

# Broome County COVID-19 Response

BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
APRIL 16, 2020 – 4PM





# Introduction

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Broome County Executive

Jason T. Garnar

# Agenda

## Introduction

- County Executive Jason Garnar

## Current Situation

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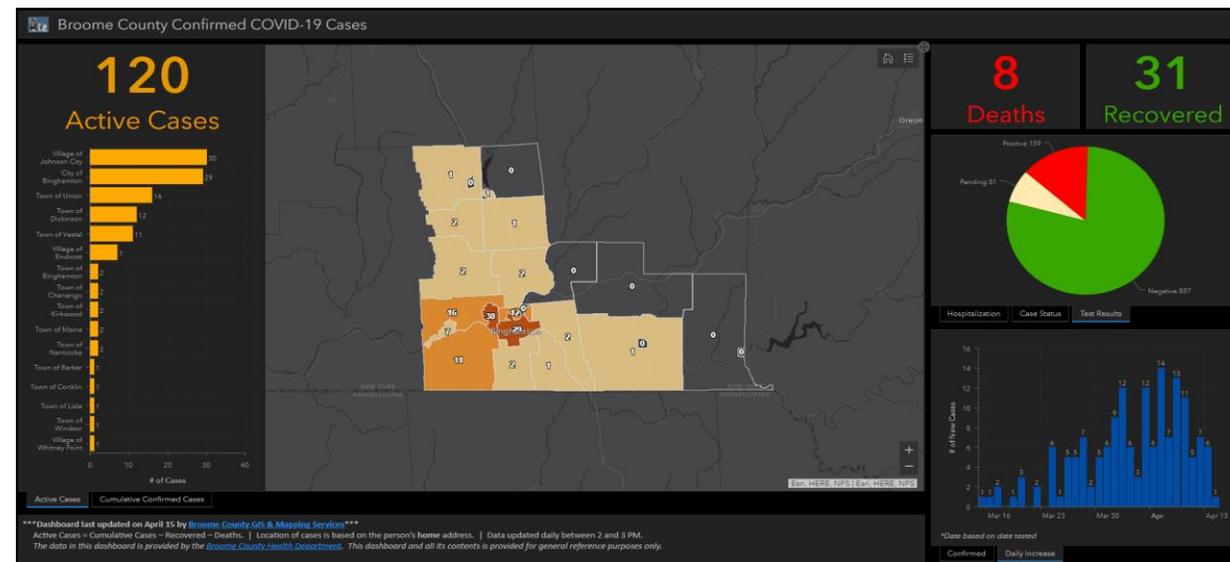
## Recovery

