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COVID-19 TOWN HALL

July 15, 2020

Board of Pharmacy Update

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Due to the Health Emergency, the Board will no longer take walk-ins. Board staff will still be available via phone, email and by appointment. For office directory click https://pharmacy.az.gov/node/5226.
Thank you for your understanding.

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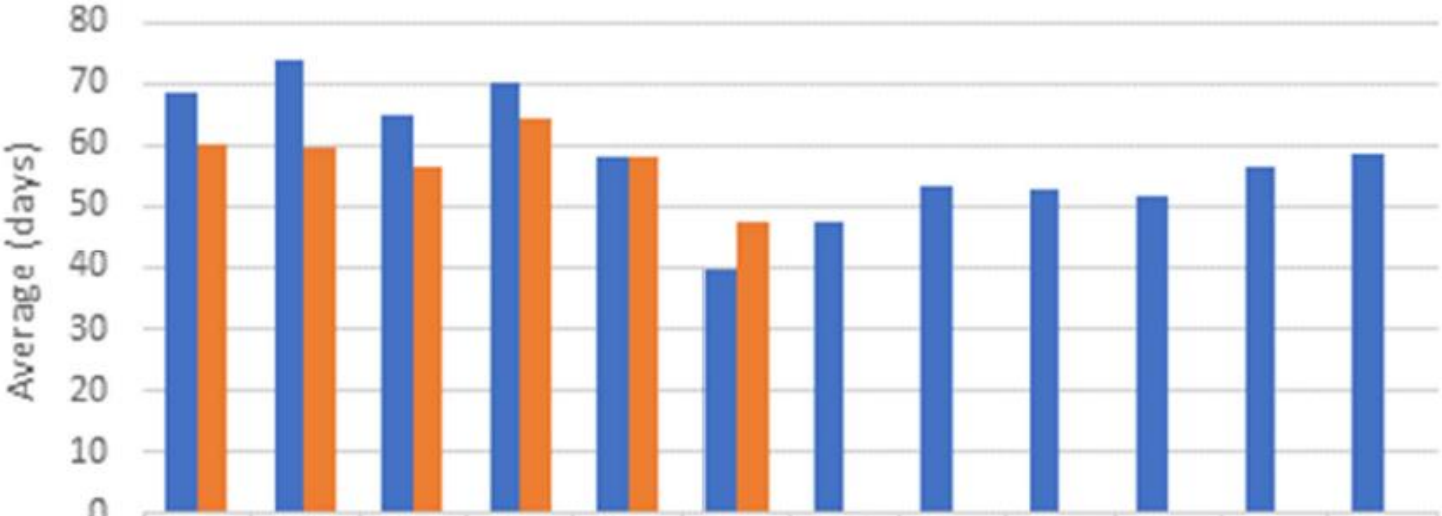

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	69	74	65	70	58	40	48	53	53	52	57	58
2020	60	60	57	64	58	48*						

*Through June 20, 2020

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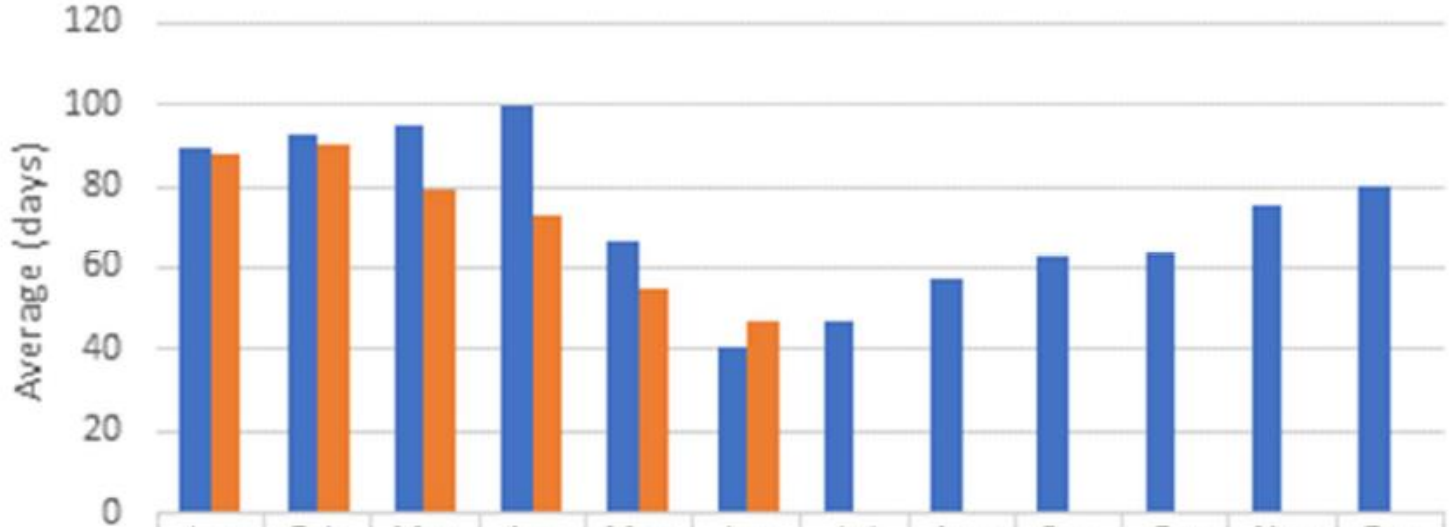

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2019	90	93	95	99	66	41	47	57	63	64	76	80
2020	88	91	80	73	55	47*						

*Through June 20, 2020

State and National Updates

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Worldwide Cases

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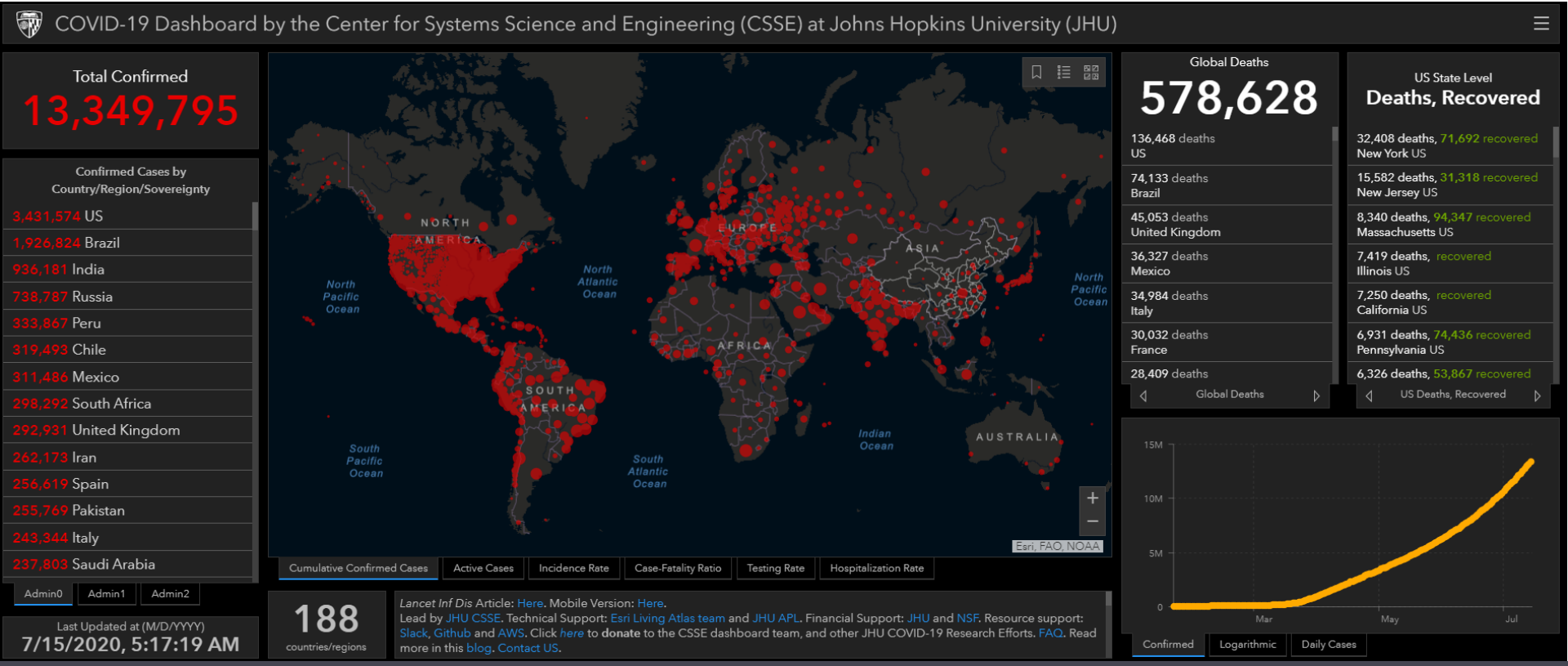
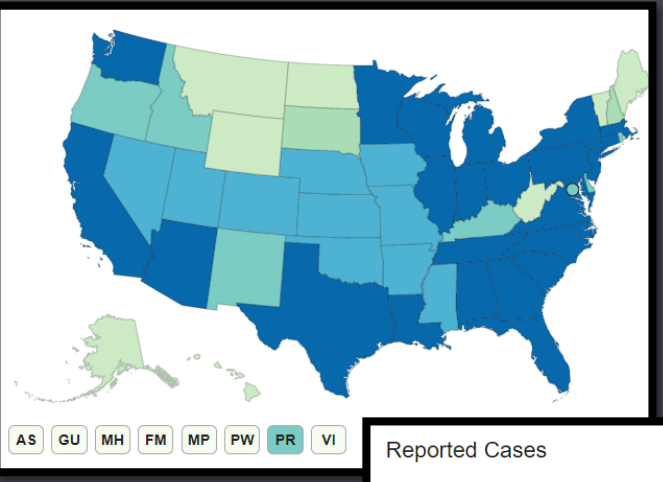


National Cases

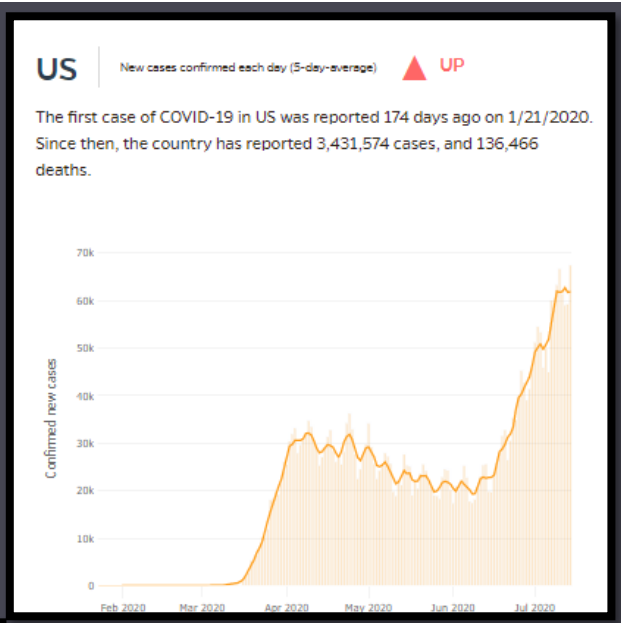
CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS
3,355,457	135,235
58,858 New Cases*	351 New Deaths*



