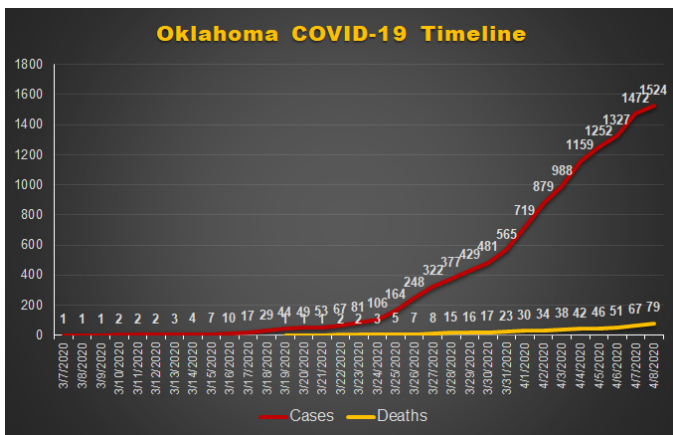




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### By the Numbers

As of noon on April 8, 2020, OCCHD reported **317 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 15 deaths in Oklahoma County.** <https://www.occhd.org/COVID-19>



Data Source: Acute Disease Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health. \*As of 2020-04-08 at 7:00 AM.

### COVID-19 Oklahoma Test Results

Positive (In-State)	1,524
Positive (Out-of-State)	2
Negative*	1,479
Total Cumulative Hospitalizations	390
Deaths	79

\*Negative testing results are only from the State Public Health Laboratory and do not include private laboratory negative results.

Timeline and Test Results located at <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov>

### Guideline Updates

HUD Exchange offers the **COVID-19 Prevention and Response for Homeless Providers: Daily Resource Digest** which includes “Early Learnings from Seattle/King County” as well as a new webinar from April 6. <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/covid-19-prevention-and-response-for-homeless-providers-daily-resource-digest>

**CDC updated their guidelines on cloth masks.** As of April 3, CDC recommends individuals wear cloth masks as people can be asymptomatic and still transmit COVID-19. Only cloth masks should be used so that community members do not use PPE needed by healthcare providers. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

CDC provides updated **guidelines for cleaning, best practices based on research, and recommendations for response** that include communities such as homeless shelters. These guidelines were updated March 21, 2020. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

## Guideline Updates - continued

**OSHA Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19** may be found here:

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

### **Screening Clients at Entry of Homeless Shelters**

provides guidance on checking temperatures and surveying clients. Details are available here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/screening-clients-respiratory-infection-symptoms.html>.

**Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers (CDC, 2020)** is available in this pdf:

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19\\_Homeless-H.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19_Homeless-H.pdf).

The **National Health Care for the Homeless Council** provides **Needed Actions from Public Health and Emergency Response Systems** (April 2020), which can be found at the following link:

<https://nhchc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Issue-brief-2-COVID-19-HCH-Community-Public-Health-Actions.pdf>.

CDC encourages homeless outreach staff to have **direct communication with individuals who are experiencing homelessness while using appropriate language**. Staff should also share information such as recent information about COVID-19 spread in their area, social distancing recommendations, etc.

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/unsheltered-homelessness.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Fhomeless-shelters%2Funsheltered-homelessness.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/unsheltered-homelessness.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Fhomeless-shelters%2Funsheltered-homelessness.html).

## Lessons Learned

NYC Health provides valuable information among **Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Homeless Shelters**, in this pdf:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/guidance-for-homeless-shelters-covid19.pdf>.

## Client Resources

While it is true that most of us know how important it is to wash our hands, some of us may not be sure how to wash thoroughly. **This video is a good and quick guide on handwashing:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEzJ\\_QkT14&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEzJ_QkT14&feature=youtu.be)

**COVID-19 and My Pet:** According to CDC, there have been no reports of COVID-19 transmission from pets. It is still a good idea to practice handwashing after touching our pets and before eating.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#COVID19animals>

