

Coronavirus Weekly Staff Digest
Webinar Agenda | June 5, 2020 (Week 13)

I. Case Update [Monty]

- a. 69,920 cases reported in Texas, across 232/254 counties; 1.7 million tests; 1,767 deaths
- b. For Texas case updates: [CASE DASHBOARD](#) from dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus

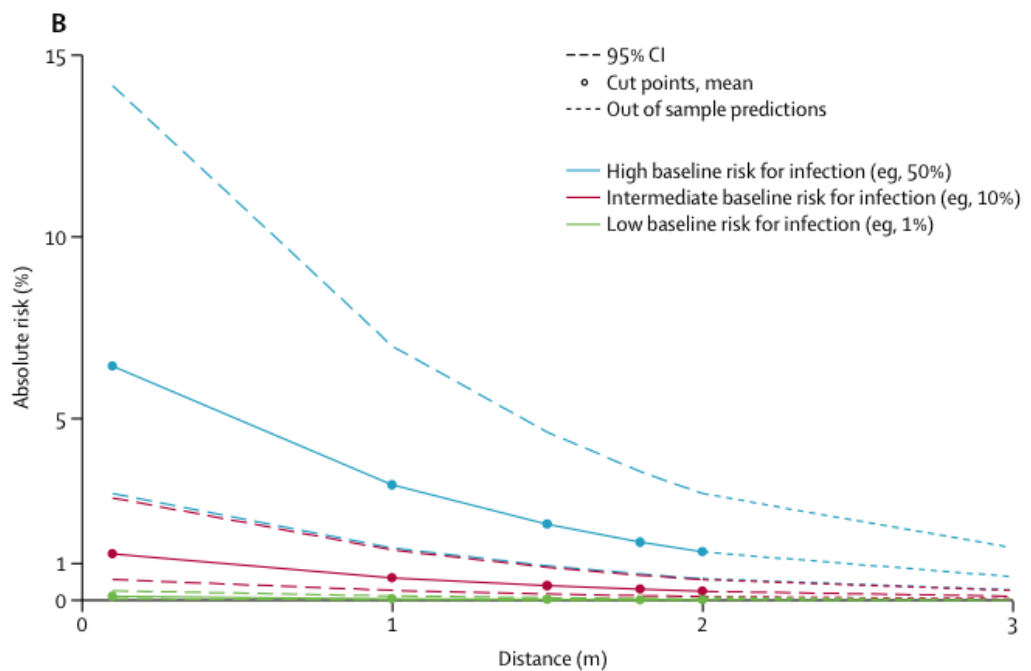
II. DSHS Update [Monty, Miquela]

- a. Office of The Governor. Phase III to open Texas:
 - Effective June 3: All businesses currently operating at 25% capacity can expand their occupancy to 50% with certain exceptions; Bars and similar establishments may increase their capacity to 50% as long as patrons are seated; Amusement parks and carnivals in counties with less than 1,000 confirmed positive cases may open at 50% capacity; Restaurants may expand their maximum table size from 6 to 10 persons.
 - Effective June 12: Restaurants may expand their occupancy levels to 75%. Counties with 10 or less active COVID-19 cases may expand their occupancy limits to 75%.
 - Effective June 19: Amusement parks and carnivals in counties with more than 1,000 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 may open at 50% capacity.
- b. HHSC extends emergency SNAP benefits during COVID-19 pandemic (Renda Nelson)