Reported Cases

- 0 to 1,000
- 1,001 to 5,000
- 5,001 to 10,000
- 10,001 to 20,000
- 20,001 to 40,000
- 40,001 or more



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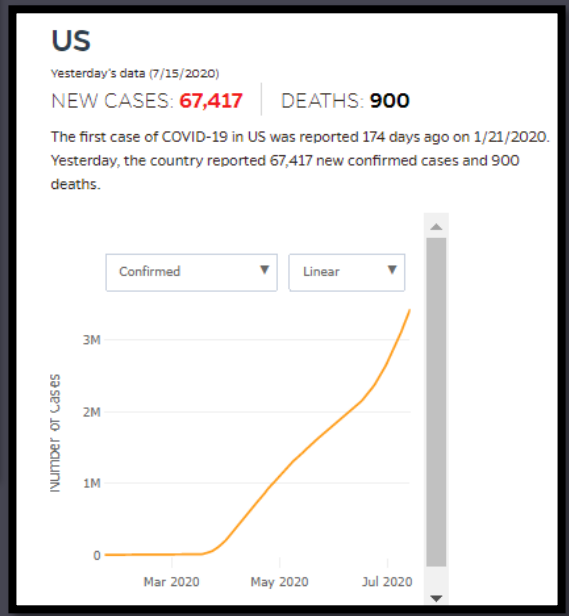

US Cases by County

Total Confirmed
3,431,744
in the US

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Top 50 Confirmed Cases by County

140,576 confirmed
Los Angeles

96,186 confirmed
Cook

84,233 confirmed
Maricopa

69,803 confirmed
Miami-Dade

65,871 confirmed
Queens

60,204 confirmed
Kings

49,027 confirmed
Harris

48,482 confirmed
Bronx

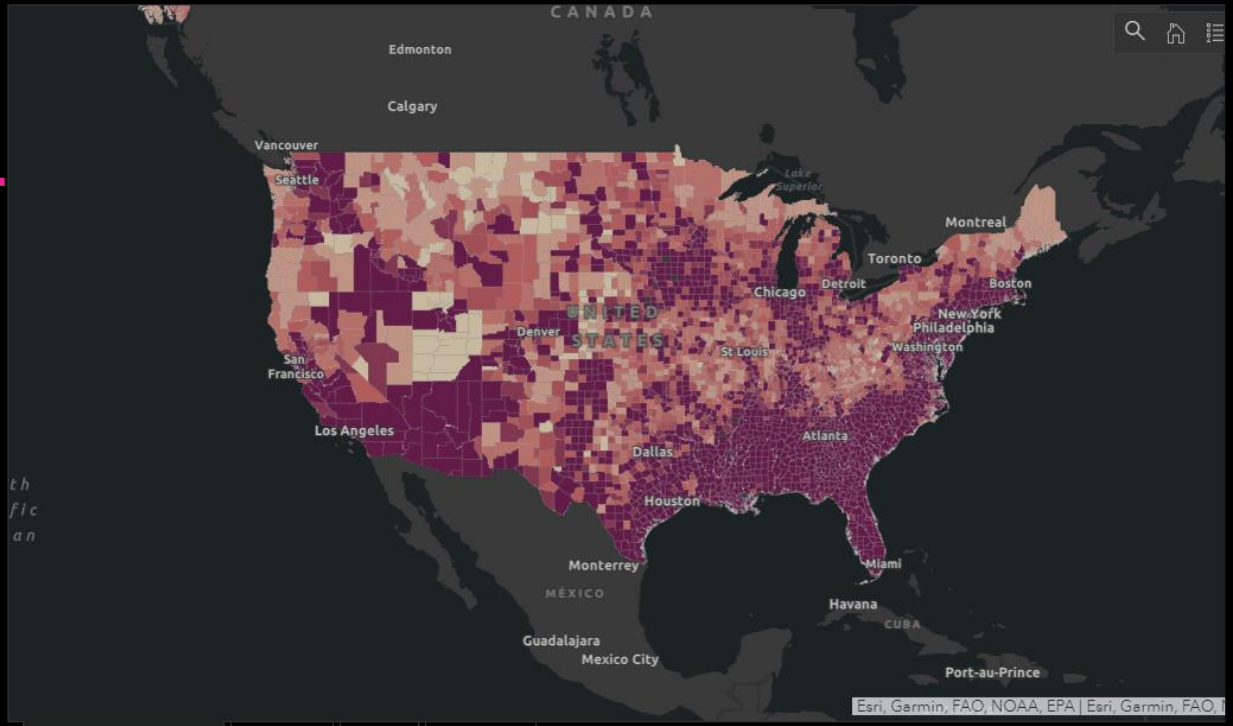
42,423 confirmed
Nassau

42,214 confirmed
Suffolk

35,914 confirmed
Dallas

35,366 confirmed
Westchester

32,814 confirmed



Confirmed per US State (Deaths)

403,175 New York (32,408)
346,211 California (7,250)
291,629 Florida (4,409)
279,577 Texas (3,362)
175,915 New Jersey (15,582)
156,638 Illinois (7,419)
128,097 Arizona (2,337)
123,963 Georgia (3,054)
112,130 Massachusetts (8,340)
101,266 Pennsylvania (6,931)
90,000 North Carolina (1,571)
82,042 Louisiana (3,445)
77,864 Michigan (6,326)
74,260 Maryland (3,334)
72,443 Virginia (1,977)
67,995 Ohio (3,069)
66,788 Tennessee (767)
60,389 South Carolina (993)
57,255 Alabama (1,164)
52,685 Indiana (2,775)
47,530 Connecticut (4,372)
43,170 Minnesota (1,548)
42,304 Washington (1,404)
37,906 Wisconsin (826)

International Comparison of Positivity Rates and Tests Per Capita

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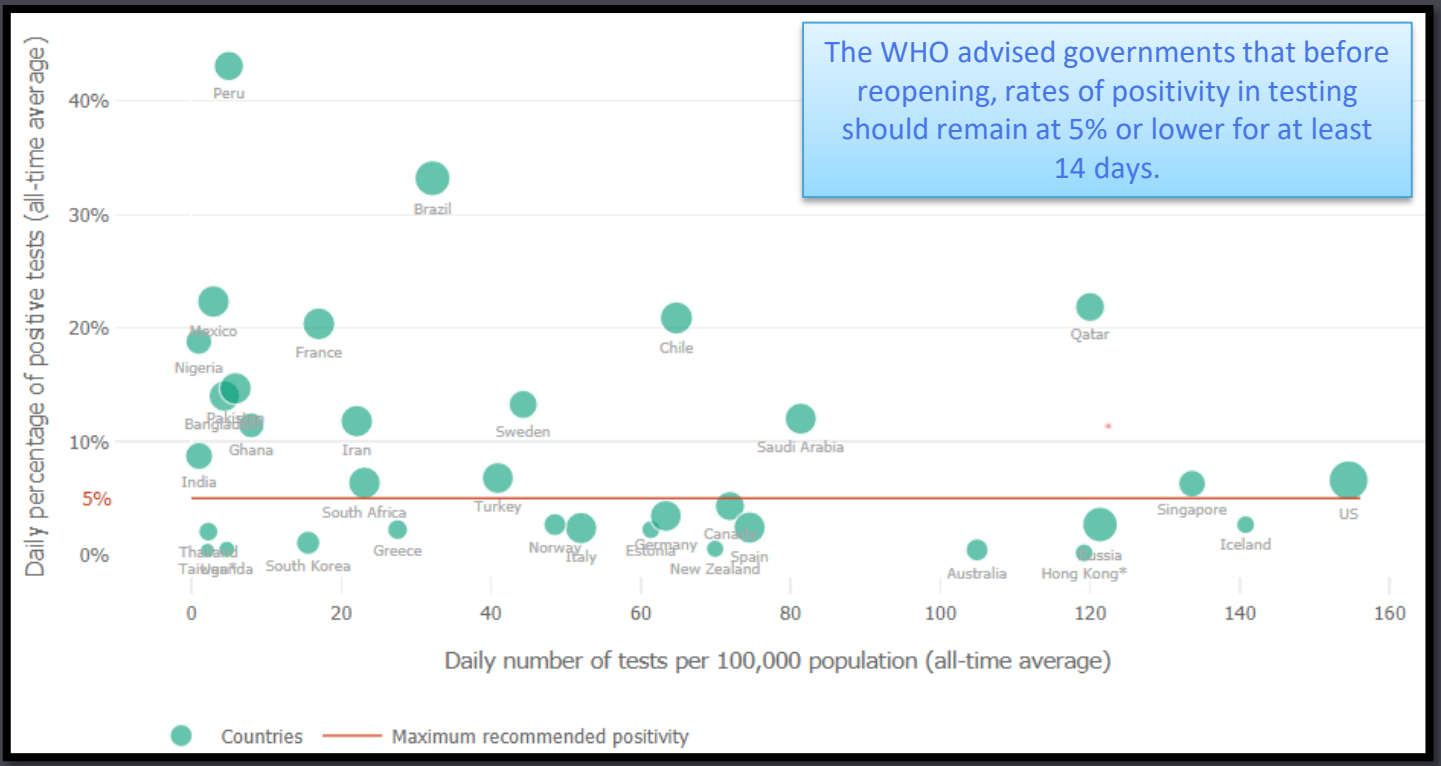

COUNTRY/ REGION	DAILY POSITIVITY	DAILY CONFIRMED CASES
Peru	43.10%	681
Brazil	33.20%	4,700
Mexico	22.34%	1,528
Qatar	21.86%	603
Chile	20.89%	1,824
France	20.37%	1,636
Nigeria	18.81%	192
Pakistan	14.69%	1,454
Bangladesh	14.01%	1,059
Sweden	13.27%	449
Saudi Arabia	12.01%	1,341
Iran	11.80%	1,492
Ghana	11.42%	151
India	8.73%	308
Turkey	6.78%	1,240
US	6.58%	18,967
South Africa	6.36%	1,537
Singapore	6.28%	282
Canada	4.31%	639
Germany	3.44%	1,203
Russia	2.68%	4,207

Which U.S. States Meet WHO Recommended Testing Criteria?

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States that meet positivity recommendations: 18

STATE	PERCENTAGE OF POSITIVE TESTS
Vermont	0.78%
Connecticut	0.81%
Maine	0.86%
New York	1.12%
New Jersey	1.26%
District of Columbia	1.60%
New Hampshire	1.89%
Hawaii	2.05%
Alaska	2.19%
Massachusetts	2.51%

States above recommended positivity: 34

STATE	PERCENTAGE OF POSITIVE TESTS
Puerto Rico	100.00%
Arizona	24.70%
Florida	18.71%
South Carolina	18.06%
Texas	17.08%
Alabama	16.94%
Georgia	15.50%
Idaho	15.41%
Mississippi	15.41%
Nevada	13.37%

The WHO advised governments that before reopening, rates of positivity in testing should remain at 5% or lower for at least 14 days.

