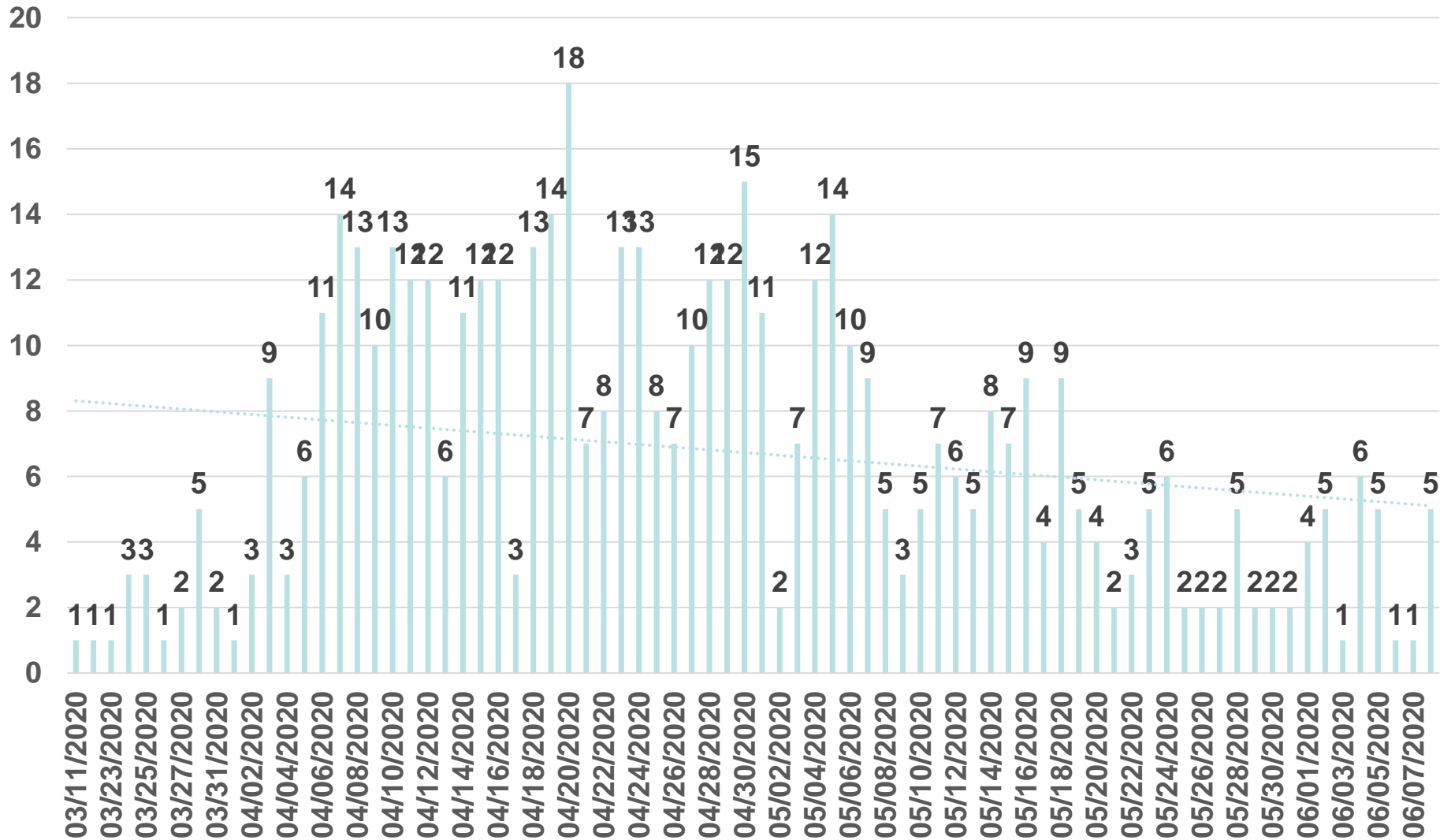


# Cumulative COVID-19 Data ID/A Community System Including Private ICFs

*Data Extraction 7/1/2020*

	Individuals			
ODP Region	COVID-19 Suspected	COVID-19 Confirmed	Tested Negative	Deaths
<b>Southeast</b>	234	808	456	88
<b>Northeast</b>	48	113	102	11
<b>Central</b>	86	58	151	11
<b>Western</b>	123	80	280	10
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>120</b>

