



Weekly Stakeholder Briefing

2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19)

July 28, 2020





Welcome and Ground Rules

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Opening Remarks

Helen Eddy

Director, Polk County Health Department

COVID-19 Incident Commander



Updated Planning Assumptions



1. Public health preparedness and mitigation measures will limit the scope of the disease spread (Phase 1).
- ~~2. It is likely that a localized outbreak will occur in Polk County (Phase 2). (occurred)~~
3. Localized outbreaks, specifically in congregate sites (long-term care facilities, schools) will occur in Polk County. **(updated)**
- ~~4. Polk County may experience community spread of the disease (Phase 3). (occurred)~~
5. Wide spread, uncontrolled spread of the disease will continue without successful mitigation efforts. Multiple spikes and waves are anticipated. **(updated)**
6. Additional ~~number of~~ deaths are anticipated. **(updated)**
7. Not all cases will be lab confirmed in Polk County. (occurred; but on a much higher scale than anticipated and across public health services)

Updated Planning Assumptions_(cont.)



- 8. Typical public health practices are disrupted. (**updated**)
- 9. Resources such as personal protective equipment and other medical equipment will be very limited and possibly unavailable. (occurred)
- 10. Resources such as personal protective equipment and other medical equipment may be limited, unavailable and/or highly variable. (**updated**)
- 11. Sharing of valid and timely information with community partners and the public will ease fears and drive appropriate actions. (**edited**)
- 12. This is a long-term and evolving incident. Information will change and require updating on a frequent basis. (occurring)
- 13. Long-term mitigation strategies will require strong public education and clarification initiatives.

New Planning Assumptions



- 14. **(New)** Lack of mitigation measures will put increased demand on healthcare systems.
- 15. **(New)** Long-term mental health and disability service impacts will be increasing, which will impact mental health services capacity delivery.
- 16. **(New)** Implementing cultural, social and health behavior changes will have a major impact on community recovery.
- 17. **(New)** A vaccine may become available and will require mass vaccination operations.
- 18. **(New)** Access to information and available data is unreliable and impacts decision-making.

Current Operational Objectives



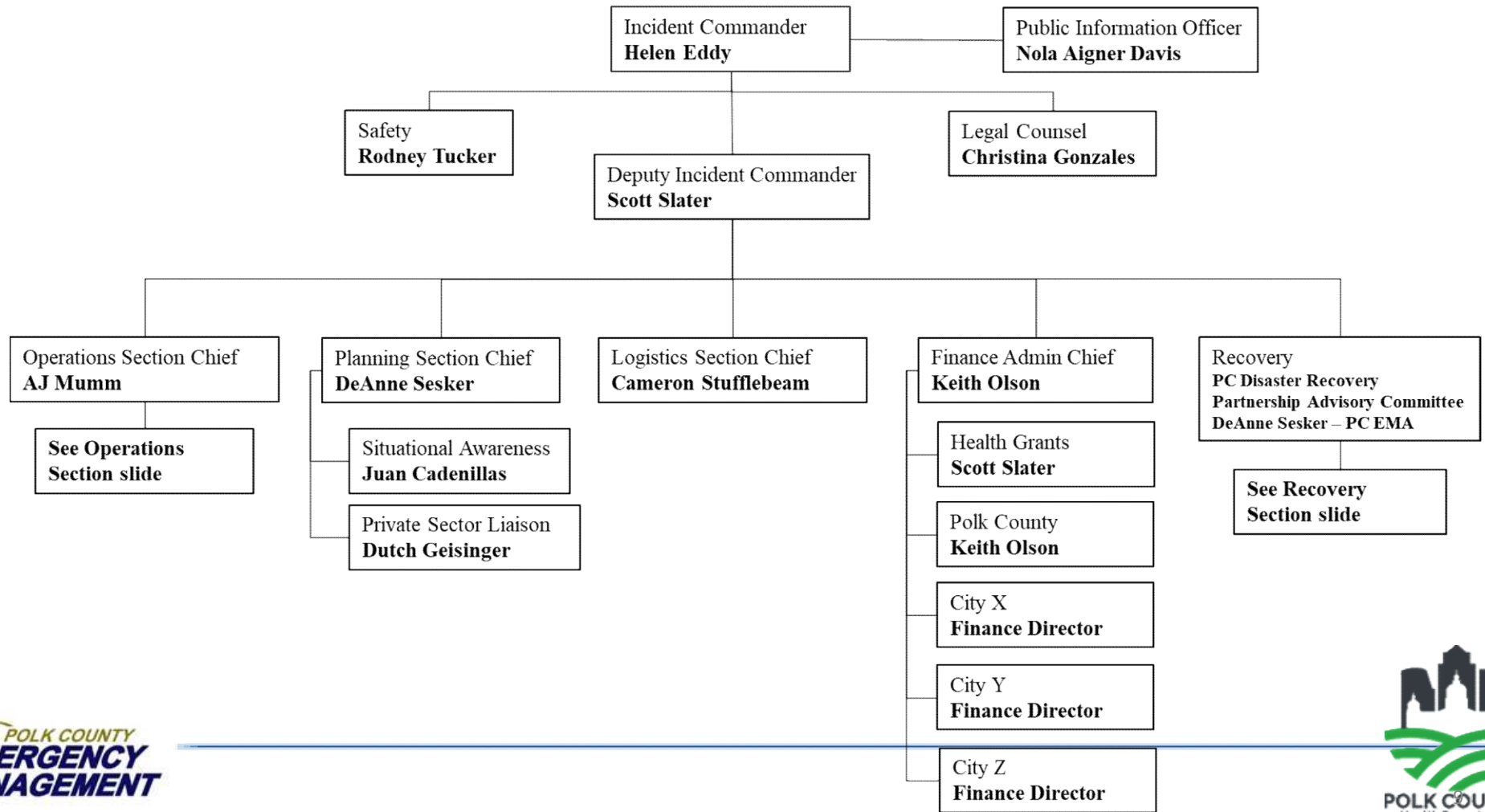
1. Protect the public through risk-based mitigation measures and accepted public health practices
2. Protect healthcare workers and responders
3. Disseminate validated information to the public using a Joint Information System (JIS) and Virtual Joint Information Center (V-JIC)
4. Gather, validate and disseminate information to healthcare workers and responders
5. Coordinate and support the needs of the healthcare community operations via the Medical Coordination Center
6. Consider legal implications of decisions and actions
7. ~~Support a plan to repatriate those traveling abroad~~ (objective met)
8. Determine and address the mental health impacts and needs of the community and responders