AZ: Daily Confirmed New Cases

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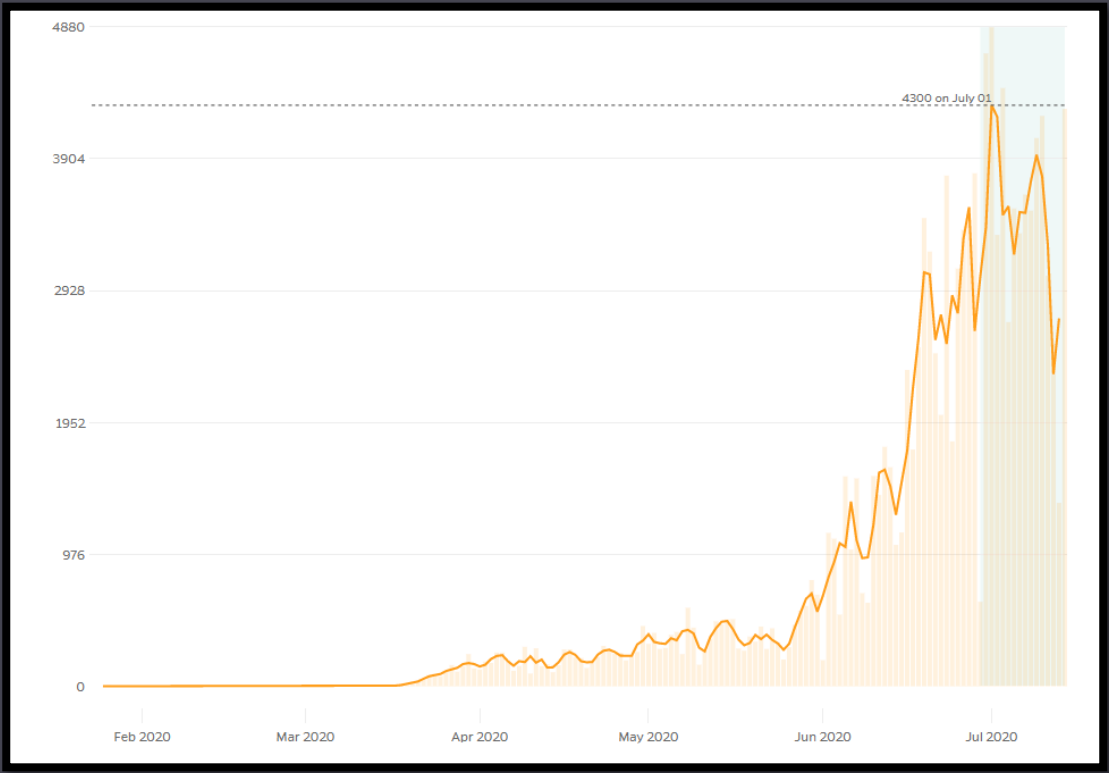
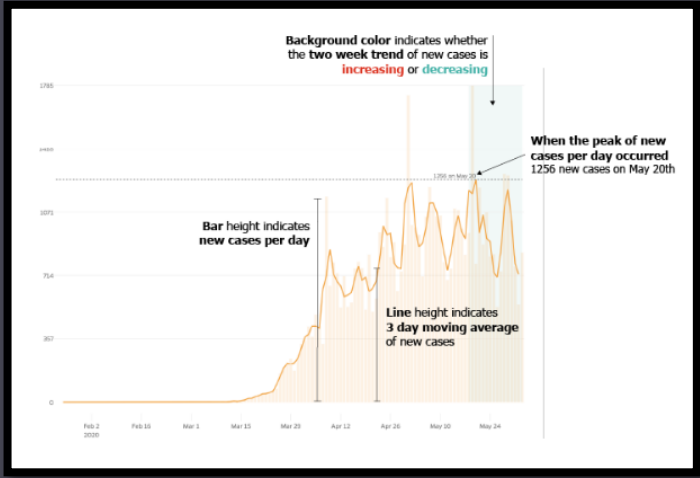


Federal guidelines advise that states wait until they experience a downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period before proceeding to a phased opening. In the state-specific view of the graph, this two-week period is highlighted in orange if cases are trending upward, or green if they are trending down.



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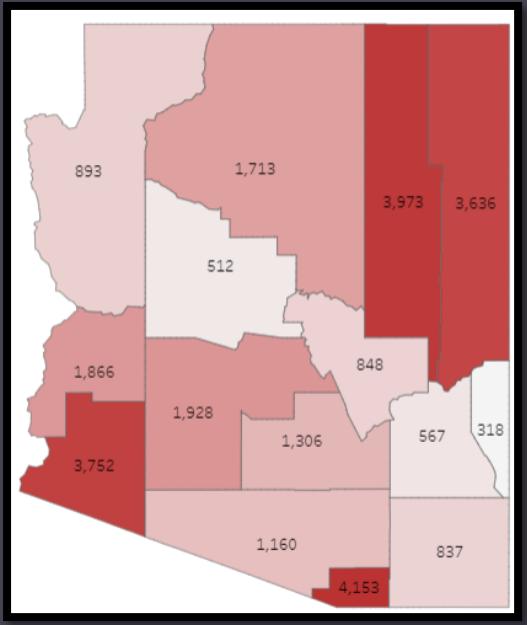
Rate per 100,000

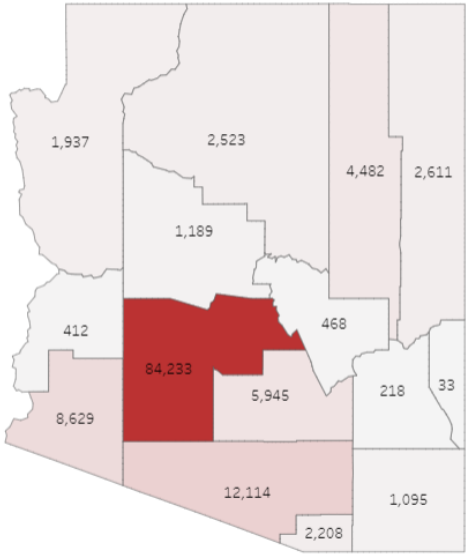


Show case counts or population rates in the map below?

Cases

Select a county to filter the other numbers.

Deaths will not be shown for counties with fewer than three deaths.



Number of Cases	Number of Deaths	Number of COVID-19 Tests
128,097	2,337	920,641

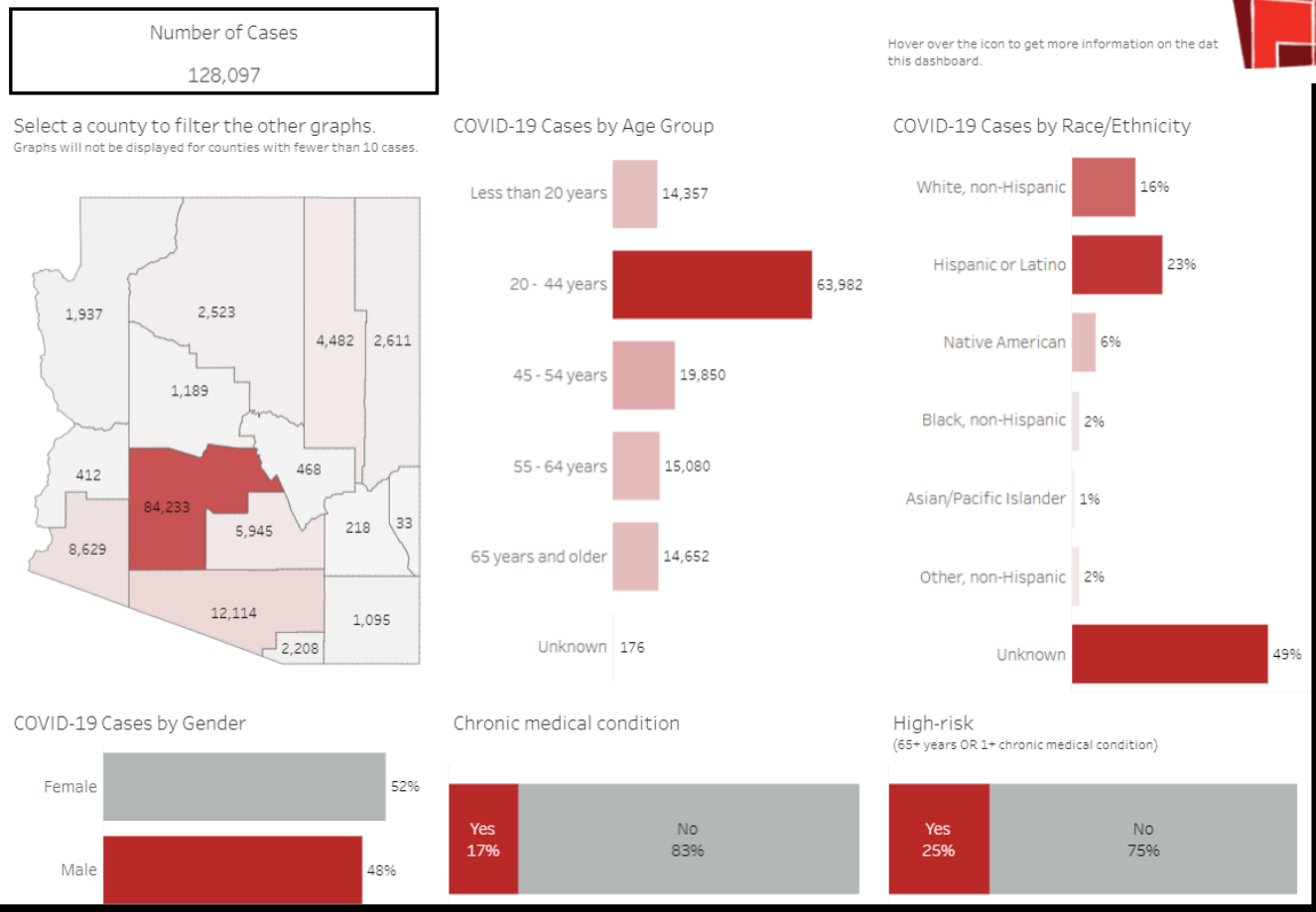
Number of New Cases reported today*	Number of New Deaths reported today*	Number of New Tests reported today*
4,273	92	20,647

Rate of cases, per 100,000 population	Rate of fatalities, per 100,000 population	Total Percent Positive**
1,781.8	32.51	11.9%

Total COVID-19 PCR Tests	New PCR Tests reported today*	PCR Percent Positive**
721,191	19,488	14.2%

Total COVID-19 Serology Tests	New Serology Tests reported today*	Serology Percent Positive**
199,450	1,159	3.7%

Demographics



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Date	Age	# Cases	%
6/17/20	20-44y 65+y	17,891 5,779	46% 15%
6/24/20	20-44y 65+y	27,943 7,561	48% 13%
7/1/20	20-44y 65+y	39,029 9,570	49% 12%
7/8/20	20-44y 65+y	52,576 12,072	50% 11%
7/15/20	**<20y 20-44y 45-54y 55-64y 65+y**	**14,357 63,982 19,850 15,080 14,652**	**11% 50% 15% 12% 10%**

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COVID-19 Deaths (total)	New COVID-19 Deaths Reported Today
2,337	92