# Current Situation

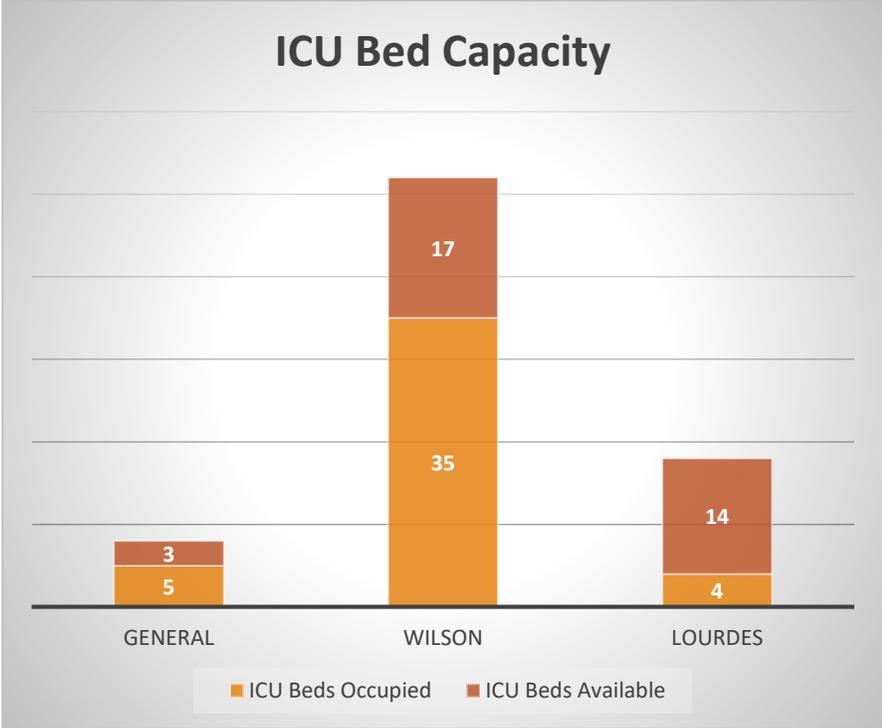
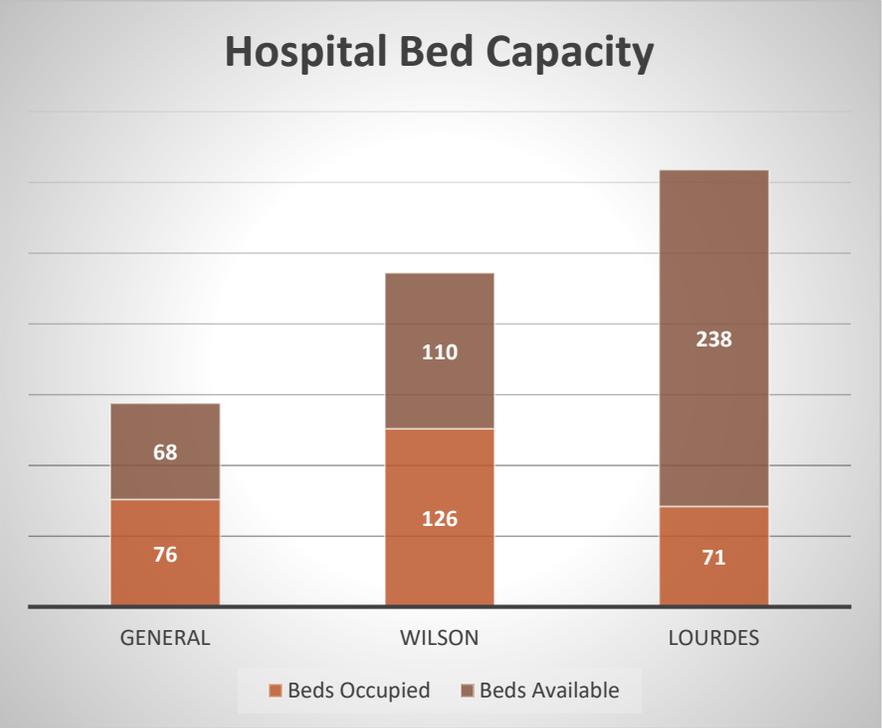
COVID-19 Monitoring Status	
Currently Monitoring	281
Total Precautionary- Active	51
Total Mandatory- Active	230
Currently Pending	24
Currently Completed	1266
Total Precautionary- Completed	934
Total Mandatory- Completed	332
Total Monitored at Any Point	1571

