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NPS COVID-19 Update

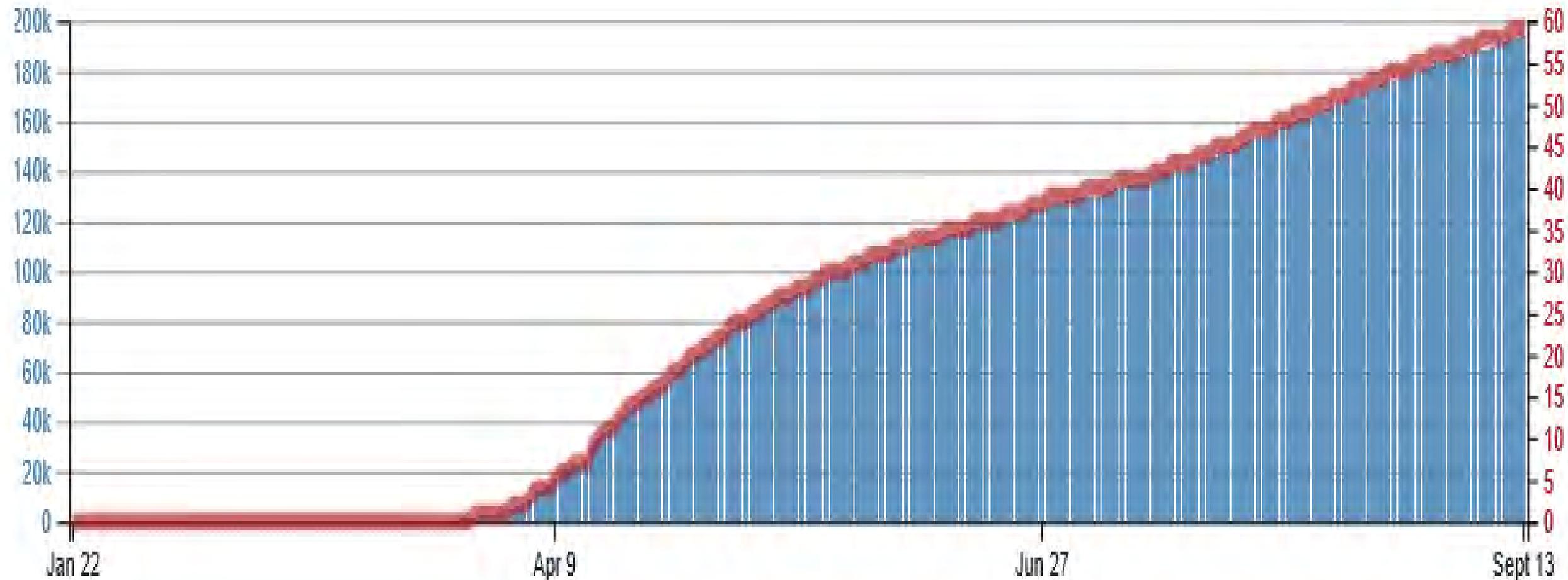
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Incidence Rate of Covid-19 Deaths in US per 100K