## Hospitalizations as of 6/9/2020



### Point-in-Time Count of Staff COVID Suspected and Positive Cases

(in place June 10 – present)

ODP Region	Individuals	
	COVID-19 Suspected	COVID-19 Confirmed
<b>Southeast</b>	26	12
<b>Northeast</b>	10	4
<b>Central</b>	22	2
<b>Western</b>	45	10
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>28</b>

### Cumulative Count of Staff COVID Cases from Previous Data Collection Process

(in place March – June 10,2020)

ODP Region	COVID-19 Suspected	COVID-19 Confirmed	Tested Negative
<b>Southeast</b>	26	883	436
<b>Northeast</b>	0	151	141
<b>Central</b>	0	53	176
<b>Western</b>	2	46	328
<b>Total</b>	28	1133	1081

# Steps to Prevent Infection

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, especially with unwashed hands.
- Social distancing – 6 feet away from others
- Wear a face covering mask when out of the home and around others
- Order of the Secretary of the PA Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings – July 1, 2020

# Face Coverings Order

## Section 1: Face Coverings Defined

“Face Covering” means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A “face covering” can be made of a variety of synthetic and natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen. For the purpose of this order, a face covering includes a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth. “Face Coverings” may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items including but not limited to scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. While procedural and surgical masks intended for healthcare providers and first responders meet these requirements, such as the N95 respirators, these specialized masks should be reserved for appropriate occupational and health care settings.

# Face Coverings Required

## **Section 2: Face Coverings Required**

Except as provided in Section 3, individuals are required to wear face coverings if they are:

A. outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet from individuals who are not members of their household;

B. in any indoor location where members of the public are generally permitted;

C. waiting for, riding on, driving, or operating public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service or ride sharing vehicle;

## **Face Coverings Required (cont.)**

D. obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank; or

E. engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when interacting in-person with any member of the public, working in any space visited by members of the public, working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others, working in or walking through common areas, or in any room or enclosed area where other people, except for members of the person's own household or residence, are present when unable to physically distance.

## Exceptions to Face Covering Requirement

### **Section 3: Exceptions to Face Covering Requirement**

A. The following are exceptions to the face covering requirement in Section 2:

- i. Individuals who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition, including those with respiratory issues that impede breathing, mental health condition, or disability;
- ii. Individuals for whom wearing a mask while working would create an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines;
- iii. Individuals who would be unable to remove a mask without assistance;



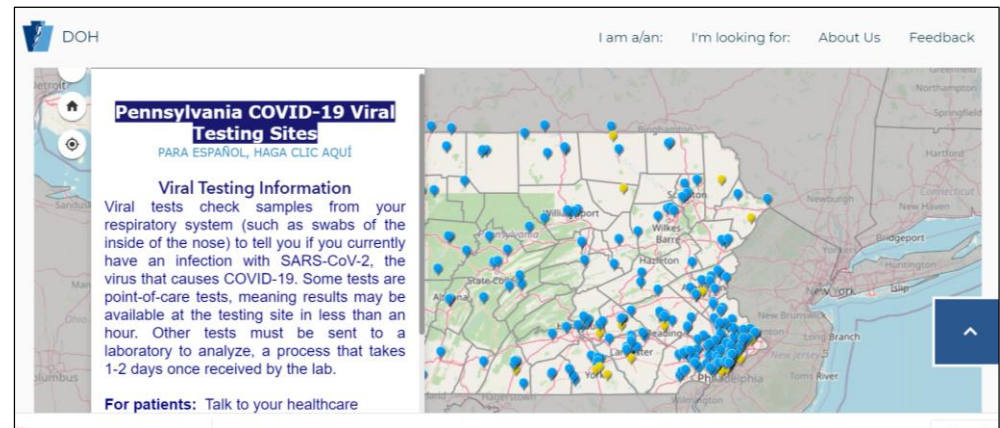
## **Exceptions to Face Covering Requirement (cont.)**

