

# Ottawa County COVID-19 Epidemiology

February 3, 2022

*Data as of January 29, 2022, unless otherwise indicated*

# Executive Summary

- **Transmission in Michigan and the US remains elevated**
- **Ottawa community transmission levels remain elevated**
  - This past week positivity remained elevated at 33%, but lower than 35.2% seen last week.
  - Weekly case counts **decreased** 25% (+9% two weeks ago), from 4,071 two weeks ago to 3,071 last week.
  - Cases among children **decreased** 27% (+45% two weeks ago), from 924 two weeks ago to 673 last week.
  - The Omicron variant continues to be detected in clinical samples from Ottawa County residents, and wastewater signals are suggestive of Omicron.
- **Ottawa area and regional hospitals are experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 patients**
  - In Ottawa County, 21% of all available beds and 33% of all ICU beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients.\*
  - Regional healthcare systems are strained and asking for the community to take preventive action.
  - No Ottawa-area hospitals employed Emergency Department diversion last week.\*\*
  - Adequate staffing is a challenge for many hospitals in the region, and therapeutics may be in short supply.
- **Pediatric hospitalization rates in the US and in Michigan remain very elevated.**
  - From January 17-23, 2022 regional pediatric hospital COVID-19 census was the highest of the pandemic (38).
  - In January 2022, MIS-C cases in Ottawa County children reached the highest monthly count of the pandemic (3). MIS-C is a rare but serious condition affecting children, associated with recent COVID-19 infection.
- **Of Ottawa County residents aged 5+, 61.5% are completely vaccinated**

\*Some hospitals in Ottawa County immediately transfer acutely ill adults or children to regional hospitals that offer a higher level of care. This practice may reduce the proportion of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients in Ottawa and increase bed occupancy in urban centers with large hospitals, such as Kent County.

\*\*Emergency Department diversion may have the following [impacts](#): 1) delayed ambulance turnaround, 2) delayed treatment, 3) increasing short- and long-term mortality rates, 4) lost hospital revenue, 5) increased costs for more ICU care that would have been preventable with timely healthcare access.

# Ottawa County Metrics by Week

Metric	Goal	Week Ending				
		1-Jan-22	8-Jan-22	15-Jan-22	22-Jan-22	29-Jan-22
Positivity (All Ages)	<8%	25.6%	34.8%	35.5%	35.2%	33.0%
Weekly Cases (All Ages)	<147	1736	3233	3720	4071	3071
Weekly Cases in Children (0-17 years of age)	NA	214	443	636	924	673
Total Deaths (All Ages)	0	21	16	13	15	8
CDC Risk Transmission Level	Moderate	High	High	High	High	High

**Due to reduced quality, hospitalization data has been removed from this visualization.**

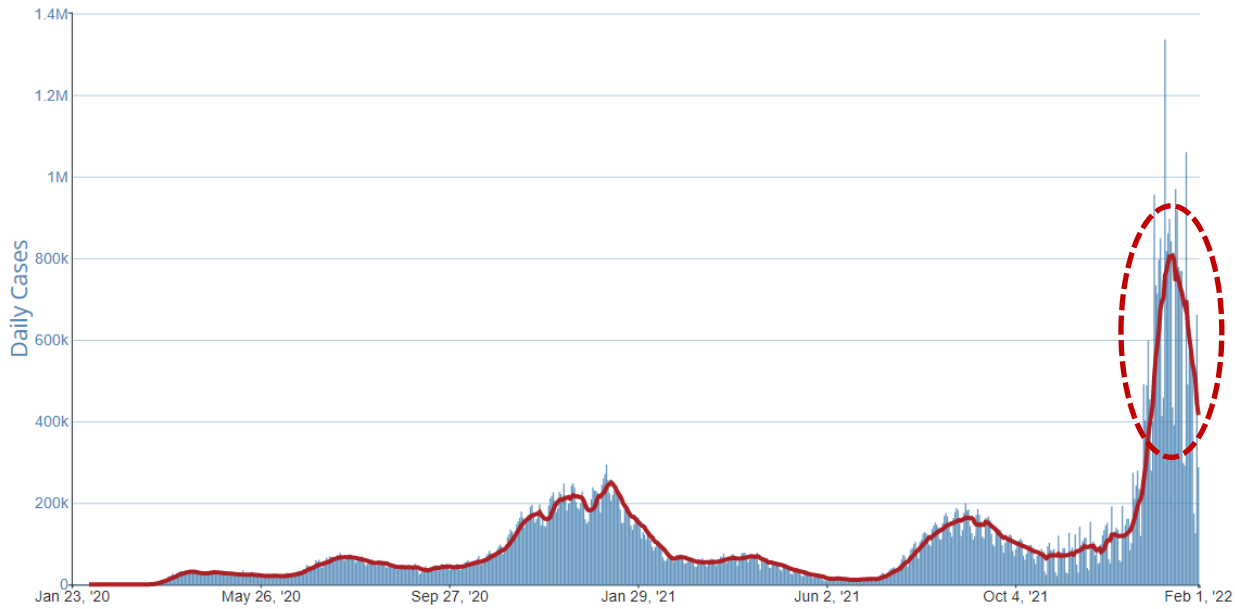
\*Test positivity data is currently unavailable due to technical issues being experienced by the MI Safe Start Map.