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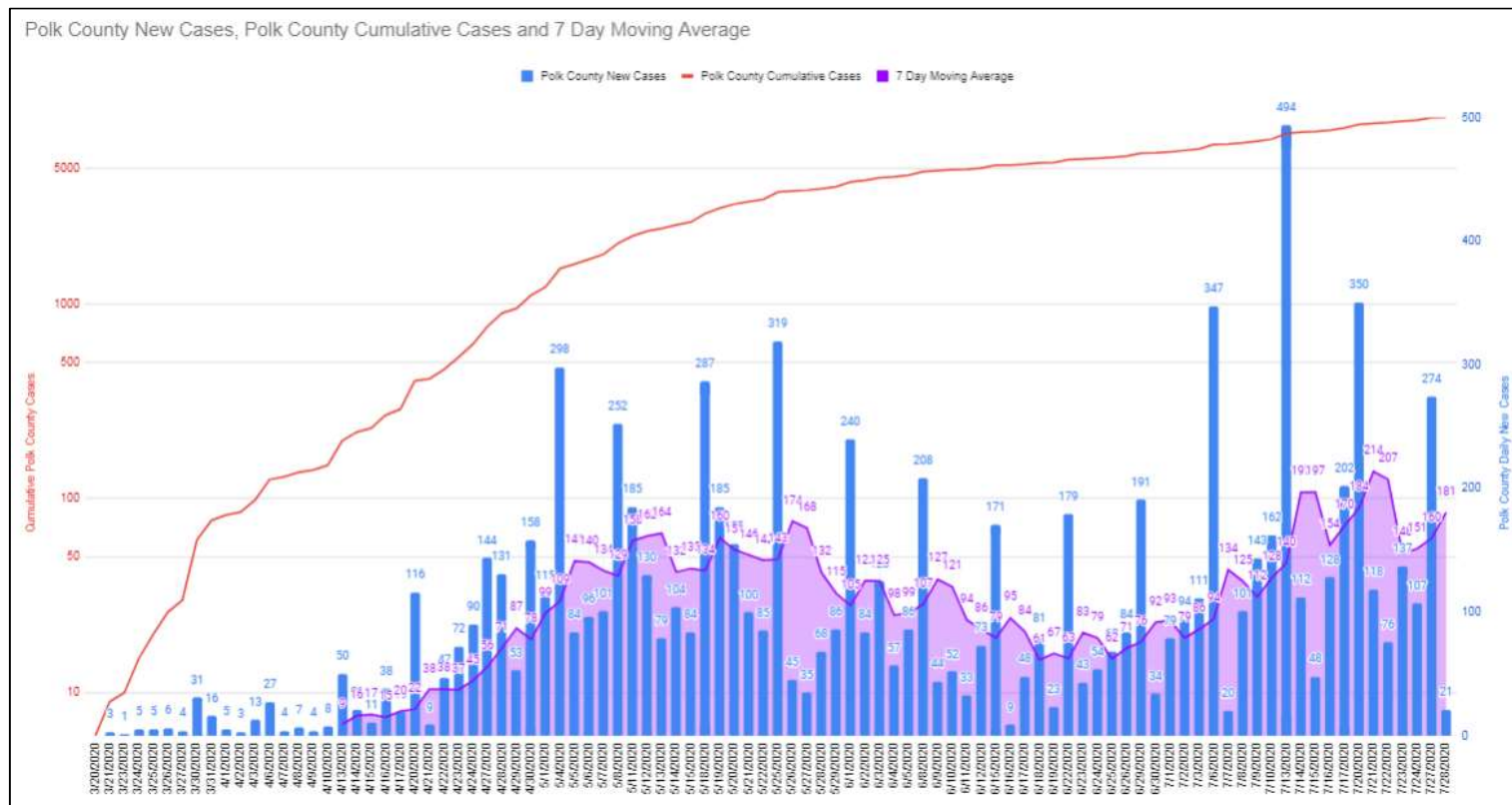


9. Engage volunteers in a coordinated manner
10. Actively manage the donation of needed supplies
11. Provide logistical support through a risk-based, equitable and transparent resource management process
12. Apply sound fiscal management processes to the incident
13. Establish continuity for essential and emergency services personnel
14. Provide services to support those experiencing homelessness diagnosed with COVID-19
15. Manage fatalities in a compassionate manner
16. Plan and execute a recovery plan for the community

