Caroline County EOC Situation Report

Daily Public Briefing
COVID-19 Response

May 5, 2020

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of these daily briefings is to give a public facing version of the daily EOC Situation Report. This report provides a snapshot of the current situation and a brief overview of major actions taken by the unified command.

2. **Situation Update.**
   From the Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center as of 7:00 4 May 2020:

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<th>Total Confirmed</th>
<th>Total Deaths</th>
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<td>3,640,835</td>
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<td>Caroline County</td>
<td>92</td>
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Note: Cases that are not accounted for by a death or recovery count is considered an “active” case.

3. **Objectives Recommended Public Actions.**
   **Stay Connected and Informed**
   - Caroline County Government’s official information sources for COVID-19 information are our [dedicated website](#), the [Department of Emergency Services Facebook](#) page and the [County Government’s Twitter](#) account. Please follow for the latest and most up to date information.
   - Make sure your cell phone number is registered with [CodeRed](#), our community notification system. This will enable us to call you directly with vital public safety information.
   - Call 2-1-1 if you have general questions about COVID-19.

   **Preventative Action**
   - COVID-19 is a spread from person-to-droplets from coughs and sneezes of a person who is actively sick.
   - Practice social distancing. Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces. Stay home whenever you can (especially if you are older or have an underlying health condition).
   - Wash your hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds.
   - Avoid touching your face.
   - Comply with the Governor’s Stay at Home Order.
   - Consider wearing a face covering in all public spaces. Visit the [CDC website](#) for additional guidance.

   **If You Have Symptoms**
   - Contact your primary care physician – they are the best person to assess your symptoms and be able to order a COVID-19 test.
- Call 9-1-1 if you are having difficulty breathing.
- Stay at home and distant yourself from the public if you have a fever or think you might be sick.

4. **EOC Level and Activation.** Caroline County’s EOC remains at Partial activation-level.

5. **State Actions:** No significant State actions reported.

6. **Local Actions**
   a. Caroline County Government
      i. Caroline County Commissioners were briefed on CPOT operations which occurred over the weekend.
      ii. Caroline County, along with surrounding jurisdictions are monitoring new information which may identify where the next outbreak is likely to occur on the Delmarva Peninsula.
      iii. Caroline County Government is discussing processes to track hazard pay as it relates to the CARES Act and possible reimbursement.
   b. Caroline County Health Department
      i. Test figures were updated and now reflect 573 labs received. 481 negative, 92 positive, 55 recovered, and 142 pending.
      ii. CIAN Labs reports that tests from the Caroline CPOT are being analyzed at the time of this report. Those test results are expected to be available tomorrow.
   c. CCPS
      i. CCPS conducted its Board Meeting tonight. Agenda items included discussion on waivers for graduation and possible scenarios for the upcoming school year.
      ii. CCPS Superintendent Dr. Saelens emphasized that online continuity of learning efforts are not intended to replace teaching roles and efforts to engage students must continue despite school closures.
      iii. CCPS Food Service personnel provided meals to 1,170 students, equaling 3,510 meals. One senior was served a meal bundle today due to missing yesterday’s service. Most seniors have been transitioned to the meal delivery program.
   d. Public Information Team
      i. PIO Team worked to finalize documents from the CPOT operation and continue to compile feedback from personnel who staffed the test site.
      ii. PIO Team is working with Operations to develop resources and documentation for follow up calls once CPOT test results are available and patient communication begins.
      iii. A follow-up press release was prepared in anticipation of the test results' arrival tomorrow.
      iv. The PIO Team is developing a "Feel Good Campaign" to provide the public with positive details of the response and the major accomplishments of all agencies involved in response.
   e. Liaison Team
      i. Continued calls to seniors to grow enrollment in senior meal delivery program. Liaisons supplemented this effort by communicating with churches to identify
seniors that are not currently included on the list.
ii. A list of agricultural and agricultural-related businesses was finalized.
iii. Liaisons are researching Spanish and Haitian-Creole translation services to identify which ones are active on the Eastern Shore and would provide services to Caroline County.

7. Coordinating/Cooperating Agency Actions and Updates.
   a. Choptank Community Health System
      i. CCHS has begun transitioning their electronic medical records system to a new platform. This transition is currently in progress.
      ii. CCHS reports an additional 23 individuals were tested at Caroline county sites today.
      iii. CCHS is working with operations to identify potential locations for subsequent CPOT Operations. CCHS is also developing internal strategies on non-Caroline County locations which could support similar operations.
   b. Social Services
      i. DSS is due to implement a new case management system sometime in July.
      ii. DSS continues to discuss how the department can shape its reopening and what new-normal operations could look like.

A correlated rise in benefit applications (Food Stamps, Cash Assistance) has been observed as more individuals/families apply for unemployment