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COVID-19 Deaths by County

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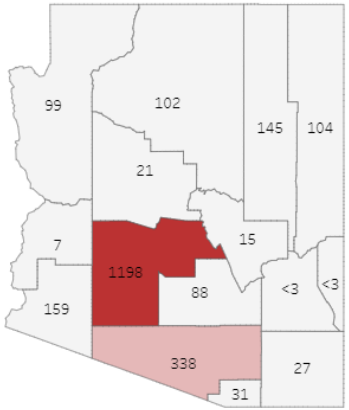
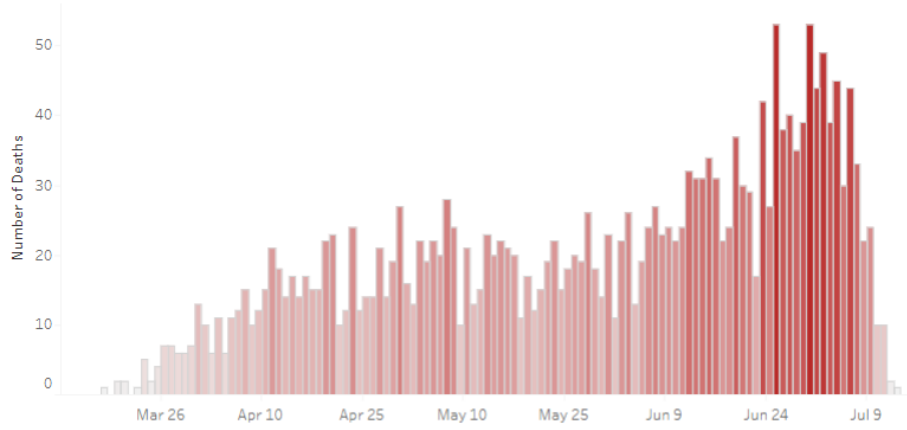


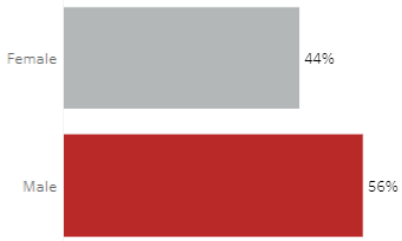
COVID-19 Deaths by Date of Death



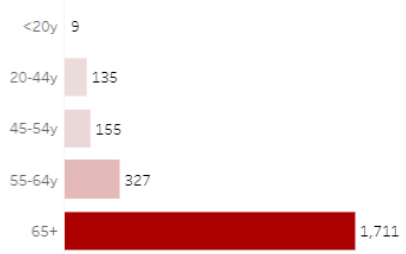
Recent deaths may not be reported yet.

Date	Age	# Deaths	%
6/17/20	20-44y 65+y	62 920	5% 75%
6/24/20	20-44y 65+y	72 1,044	5% 75%
7/1/20	20-44y 65+y	91 1,209	6% 74%
7/8/20	20-44y 55-64y 65+y	110 269 1,411	6% 14% 73%
7/15/20	**20-44y** **45-54y** **55-64y** **65+y**	**135** **155** **327** **1711**	**6%** **7%** **14%** **73%**

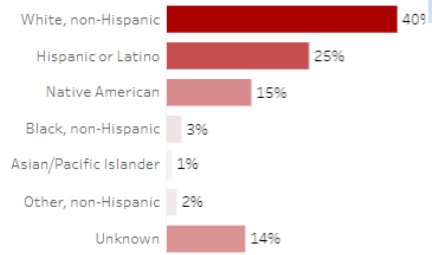
COVID-19 Deaths by Gender



COVID-19 Deaths by Age Group

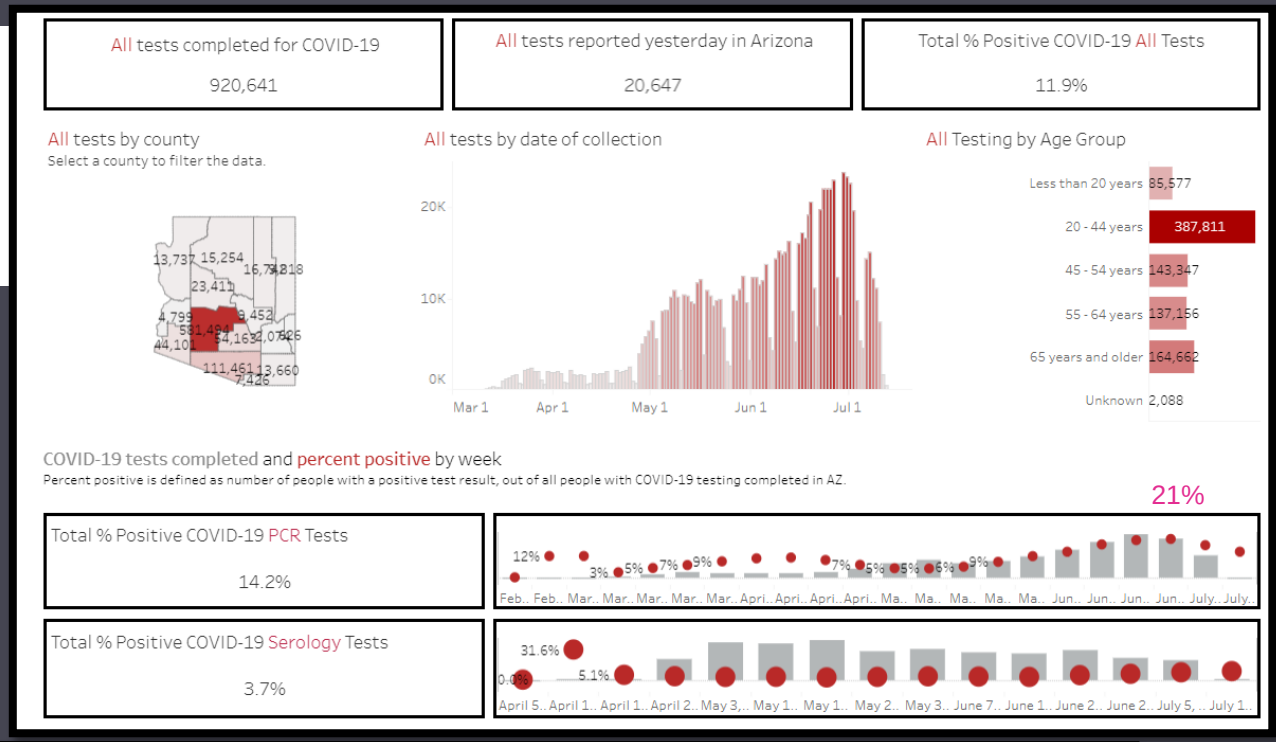


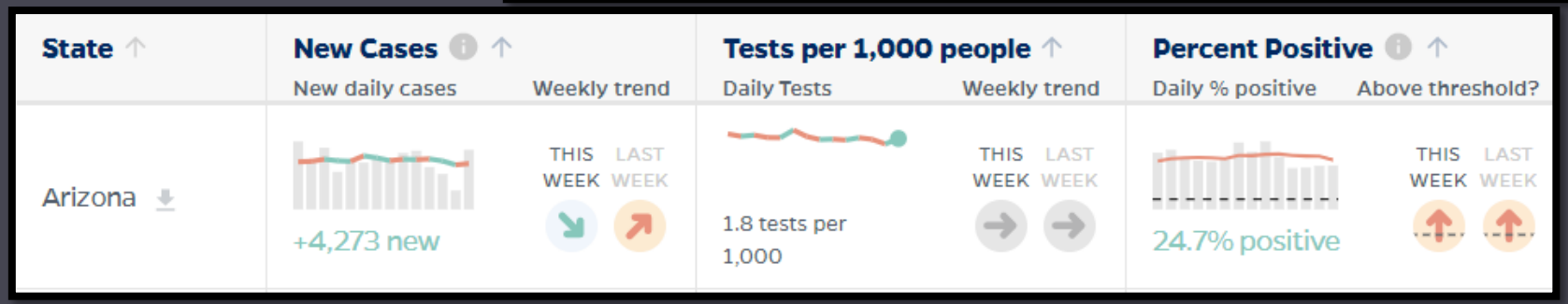
COVID-19 Deaths by Race/Ethnicity



Laboratory Testing

Date	Total % Positive	PCR % Positive	Sero % Positive
6/17/20	7.1%	8.7%	3.1%
6/24/20	8.6%	10.5%	3.0%
7/1/20	9.9%	12%	3.2%
7/8/20	11.3%	13.6	3.4%
7/15/20	**11.9%**	**14.2%**	**3.7%**





Hospitalizations

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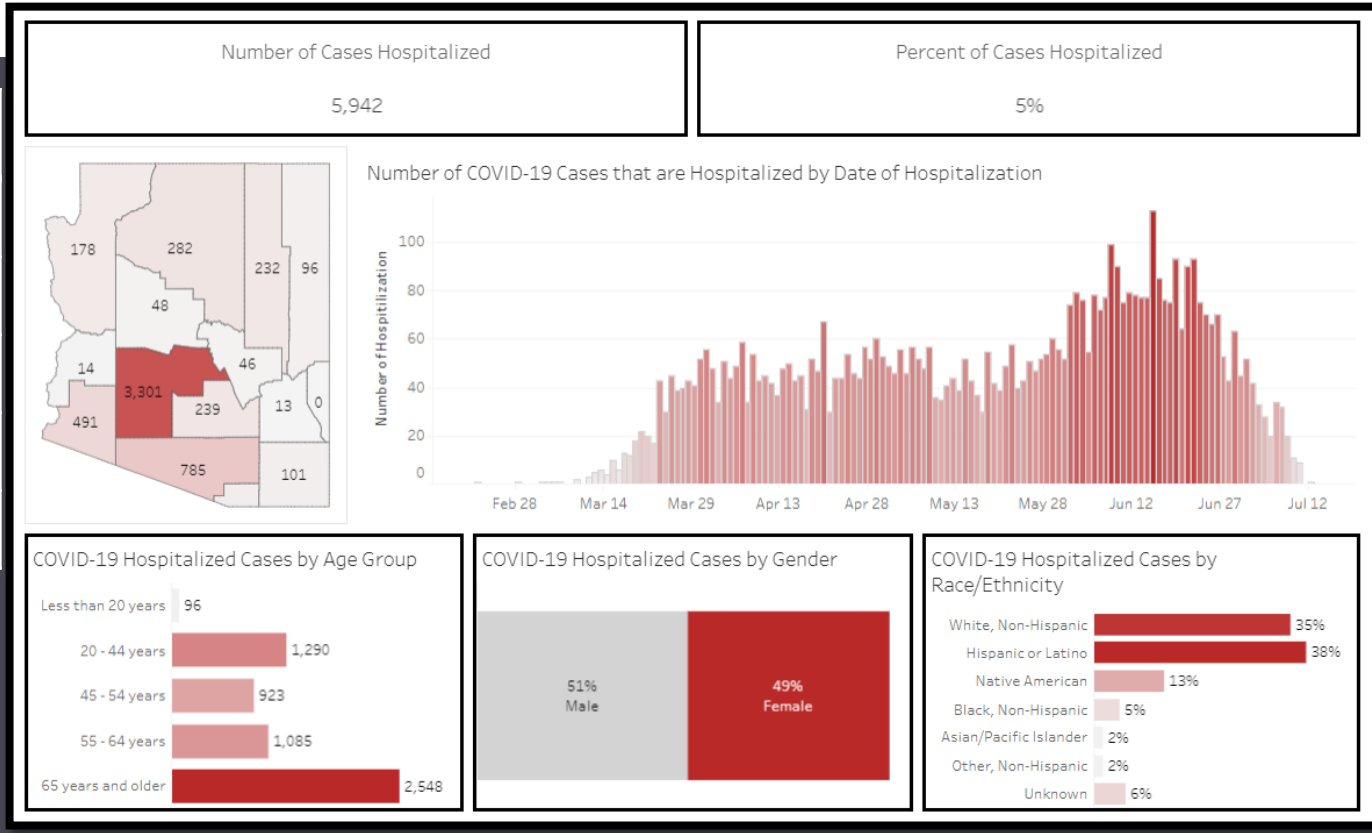
Date	Total # COVID Cases In Hospital	% Cases
6/17/20	3,808	10%
6/24/20	4,250	7%
7/1/20	4,736	6%
7/8/20	5,272	5%
7/15/20	**5,942**	**5%**