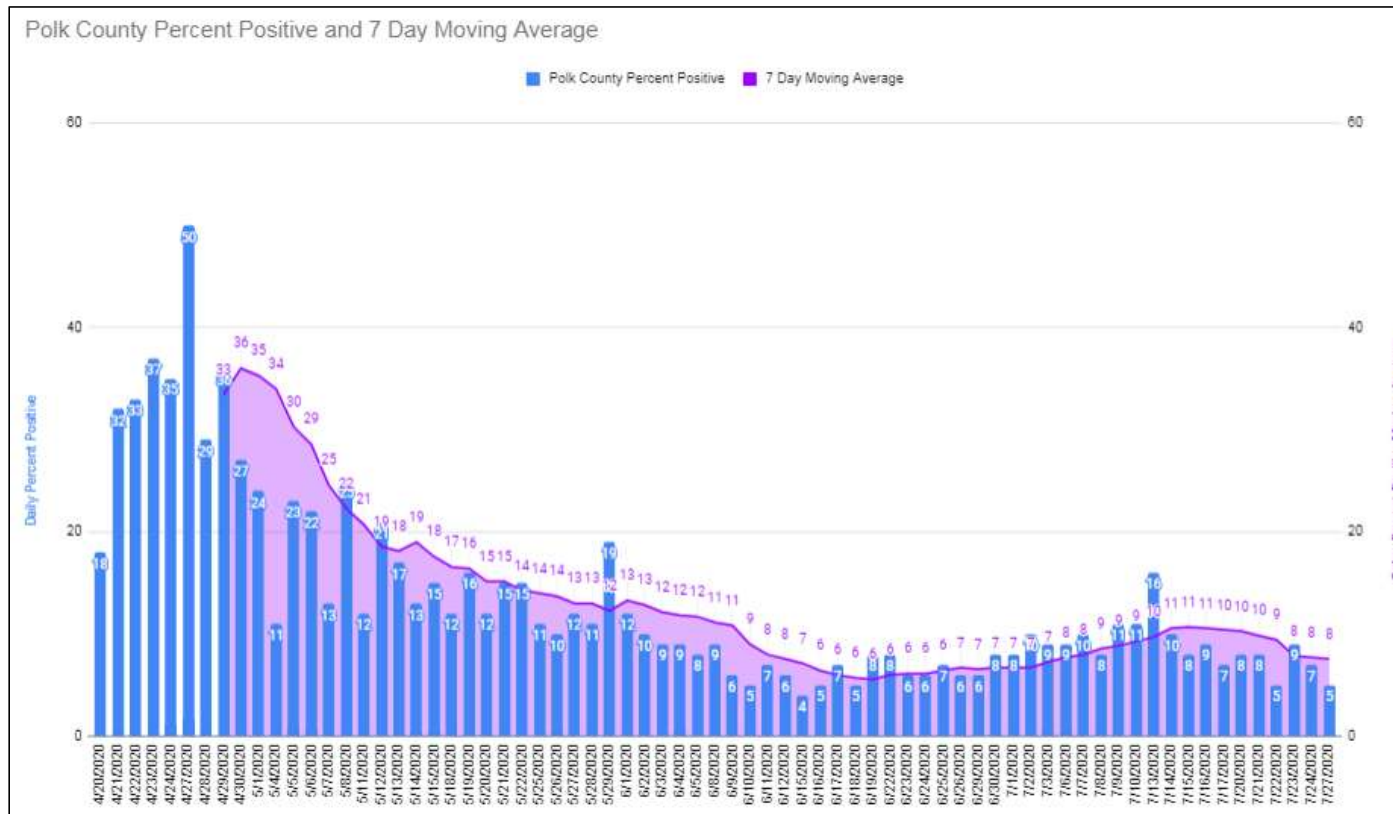
CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART (07/27/20)



Polk County Total Cases (7-day average)



Polk County Percent Positive (7-day average)







Congregate Living Cases and Outbreaks

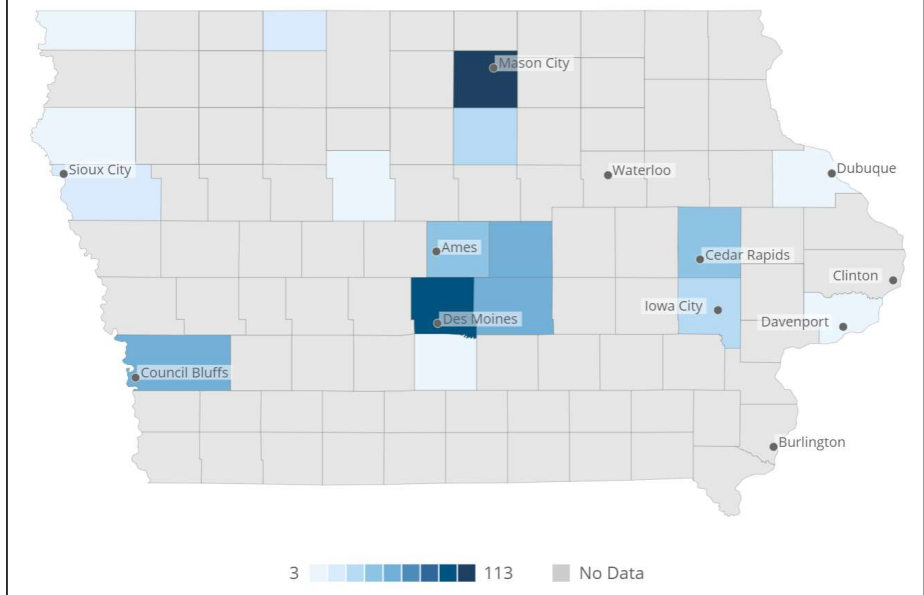


Polk County Facilities Impacted

Total Facilities Impacted (cumulative)	92 (+4)
Facilities Currently Monitored	38 (+4)
• Facilities with cases; no outbreak	17 (+3)
• Facilities with a confirmed outbreak*	18 (+1)

