

Coronavirus Weekly Staff Digest
Webinar Agenda | May 15, 2020

- I. Case Update [Monty]
 - a. 35,390 cases reported in Texas, across 217/254 counties; 455,162 tests; 973 deaths
 - b. For Texas case updates: [CASE DASHBOARD](#) from dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus
- II. DSHS Update [Monty, Miquela]
 - a. Question posed this week: *If we have effectively flattened the curve and increased healthcare system capacity, why not be more lenient with NPI and social distancing strategies?*
- III. Agency Update [Angela, Blair]
- IV. Role Update [Miquela, Mark]
 - a. NPI Tips of the Week
 - **Handwashing:** We touch our faces, a lot. Researchers videotaped office workers for 3 hours, finding an average of 16 touches of eyes, nostrils or lips per hour. Another study found that people rub their eyes or pick their nose at least once every 3 hours.
 - [Black Light Experiment Shows How Quickly COVID-19 Can Spread \[Youtube\]](#)
 - **Cloth Masks:** *When wear?* In community settings, especially in situations where you might be near people (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).
 - [CDC Important Information about Cloth Face Coverings](#)
- V. Evidence-Based Practice Update [Mark, Miquela]
 - a. [MMWR Report](#) (May 12, 2020): High SARS-CoV-2 Attack Rate Following Exposure at a Choir Practice — Skagit County, Washington, March 2020
 - “This outbreak of COVID-19 with a high secondary attack rate indicates that SARS-CoV-2 might be highly transmissible in certain settings, including group singing events. This underscores the importance of physical distancing, including maintaining at least 6 feet between persons, avoiding group gatherings and crowded places, and wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain during this pandemic. The choir mitigated further spread by quickly communicating to its members and notifying SCPH of a cluster of cases on March 18.”



- b. [MMWR Report](#) (May 15, 2020): COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities — United States, February–April 2020
 - “Correctional and detention facilities face challenges in controlling the spread of infectious diseases because of crowded, shared environments and potential introductions by staff members and new intakes.
 - “Among 37 jurisdictions reporting, 32 (86%) reported at least one confirmed COVID-19 case among incarcerated or detained persons or staff members, across 420 correctional and detention facilities. “[4,893 cases, 88 deaths]
- Implications? Prompt identification of persons with COVID-19 and consistent application of prevention measures within correctional and detention facilities are critical to protecting incarcerated or detained persons, staff members, and the communities to which they return.

- c. CDC: Updated information about burden of COVID-19 among children [[LINK](#)]
- d. FDA Updates:
 - [Emergency use authorization \(EUA\) issued for a COVID-19 antigen test](#) (May 9, 2020) – Point-of-care testing
 - Antigen tests are not as sensitive as PCR tests, and susceptible to a greater number of false negatives.
 - [News release](#) informing public about accuracy concerns with Abbott ID NOW Point-of-Care test (May 14, 2020)
 - [News release](#) about combating fraudulent COVID-19 medical products (May 7, 2020)



- VI. Trainings/Development [Miquela]
 - a. The Mental Health Technology Transfer Network’s page [Pandemic Response Resources](#)
 - Training: [Compassion Fatigue: Additional Risks while Serving Vulnerable Populations Training](#) on May 19, 1:00pm CST

- VII. DAR Updates/Medical Supply Delivery [Rachel Bauer]

- VIII. Resource Updates [All]
 - a. [Texas EDEN](#) | Recordings of all meeting are online
 - b. Fact Sheet for Food Drive and Food Pantries
 - c. Texas HHSC – No-Cost virtual support groups for front line workers in Texas (see flyer)
 - d. [Provisional COVID-19 Death Counts by Sex, Age, and State \[NCHS\]](#)

- IX. Q&A, Discussion

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