Inpatient Bed Usage Due to COVID-19

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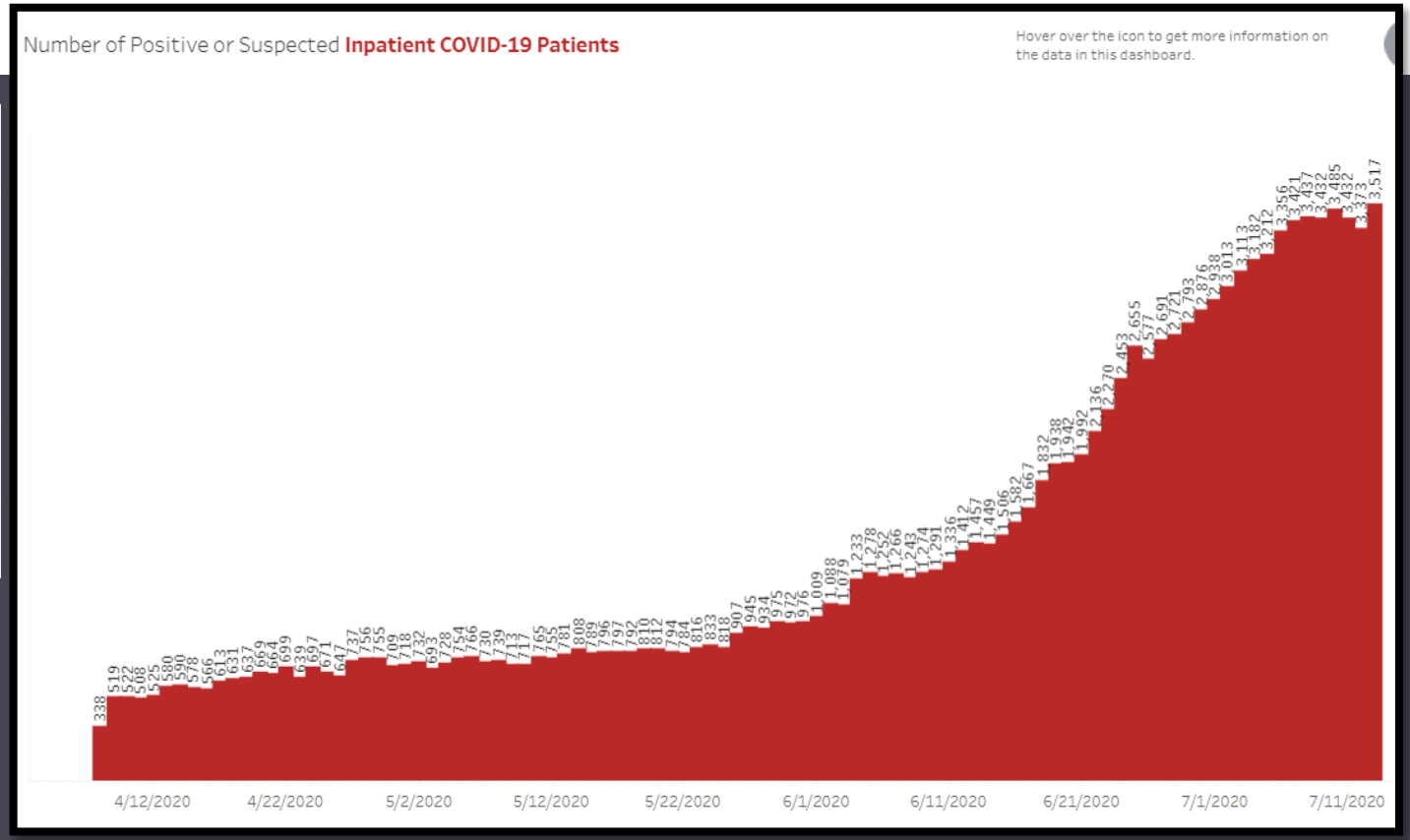
Date	Total (in use %)	# COVID
6/15/20	6,231 (81%)	1,506
6/22/20	6,469 (83%)	2,136
6/29/20	6,488 (85%)	2,793
7/6/20	6,472 (82%)	3,356
7/13/20	**6,721 (85%)**	**3,517**



ICU Beds in Use Due to COVID-19

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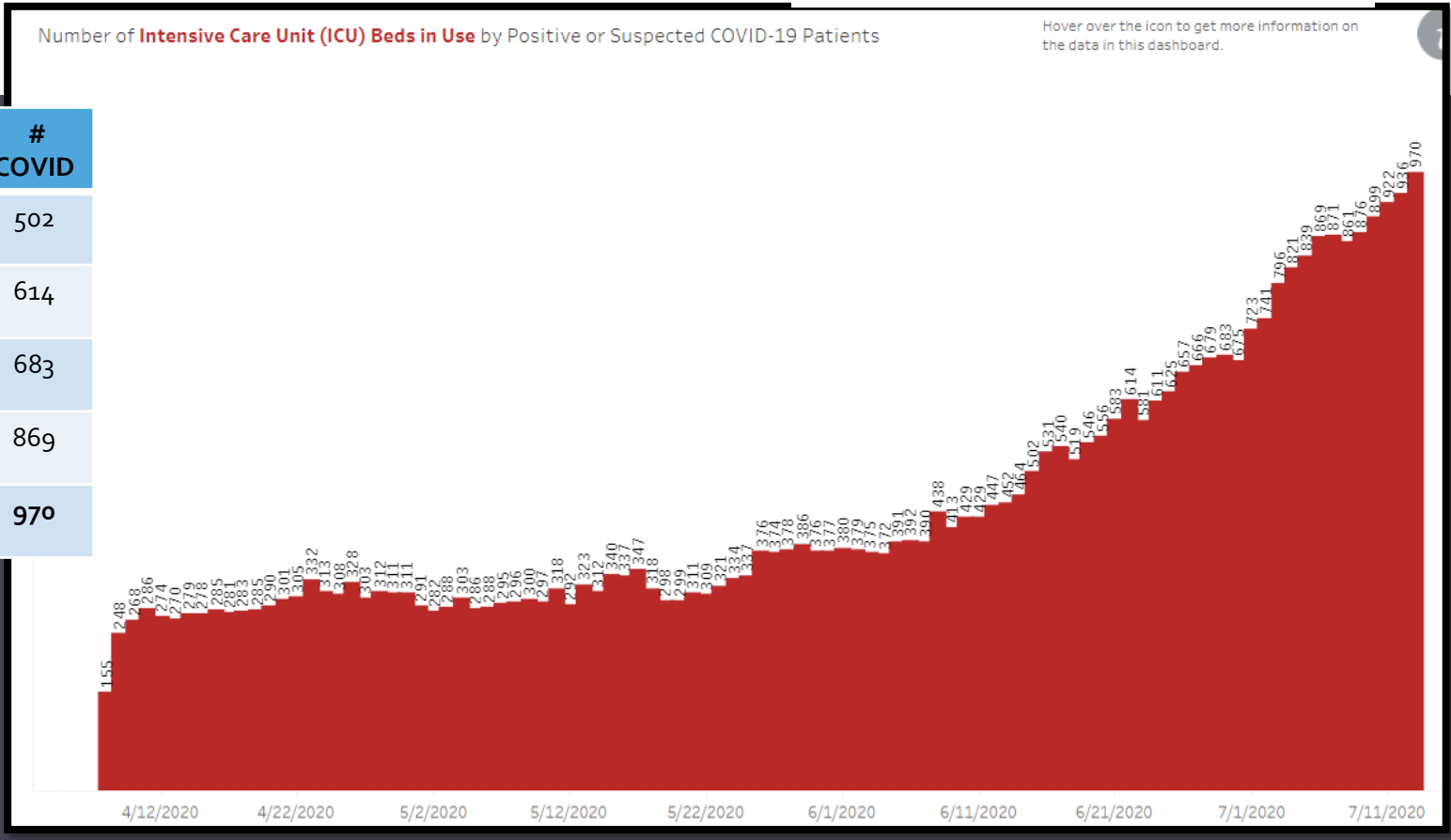
Date	Total ICU (in use%)	# COVID
6/15/20	1,307 (80%)	502
6/22/20	1,412 (84%)	614
6/29/20	1,435 (86%)	683
7/6/20	1,481 (90%)	869
7/13/20	**1,498 (88%)**	**970**



Ventilator Usage Due to COVID-19

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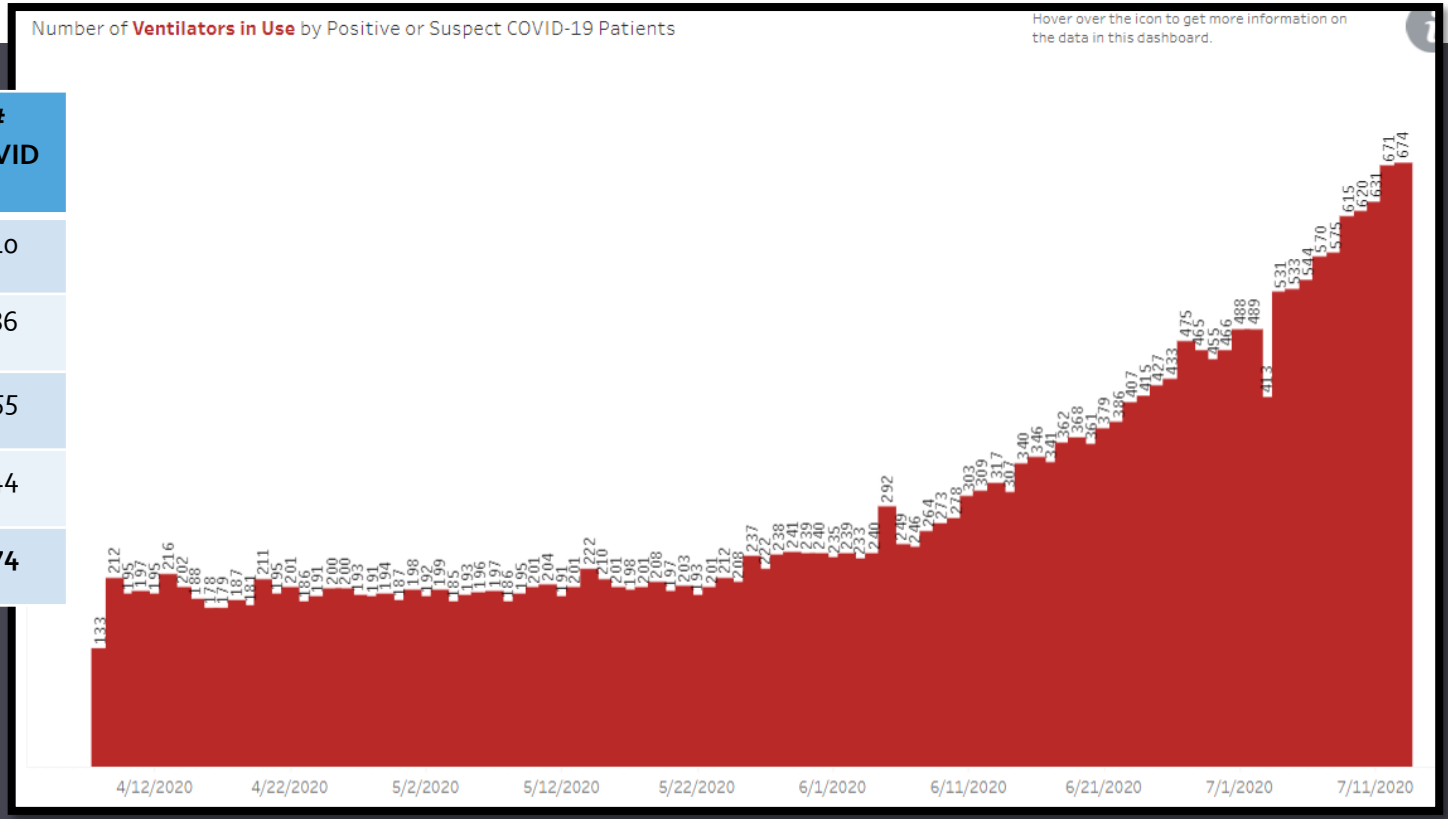
Date	Total Ventilators (in use%)	# COVID
6/15/20	707 (38%)	340
6/22/20	716 (41%)	386
6/29/20	773 (45%)	455
7/6/20	895 (51%)	544
7/15/200	**996 (52%)**	**674**



