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Children of Puerto Rico and COVID-19: At the Crossroads of Poverty and Disaster

**Session #3: Organizational response to COVID-19: Strategic risk
communication and community partnerships**

Wednesday April 22nd, 2020, 1:00 - 2:30 PM ET



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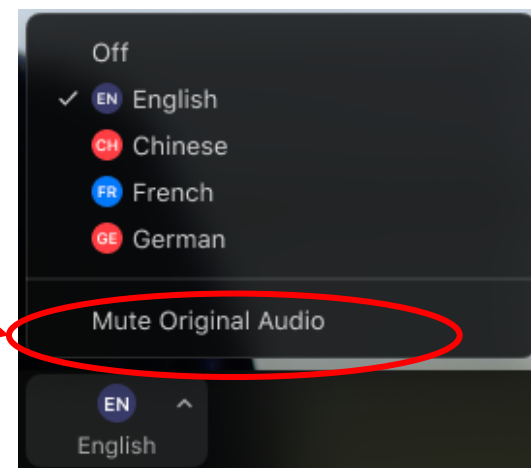


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PUERTO RICO COVID-19 DASHBOARD (1 of 4)

Last Update: April 21, 2020 6:05 AM



Positive Cases

1,298

Negative Cases

8,789

Pending Results

1,751

Total

11,848

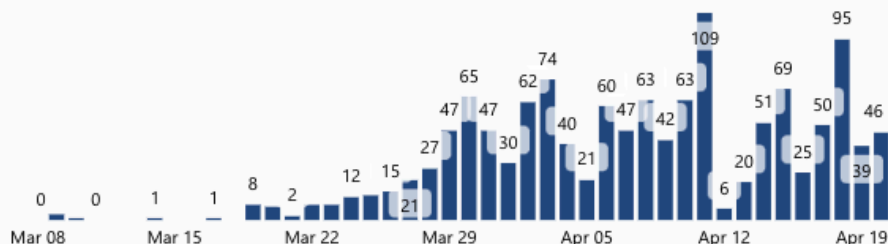
of Deaths

64

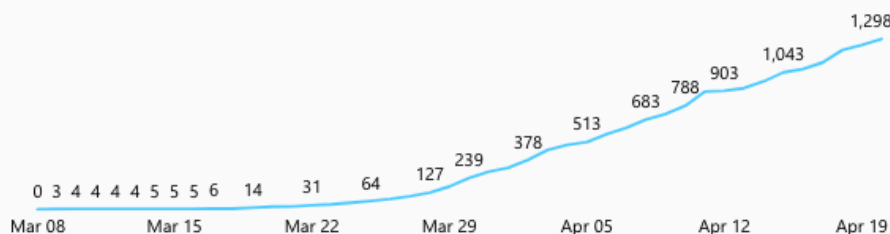
Mortality Rate

4.9%

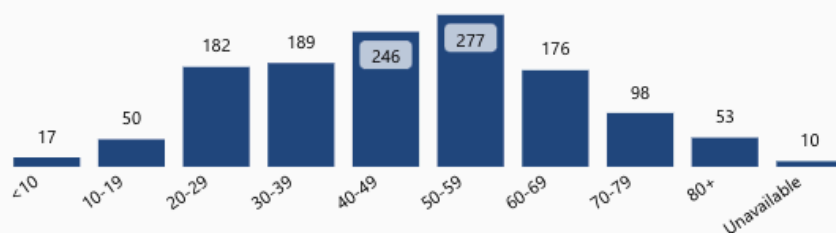
Number of Positive Cases by Date



Positive Cases by Date Accumulated



Number of Positive Cases by Age Range



Gender of Deaths and Positive Cases

Select:

Deaths

Positive Cases

Female
48.4%



Male
51.6%

Adult Beds

ICU Adult Beds

Negative Pressure Rooms

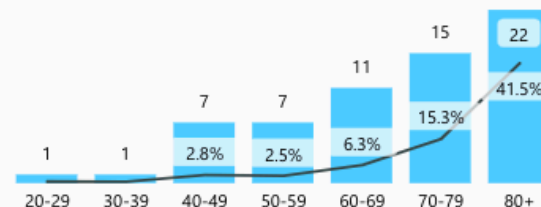
Ventilators for Adults

Occupied

2,504
41%

Mortality by Age Range

Number of Deaths Mortality Rate



Average Age*
68.1

Source: Puerto Rico Department of Health

*Exact age of 6 cases not available; they are not included in this calculation

Fuente: <https://www.v-2-a.com/news-detail/128-161-stay-updated-on-the-covid-19-evolution-in-puerto-rico/>



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Takeaways Sesionn #2 – April/15

**“Policy Implications of COVID-19 for
Puerto Rico’s Children, Youth and
their Families”**

Bruce Lesley, President, First Focus
Amanda Rivera, Director, IDJ

TAKE-AWAYS SESSION #2

Bruce Lesley, First Focus

- The idea that children are well is false - "the COVID-19 crisis is catastrophic for children too"
- All aspects of a child's life are being impacted, and these impacts will continue to evolve - they are at high risk of falling into poverty, vulnerability of housing, sexual violence, suicide, substance abuse, hunger, disruption of their education (technological gap), lack of immunization against other diseases (such as measles). Children / youth in detention centers and group homes are particularly vulnerable
- Children's needs are not being considered in a timely manner in the political response to this crisis
- We must think of children from a system perspective.

