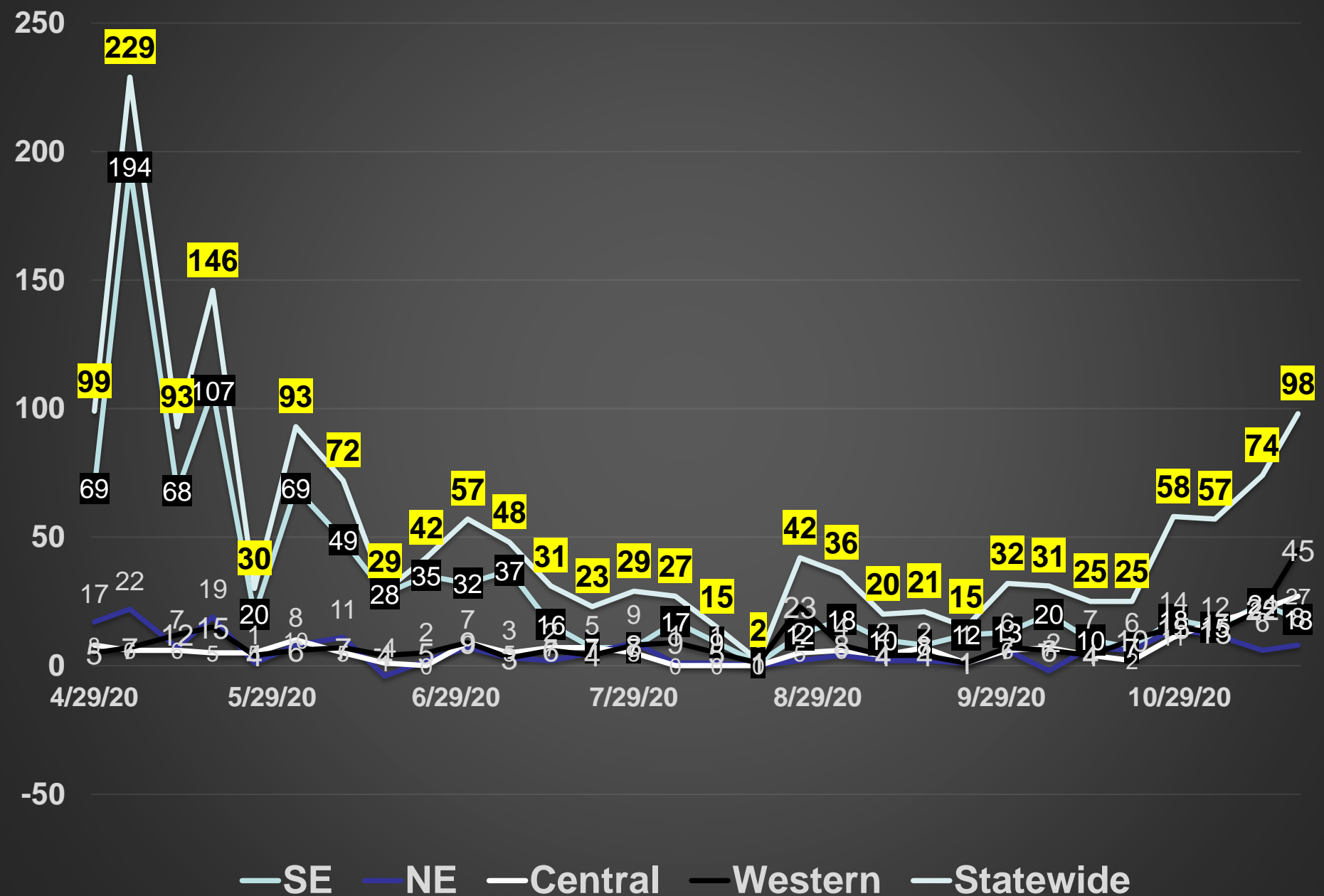


ODP COVID-19 Update