As of 4/16/20, 8AM

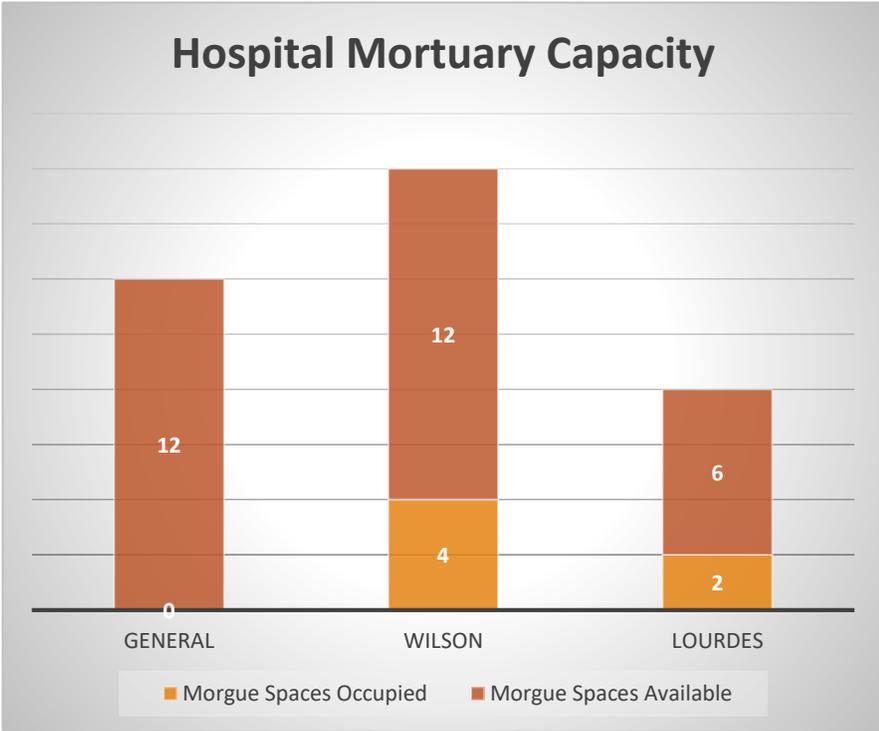
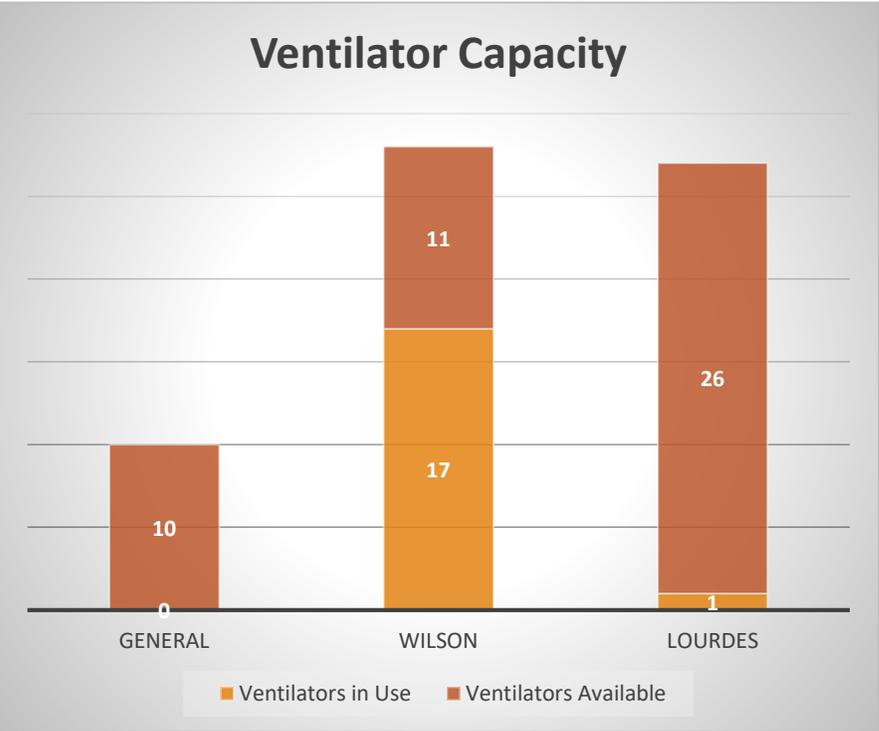
COVID-19 Test Status	
Total # Tested	113
# Pending Results	0
# with Negative Result	71
# with Positive Result	171



# Hospital Status



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## STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in Broome County  
effective at: (area within municipality, or entire municipality)

3:30pm on March 14, 2020  
(time) (date)

This State of Emergency has been declared due to COVID-19 outbreak

(description of situation)

This situation threatens the public safety.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until rescinded by a subsequent order.

As the Chief Executive of Broome County  
(name of municipality)

I, Jason T. Garnar, exercise the authority given me under  
(name of Chief Executive)

Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Municipality.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of

Broome County to take whatever steps necessary to  
(name of municipality)

protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

Jason T. Garnar  
(Name)

  
(Signature)

County Executive  
(Title)