KEY TAKE AWAYS SESIÓN 2

Bruce Lesley, First Focus

CARES Law & Families First Coronavirus Response Law

- \$150,000 million for states, territories, localities and tribes
- \$300 million for nutritional assistance for Puerto Rico and the territories
- \$ 1,000 million for unemployment
- **Individual assistance:** Up to \$1,200 for adults and \$500 for children
- **Education:** \$13.5 billion for the Emergency Response for Primary and Secondary Education / \$14 billion for higher education institutions
- **Housing:** \$3 billion for rental assistance / eviction ban and fines x 120 days / \$50 million Legal Services Corporation, \$4 billion for homeless people, \$25 million for youth leaving home
- **Early childhood:** \$3.5 billion Child Care Development Block Grant / \$750 million for Headstart and Early Headstart
- **Child Welfare:** \$45 million for Title IV-B services (temporary care for children at risk)
- **Others:** \$5,000 million for Community Development Block Grant (child care, food banks, etc.)



TAKE-AWAYS SESIÓN #2

Bruce Lesley, First Focus

Conclusions

- There are gaps in how federal policy is addressing the needs of children and youth
- \$ 500 per child are insufficient
 - Problem with babies, children ages 17 or 18, and college students
 - There should be more long-term support to face the economic crisis
- Federal laws: Child Tax Credit in PR only applies from the 3rd child
- The crisis is highlighting deficiencies that already existed for PR children in the Federal system – For example: Medicaid funded by Block Grant in PR which does not allow for adjustments during crisis, and child benefits are lower in PR than in other states
- **Congress, federal and local governments MUST pay attention to and respond to the needs of children in this crisis**
- **We should all stay active in these conversations, making sure to highlight the specific needs of children to ensure that they are included in policy.**

TAKE-AWAYS SESSION #2

Amanda Rivero, IDJ

- Still quite a few uncertainties of how much funds will go to PR and how they will be used & about what will be the economic impacts of the pandemic
- The challenge is to ensure that the funds are used well, and respond to the real needs of the children, youth and families of PR

Diagnosis

- Most children in PR live in families below or near poverty level - vulnerable to economic effects (unemployment, or jobs where they are highly exposed)
- High risk of food insecurity
- Concern about access to hygiene products
- There is a digital divide that hinders access to distance education at all levels
- Increased risk of child abuse - reduction of means for referral

KEY TAKE AWAYS SESSION 2

Amanda Rivero, IDJ

Public policy recommendations

Short-term

- Increase tax credits and incentives for families with children
- Ensure viability of care centers
- Provide hygiene products to homes through community-based and non-profit entities
- Ensure the viability of distance learning, summer activities, support services
- Help university students with more needs
- Creation of Social Task Force

Medium and long-term

- Strengthen care and early childhood systems
- Develop sectorial labor development programs
- Tax credit program for those who give opportunities to young people

Conclusions

- We must remain active in the analysis of what is happening day after day and adjust our recommendations to the current context
- Any policy response to this crisis must focus on the well-being of families with children and young people, and must ensure that children do not fall into poverty.

SESSION 3

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSE



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RCRC Initiative | 03/2020

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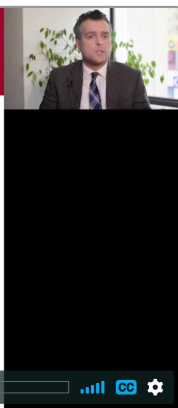
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- **Sitio Web Instituto del Desarrollo de la Juventud (IDJ):** <http://juventudpr.org/>
 - Informe "Los Efectos del Huracán María en la Niñez en Puerto Rico": <http://juventudpr.org/sobre-nosotros/biblioteca/?libroid=93277>
 - Informe "Un futuro de pobreza infantil en Puerto Rico: cuánto nos cuesta y qué podemos hacer": <https://www.cuantonoscuesta.com/>
- **Caja de Herramientas RCRC:** <https://rcrctoolbox.org/>
 - "Catálogo de recursos COVID-19 de la Caja de Herramientas RCRC": https://rcrctoolbox.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/RCRC-Toolbox_COVID19-menu_es.pdf
 - "Los Niños y el Coronavirus: Guía para Familias y Proveedores": <https://rcrctoolbox.org/es/toolbox/children-coronavirus-a-guide-for-families-providers/>
 - "Planificación para la Continuidad de Operaciones (COOP) en tiempos de COVID-19": <https://rcrctoolbox.org/es/toolbox/planificacion-para-la-continuidad-de-operaciones-en-tiempos-de-covid-19/>
- **Centro de Recursos COVID-19 del National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP):** https://bit.ly/ncdp_covid19
- **Sitio Web Puerto Rico Children and Youth Taskforce (PRCYTF):** <https://www.prcytaskforce.org/>
- **Fact Sheet First Focus: Ayuda a los Niños Durante la Pandemia de Coronavirus:** <https://firstfocus.org/blog/fact-sheet-coronavirus>