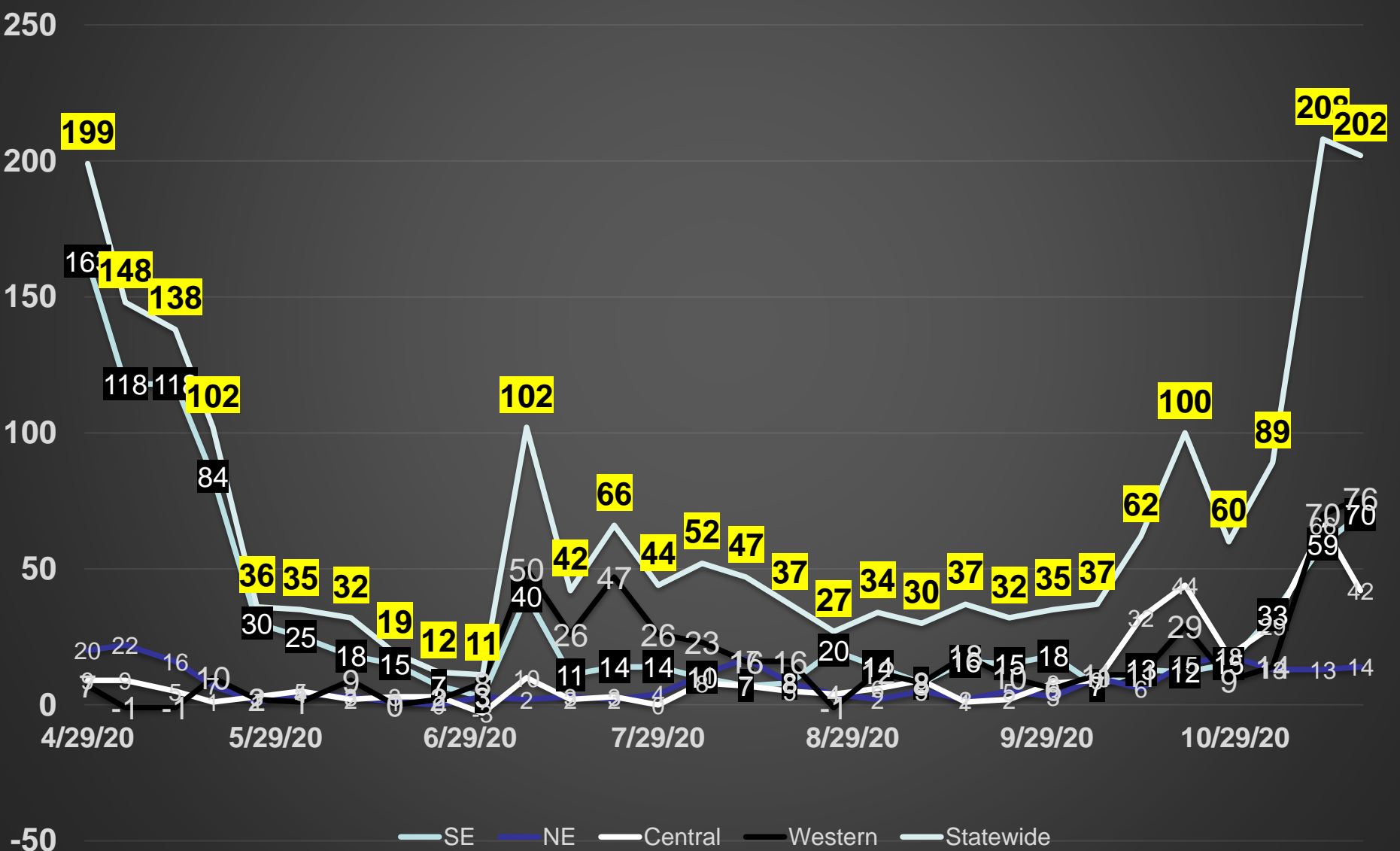
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