Hospitalization and/or death may occur after initial infection, meaning the number of hospitalizations and deaths from recent weeks may increase.

# Case Trends in the USA and Michigan

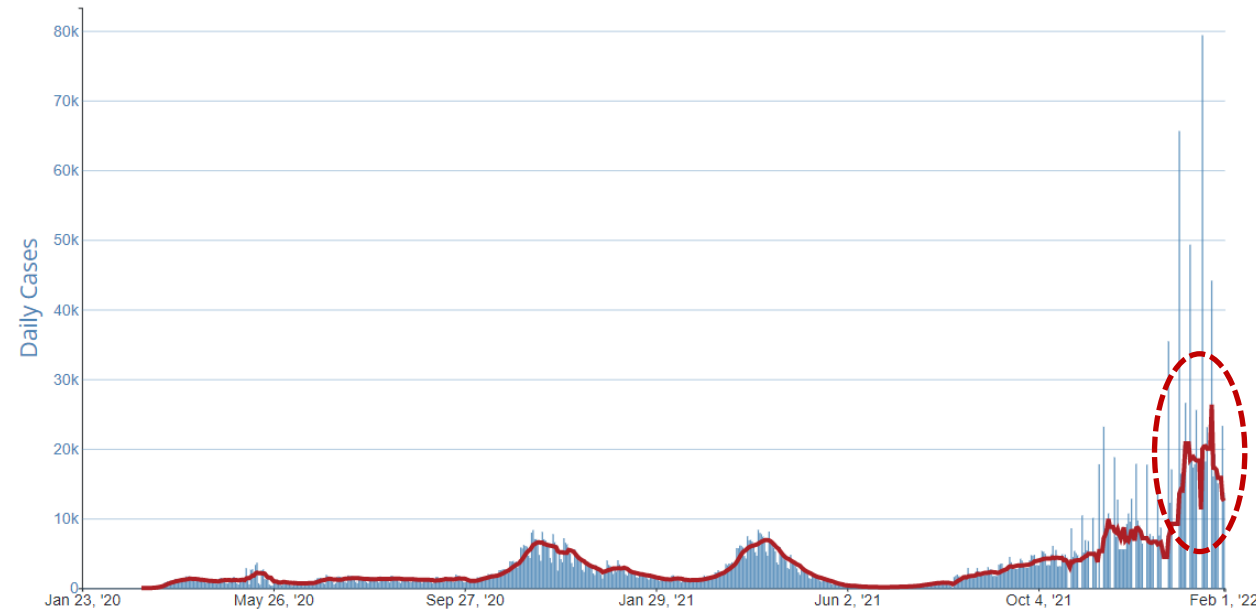
## USA

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in The United States Reported to CDC