*outbreak = 3 or more confirmed cases

Positive Cases by County





Operations Section

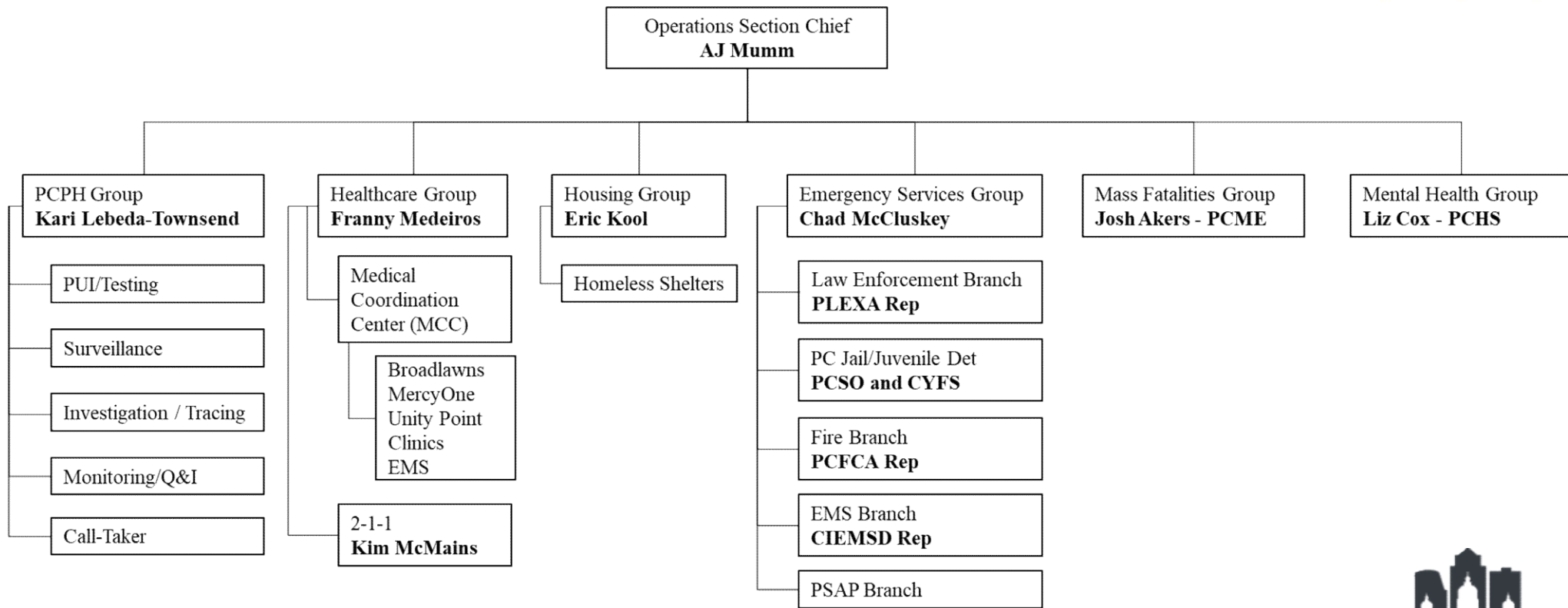
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Polk County Emergency Management

COVID-19 Operations Section Chief



Operations Section (07/27/20)



Daily Life & Going Out: A New Normal



- Stay home if you are sick
- Stay home and away from others if you were exposed to COVID-19
- Wear masks/face coverings
- Social distancing
- Protect others (people who are older and with health conditions)
- Wash hands
- Use hand sanitizer
- Avoid groups and gatherings
- Limit outings to essential activities or errands

Updated CDC Guidance: Persons with Symptoms



If someone thinks or knows they COVID-19 and have symptoms of COVID-19, they should stay home and away from others (isolate):

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms onset **AND**;
- All symptoms have improved or resolved (Feeling well again) **AND**;
- No fever for **at least 24 hours or 1 day (without fever reducing medication)** – *previously 3 days*

*CDC now discourages use of test-based strategy to determine when isolation for COVID-19 ends **UNLESS** the person is severely immunosuppressed person with COVID-19.*

Persons with COVID-19 and NO Symptoms



No Change in CDC Guidance

If someone tests (PCR) positive for COVID-19 and does **NOT** have symptoms, they should stay home and away from others (isolate):



For **10 days after the date of testing**
as long as they remain asymptomatic (symptom free)

If symptoms develop during these 10 days, begin following guidance for persons with COVID-19 symptoms:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms onset **AND**;
- All symptoms have improved or resolved (Feeling well again) **AND**;
- No fever for **at least 24 hours or 1 day (without fever reducing medication)**

Isolation Guidance based on Serology Testing



No Change in CDC Guidance

No exclusions or self-isolation if serology positive **UNLESS**:

- 1) Sick/Symptomatic***
- 2) Test COVID-19 PCR-positive***



COVID-19 Quarantine



No Change in CDC Guidance

- 14 days after exposure to someone with COVID-19 infection

Still a full 14-days of quarantine even if tested and the result is negative

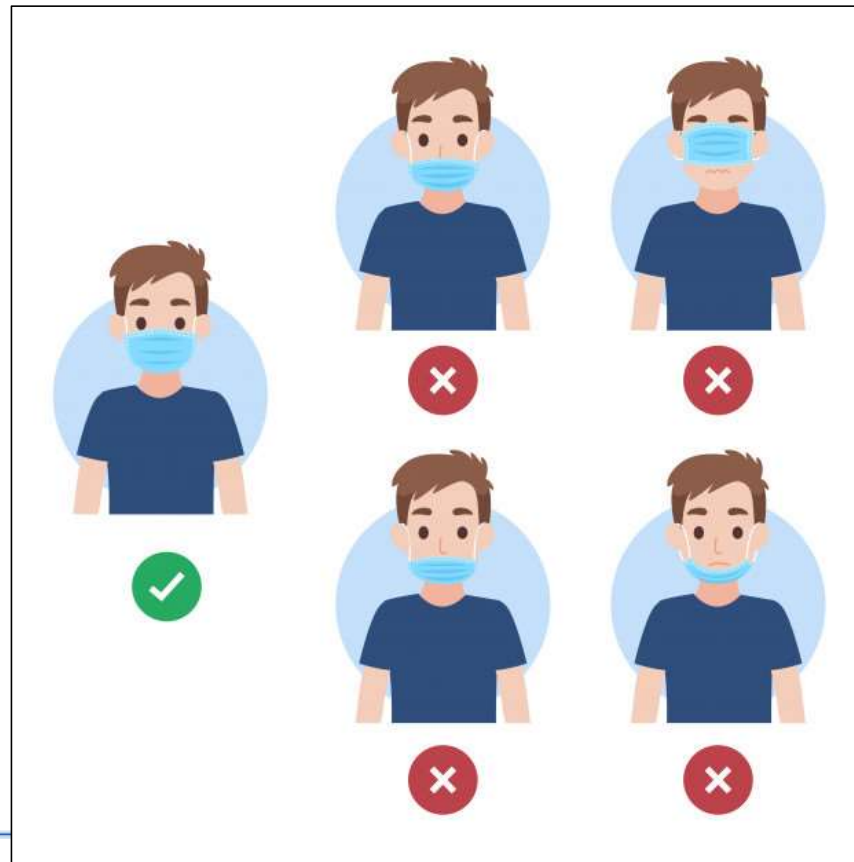
New CDC Guidance: Re-Exposure after COVID-19 Infection