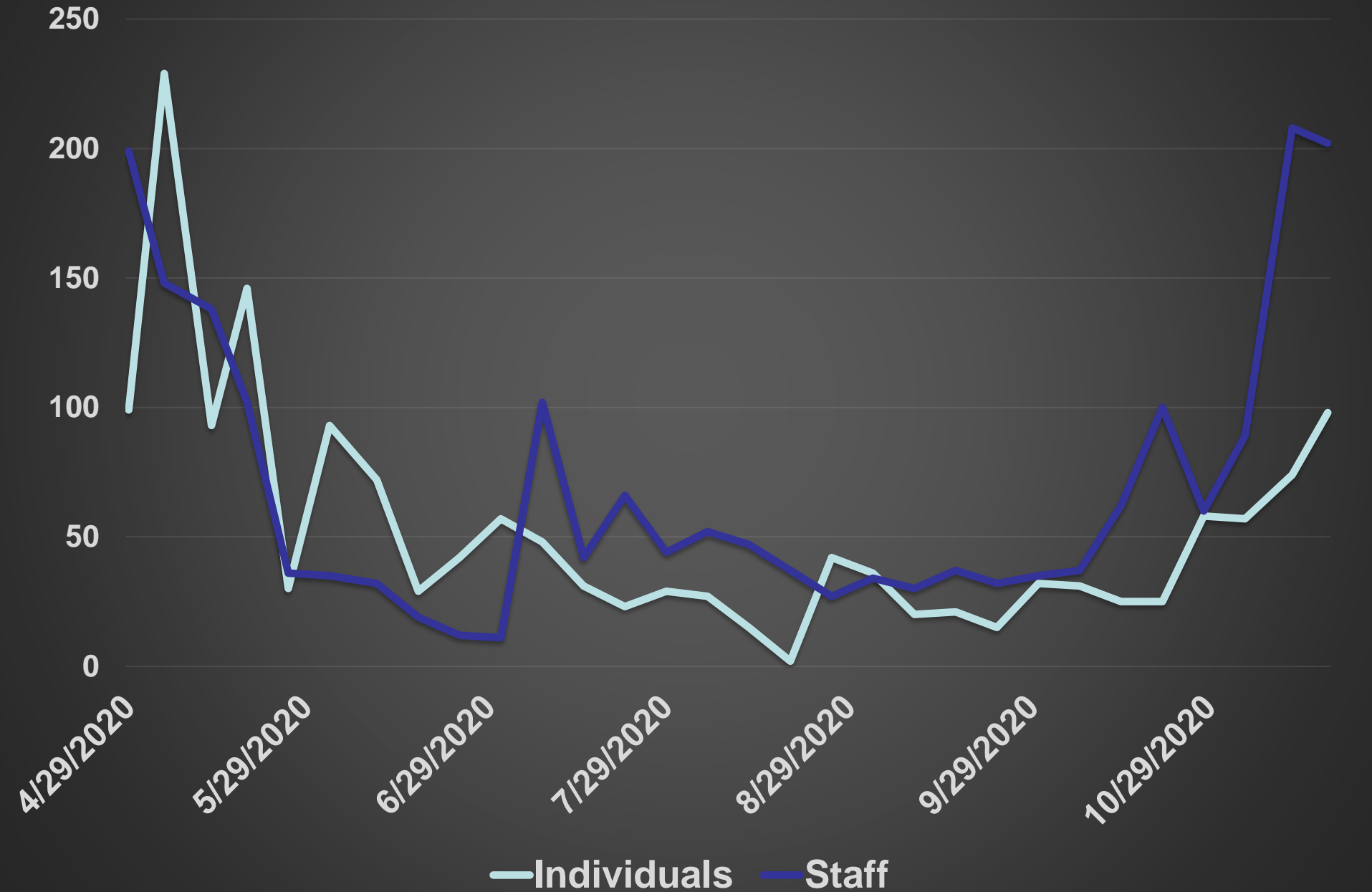
Confirmed Individual COVID-19 Cases