## Michigan

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in Michigan Reported to CDC

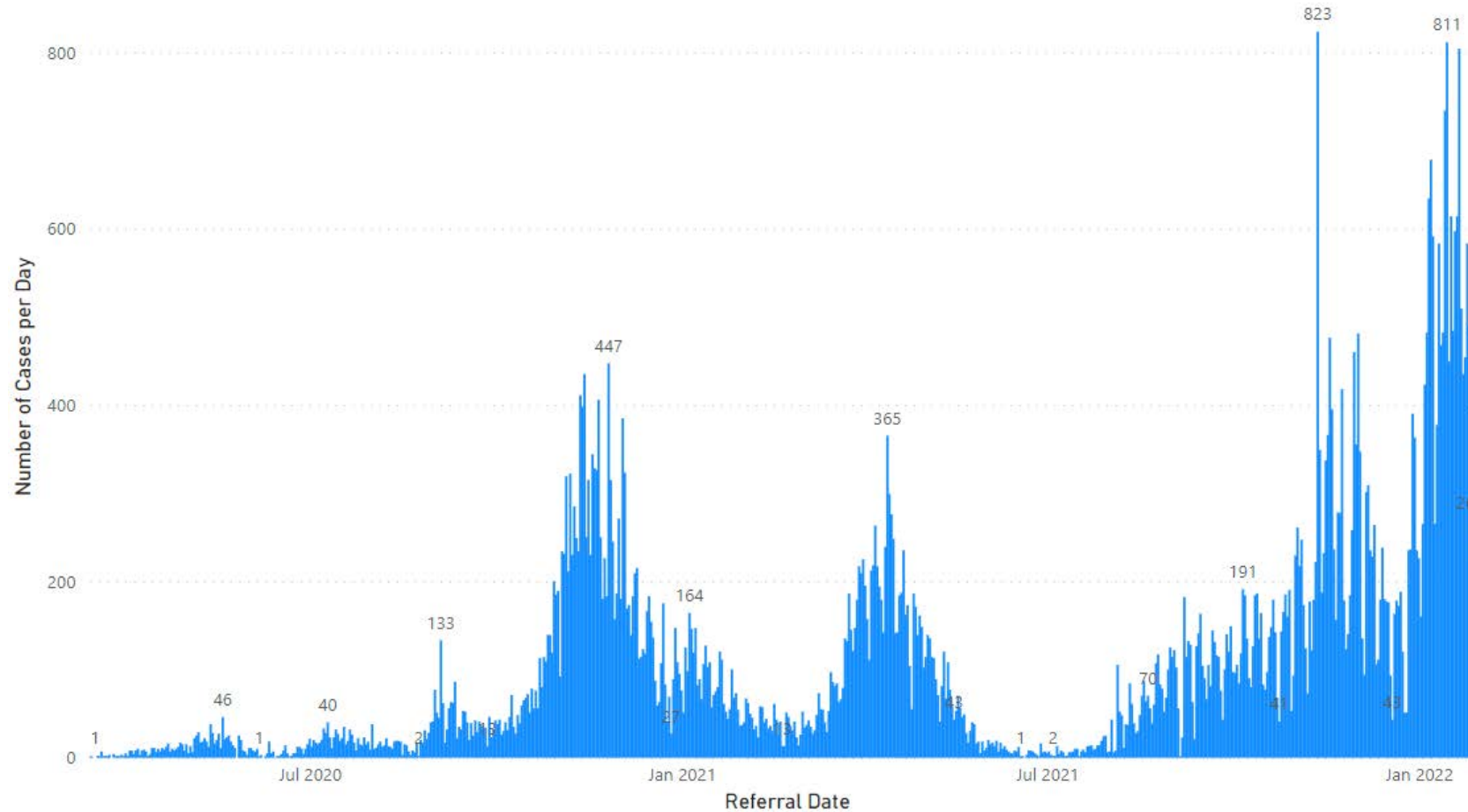


**Daily case counts in Michigan and the US are declining.**

# Case Trends in Ottawa County

## COVID-19 Cases by Day, Ottawa County, March 15, 2020 – February 2, 2022

Epidemiological Curve



Total Number of Cases

# 71,711

Currently the 7-day average is **297 cases per day**, much lower than the 510 cases per day seen at a similar time last week.

**1 in every 19 people** in Ottawa County was counted as a case from January 1 – February 2, 2022.

**Notes:** Use of at home tests likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in an artificially deflated number of cases. Additionally, On November 12, 2021, MDHHS updated their database resulting in a backlog of cases being reported in one day.