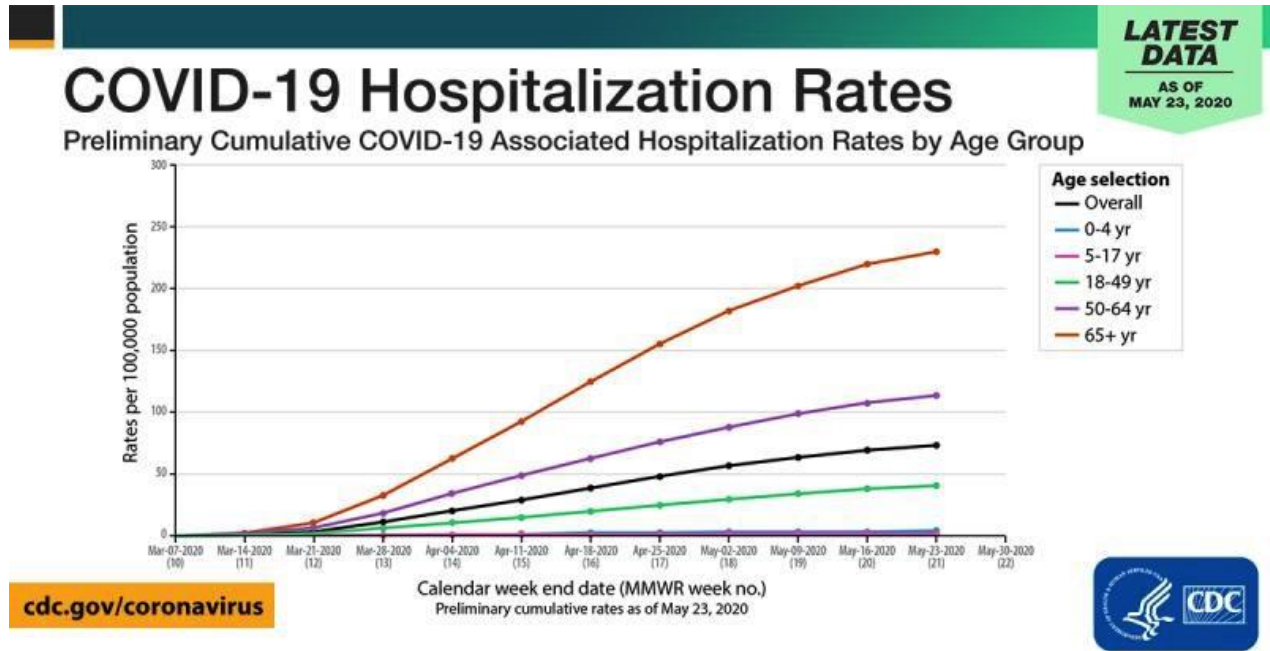
III. Agency Update [Angela, Blair]

IV. Evidence-Based Practice Update [Mark, Miquela]

- a. [A Randomized Trial of Hydroxychloroquine as Postexposure Prophylaxis for COVID-19](#). New England Journal of Medicine.
 - The incidence of COVID-19 compatible illness did not differ significantly between participants receiving hydroxychloroquine and those receiving placebo.
- b. [Review](#): (June 1, 2020). Physical distancing, face masks, and eye protection to prevent person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19: A systematic review and meta-analysis.
 - Observational studies, no randomized control trials
 - Physical distancing of 3 feet or more was associated with a much lower risk of infection, as was use of face masks (N95 respirators, surgical or similar) and eye protection.



- c. *Perspective:* (June 1, 2020). Airborne Spread of SARS-CoV-2 and a Potential Role for Air Disinfection — JAMA
 - Case made for role of respiratory aerosol in spread of the novel coronavirus (e.g., a room filled from people talking, coughing, sneezing) not just droplets, and potential opportunity for ultraviolet radiation (UV) to disinfect rooms — not confirmed data on UV yet.
- d. *Flashback Friday:* The ‘infection fatality rate’ could be as low as 0.02% [LINK], which is why you will likely begin to see more risk stratification models, that allow for more normal life to resume in those who are low-risk of complications from infection, while focusing on protecting those who are at high-risk of complications.
- e. COVID-19 Hospitalization Rates: [AT-RISK POPULATIONS](#)



- V. Role Update [Miquela, Mark]
 - a. Know: (1) at-risk populations and risk stratification, (2) infection vs. complications/fatality
- VI. Trainings/Development [Miquela, Mark]
 - a. CDC: The Science of Social Distancing (Part 1) [LINK] and (Part 2) [LINK]
- VII. DAR Updates/Medical Supply Delivery [Rachel Bauer]
- VIII. Resource Updates [Joyce]
 - a. Food Drive Update
 - b. Operation Face Mask Update
- IX. Q&A, Discussion

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