2. Infection Control and Personal Protective Equipment Guidance

Universal Use of Personal Protective Equipment

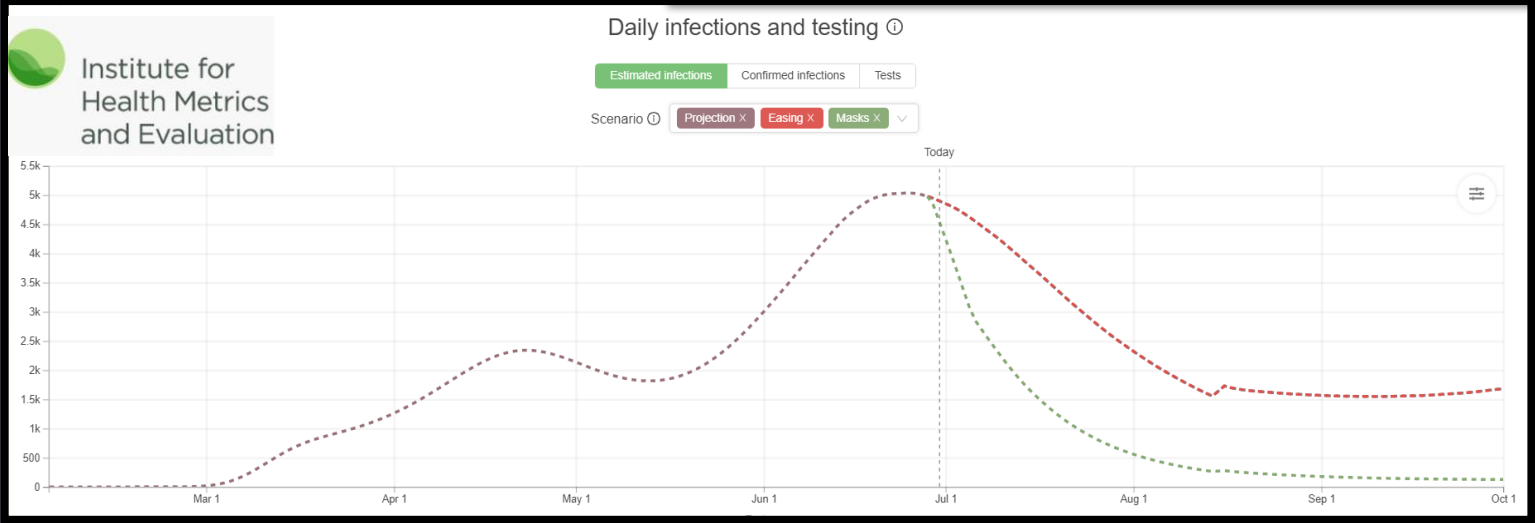
Due to the level of community transmission in Maricopa County, healthcare providers are more likely to encounter asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic patients with COVID-19. If COVID-19 is not suspected in a patient presenting for case (based on symptom and exposure history), healthcare providers should follow Standard Precautions (and Transmission-Based Precautions, if required based on the suspected diagnosis). They should also:

- **Wear a medical-grade face mask at all times** while in the healthcare facility.
- **Wear eye protection in addition to their face mask** to ensure the eyes, nose, and mouth are all protected from splashes and sprays of infectious materials from others.

Use of Personal Protective Equipment When Caring for a Patient with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

ASU Modeling Partnership

- MCDPH is working with an ASU modeling team
- ASU estimates that the increase in cases **following the expiration of the stay-at-home order was 20-25%,** and began 2 weeks after the stay-at-home order expired
- Based on current data, there is a signal that there **might be up to an 18% decrease** after the mask order went into effect (overlaps with re-closing gyms, bars, etc.)
- **Bottom line:** some good news, but we aren't sure if this will be enough to get $R_0 < 1$
- **Important note:** have not yet seen a change in hospital capacity or deaths – should expect to see a 2-3 week lag time for both measures



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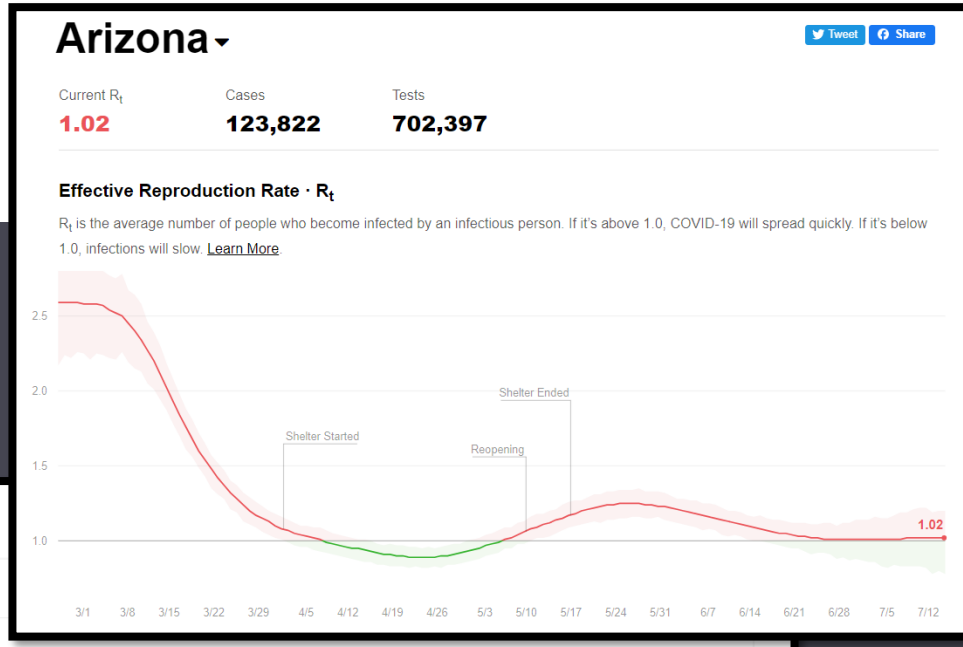

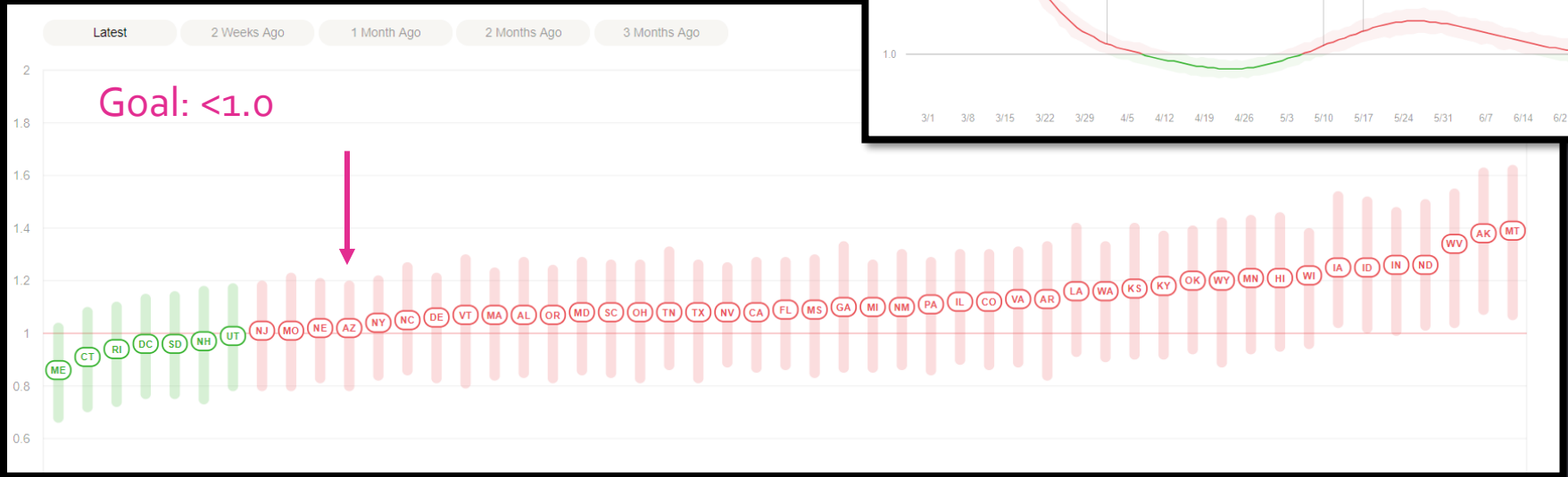

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July 9th Actions

- Issued EO 2020-47: Reduces Restaurant Capacity to less than 50%
- **ADHS is partnering with the CDC and HHS to offer** 5,000 free COVID-19 tests per day at sites in Maryvale and South Phoenix. (12 days of surge testing)
- ADHS is partnering with ASU to provide saliva-based COVID-19 testing to Arizonans. The first drive-through site was held on Saturday, July 11th.
- ADHS is also partnering with Sonora Quest Laboratories and Euroimmun/PerkinElmer to expand processing capabilities of COVID-19 diagnostic tests. Under this partnership, Sonora Quest expects to increase processing capacity to 35,000 diagnostic tests per day by the end of July, and up to 60,000 tests per day by the end of August.