**Source:** Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

USA & MI

Spread

Children

Hospitalizations

Vaccinations

Variants

Risk Levels

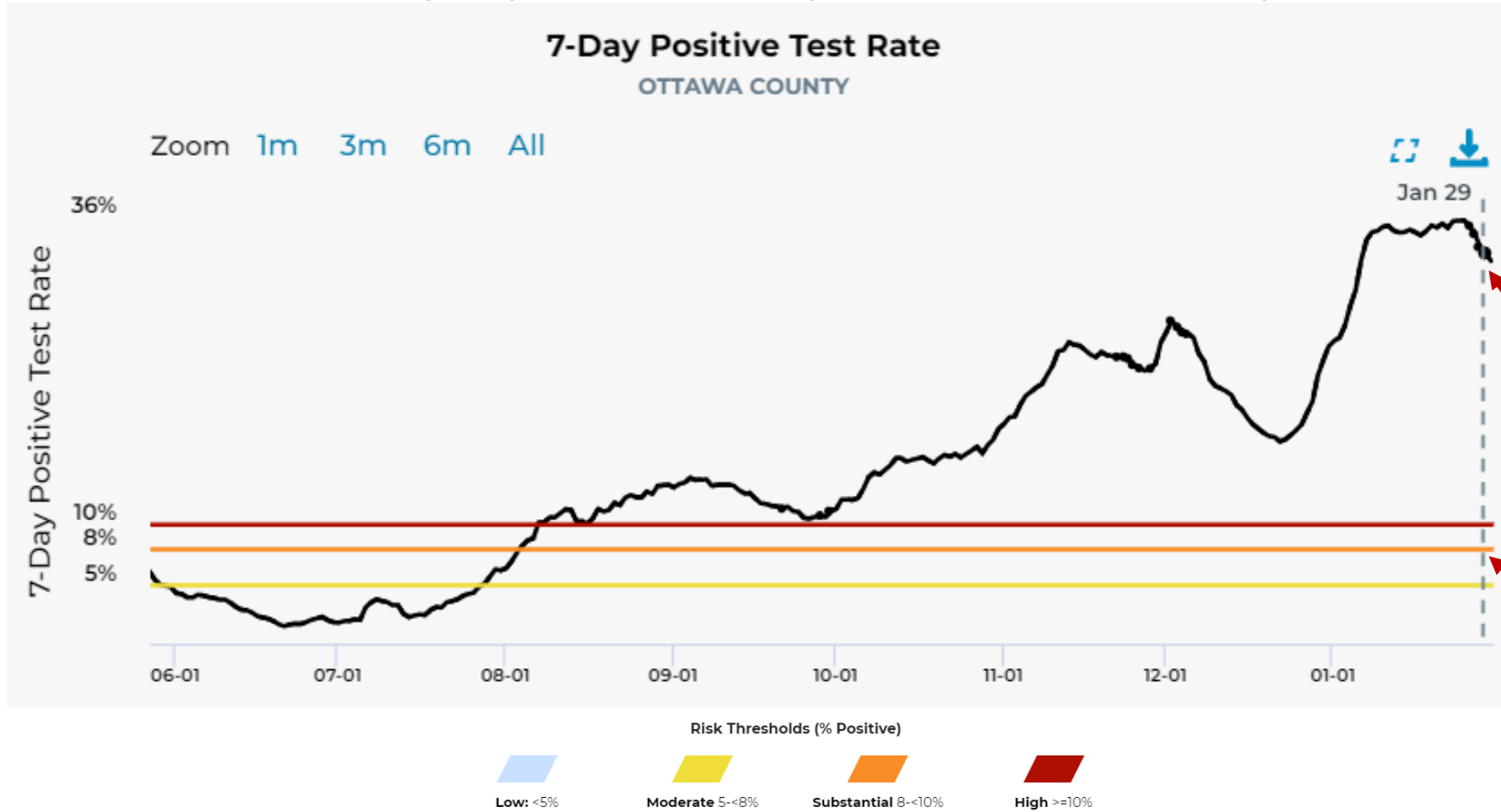
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# Test Positivity in Ottawa County

COVID-19 Cases by Day, Ottawa County, June 1, 2021 – January 29, 2022



Test positivity remained elevated at 33% as of January 29, 2022, but is showing a recent decline.

