

Coronavirus Weekly Staff Digest
Webinar Agenda | May 22, 2020 (Week 11)

- I. Case Update [Monty]
 - a. 52,268 cases reported in Texas, across 225/254 counties; 800,433 tests; 1,440 deaths
 - b. For Texas case updates: [CASE DASHBOARD](#) from dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus

- II. DSHS Update [Monty, Joyce]
 - a. Comments about Emergency Department Use: *Mental health related events examined by CDC using real-time surveillance found an overall decrease in ED use since beginning of the year for all causes; however, there was an increase in mental health related ED visits (e.g. non-fatal suicide attempts and opioids overdoses).*

- III. Agency Update [Angela, Blair]

- IV. Role Update [Mark, Joyce]
 - a. NPI Tips of the Week
 - Surfaces: CDC update to SARS-CoV-2 transmission on objects as ‘does not spread easily,’ but still possible [\[LINK\]](#)
 - Cloth Masks: Cloth masks are largely ineffective in close range (<12 inches or so), especially when coughing or sneezing, while more research is needed for other distances. *"That's why public health officials are warning people to remain at least 6 feet apart from one another, even if they are wearing masks. In other words, homemade masks are likely to be just a small piece of the puzzle for controlling the COVID-19 pandemic."* [\[LINK\]](#)
 - Gloves: When to wear gloves [\[CDC LINK\]](#)

- V. Evidence-Based Practice Update [Mark]
 - a. Obesity: "...obesity strongly impacts the severity of COVID-19." But, more to learn. [\[LINK\]](#)
 - b. Diabetes: 7,337 COVID-19 patients with or without diabetes was retrospectively studied [\[LINK\]](#)
 - Diabetes status increased the need for medical interventions during COVID-19
 - Diabetes status increased the mortality risk of patients with COVID-19
 - Well-controlled blood glucose correlated with improved outcomes in infected patients
 - c. [MMWR Report](#) (May 19, 2020): High COVID-19 Attack Rate Among Attendees at Events at a Church — Arkansas, March 2020
 - Primary Cases: 2 symptomatic people (pastor and wife) attended children events at church March 6-8, later tested positive for COVID-19
 - Church Cases: 35/92 attendees acquired COVID-19, 7 hospitalized, 3 deaths
 - Note: Only one case appeared to come from a Bible study occurring at same time
 - Community Cases: With contact tracing, 26 additional cases (1 death) from contact with church cases
 - "...six of the seven hospitalized persons and all three deaths occurred in persons aged ≥ 65 years, consistent with other [U.S. data](#) indicating a higher risk for COVID-19-associated hospitalization and death among persons aged ≥ 65 years"
 - In Texas, analyzed deaths: 71% are ≥ 65 years (40% are ≥ 80 years)

- VI. Trainings/Development [Joyce]
 - a. TAMU School of Public health presents a free video series ‘COVID-19 Conversations’ premiering on May 28, 2020 from 12pm-1pm, aimed at helping our community better understand the background and details for the COVID-19 pandemic and public health response. [\[RSVP\]](#)

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

VIII. Resource Updates [Joyce]

- a. [Texas EDEN](#) | Recordings of all meeting are online
- b. Fact Sheet for Food Drive and Food Pantries
- c. Operation Face Mask
- d. CDC: Considerations for Institutes of Higher Education [[LINK](#)]
- e. New information related to Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C):
 - [CDC Health Alert](#) (5/14/20)
 - [Information for parents](#)
 - [Recorded CDC COCA webinar](#) (geared toward clinicians) (5/19/20)
- f. Two workshops by National Council for Behavioral Health
 - **Workshop #2: Self-care and Promoting Post-traumatic Growth and Management During COVID-19.** This workshop provides different strategies you can use to manage the impact of anxiety and worry on yourself and techniques to implement to enhance self-care during active crisis. Select from one of the two options:
[Tuesday, May 26; 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. ET](#) or [Thursday, May 28; 3 – 4:30 p.m. ET](#)
- g. [SAMHSA upcoming trainings](#)
- h. [CDC EPIC Training: 2020 Hurricane Season During COVID-19](#) – **Wednesday, May 27, at 1 p.m. ET**

IX. Q&A, Discussion

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‘Coronavirus Communication and Resources for Employees’