Puerto Rico Department of Health
COVID-19 Puerto Rico Public Health Emergency
Senior Leadership Brief

As of 21 MAY 2020 (1900 AST)

Current Situation:
Puerto Rico Government is responding to an outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus. The outbreak first started in Wuhan, China, but cases have been identified in a growing number of other locations internationally. The WHO declared a COVID-19 pandemic on March 11, 2020. The first case of COVID-19 in Puerto Rico was notified on March 13, 2020. Puerto Rico Governor declared a state of emergency and activated the National Guard. On May 1, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-038 stating an extension to the lockdown and curfew until May 25, 2020. The curfew decreed by the Governor stays from 1900 to 0500.

Some outdoor physical activities are allowed from 0500 to 1400. The closure of some sectors was extended until May 25, 2020. Some exceptions are related to: Health and dental services, food chain, gas stations and providers, financial institutions, organizations or groups that provide services to vulnerable persons, auto repair and part stores, hardware stores, textile businesses with laborers correlated to the emergency, laundries and laundromats, official vehicle inspection centers, among others.

LIFELINES

Medical Care
- Hospitals remain operational: 100%
- Current licensed beds: 9,800
- COVID-19 patients hospitalized: 114 (▲ 4)
- COVID-19 patients in ICU: 13 (▼ NC)
- COVID-19 patients on ventilator: 7 (▲ 2)
- Deployed resources: Mobile field hospitals (22); ISO shelters (5); Decon shelters (4) and Mass casualty shelters (3).
- Dialysis
  - Dialysis clinics remain operational: 100%
- Patient Movement
  - “Llame y Viaje” buses available for dialysis patients and other healthcare related needs: 10 (As of 5/02/2020)

Public Health
- Laboratory (As of 5/21/2020, 0700)
  - Unique positive cases: 2,913 (▲ 47)
  - Molecular tests: 1,213 (▲ 7)
  - Serological tests: 1,700 (▲ 40)
- Behavioral Health (As of 5/21/2020, 1000)
  - PAS hotline attendance calls: 34,596 (▲ 887)
  - Chat interventions: 21,843 (▲ 572)
  - First responders attended: 6,397 (▲ 273)
  - Individuals attended in isolation/quarantine: 5,058 (▲ 88)
- Medical Supply Chain
  - 31 industries were approved to manufacture surgical masks and other needed PPE.
  - Rapid test delivered: 145,800
  - Swabs and saline delivered: 6,400
  - Ventilators ordered: 380; Ventilators received: 25
- Strategic National Stockpile (As of 5/15/2020)
  - Surgical gloves delivered: 261,400
  - Face shields delivered: 60,492
  - Surgical gowns delivered: 44,686
  - N95 respirators delivered: 294,120
  - Procedure Mask/Yellow delivered: 269,500
  - Coveralls: 204

Fatality Management
- Fatalities: 126 (▲ 1)
- Morgue spaces available: 251/299 (84%)

Incident Summary

Declarations

Activations: PREMB Level: EOC stand by level 3 observations.
Incident Period: 3/08/2020 and continuing.
COVID-19 Puerto Rico Unified Command
- Governor: Hon. Wanda Vázquez Garced; Gov. Wide Coord: Hon. Elmer L. Román (PRDS); Incident Manager: Dr. Lorenzo González (PRDoH); State Coordinating Officer: Pedro Janer (DPS); Commissioner: Gen. José Burgos (PREMB); Federal Coordinating Officer: Alex Amaparo (FEMA).
- Disaster Finances
  - Special Memorandum #005-2020.

Law Enforcement/Security (As of 5/21/2020, 1800)
- Police Officers: 2,939
- Deployed at airports: 34
- Curfew Related Interventions
  - Reported: 1,999; Arrested: 823

Government Service
- Active EOCs: PRDoH (Virtual) and PREMB

Government Offices
- Dept. of Family PAN requests: 110,450 (As of 5/15/2020, 1400)
- COVID-19 hotline clinical orientations (May): 2,194 (▲ 78)
- Dept. of Labor unemployment benefits requests: 238,934 (Since 3/16/2020)
- PROSHA complaints/orientations COVID-19 related: 942
- Dept. of Agriculture vans inspections: 2 eggs, 1 poultry meat, 11 agricultural products. (As of 5/21/2020, 1425)
- Aqueducts and Sewers Auth.: 99.64% customers with service
- Electric Power Authority: 99% customers with service
- 311 calls: 43 (▲ NC)
- Dept. of Education website: 7,000,000 visits (Since 3/13/2020)

Mass Transit
- Tren Urbano, AMA and Metrobus services were canceled.

Aviation (As of 5/20/2020, 1100)
- Traveler screening conducted at airports and ports (LMM Int., Isla Grande, and Ceiba): 109,255 (▲ 4,181)
- Fever Early Detection System installed at LMM Intl. Airport.

Maritime
- All Cruise ship visits to Puerto Rico were canceled.

Alerts, Warnings, and Messages
- Emergency Alert System activated for curfew reminder.
- 911 and Dispatch

Financial Services

Food
- No supply chain problems have been reported.
- Meals served by Dept. of Education: 624,629 (As of 5/20/2020)

Water Shelter
- In process quarantine and/or isolation shelters for homeless population and travelers.