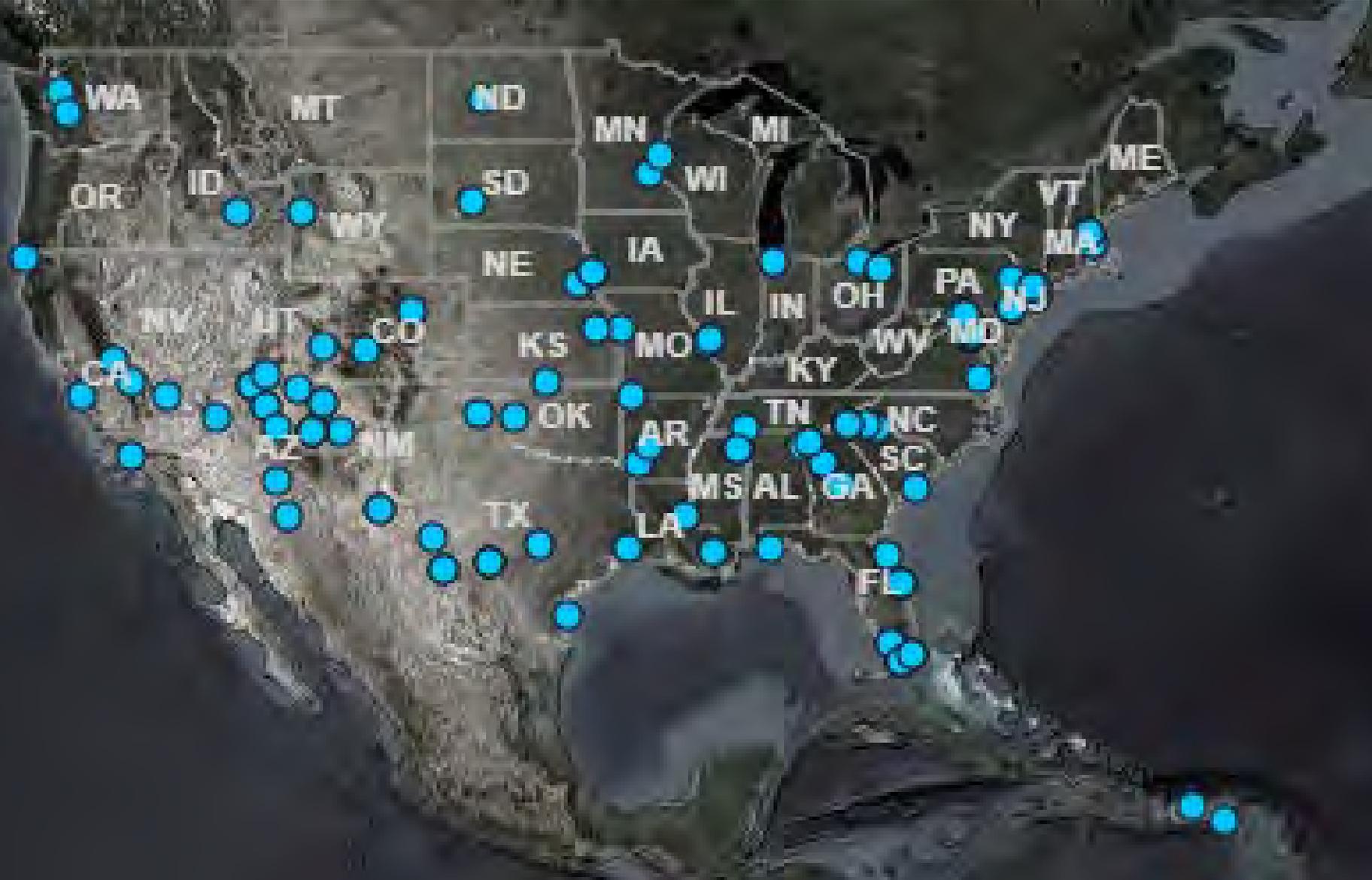


Burden of COVID-19 Disease at NPS

- ~150 employee cases reported in 111 parks/offices/regions
- NPS cases in 37 states, 3 territories
- Highest number of cases in:
 - Maintenance, Law Enforcement, Interpretation
- Percent recovered: 96% to date



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Public Health Actions for Covid-19

- Monitor and interpret evolving science
- Help parks know and align with state and local guidance.
- Consult on mitigation strategies related to park reopening and emergency closure plans
- Provide consultation services on COVID-related question or scenarios at park, regional and executive leadership levels



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Public Health Actions for Covid-19

- Revise Job-hazard assessments and COVID risk-assessments for job classifications and deliver hands-on job safety training for employees.
- Assist parks with plans/SOPS to allow critical conservation work to resume
- Provide guidance on quarantine and isolation for sick and exposed employees
- **Collaborate** with internal and external partners



