

STATE AGENCY COVID-19 UPDATES

April 28, 2020

Number of COVID-19 deaths surpasses 300 mark

- 301 reported deaths — an increase of 15 since April 27; 10 of the 15 deaths were residents in long-term care facilities.
- 4,181 lab-confirmed cases in Minnesota — an increase of 365 cases since April 27.
- 314 patients are currently hospitalized with 120 in intensive care units (ICU). The number of ICU patients is down two from April 27.
- 1,912 patients have been released from isolation.
- The Minnesota Department Health (MDH) public hotline remains open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The number is 651-201-3920.
- Learn more about the latest lab-diagnosed cases on the [COVID-19 public dashboard](#).

Accessible information about COVID-19

Everyone has been affected by COVID-19, including people who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing. However, for people in this community, getting the information and services they need to stay safe may be harder to find. The Minnesota Department of Human Services, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division website at mn.gov/deaf-hard-of-hearing offers links to accessible COVID 19 information and resources to meet this need. If you need help [finding an ASL interpreter](#), would like to learn more about [working with interpreters](#) or about [assistive technology](#), these resources are also available on [Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division's website](#).

911 calls continue downward trend during stay at home order

According to statistics provided by CenturyLink to the Department of Public Safety division of Emergency Communication Networks (DPS-ECN), call volumes for Minnesota public safety answering points (PSAPS), also known as 911 dispatch centers, continued their decline during the fourth week in April compared to the same period last year.

- In 2019, Minnesota PSAPs received 56,382 calls for the fourth week of April.
- In 2020, Minnesota PSAPs answered 49,150 calls for the fourth week of April.
- That's a 13 percent decrease in calls from year to year.

Traffic volumes climb but remain below 2019 numbers

The Minnesota Department of Transportation continues to monitor [traffic volumes](#) statewide.

- Metro area: Traffic volumes on Monday, April 27 were down 27 percent compared to Monday averages for April 2019.
- Statewide: Traffic volumes on Monday, April 27 were down 21 percent compared to Monday averages for April 2019.

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Schools reporting more than 6.6 million meals served

- MDE has asked districts and charter schools to self-report the daily number of meals they are serving to the school communities and the number of students receiving school-age care.
- The final count over the third week of distance learning, with about 316 school districts and charter schools reporting, are:
 - 2,055,047 meals served
 - 6,447 average school-age students cared for each day
- The combined total for the first three weeks of distance learning, with about 332 school districts and charter schools reporting, are:
 - 6,651,423 meals served
 - 6,274 average school-age students cared for each day
- More information can be found on the [MDE website](#).