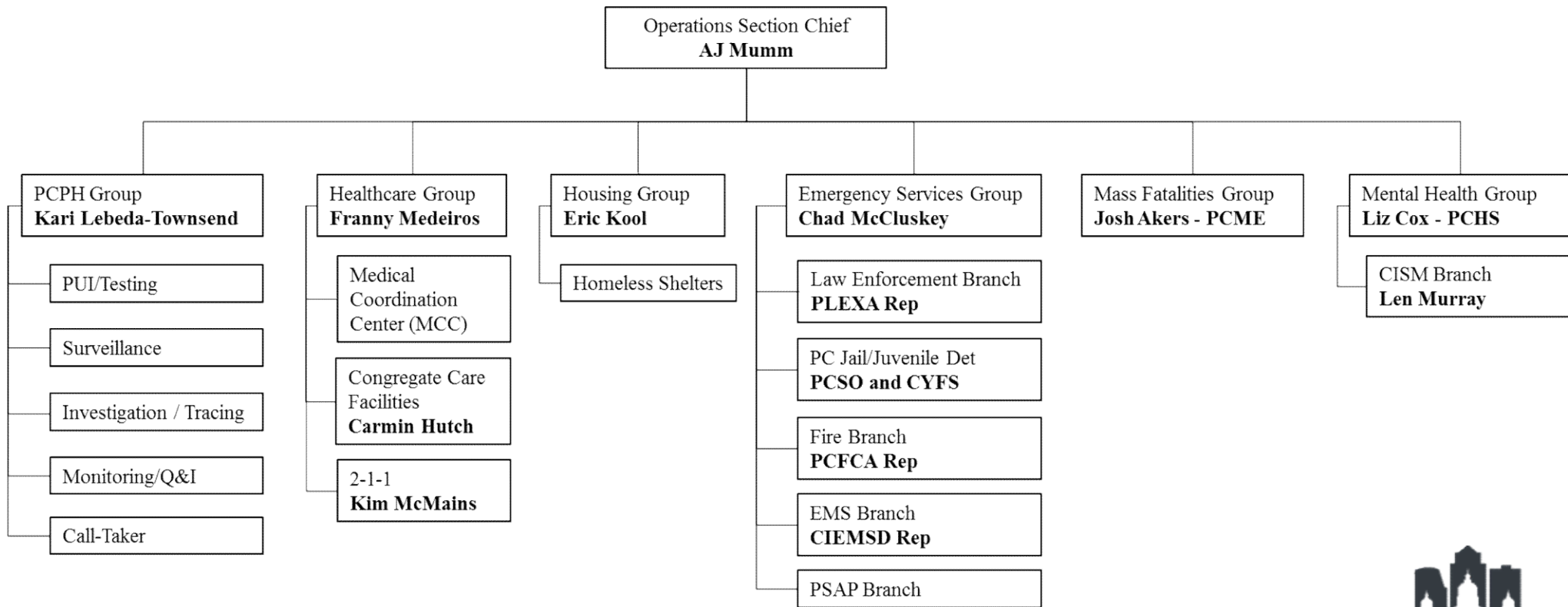
Re-exposure recommendations for persons previously infected with COVID-19

- ☐ Retesting is **NOT** recommended within three months after COVID-19 infection
---after the date of symptom onset or date of test (if asymptomatic persons)
- ☐ Quarantine is **NOT** recommended if in close contact with an infected person within three months as long as person does not developed symptoms of a new illness
- ☐ During the 3 months after initial COVID-19 infection, if you develop new symptoms of COVID-19:
 1. Should see a healthcare provider for clinical evaluation/exam
 2. Re-testing for COVID-19 should be considered if provider does not identify another reason for illness
 3. If close contact of COVID-19 positive person within last 14 days, person with symptoms should stay home and away from others)

Right vs Wrong Mask Placement



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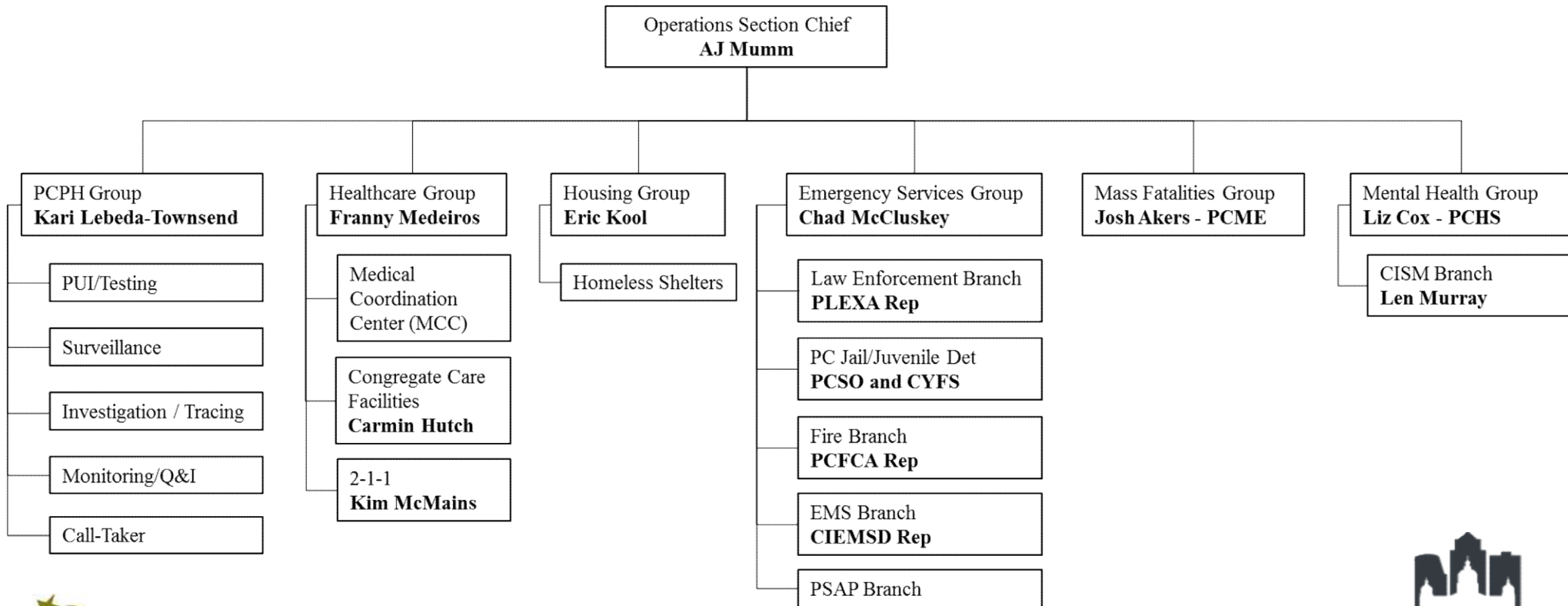
Housing Group – Isolation Shelter