Confirmed Staff COVID-19 Cases



Statewide Confirmed Individual and Staff COVID-19 Cases



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

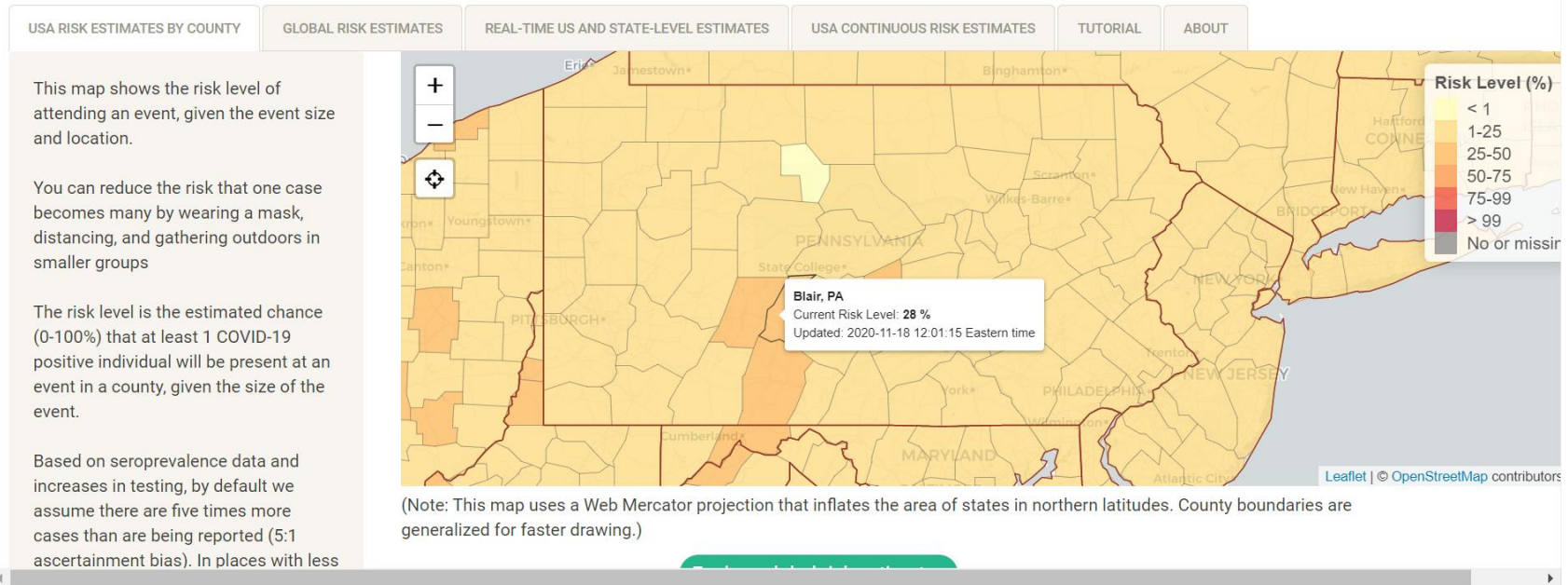
ODP Region	Individuals				Staff	
	COVID-19 Suspected	COVID-19 Confirmed	Tested Negative	Deaths	COVID-19 Suspected	COVID-19 Confirmed
Southeast	194	1,029	642	94	833	1,299
Northeast	116	202	214	16	655	312
Central	172	201	283	17	1,217	360
Western	236	278	596	16	1,987	533
Statewide Total	718	1,710	1,735	143	4,692	2,504

The New York Times

Developmental Disabilities Heighten Risk of Covid Death

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/10/health/covid-developmental-disabilities.html>

COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Planning Tool



Georgia Tech Risk Assessment Planning Tool – Gatherings

<https://covid19risk.biosci.gatech.edu/>

Image above is for gathering of 10 people

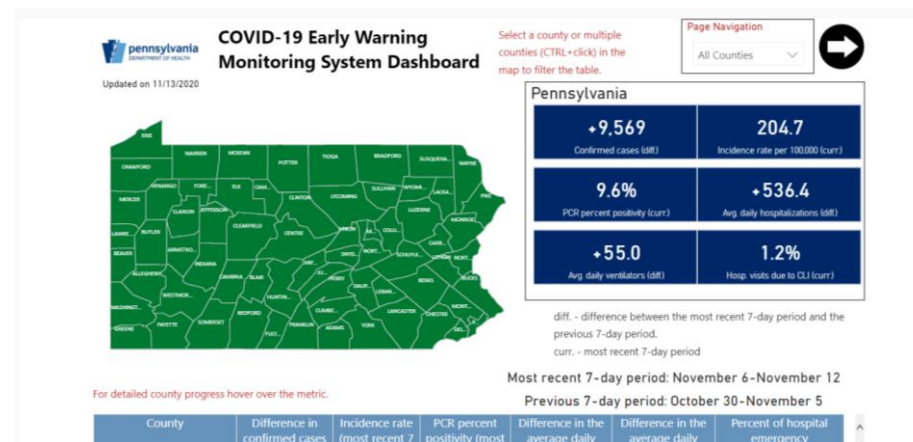
“Stop Swapping Air!”

- Michael Osterholm, Director, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota

Community Spread

11/13/2020

- Continued significant increase in community spread
 - 25 counties substantial spread
 - 15 counties moderate spread
- Increased risk - holidays
 - Residential visitation guidance updated
 - Outreach and communication with families needed
 - Staying Healthy During the Holidays <https://aidinpa.org/>



Resources for Individuals and Families

- [Staying Healthy During the Holidays](#) (video on AID in PA): This resource also includes links to the holiday social story and one-pager about gathering during the holidays (see below)
- [Holidays in 2020 Social Story](#) (resource on PAautism.org): This is being translated into Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Burmese and Arabic and the website/resource will be updated with those versions once complete
- [Safe Practices for Gathering Over the Holidays](#) (resource on PAautism.org)
- [COVID Fatigue: Maintaining Mental Health During a Global Pandemic](#) (video on AID in PA): This includes links to mental health resources in PA (Dept of Human Services site), warm line, additional content articles

CPS Facility Closures & Re-Opening

- ODP Announcement 20-101 *Temporary Closure of Licensed Facilities...*
- Re-opening post outbreak
 - Do not have to wait the 14 days. Must ensure outbreak contained and any gaps in infection control identified and mitigated
 - Engage DOH, AEs/ODP for support
- Re-opening after closure for community spread
 - ODP re-issuing 20-101
 - Re-open after 14 days in low or moderate
 - Recommend using re-opening tool – review and refresh on protocols. Send to AE as informational

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REQUIRING UNIVERSAL FACE COVERINGS

Section 2: Face Coverings Required

- Except as provided in Section 3, every individual, age two and older, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall wear a face covering when:
 - A. Indoors or in an enclosed space, where another person or persons who are not members of the individual's household are present in the same space, irrespective of physical distance.
 - B. Outdoors with others who are not members of a person's household and unable to maintain sustained physical distance.
- ODP is updating *20-088 Masking, Screening* to reflect new instruction

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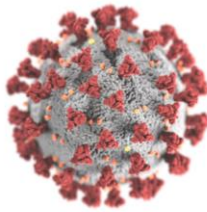
MITIGATION RELATED TO TRAVEL

Section 2 Travel

Individuals traveling into and returning to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from any other State or Commonwealth or an international location, must produce evidence of a negative SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) test from a specimen collected within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth, or quarantine for 14 days upon entering, unless they qualify for one of the exemptions specified in Section 4.

Section 3 Testing

- Travelers who do not have their test results at the time of entry into the Commonwealth must remain at their travel destination without contact with others outside their travelling party until they receive their test results. Travelers receiving positive results must remain in isolation. Travelers receiving negative results may continue their intended activities.
- ODP is updating *20-066 Residential Visitation* to reflect new orders



COVID-19 Interim Vaccination Plan

PENNSYLVANIA

Phase 1: Potentially Limited Doses Available

Phase 1A: Very small initial allocations of vaccine when product first becomes available. First doses will be targeted towards people working in healthcare settings where symptomatic COVID patients will present for care.

Phase 1B: Expanding supply of vaccine where additional healthcare providers, people at higher risk, and critical workers may receive initial doses.