Agriculture

Prepared by PRDoH Operations Center – Planning Section (5/21/2020, 1900)
**Priorities:** Case investigation and contact tracing; Timely collection and analysis of epi data from lab-positive cases; Risk Communication; Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy regarding medical services; Coordinate efforts to manage mortuary affairs regarding COVID-19. Conduct assessment of mortuary resources in the island for fatality management.

**Key Partners:** HHS, CDC, FEMA.

### Component | Sub-Components | Critical Activities
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**Hospitals**
- Hospitals census is being closely monitored daily, including COVID-19 occupied.
- **Alternative Care Facilities**
- **VA Health System**
  - All VA Caribbean Healthcare System (VACHS) facilitates are operational and conducting comprehensive screening to all Veterans and staff who present with symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath who meet the CDC criteria for evaluation of COVID-19 infection. A Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) Mental Health Clinic has been deployed to provide service to Veterans. The mobile unit is located in the San Juan VA Medical Center Outpatient Building. There are sufficient supplies on hand including personal protective equipment (PPE) for all Veterans & employees to ensure safe delivery of care. VA Incident Management Team continue activated, with virtual operations, tactical and planning meetings.

- “Llame y Viaje” buses are available from Monday to Saturday for dialysis patients and other healthcare related needs. All passengers must wear masks and sit according to social distance.

- **Puerto Rico Medical Emergencies Bureau**
  - Total cases attended: 473 (452 suspected, 21 confirmed). Total ambulances available: 99

- **Ambulance Availability**
  - Type I: 19 (Private), 2 (Municipality)
  - Type II: 504 (Private), 114 (Municipality)
  - Type III: 188 (Private), 62 (Municipality), 100 (State)
  - Type IV: 3 (Private)

- **Laboratory**
  - ID NOW Instruments delivered to healthcare facilities: 15/15 (1 Hosp. La Concepción, 1 Hosp. Buen Samaritano, 1 HURRA, 1 Forensic Sciences Bureau, 2 ASEM, 8 PRDoH Public Health Lab, 1 Med Centro Ponce)

- **Behavioral Health**
  - Psychosocial interventions are being conducted by ASSMCA in three different modalities: chat interventions, hotline calls and in-person interventions.

- **Risk Communication**
  - COVID-19 Train the Trainers and Seminars: 709 (▲NC)
  - COVID-19 hotline clinical orientations: April (10,390); March (15,697).

- **Fatalities**
  - 87 post-mortem samples referred to PRDoH Public Health Laboratory: 4 samples associated to COVID-19, 81 negative, 2 invalid, no awaiting results.
  - PRDoH COVID-19 Surveillance System confirmed deaths: 66; Puerto Rico Demographic Registry confirmed COVID-19 deaths: 66. The deaths reported by the Demographic Registry follow the guidelines for death count due to COVID-19 disease established by the NCHS of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

- **Fatality Management**
  - 380 ventilators ordered; 25 received.
  - Personal protective equipment is being distributed around the island through SNS to essential partners and at different healthcare facilities (Hospitals, CDTs, 330). On May 12, PRDoH received from HHS the antiviral drug remdesivir for hospitalized patients with COVID-19.
  - Distribution of donations of Isopropyl alcohol is being coordinated through PREMB to supply Hospitals, CDTs, Homes, laboratories and other healthcare facilities. 12,000 face masks non woven polypropylene provided by NMEAD were delivered to ASSMCA; 4,500 swabs for sampling received as part of the White House, HHS and CDC Testing Plan were delivered to Laboratorio Clínico Toledo in Arecibo.

- **Coordinating efforts at all PR pre-identified airports**
- **Sample transportation and analysis**
- **Discuss fatality management plan with stakeholders**
- **Personal protective equipment for ASSMCA staff assigned to the airport.**

- **Personal protective equipment for staff.**
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PUERTO RICO COVID-19 BY NUMBERS Source: Puerto Rico Department of Health (As of 5/21/2020, 0700)

Unique Positive Cases, Mar. 9 – May 20 (n=2,913)

Testing Summary, Mar. 12 – May 20

Total 2,913 unique positive cases

Molecular test
Serological test

Unique Positive Cases by Age in PR, Mar. 12 – May 20
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**HOSPITAL SURGE CAPACITY** Source: Puerto Rico Department of Health (As of 5/21/2020)

This report includes data based on the information provided by hospitals in Puerto Rico. The data does not include rehabilitation, correctional and psychiatric hospitals; VA Caribbean Healthcare System; and, Vieques and Culebra municipalities’ health centers. The numbers related to COVID-19 occupied and/or in use ICU beds and ventilators are already included in the total occupied (these are not additional numbers). The information regarding census and availability is based on active beds at each hospital. These beds are reported by hospitals based on the available equipment and personnel to manage these operations. These numbers can change daily based on the hospital decisions and available resources.

**PUERTO RICO COVID-19 DEATH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM** Source: Puerto Rico Department of Health (As of 5/20/2020, 0700)

- **Confirmed Deaths by Age**
- **Confirmed Deaths by Sex**
- **Confirmed Deaths by Setting**
- **Confirmed Deaths by Source**