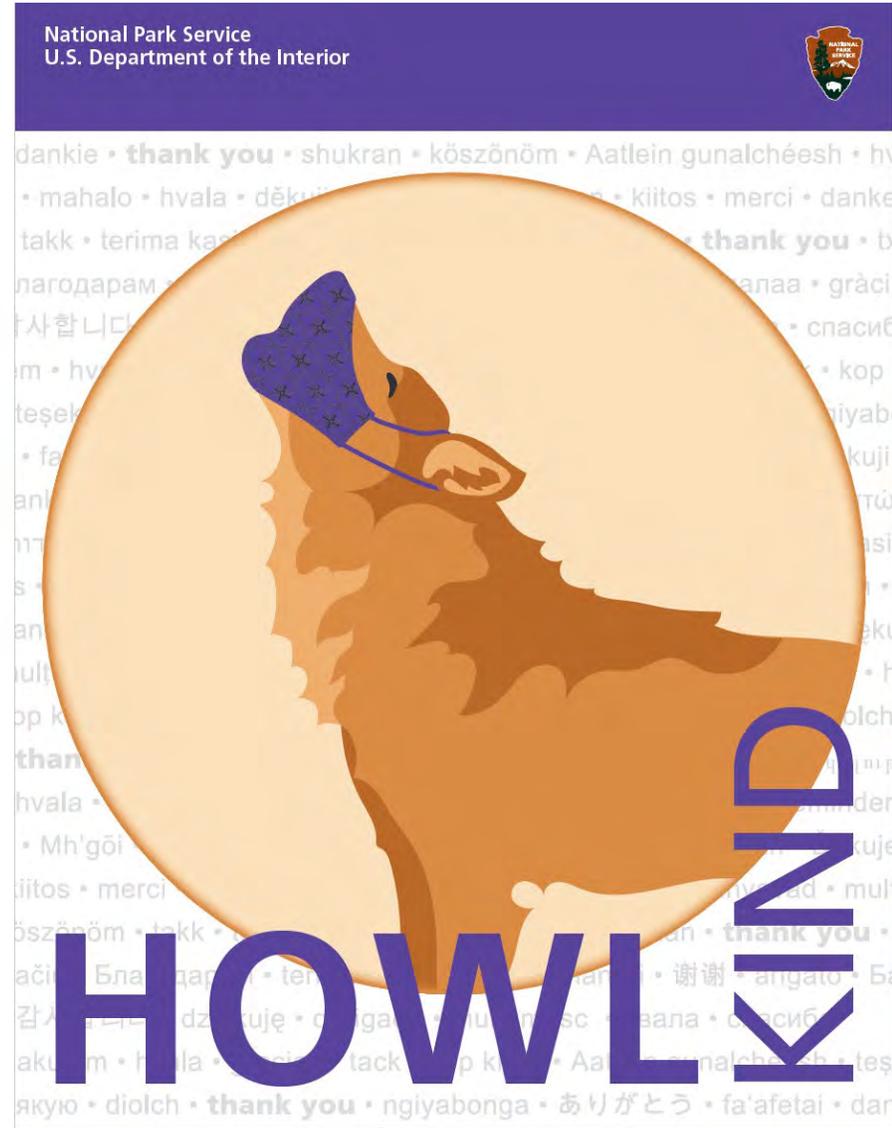
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Communications

- [Social Media: #RecreateResponsibly Facebook](#): 7.3K reactions, 782 shares
- [Coronavirus Response Information](#) (2.3 million views since March)
- [Recreate Responsibly](#) (>35K views since May launch)
- [COVID-19 Safety and Social Distancing Graphics](#) (public-facing page)
- [Recreate Responsibly and Safety Graphics](#) (public-facing page)
- Signs: Developed by working group that includes HFC, ORM, OComm



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Flight 93 Nat'l
Memorial
LCDRs King
and Gifford



Flight 93 Tower

CDR Blonk food inspection





CDR
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What Works for Health ›

Find out how parks are working to better your health

NPS Healthy Parks Healthy People



Wellness in Nature ›

Get a healthy dose of nature—wherever you are





- Parks be managed to “promote public recreation and **public health**”.
Letter from Olmsted Jr to Acting Secretary of the Interior (Dec. 31, 1910)
- Parks should serve the distinct function: of “furthering of knowledge and **health**. (NPS Annual Report, 1916, p. 2)
- Parks provide benefits to the people of “safeguarding **health**” (NPS Annual Report, 1917)
- Parks are “set apart for the use, observation, **health**, and pleasure of the people” (1918 letter from Secretary Lane to Director Mather)



- “From this brief review of the effective work of the Public Health Service the visitor to the parks may feel assured that his health is as zealously guarded as in the town or city whence he comes”
- This work by the Public Health Service furnishes one of the outstanding examples of effective cooperative work on the part of one bureau of the Government with another...”

--NPS Annual Report, 1922



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100th Anniversary (1921-2021)



U.S. Public Health Service and National Park Service Partnership

Tropical Diseases on the Move



THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve optimal health for all, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and services that enable good health and seek to remove obstacles and systemic and structural barriers, such as poverty, racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of oppression, that have resulted in health inequities. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve good health and well-being.