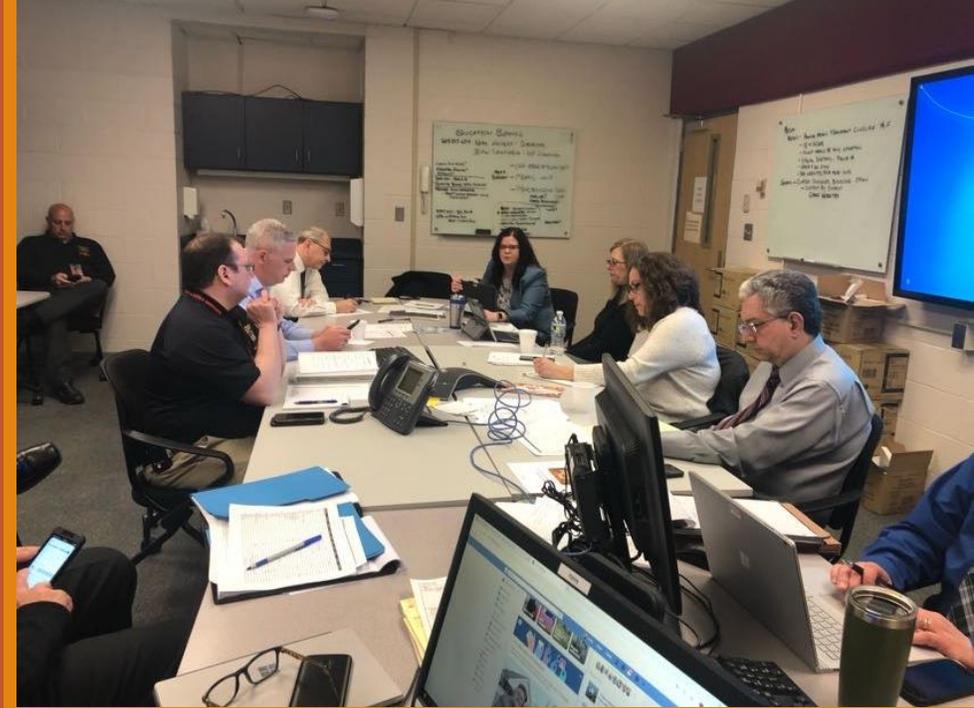
March 14, 2020  
(Date)

# State of Emergency

- State of Emergency was formally declared by the County Executive on March 14, 2020 due to COVID-19.
- Currently 7 active Emergency Orders

# Emergency Operations Center

- EOC was formally opened on March 12, 2020
- We are currently at a Level 3 Activation (Full activation)
- EOC is working 13 objectives
- First time we have had to virtualize large portions of the EOC
- Over 600 “tickets” entered into DisasterLAN
  - 450 requests
  - 400 completed state

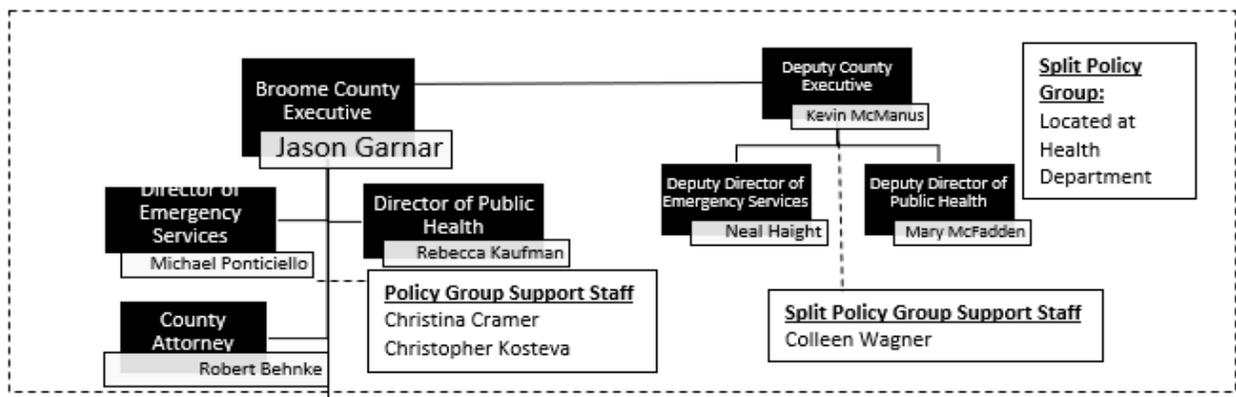


Filled Position

Unfilled Position

- Agency Representatives
- Health Department------(Horton)
  - Information Technology (Dutcher)
  - County Executive------(McCroly)
  - Home Health------(Camp)
  - Hospitals------(Ellis/Henry)
  - Long Term Care------(Patti)
  - BCCOAD------(Jensen)
  - 211/UW------(Gregory)
  - United Way------(Welch)
  - Office for Aging------(Schule)