- Open from March 25 – July 6
 - 104 days
 - 56 total residents (54 graduates!)
- 4.67 average daily population
- Single-day high of 39 residents



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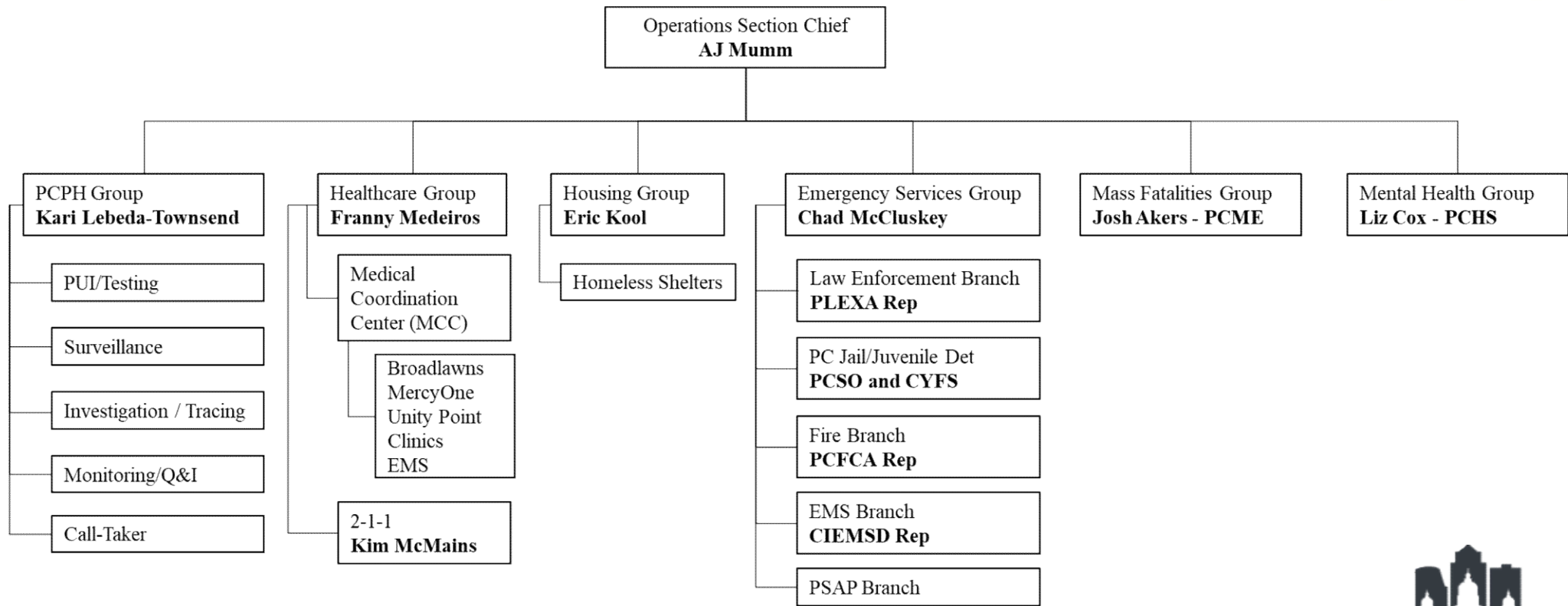




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www.ciemsd.org/COVID-19/

Operations Section (07/27/20)





Logistics Section

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Polk County Emergency Management

COVID-19 Logistics Section Chief



Warehouse Demobilized – 9 July 2020



- Logistics **WILL** fill orders for life safety issues on an “as needed” basis
 - Logistics@polkcountyiowa.gov will remain active and monitored
- In order to receive supplies through Polk County Logistics, you will need to provide:
 1. Burn Rate Application must be updated
 2. COVID 19 Request Form
 3. Backorder documentation
- Orders will be processed for fulfillment upon completion of those three items
- Remobilization of Warehouse can occur quickly if needed

Priority of Facilities



Requests will be filled based on Priority
(Orders will be filled based on availability of resources and priority of requesting agency)

Priority of Facilities	
1	Hospitals, Contracted entities that provide transportation and security for shelter with confirmed cases of COVID-19, impacted congregate living facilities*
2	Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, Community Lifelines
3	Long Term Care Facilities, Medical Facilities not identified above
4	Others

*LTC Facilities with at least 3 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases

Resource Management



- State requesting rules:
 - Requests for under 7 days of select items
 - Requests should be to sustain for next 7-10 days based on burn rate
 - Documentation of backorder status required
- For March 6, 2020 – July 27, 2020: over 1 million items processed
 - Items requested through the EOC: 524,614 (+14,411)
 - Items supplied through the EOC: 352,157 (+11,948)
 - Donations received: 281,832 items (+534)
 - Items received from the state: 123,145 (+64,592)
 - Regional Stockpile Distribution: 263,664 items processed

