

Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly Meeting
July 15, 2020
12-1 pm via Zoom
Minutes

Facilitated by: **Angel Romero**

Topic	Major discussion points	Action steps and responsible parties
Welcome <i>Angel Romero</i>	<p>Angel welcomed everyone to the first Partnership Quarterly since January 2020. This is the first Quarterly meeting taking place on Zoom.</p>	
COVID-19 Update <i>Rod Jenkins, Public Health Director, Durham County Department of Public Health</i> <i>Tara Blackley, Deputy Health Director, Durham County Department of Public Health</i>	<p>Rod Jenkins thanked Partnership members for their work in the community. He stated the Partnership is award winning and the envy of health departments across the state.</p> <p>The first North Carolina COVID case was January 22 and it has been non-stop ever since. The Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) is doing well in terms of response. There is a robust team of committed public health professionals working tirelessly and doing a great job.</p> <p>DCoDPH shares COVID data on a regular basis with elected officials and the Durham Public Schools Board. On Monday, July 13, there were 4651 total cases. There were 519 active cases as of the morning of July 15. Inactive cases are thought to be recovered from COVID and 4131 individuals have been discharged. Durham County has 72 deaths. The majority of deaths have been those who were high risk, over 65, had comorbidities and were hospitalized for a length of time due to COVID. Of the deaths, 15 did not fit that profile.</p> <p>Outside of supportive therapies, there is no cure for COVID. The 7-day average was 64 in the previous week; this number was low as 59 in late June. The 7-day average indicates prevalence. Since July 1, to July 13, there have been 857 new cases. The NC trajectory of cases is increasing.</p>	<p>Marissa Mortiboy will send out the completed survey result reports to the full Partnership.</p> <p>Marissa will send unanswered questions to Rod and Tara for responses. Marissa will send the responses out to the full Partnership.</p> <p>Charlene Reiss will find and share labor trafficking resources with health department contact tracers.</p>

An uptick in Latinx cases began in late April. DCoDPH started strategizing with partners to address COVID disparities in the Latinx community. Latinx cases in July represent 50% of all cases, but 14% of the Durham County population. In May/early June, Latinx made 78% of all cases. Credit for the numbers decreasing in the Latinx communities goes to DCoDPH partners.

DCoDPH staff combed through medical records for race and ethnicity data. Once Durham County crossed the threshold of 500 cases, the decision was made to share data publicly.

Durham County continues to work with that State on response and follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) guidelines. Rod stated that a county of more than 300,000 with less than 1000 deaths is remarkable. This is due to partnerships and work with elected officials. DCoDPH is working with businesses to enforce the latest stay at home in order to be able to reopen successfully.

COVID-19 is serious. Our response and behaviors are the only things we have to protect our families. Rod stated he is concerned about children. On July 14, Governor Cooper recommended a hybrid in-person and online activities for the school year. If people are not doing the 3 Ws (wearing a mask, frequent hand washing and waiting 6 feet apart) when in public and being public health champions, we can't expect things to change. We have to make sure we're modeling those behaviors right now.

Durham County COVID data is published on the data hub at <https://durhampublichealth-durhamnc.hub.arcgis.com/>. Tara Blackley shared the features of the data hub which includes information on demographics of cases, occupations, industries most impacted, weekly data reflections, data infographics, sources of infection by zip code and where to find Durham testing sites. The data hub also tracks stay at home percentages over time. DCoDPH is using data to make decisions about COVID interventions.

	<p>The age of cases has been trending downward. DCoDPH recently changed how reporting race and ethnicity data. They are trying to combine race and ethnicity to be more accurate. In March, most cases were due to travel and medical professionals. In April, cases were focused in congregant living facilities and Butner prison. Cases began increasing in the Latinx community in May. Weekly data reflections and infographics that explain the data are updated on Fridays.</p> <p>Rod and Tara answered audience questions. Housing, food security, travel for work and living in multigenerational housing are issues. Following up on cases and contact tracing are the focus of most DCoDPH COVID efforts. The health department uses data to drive decisions on where to concentrate efforts. DCoDPH will add mobile testing sites as they become available to the data hub.</p>	
<p>CHA Updates <i>Marissa Mortiboy,</i> Durham County Department of Public Health</p>	<p>Marissa shared the following updates for the Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the outgoing, returning and new co-chairs for the 2020-2021 term. Watch the video of co-chairs here- https://youtu.be/bW9WycWbUkQ • The 2019 Community Health Assessment Survey results for the Countywide and Hispanic or Latino Neighborhood sample will be available on healthydurham.org within the next week. • The 2020 Community Health Assessment is currently in the writing phase. Teams are working on different sections. First drafts will be due starting in September and edits will be made through the end of the year. The final report is due March 2021. • Each committee has been discussing how to adjust their Community Health Improvement Plans due to COVID. The Steering committee will discuss this as well. Marissa has asked for guidance from the North Carolina CHA Director. She will share the response once she receives it. 	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Durham County Government is asking any interested nonprofit based in and serving the Durham community to complete a short form online to request reusable cloth face masks. Masks are to be used primarily for nonprofit staff and volunteers. Once mask requests are received and reviewed, County staff will contact nonprofit representatives with further instructions on scheduling a pickup appointment. Contactless, drive-through mask distribution events will take place at the Durham Convention Center on select dates through</p>	

	<p>July. Masks will be available while supplies last. Submit an interest form at http://www.dconc.gov/nonprofitmasks. More information here: https://www.dconc.gov/Home/Components/News/News/7837/31?backlist=%2f</p> <p>There is also a youth activities COVID response group meeting at 3PM on Thursdays, I can share the invite for those interested-celander@dconc.gov.</p>
Next meeting	October 21, 2020- noon to 1:00 pm