Liaison  
 Provider Practices  
 Police/Fire/EMS



MAC/Policy Group

**EOC Manager**  
 Michael Ballard

**Agency Represenatives**

**911 Communications Center**  
 Senior Dispatcher

**Liasion Officer**

**EOC Call Center**  
 Kimberly Wilcox / Sarah Lewis

**Public Information Officer**  
 Monika Hammer

**COOP/COG**  
 Chuck Rogers / Tom Behan  
 Tom Dellapenna

**Operations Section Chief ESF 6/8**  
 Michael Bender

**Planning Section Chief ESF 5**  
 Katie Pierce

**Logisitics Section Chief ESF 7**  
 James Dadamio

**Finance Section Chief**  
 Jerome Kneble  
 Anthony Fassett

**Human Services Branch**  
 Ray Serowik

**Education Unit**  
 John Dancesia

**Social Services**  
 Nancy Williams

**Health Branch**  
 Mary McFadden

**Public Safety and Security ESF 13**  
 Capt. Newcomb

**Sit Unit Leader**  
 Matthew Sitek

**Resource Unit Leader**  
 Jeff Buckler

**Supply Unit Leader**  
 Jessica Polhamus

**Facilities Unit Leader**  
 Michael Heide

**Procurement Unit**  
 Robin Laabs

**DMORT**  
 Tim Szczesny

**EMS**  
 Dep EMS Coorinator

**Housing**  
 Sonja Bennett

**Child Care**

**Planning Staff**  
 Denny White

**Planning Staff**  
 Dale Currier

**Ordering Manager**  
 Patrick Dewing

**Receiving/ Distribution Manager**  
 Cortni Ann Brienza

**Warehouse Wayne St**  
 Highway Worker (4)

**Donation Dropoff**

**Pre Hospital Treatment Facility**  
 Nikki Hoppes

**Hospital Step Down Facility**  
 Ron Patti

**Recovery Taskforce**  
 Frank Evangelisti

**Logistics Staff**  
 Tom Vroman

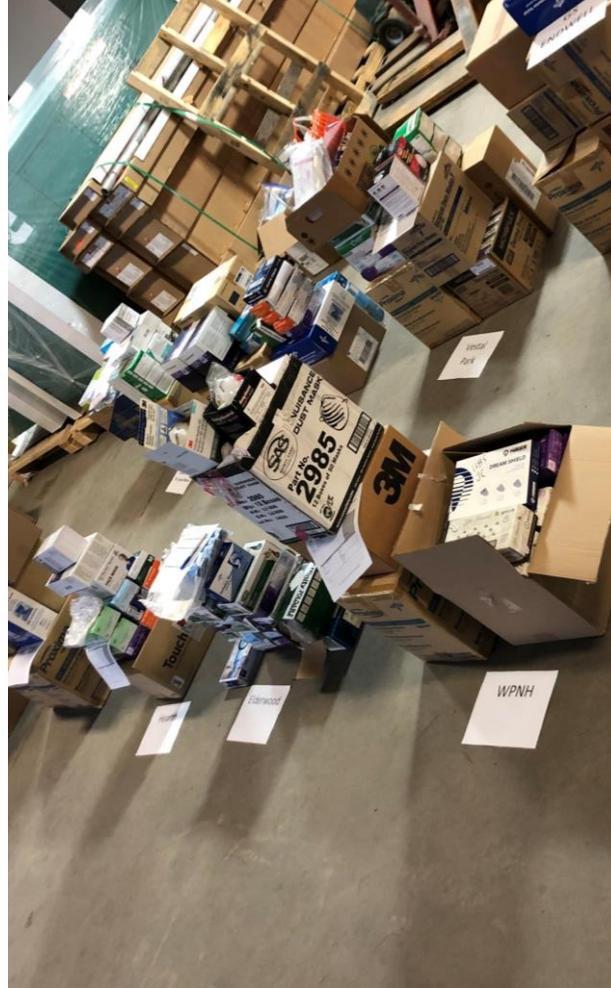
**Food Unit Leader**



# Operational Highlights

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- Education & Feeding
- Donation Drop off
- Prehospital Treatment Facility
- Mass Fatality Planning