- iv. Individuals who are under two years of age;
- v. Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired or has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;

B. Individuals are not required to show documentation that an exception applies.

# Testing

- Commonwealth continues to roll-out strategy for “universal” or baseline/surveillance testing
- June 1 DOH *PAHAN-509-5-29-UPD UPDATE: Testing Guidance for COVID-19 in Long-term Care Facilities Residents and Healthcare Personnel*
- Skilled Nursing Facility, Personal Care Home, Assisted Living and Intermediate Care Facility Testing Orders
- *ODP Announcement 20-068 Applying Department of Health Testing Guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities’ Residents and Healthcare Personnel to Community and Life Sharing Homes*
- DOH website for map of testing sites



## **ID/A and AAW Waiver Changes**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Appendix K submitted 6/23/2020
  - Clarifications on delivery of remote services
  - Limited coverage of PPE under Specialized Supplies
  - Increase limit on annual units for Support Broker Service
  - Increase limits on respite without a variance procedure
  - Annual plan extensions
  - QA&I interim procedure

## **CARES Act Supplemental Appropriation**

- \$260M in COVID-19 Relief funds for providers
- Payments made 6/15 and 6/22
- One-time payments for providers of Residential, Respite, and Shift Nursing services (\$90M)
- 120 days (March – June 2020) of retainer payments, up to 75% of average monthly billing for 7/1/19-2/29/2020, for providers of Community Participation Support services (\$80M)
- 120 days (March – June 2020) of retainer payments, up to 75% of average monthly billing for 7/1/19-2/29/2020, for providers of In-Home and Community, Supported and Small Group Employment, Companion, and Transportation Trip services (\$90M)

## **CARES Act Supplemental Appropriation**

- Act 24 of 2020 requires these funds to be expended by November 30, 2020 or returned to the commonwealth.
- Funds must be used for COVID-19 related expenses.
- Providers will be expected to provide a report on expenditures.
- Department is developing FAQs regarding eligible expenses.

## **Regional Response Health Collaboration Program (RRHCP)**

- \$175M CARES Act funding
- Education, clinical coaching program - operational, managerial, administrative, and clinical support for long-term care facilities as they protect their residents and staff from COVID-19
- ODP licensed settings may receive support

## Recent Guidance

- ODP Announcement 20-072 At-A-Glance Re-Opening Guidance*

Office of Developmental Programs Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) At-A-Glance Reopening Guide by Phase Issued: 6/10/2020		
Governor's Re-Opening Phase	ODP Domain	Operation Implementation
<b>Green</b>  Please use the link below for the most accurate information about the Governor's plan to Reopen Pennsylvania: <a href="https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/">https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/</a>	Regulatory suspensions for Ch. 55 Pa Code 2380, 2390, 6100, 6400, 6500	For service locations in green phase counties, provider must resume the following activities that are suspended in red and yellow phase counties within 30 days of county designation as green: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual individual physical examinations and biennial staff physical examinations should be scheduled remotely).</li> <li>Orientation and</li> </ul>
	Licensing Inspections	Resume on-site, in-person to the COVID-19 pandemic. Providers will be given at Programs (ODP) commercial. Licensing staff will follow Department of Health (DOH) use.
	Quality Assessment and Improvement (QA&I)	Outstanding corrective action for CIY3 must be completed ODP. ODP will be implementing entirely remote including
	Investigations Completed by Certified Investigators	Resume face-to-face investigation screening and mask use.
Governor's Reopening Phase		
Operational Level	ODP Domain	Operation Implementation
<b>Yellow</b>	Regulatory suspensions for Ch. 55 Pa Code 2380, 2390, 6100, 6400, 6500	All regulatory suspensions under Governor's Wolf's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency continue.  Requirements for individuals to receive annual physical examinations and staff to receive biennial physical examinations are suspended.  <a href="#">ODP Announcement 20-032</a> suspended the requirement to include "the application of person-centered practices, community integration, individual choice and assisting individuals to develop and maintain relationships" as part of the initial orientation and annual training requirements for provider staff.  <a href="#">ODP Announcement 20-032</a> suspended the requirement to provide minimum numbers of hours of annual staff training.  <a href="#">ODP Announcement 20-034</a> established a provisional process for obtaining Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal history record checks in recognition of the fact that many FBI clearance sites necessary for completion of such checks were closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Licensing Inspections	Some face-to-face annual inspections and inspections as a result of a complaint may occur.