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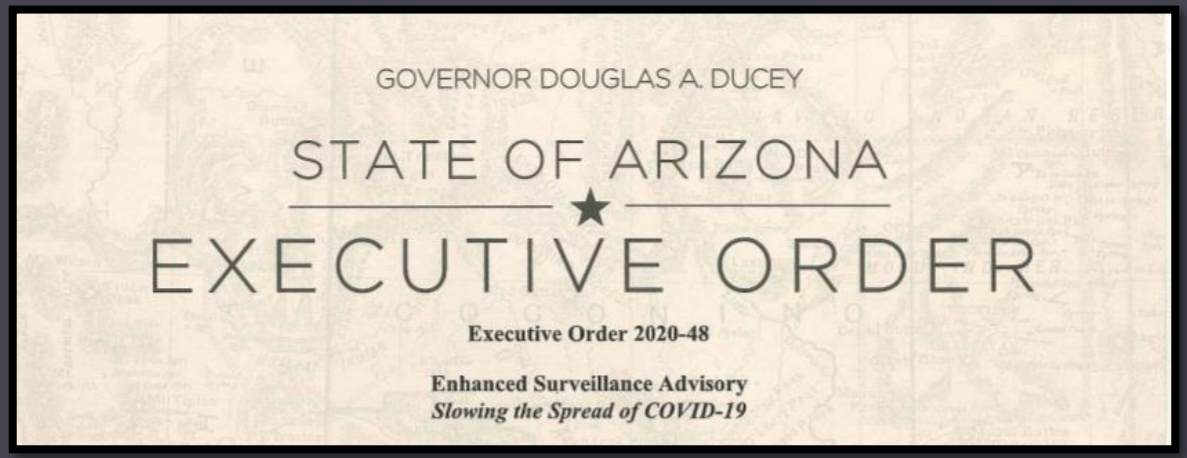
July 9th Actions

Issued EO: 2020-48 Enhanced Surveillance Advisory

- Arizona will offer support to staff up to 20% of licensed beds and nursing resources for hospitals that participate in the Arizona Surge Line. The staffing will be administered by the Arizona Surge Line and applications are currently being accepted. As part of these efforts, Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order on enhanced surveillance.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STATE OF ARIZONA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-48

Enhanced Surveillance Advisory

Slowing the Spread of COVID-19

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2. This Enhanced Surveillance Advisory supersedes reporting requirements set forth in Executive Orders 2020-13, 2020-22(4), 2020-23, 2020-30(10) and 2020-37 but all other provisions of these orders are renewed and remain in effect for the duration of this order.

3. Pursuant to the Enhanced Surveillance Advisory and A.R.S. §§ 36-782(B)(1) and (4), 36-783(A), (D) and (F), and 36-787(A), all licensed hospitals as defined in Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R9-10-101, excluding Special Hospitals only providing psychiatric services, shall report through EMResource or alternative form to the Arizona Department of Health Services every twenty-four hours:
    - A line list of all COVID-19 confirmed and suspect patients containing name, date of birth, gender, race/ethnicity, hospital admission date;
    - If they are operating in conventional, contingency, or crisis care; and
    - The number of non-essential surgeries performed per day.

4. Pursuant to the Enhanced Surveillance Advisory and A.R.S. §§ 36-782(B)(1) and (4), 36-783(A), (D) and (F), and 36-787(A), all Nursing Care Institutions as defined in A.R.S. § 36-401(34), Specialty Hospitals providing Long Term Acute Care as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101(216), Hospice Inpatient Facilities as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101(108), Behavioral Health Inpatient Facilities as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101(31), Assisted Living Centers as defined in A.R.S. § 36-401(8), Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) as defined by A.R.S. § 36-401(29) Medical Group Homes for the Individuals with Developmental Disabilities as defined by A.R.S. § 36-401(29), Home Health Agencies as defined by A.A.C. R9-10-101(104), and Recovery Care Centers as defined in A.R.S. § 36-448.51 shall report through the Post Acute Care Capacity Tracker (PACCT) or alternative form to the Arizona Department of Health Services every twenty-four hours:
    - Number of COVID-19 positive residents requiring isolation;
    - Ability to accept new COVID-19 admissions that day;
    - Current admission criteria related to COVID-19;
    - Number of beds available; and
    - Number of beds available to new admissions with active or previous COVID-19.

5. All licensed hospitals as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101, excluding Special Hospitals only providing psychiatric services, shall update their plans to ensure capability to increase their intensive care unit and medical surgical bed capacity by 50% as required by Executive Order 2020-16 by July 17, 2020 consistent with the following:
    - A.A.C. R9-10-203(C)(5);
    - A.A.C. R9-10-204(B)(1)(e);
    - A.A.C. R9-10-214(C)(4); and
    - A.A.C. R9-10-232.

6. All licensed hospitals as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101, shall develop and implement plans to ensure sufficient staffing levels to staff every licensed and proposed surge intensive care unit and medical surgical bed by July 17, 2020. Licensed hospitals shall attest to the Arizona Department of Health Services through an approved method that they meet the requirements of this section.

7. A licensed hospital as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101, excluding Special Hospitals only providing psychiatric services, shall report through EMResource or some other approved method the following to the Arizona Department of Health Services within one week of this Executive Order:
    - Number of current licensed med-surg beds;
    - Number of current licensed ICU beds;
    - Number of additional identified ICU beds pursuant to Executive Order 2020-16;
    - Number of additional identified med surg beds pursuant to Executive Order 2020-16;
    - Number of additional med-surg beds pursuant to this order; and
    - Number of additional ICU beds pursuant to this order.

8. A licensed hospital as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101 shall identify and report the name and contact information of an assigned liaison to ADHS to facilitate Quality Check(s) of EMResource data to ensure reporting that is accurate and in line with the intent of previous Executive Orders by July 13, 2020. Requests for quality checks must be accommodated with the ADHS within 72 hours of the original request. Facilities shall also allow representatives of the Arizona Department of Health Services onsite to validate reported data.

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9. All Nursing Care Institutions as defined in A.R.S. § 36-401(34), Specialty Hospitals providing Long Term Acute Care as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101(216), Hospice Inpatient Facilities as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101(108), Behavioral Health Inpatient Facilities as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101(31), Assisted Living Centers as defined in A.R.S. § 36-401(8), Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) as defined by A.R.S. § 36-401(29) Medical Group Homes for the Individuals with Developmental Disabilities as defined by A.R.S. § 36-401(29), Home Health Agencies as defined by A.A.C. R9-10-101(104), and Recovery Care Centers as defined in A.R.S. § 36-448.51 shall:
    a. Update the Post Acute Care Capacity Tracker (PACCT) for potential participation in interfacility transfer of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 outside of their healthcare system;
    b. Accept and transfer patients as directed by the Arizona Surge Line, when clinically appropriate and resources allow;
    c. Create internal protocols to complete the bed placement within thirty minutes; and
    d. Electronically update bed and ventilator status in a format and frequency specified by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

10. The Arizona Department of Health Services shall develop admission and transfer criteria to ensure the patients are safely discharged from a licensed acute care hospital as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101 and admitted or readmitted to a Nursing Care Institutions as defined in A.R.S. § 36-401(34), Specialty Hospitals providing Long Term Acute Care as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101(216), Hospice Inpatient Facilities as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101(108), Behavioral Health Inpatient Facilities as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101(31), Assisted Living Centers as defined in A.R.S. § 36-401(8), Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) as defined by A.R.S. § 36-401(29) Medical Group Homes for the Individuals with Developmental Disabilities as defined by A.R.S. § 36-401(29), Home Health Agencies as defined by A.A.C. R9-10-101(104), and Recovery Care Centers as defined in A.R.S. § 36-448.51.

11. The Arizona Department of Insurance, in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Health Services, shall require that all insurers regulated by the State cover COVID-19 transfer and treatment to and from all hospitals, healthcare institutions, or alternate care sites designated by the Arizona Department of Health Services at in-network rates without regard to whether the facility is in-network if the patient's transfer is facilitated by the Arizona Surge Line. Transfer and treatment shall be covered on the basis of admission date, and in-network coverage for treatment shall remain in place for the duration of a patient's admission facilitated by the Arizona Surge Line, including in the event that the COVID-19 Declaration of Public Health Emergency is terminated prior to patient discharge.

12. The Arizona Department of Insurance, in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Health Services, shall require that all insurers regulated by the State approve COVID-19 discharges to a post acute healthcare institution or alternate care site facilitated by the Arizona Surge Line within 24 hours of determination of transfer placement.

13. A licensed hospital as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-101 that provides pediatric services as defined in A.A.C. R9-10-201(29) shall accept admissions for patients up to 26 years of age, with the exception of labor and delivery admissions.

14. Counties, within 72 hours of notice from a healthcare institution, will appoint a Public Fiduciary to provide guardianship, conservatorship, and decedent services for vulnerable adults when no other person, agency or corporation is qualified and able to serve. The Public Fiduciary will assist with the discharge and admission of that vulnerable adult to the appropriate healthcare institution or discharge environment within 3 days.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHILE I WAIT FOR MY TEST RESULTS?

Isolate

Remain in home isolation until 10 days since your symptoms started AND 3 days after your fever is gone and your symptoms have improved.

If you have never had symptoms, you should remain in home isolation until 10 days have passed since your test was collected

Maricopa.Gov/Home IsolationGuide

Participate

Help Public Health slow the spread of COVID-19 by completing a secure form at:

Maricopa.Gov/COVIDPositive

The information you provide will help us notify contacts of exposures so they do not pass it to others.

Communicate

Notify your friends and family members who might have been exposed (starting 48 hours before your first symptoms) that you are getting tested for COVID-19.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I TEST POSITIVE?

If you provide a phone number at the time of your test, you will be contacted by Maricopa County Department of Public Health via an automated call and text message.

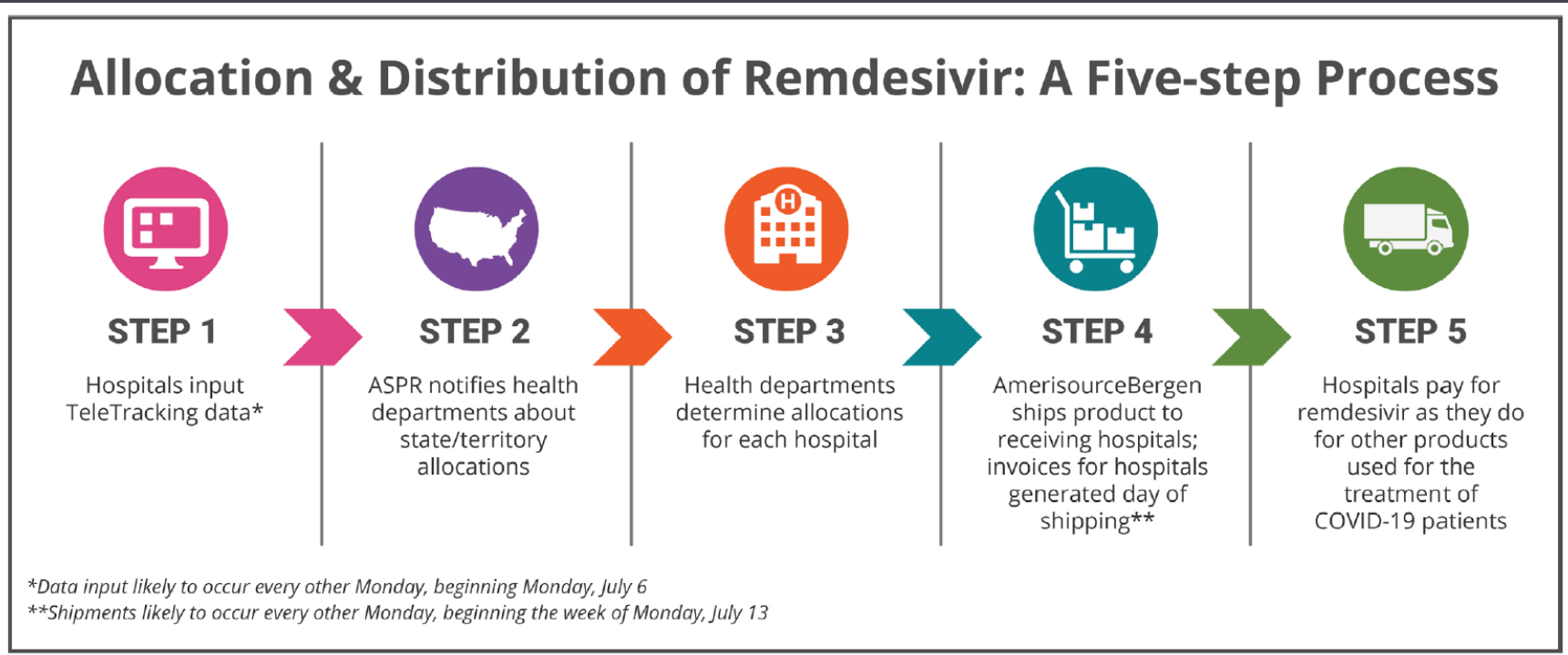
This call and text will provide you with 3 things.