PPE Items Requested and Fulfilled



Item	Requested	Total Provided	State Provided	Private Sector Donations
N95 masks	9,626	7,850	2,228	9,860
Other masks	95,370	81,429	13,500	79,079
Exam gloves	118,510	98,889	10,000	118,672
Gowns	74,536	38,517	39,722	4,098
Face shields	17,101	15,992	2,352	23,528

Organizations Supported



Organization Type	Number of Orgs Supported
Congregate Care Facilities	60
1st/Emergency Response	33
Other Medical Providers	19
Shelter Services	10
Non-profits	11
Surrounding EMAs*	8
Hospitals	4
Polk County Government	5
Community Lifeline	3
State Government	1
Total Organizations Supported	154

*Dallas, Madison, Marion, Warren, Jasper, Boone, Story and ISU

Important Things To Remember



- It is important to remember that EMERGENCY situations take priority and may call for flexibility in the process. This may include expedition of request for emerging “hot spots”. Please notify the Emergency Management Director and Resource Unit Leader of these Situations.



Planning Section

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COVID-19 Planning Section Chief



Remobilization Triggers



Section/Group	Trigger
Logistics Section	When 2 or more Priority 1 entities are requesting PPE
Planning Section	When 2-3 of the Remobilization Triggers are met, EOC staffing and planning meeting needs will be assessed
PH Group	1. If/when PCPH will resume contact tracing from IDPH 2. Surge in cases LTCF, daycare/childcare, school or business in two or more settings
Healthcare Group	1 or more hospitals/EMS services asking for resources or raising concern on a daily basis
Housing Group	Homeless shelter outbreak (residents and/or staff) ~20 - 30



Planning Section

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Safeguard Iowa Partnership





Public Information

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Polk County Public Health

COVID-19 Public Information Officer



#MaskUpDSM





Finance and Administration

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COVID-19 Finance Admin Section Chief and CDC Unit Leader

Keith Olson, Polk County Auditor's Office

FEMA Public Assistance Unit Leader





Recovery

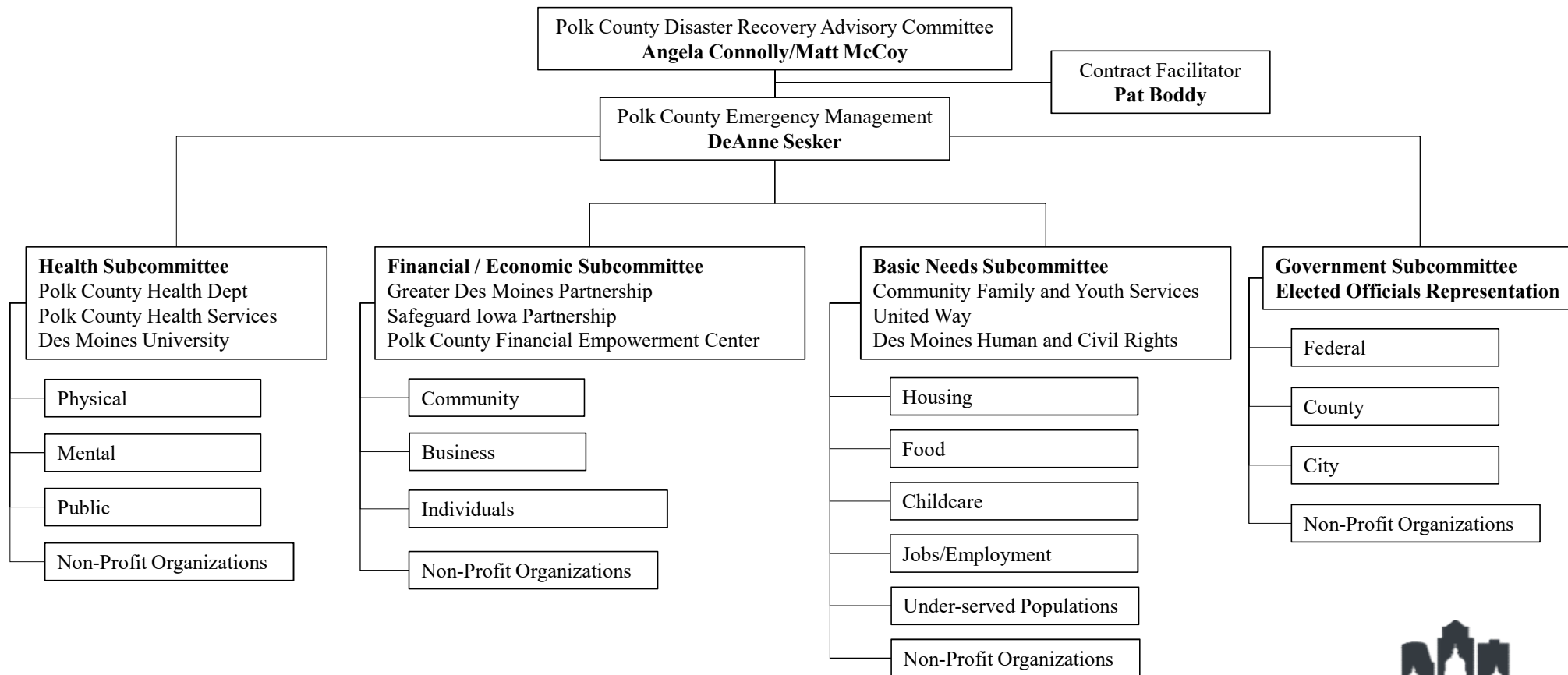
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Recovery Section Chief

