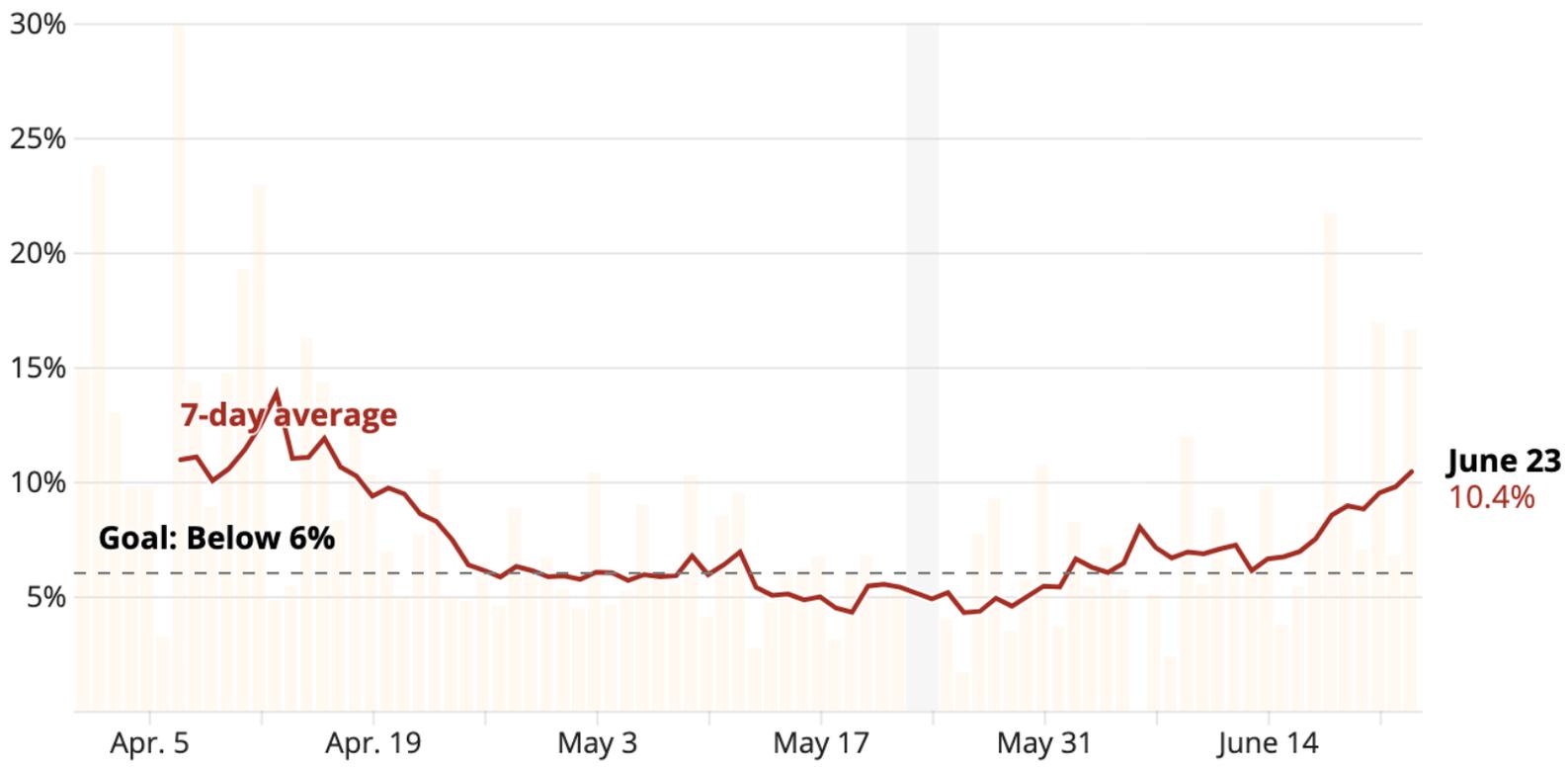


# PATIENT'S PREMIER CHOICE NEWSLETTER



## Texas Coronavirus Updates

- Seven weeks after Gov. Greg Abbott began allowing businesses to reopen, Texas exceeded another one of his key metrics Wednesday when the seven-day average positivity rate passed 10%, a level that Abbott previously called a “warning flag.”
- For 13 days in a row, the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 has reached record highs, soaring to 4,389 on Wednesday and more than doubling since the beginning of June. The daily count of new COVID-19 cases passed the 5,000 mark Tuesday and reached 5,551 on Wednesday — a 94% jump since June 1.
- Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2020/06/24/texas-coronavirus-infection-rate/>



- The positivity rate is the ratio of positive cases to the number of tests conducted. The seven-day average has returned to 10.42%, a level the state hasn't seen since mid-April, when Texas was under a stay-at-home order. In other words, for the past week, an average of about 1 out of 10 people tested for the coronavirus were positive. It's the latest in a streak of rapidly increasing indicators that have worried public health experts and local officials in Texas.
- Although health officials agree that wearing face coverings is one of the easiest methods to slow the spread of COVID-19, Abbott has so far refused to require people to wear masks in public. The governor issued an executive order June 3 banning local governments from imposing fines or criminal penalties on people who don't wear masks in public.
- Earlier Thursday, Abbott ordered all licensed hospitals in hard-hit Bexar, Dallas, Harris and Travis counties to postpone elective procedures in order to protect hospital capacity for Covid-19 patients. Those counties include the state's largest cities — Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Austin.
- Source: <http://austintexas.gov/news/austin-travis-county-announcing-covid-19-public-testing-enrollment-form>

# Tips to Prevent Coronavirus Transmission



Wash your hands frequently



Cough and sneeze into the  
elbow



Dispose of used tissues  
immediately



Avoid contact with others



Avoid crowds and public  
gatherings



Avoid touching your face



Clean all shared surfaces  
frequently



Avoid all nonessential travel



Call ahead before going to a  
clinic or hospital



Isolate yourself if sick or at  
risk of complications



Work from home if possible



Only wear a mask if you are  
sick, have COVID-19, or are  
caring for someone with it



## **BIRTHDAYS AND NEW HIRES**

Make sure to wish a happy birthday to these wonderful PCC staff members!

- Linh 7/14

Also make sure to give a warm welcome to the new staff on board:

- Katherine Zuraitis RN

*Welcome*



## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are monitoring the situation very carefully and weighing our options accordingly. The office will remain in contact with all of you throughout this emergency, and if we need to take action that will affect your staffing you will be included in that conversation. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time if you have any questions or concerns. We will get through this as a team and a family. Thank you