

# Welcome to the PPJS COVID – 19 Juvenile Service Check In May 12, 2020

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## Developing a Plan



Governor's Plan to Reopen Pennsylvania

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/>

Gov. Wolf has extended the stay-at-home order for counties in the red phase through June 4. The first wave of counties in the northwest and north central regions moved to the yellow phase on May 8: Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Venango, and Warren, and another 13 counties Allegheny, Armstrong, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland are scheduled to move on May 15.

Throughout this process, the administration will have guidance in place to support best public health practices. This guidance will reinforce and build on existing worker and building safety orders.

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For those in the **red phase**, the Governor's orders address strict social distancing, non-life sustaining business and school closures, and building safety protocols.

[DHS Universal Masking of Healthcare Workers and Staff in Congregate Care Settings](#)

For those in the **Yellow phase**, Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions include: Telework where feasible, apply worker and building safety orders, Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions remain in place, continue to follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning.

When time to move to the **Green phase**: All Businesses Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines.

CDC Guidance:

[Interim Guidance on Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Correctional and Detention Facilities](#)

Community-based Services:

[CDC Steps to stay safe in the community](#)

## Family First Implementation



The Governor's office announced that approval was received from the United States Department of Health & Human Services' Administration for Children and Families' to delay opting into full implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act until July 1, 2021.

### **Services For Youth:**

ASERT is still conducting our free autism training via live webinar. Here is the new website created especially for this time for individuals with autism and ID <https://aidinpa.org/>



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Communications with youth, staff, stakeholders:

Do you have adequate access to posters, informational handouts, etc to reinforce the need for ongoing care?

New COVID-19 Educational Materials Include:

[CDC Printable resources for communities/staff](#)

- [How to Safely Put On PPE Video](#)
- [How To Safely Take Off PPE Video](#)
- [How to Put On and Take Off PPE Fact Sheet](#)
- [How to Put On and Take Off PPE Poster](#)
- [PPE Illustrations](#)

## Fingerprinting Updates



Future mobile locations pending finalization of site details: State College (Bellfonte Tues 19<sup>th</sup>), Scranton, Somerset, Allegheny and return to Franklin County.

Potentially one more site to be determined.

DHS has shared this [map](#) that shows the fingerprinting sites across the commonwealth. Please call before visiting any of these sites to ensure they are open for regular business hours.

## Fingerprinting Updates



New legislation formerly [HB 360](#) now ACT 18 now allows temporary fingerprinting flexibility where Identigo sites are not available. DHS is developing a Guidance Document.

Note Limitations:

Existing Employees – Have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> to get fingerprints for those whose checks expire since March 2020. Still need PSP and Child Abuse Checks completed.

For new employees, if you have not been a resident in PA within the past 10 years, you must also provide Child Abuse clearances from prior states of residence. New hires also sign disclosure statement (attestation form).

New hires have til Dec 31<sup>st</sup> or 60 days from end date of state of emergency (when Gov declares state of emergency is declared over for state) to get fingerprinting done. Must still make reasonable efforts to complete checks at your local Identigo site if it is open.

FAQ's will be posted.

## Testing, Testing, 1 2 3



DOH Sec. Levine stressed that testing capacity is “critical in successfully moving from the red to yellow phase” and that testing will continue to focus on symptomatic individuals.

Two kinds of tests are available for COVID-19: [viral tests](#) and [antibody tests](#).

- A viral test tells you if you have a current infection.
- An antibody test tells you if you had a previous infection

An antibody test may not be able to show if you have a current infection, because it can take 1-3 weeks after infection to make antibodies. We do not know yet if having antibodies to the virus can protect someone from getting infected with the virus again, or how long that protection might last.

Most recent reports indicate that reliability of antibody tests varies.

In mid-April, the FDA granted emergency approval for a saliva-based test.

The time from exposure to symptom onset (known as the incubation period) is thought to be three to 14 days, though symptoms typically appear within four or five days after exposure.

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We know that a person with COVID-19 may be contagious 48 to 72 hours before starting to experience symptoms. Emerging research suggests that people may actually be most likely to spread the virus to others during the 48 hours before they start to experience symptoms.

Most people with coronavirus who have symptoms will no longer be contagious by 10 days after symptoms resolve. People who test positive for the virus but never develop symptoms over the following 10 days after testing are probably no longer contagious, but again there are documented exceptions. So some experts are still recommending 14 days of isolation.

## Dental, Vision, Hearing and Physical Appointments



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Ninety (90) days from the date Governor's restrictions lifted, Dental, Vision, Hearing and Physical expectations will need to be met.

DHS must yet determine at what "phase" restrictions are considered lifted.

DOH released guidelines for dental offices on May 8.

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Guidance%20on%20COVID-19%20for%20Dental%20Health%20Care%20Personnel%20in%20Pennsylvania.pdf>

### Key Points:

Each dental provider should apply their clinical judgment along with their knowledge of the incidences of COVID-19 cases in their area, the needs of their patients and staff, and the availability of necessary supplies to assess whether to re-engage in the provision of non-urgent and nonemergent dental care.

Dental Providers **may** perform non-aerosolizing, non-urgent and non-emergent care only if proper PPE, per OSHA guidance, is available for all dental care practitioners, including dental hygienists.

## Best Practices: Staff Training



Virtual staff training resources and independent study may be more relied upon.

Resources:

**Preparing for Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Influenza:  
Free Online Training & Resources from RELIAS**

- [How to Prepare for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Influenza: Training & Resources](#)

Agencies may consider reading assignments, video learning, etc. to continue educating staff and residents.

## Court Relations



Supreme Court – extends general statewide declaration of judicial emergency through June 1, 2020. Beginning May 4, PA Courts shall be open to conduct court business, However, all In-Person access and proceedings shall be strictly limited.

Juvenile Court Judges' Commission

Courts may be interested in data: referrals, reviews, releases, etc

JCJC is interested in disclosure of when individuals (youth and staff) have tested positive.

Caring for the sick within your program.



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Some applicable tips for caring for positive youth in your custody.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>

Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Children-and-Youth-with-Special-Healthcare-Needs>

## PCCD Assessment of Need



PCCD has distributed an assessment to providers/justice related agencies across the state. This is to assess immediate need related to COVID-19 so that it can help inform how we allocate the resources/funding as quickly as possible. Here is the link:

<https://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/Pages/Coronavirus-Emergency-Relief-Fund-Survey.aspx>

## Communications Plan



PPJS Members are currently working on a Guidance Document that will be distributed globally to referral and oversight agencies to provide a unified voice regarding safety protocols for those wanting access to youth in programs.

The National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS) is also working on a Position Statement regarding the long-term implications of decision-making based on current the current pandemic.

## Q and Sometimes A



While this continues to be an evolving process for all, we stand ready to help the field to the best of our ability.

If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact Wayne Bear, PPJS Executive Director

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