Logistics/PPE

# Logistics/PPE

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## RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION

- Large receiving and distribution operation
- Received over 400,000 pieces of PPE
  - More than 250,000 received through donations
- Distributed over 390,000 pieces of PPE

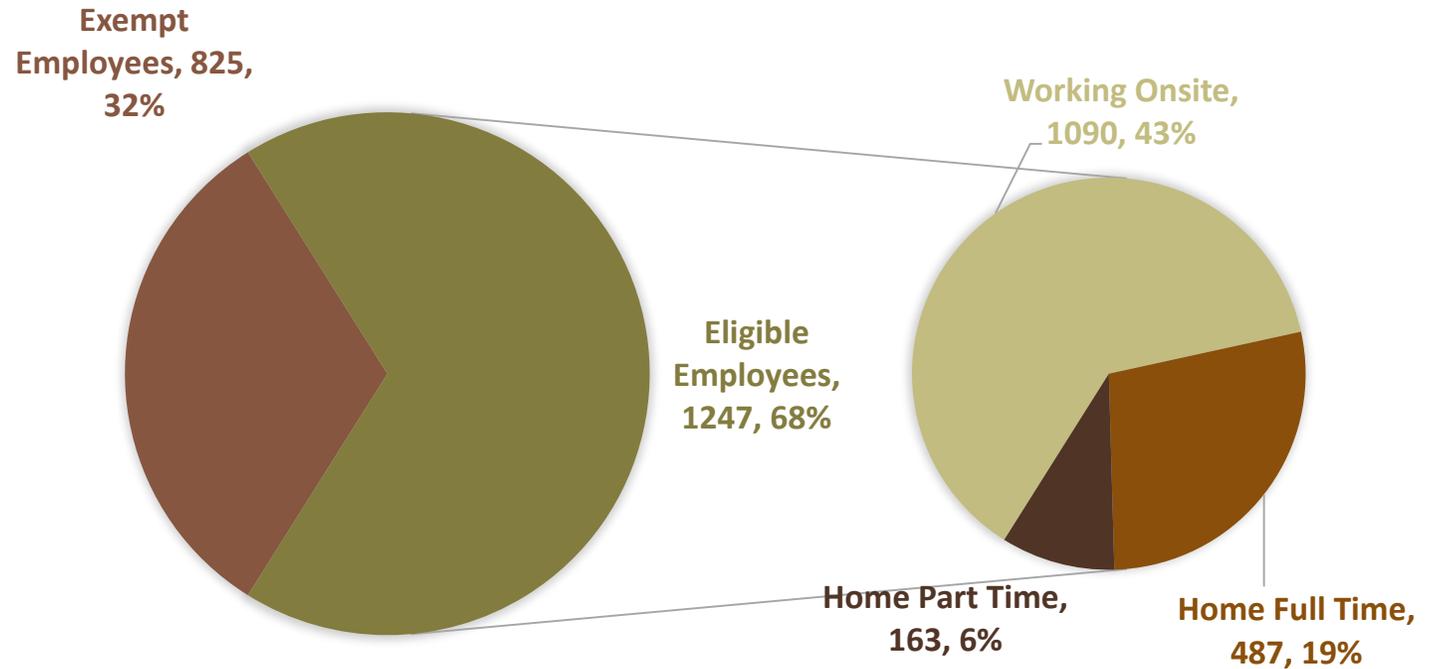
## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- Masks
  - N-95
  - Surgical Masks
- Gloves
- Gowns/Tyvek Suits
- Googles/Face Shields/Safety Glasses
- Hand Sanitizer
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Cloth Masks

# Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government

- Maintain continuity of operations
  - 10 Critical Functions
  - 50% Staff Reduction
  - Child Care
- Maintain continuity of government
  - Split Policy Group

Total Broome County Workforce: 2072



The following departments are exempt:  
Aviation, Elections, Emergency Services, Sheriff, Transit, Willow Point

# Health Department

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Case investigation team speaking with all people with positive test results for COVID-19

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Contact tracing team contacts anyone who was within 6 feet of positive person for 10 or more minutes starting 48 hours before symptoms began