Phase 2: Large Number of Doses Available, Supply Likely to Meet Demand

Phase 3: Likely Sufficient Supply, Slowing Demand

Updates: Appendix K

- Anticipating guidance on timeframes for Appendix K
- Current Appendix K for 4 ODP waivers expire 3/2021
- 90 day limitation on retainers
- Flexibilities for residential still in effect

Flexibility to Meet Staffing Needs in Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing and Supported Living

- Size of location
- Staffing ratios
- Supplemental Habilitation/Temporary Supplemental services
- Shift Nursing
- Location
- Sharing Bedrooms

Flexibility to Meet Staffing Needs in Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing and Supported Living

- If relatives/friends take the participant to their residence during the COVID19 emergency, participants will not be disenrolled from the waiver.
- The provider can bill for Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing or Supported Living provided in the home of a relative/friend as long as the relative/friend who will render services is employed by the provider agency and has met training requirements.
 - Documentation requirements (service notes and progress notes) remain in place
 - Day unit requirement (generally 8 hours per day of service) remains in place.

After Action Survey

Domain: HCBS

Note: Percentages reflect sum of Agree AND Strongly Agree responses. Highlighting represents the highest rank item in each column/universal question.

	Useful to agency operations and practices	ODP communication was clear	Modification was Implemented	Was not difficult to implement	Essential to our operations
Shift Nursing service added (AAW only)	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Suspend requirements for allowing visitors (providers may prohibit/restrict visitation in-line with CMS recommendations for long term care facilities). The modification of this right is not required to be justified in the ISP. (Residential services only)	90%	89%	94%	73%	93%
Allowance of remote/tele support when this type of support meets the health and safety needs of the participant, including behavioral health needs.	87%	90%	89%	72%	95%
Staffing ratios specified in regulation or in an individual's ISP may be exceeded due to staffing shortages resulting from COVID-19 (Residential services only)	64%	78%	35%	69%	92%
Extension granted for SPeCTRUM 2.0 training (AAW only)	56%	85%	50%	86%	58%
The requirement to submit an incident report for any deviation in staffing as outlined in the ISP may be suspended. If this requirement is suspended, providers must report any incidents in which staffing shortages result in a failure to provide care. (ID/A In-Home/Companion services only)	55%	69%	39%	76%	63%
The requirement that any one relative can provide a maximum of 40 hours per week and multiple relatives can provide no more than 60 hours per week of In-Home and Community Support and/or Companion is suspended. (ID/A In-Home/Companion services only)	51%	71%	57%	79%	66%

Sustain for the remainder of pandemic?

Items	
Guidance to employees on masks, screening, and hand-washing...	95%
Adherence to universal masking in congregate settings...	92%
Allowing or encouraging virtual/remote witness interviews	92%
Allowance of remote/tele support when this type of support meets the health and safety needs of the participant, including behavioral health needs.	92%
Access to CARES relief funds	90%
ODP developed an online-only version of the face-to-face class for trainers of the Standard Medication Administration Training Course	90%
Changes to ACRE fieldwork requirements	89%
Staffing ratios specified in regulation or in an individual's ISP may be exceeded due to staffing shortages resulting from COVID-19.	88%
Observations of medication administration were permitted to occur by an virtual format	88%
Maximum number of individuals served in a service location may be exceeded to address staffing shortages or accommodating use of other sites as quarantine sites.	83%

Sustain after the pandemic?

Items	
Service definition limitations on the number of people of served in each home may be exceeded.	60%
The requirement to submit an incident report for any deviation in staffing as outlined in the ISP may be suspended. If this requirement is suspended, providers must report any incidents in which staffing shortages result in a failure to provide care.	62%
Access to CARES relief funds	68%
Maximum number of individuals served in a service location may be exceeded to address staffing shortages or accommodating use of other sites as quarantine sites.	71%
Staffing ratios specified in regulation or in an individual's ISP may be exceeded due to staffing shortages resulting from COVID-19.	75%
Changes to ACRE fieldwork requirements	78%
Allowing or encouraging virtual/remote witness interviews	82%
Observations of medication administration were permitted to occur by an virtual format	83%
ODP developed an online-only version of the face-to-face class for trainers of the Standard Medication Administration Training Course	84%
Allowance of remote/tele support when this type of support meets the health and safety needs of the participant, including behavioral health needs.	87%