## General principle is **continue mitigation and risk reduction efforts**

- Remote services continue whenever possible
- Screening
- Social/physical distancing
- Small numbers of people
- Mask use
- Infection control – handwashing, cleaning

**Continued vigilance will be necessary to protect vulnerable populations – especially in congregate settings.**

**For every individual there should be a discussion about desired activities, risks, and support to mitigate risk prior to re-engaging in activities.**



# ***ODP Announcement 20-072 At-A-Glance Re-Opening Guidance***

Office of Developmental Programs

## **Reissuing Guidance on Masks, Screening, and Handwashing**

**06-10-20**

### **Masks: Cloth Face Coverings and Surgical Face Masks**

*Wearing a face mask has been recommended by the Secretary of Health to stop the spread of COVID-19. It is expected that staff who provide services wear a face covering or a mask during the entirety of service provision.* The only exception is if the staff person lives with the individual. **Masks should be worn by staff and individuals during activities in the community.** Please note: Cloth face coverings are not considered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and should not be worn in place of a surgical face mask when caring for an individual with COVID-19.

## Community Participation Supports Re-Opening

- Green Phase - Must follow guidance for infection control procedures in *ODP Announcement 20-062: ODP Facility CPS Tool*
- Significant challenges
  - Mitigating risks
    - Program alterations
    - Training/re-training
    - Communication with individuals, families, other providers
  - Balancing competing needs
  - Transportation
  - Reduced capacity in facility
    - Prioritize people who live alone or with family

## **Community Participation Supports Re-Opening (cont.)**

- Expectation continue increasing CPS in non-facility based settings
  - Remote
  - In private homes
  - In community – may be with more than 3 individuals
  - Cap exceptions allowable

## Community Participation Supports Retainers

- **July and August 2020:** 50% of average monthly billing for 7/1/19-2/29/2020 if the facility is located in a county that is in a red or yellow phase; 25% of average monthly billing for 7/1/19-2/29/2020 if the facility is located in a county that is in the green phase.
- **September 2020:** 25% average monthly billing for 7/1/19-2/29/2020 regardless of the phase of the county where the facility is located.
- Attestation will be required

## **Residential and Community Participation Supports**

- Collaboration
- Individualized Planning
  - Individual Transition Guide
  - Anticipate significant changes in service delivery
    - Community based
    - Cohorting
- Resolving Conflict
- Residential Without Day
  - Expectation that residential providers supporting people with meaningful activities including meaningful activities in the community

### Health Care Quality Units

The Health Care Quality Units (HCQUs) work to support and improve the health information and knowledge for the intellectual disabilities community service system by building capacity and competency within the physical and behavioral health care systems as well as the stakeholders of the ID system.

There are eight HCQUs across Pennsylvania. See Map:

paautism.org

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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health and Safety Guide

ASERT has put together some resources for those with autism and those who care for people with autism relating to the current Coronavirus outbreak.

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### Social Distancing

This resource provides a visual guide for individuals with autism about social distancing and why it's important when people are sick.

This social story is also available in Russian, Chinese, Spanish and Arabic.

[Social Story](#)

### Isolation

This resource provides a visual explanation of what it means for someone to be in isolation due to coronavirus.

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