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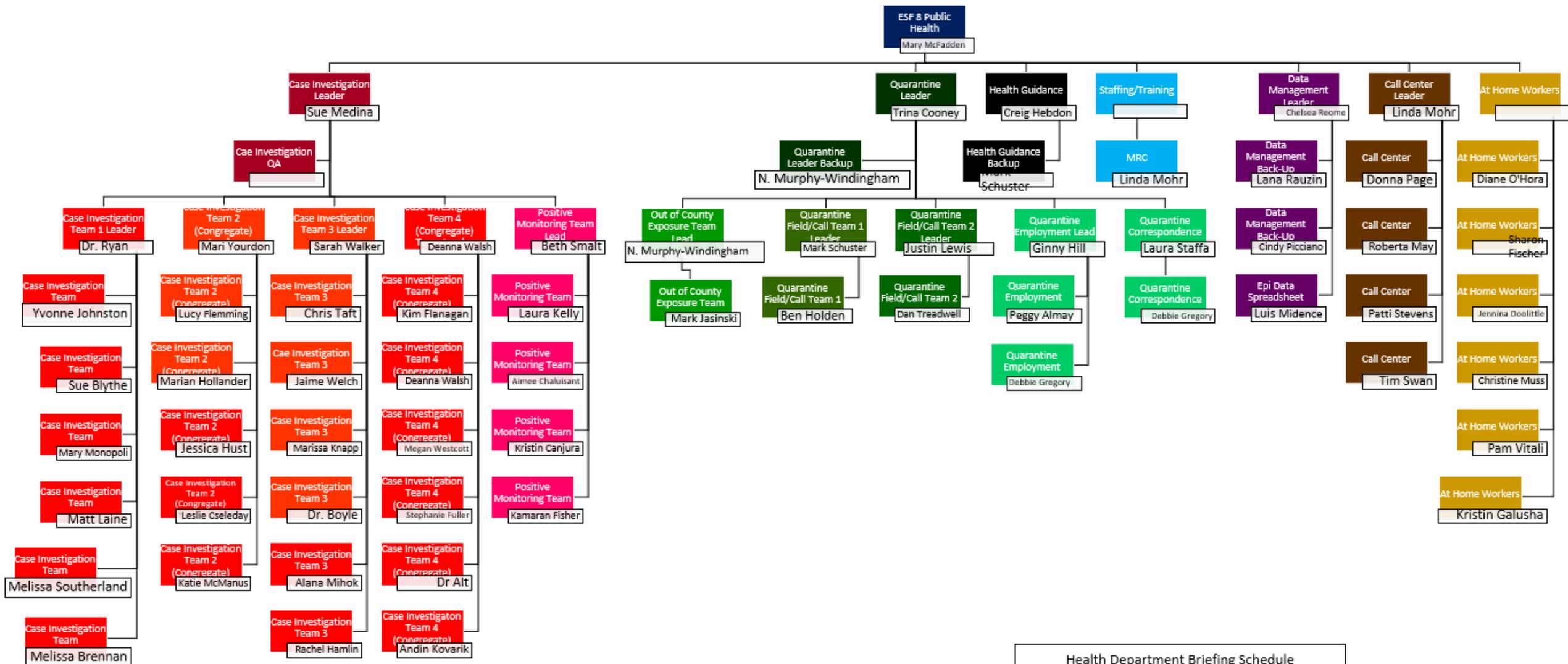
Mandatory Quarantine

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Precautionary Quarantine

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Training, Data Management and Call Takers



Broome County Health Department Org Chart  
April 9, 2020

**Health Department Briefing Schedule**

- 10:00 am Guidance
- 10:30 am Data/testing and Quarantine
- 11:30 am Call Center
- 12:30 pm Case Investigation
- 2:00 pm Mary/Carrie -> Rebecca

# Testing

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- Testing has recently been expanded to include moderately ill patients with COVID-19 symptoms
- Both UHS and Lourdes using virtual visits and making appointments for patients to be swabbed
- We have seen a large increase in the number tested over the last week

# Recovery

- Occurring simultaneously with Response
- Formation of Recovery Task Force
- Working Groups:
  - Non-For-Profit
  - Education
  - Government
  - Business
  - Social Services
- State Policy Driven

# Legislator Questions



Rebecca A. Kaufman, Director  
Public Health Department



Michael A. Ponticiello, Director  
Office of Emergency Services