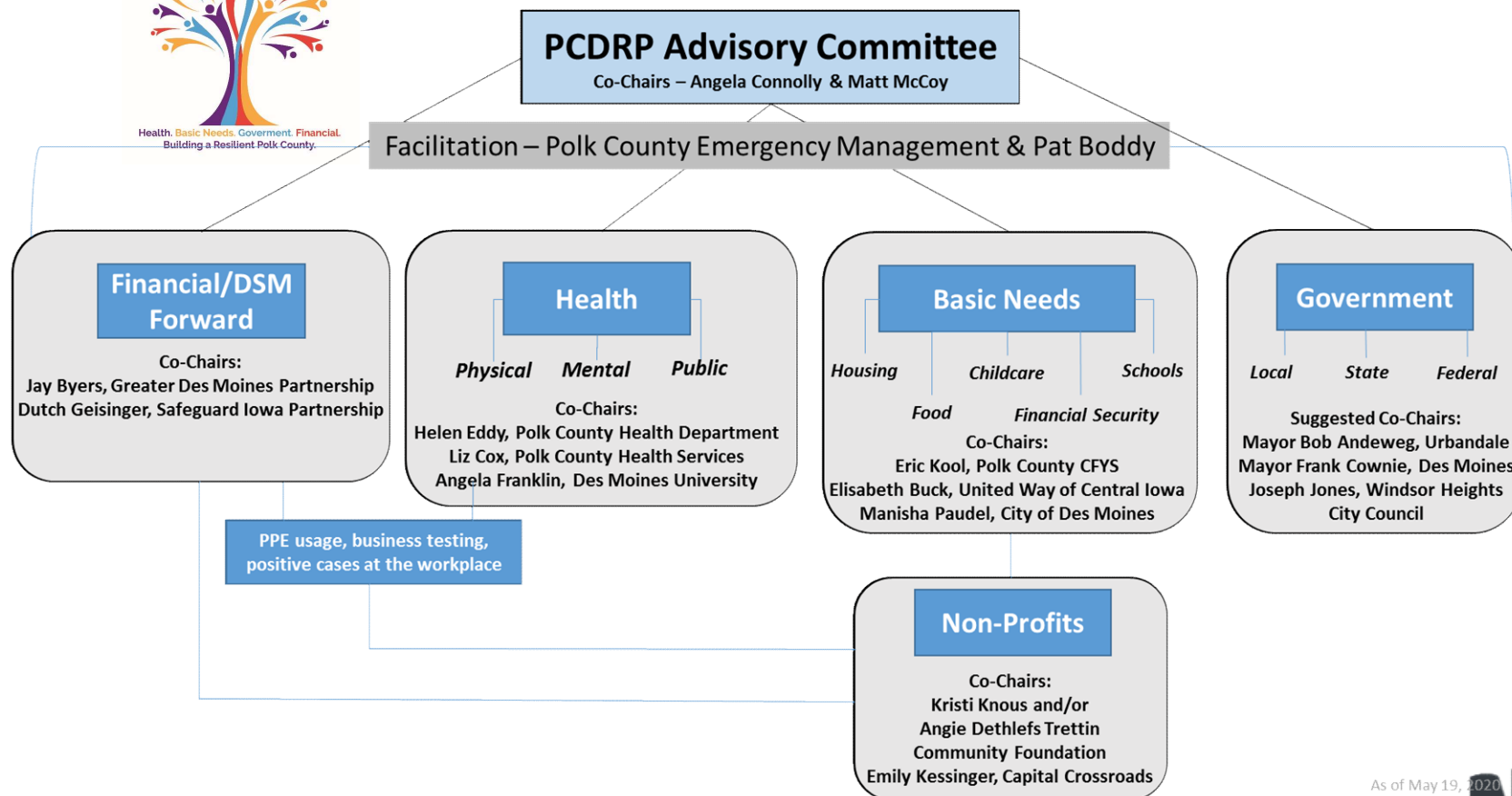


Recovery Section (07/27/20)





Polk County Disaster Recovery Partnership



As of May 19, 2020



Policy Group

Matt McCoy

Polk County Board of Supervisors



Current Focus Areas



- Remobilization / monitor triggers
- Monitoring case counts, hospitalizations, hotspots
- Rumor control
- Second wave public education campaign
- COVID-19 testing
- Surge capacity
- Continuity Planning
- Food pantry (monitoring)
- Congregate facilities
- Recovery/resiliency
- School return to learn COVID guidance

Other Initiatives and Priorities



Ongoing Initiatives

- Supply chain monitoring
- After action meetings

Emerging Priorities

- Mass vaccination planning
- Blood donation/supply
- Return to routine medical care

Weekly Meetings at a Glance



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
800		Planning Meeting (Z)		Planning Meeting (Z)		
830						
900						
930						
1000			HSEMD/EMA (C)			
1030		Stakeholder Briefing (every other week)			MCC (Z)	
1100						
1130						
1200						
1230						
1300						
1330						
1400		MCC/Chief Medical Officers (Z)				
1430						
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BIG WINS!



What	Who
2-1-1 for the public, clincial and responder audiences	Healthcare and Mental Health Groups
Town Halls/Media coverage	PIO
Isolation Shelter	Housing Group
Social media and PCHD website	PIO
Parternig with United Way for volunteer management	Volunteer Management Branch
Establishment fo the Medical Coordination Center in the EOC	Healthcare Group
Development fo the resource ordering applicationa nd process	Healthcare Group Logistics Section
Identifed alternative housing for first responders	Emergency Services Branch
Non-traditional hospital surge plan draft	Healthcare Group
Developed and deployed the PCHD Testing Strike Team	Polk County Pubic Health Group

What	Who
Clarification on exposure criteria for responders	Healthcare Group - CIEMSD
Ongoing capture of successes/best practices	Planning Section Chief
Mitigation strategies implemented	County Jail and Juvenile Detention
Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance tool	CIEMSD
Strong and resilient Communicable Disease Team nurses	Polk County Public Health Group
Airway bypass added to EMResource	Healthcare Group - CIEMSD
MOAs returned from all MCC partners	Healthcare Group - MCC
Logistics Ordering Process established and shared	Logistics Section
WHO-TV "13 Days of Caring" campaign implemented	Board of Supervisors



Questions and Answers