- A reminder to complete the secure form that will help Public Health notify contacts and prevent spread to others
- A phone number for a hotline with medical professionals who can answer your questions
- A webpage where you can verify the text, phone number, and link are from Public Health

This call and text is the first contact you will receive from Public Health.

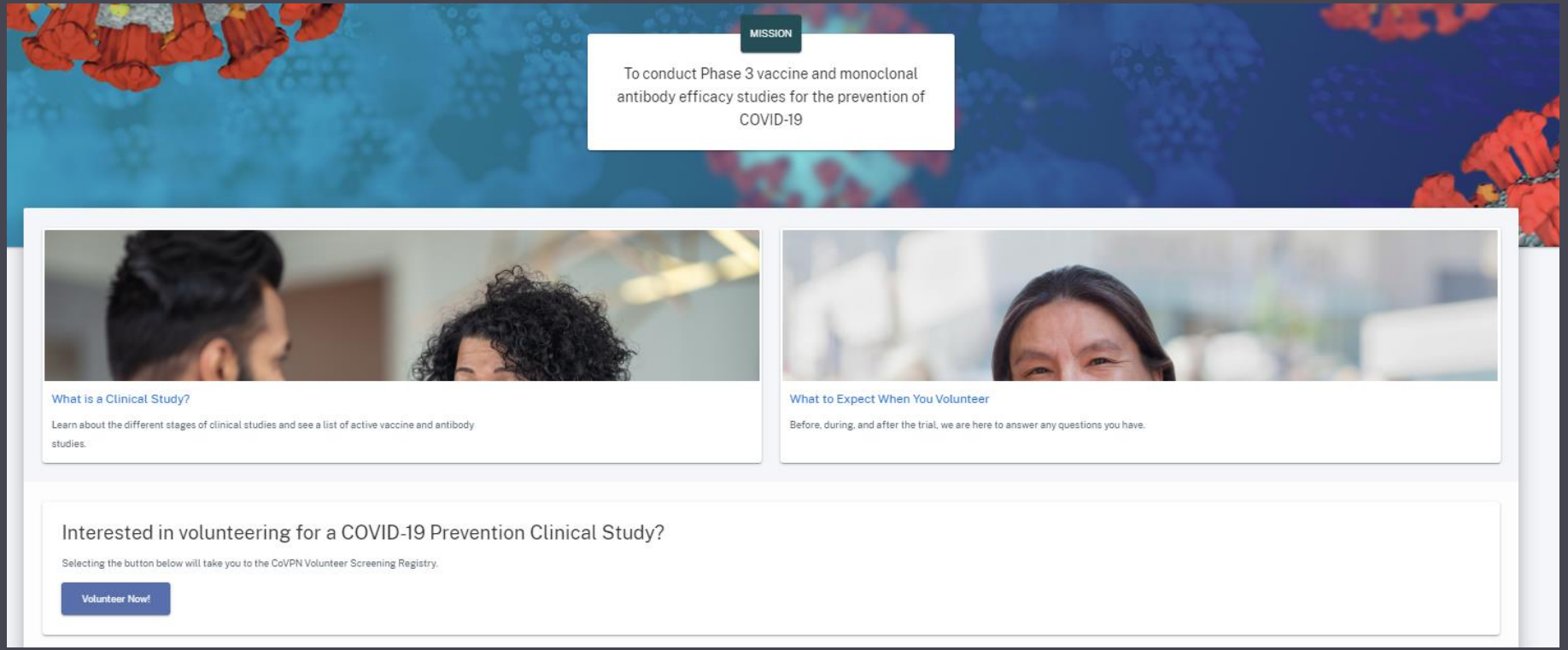
If you are identified to be at high risk for severe disease, you will also get a phone call from a Public Health investigator who will learn more about your situation, answer your questions and provide you with more information on how to take care of yourself and protect those around you.

Remdesivir Updates



COVID-19 Prevention Network

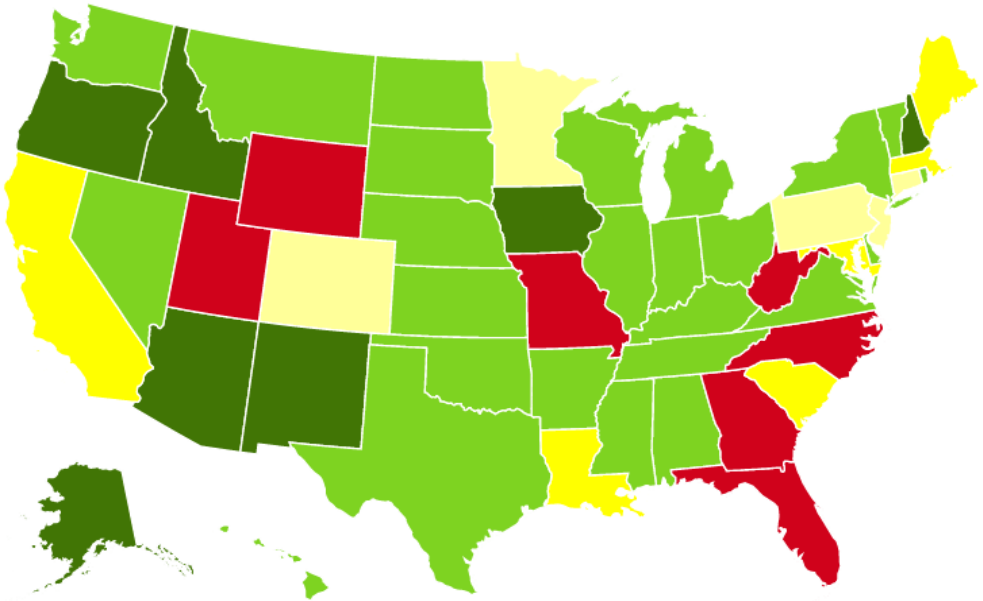
NIH launches clinical trials network to test COVID-19 vaccines and other prevention tools



Arizona Health Alert Network

- Arizona Poison Control Centers have reported an increase in the number of methanol-related poisonings from hand sanitizers by ingestion and skin exposure.
- The major toxic effects of methanol do not show until methanol is broken down in the body, which may be delayed for 12-24 hours after exposure. These effects can include: drowsiness, headache, vomiting, abdominal pain, visual disturbances, and blurred vision. Consumers who have been exposed to hand sanitizer containing methanol should seek immediate medical care.
- If a patient presents with the aforementioned symptoms and has history of exposure to alcohol-based hand sanitizers, Arizona providers should:
- Provide immediate treatment, which is critical for potential reversal of toxic effects of methanol poisoning; Immediately call the Poison Control Center at (800) 222-1222.

COVID-19 Vaccines



COVID-19 Vaccine By State

- All vaccines (silent/FDA authorized)/ State Authorized
- All vaccines (silent/FDA authorized)/ Prescriber Authorized
- All vaccines/Reference to CDC/ ACIP State Authorized
- All vaccines/Reference to CDC/ ACIP Prescriber Authorized
- Cannot administer COVID even if ACIP Without Emergency Order

Disclaimer

States who allow COVID vaccine by individual prescription only were listed as red "cannot administer." Lower ages/authority may exist if under prescribers' authority (individual prescription or protocol).

Source

NASPA review of state statutes/regulations as of 6/30/2020. Additional authority may be given under state's executive orders. We will update this map monthly.

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Live Training Webinars:

- July 17th 1pm: https://uits-arizona.zoom.us/j/93903986494?pwd=YnRvUVZ3bVRLY1U4cW8wb0NkVU1MUT09
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Note: These will be recorded and made available after the webinar

OPTUMRx®

June 23, 2020

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Pharmacy Network Update

Effective Date: July 1, 2020	
BIN: 001553	PCN: ASHLINE

Effective July 1, 2020, OptumRx will begin processing retail pharmacy claims for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System members for over the counter nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) smoking cessation products facilitated by the Arizona Smokers' Helpline (ASHLine) as approved by the State of Arizona agency.

- The ASHLine will provide the retail pharmacy with the script via fax and the retail pharmacy can submit the electronic pharmacy claim to OptumRx using the BIN and PCN ID above.
- ASHLine clients are eligible to receive a one-time per year, two-week supply of NRT include AHCCCS beneficiaries, clients with Medicare and the uninsured.
- Pregnant/postpartum clients will be eligible to receive unlimited two-week supplies of NRT but **only** during the pregnant/postpartum window (while pregnant and nine-months post-delivery).
- NRT will be provided to eligible clients in the form of gum (2 mg or 4 mg box), lozenge (2 mg or 4 mg box) or patch (7 mg, 14 mg or 21 mg box).
- Reimbursement for these products will be at the pharmacy contracted rate with OptumRx.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the OptumRx Pharmacy Help Desk at **(855)-577-6310** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

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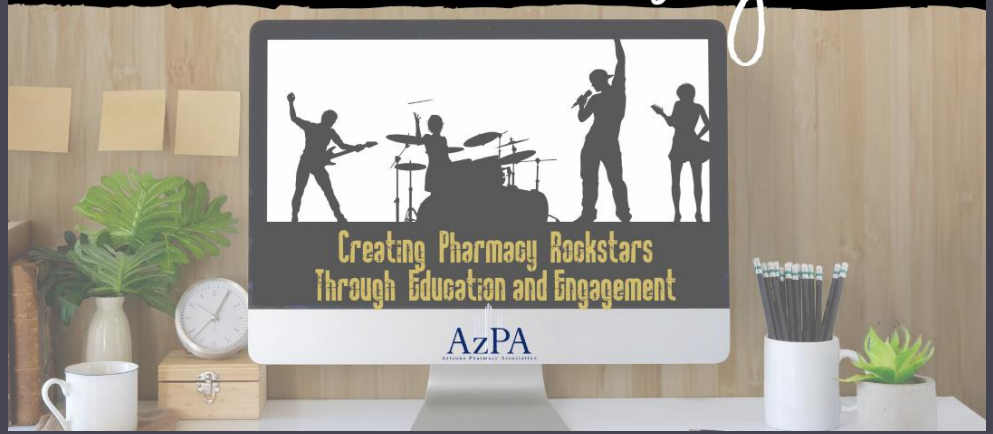

Questions?