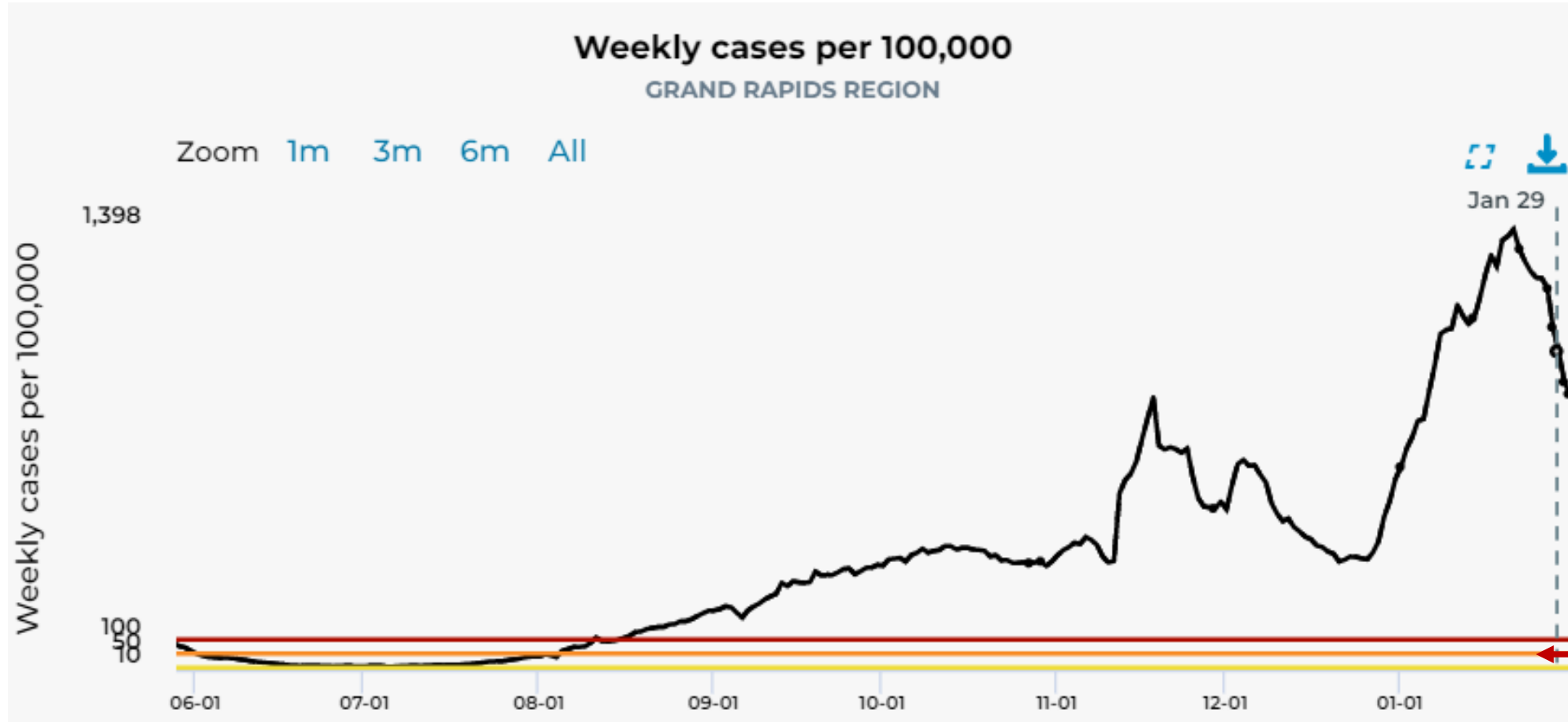
The goal is to have less than 8% of tests coming back positive.

**Note:** Testing in Ottawa County has remained stable with at least 6000-11,000 tests each week: [Testing Results | Ottawa County Covid-19 Case Summary Data \(arcgis.com\)](#) & <https://www.mistartmap.info/mism-indicators?area=county%3Aottawa>

**Source:** <https://www.mistartmap.info/cdc-indicators?area=county%3Aottawa>

# Case Rates in Ottawa County – All Ages

COVID-19 Cases by Day, Ottawa County, June 1, 2021 – January 29, 2022



Case rates decreased to 1,111 cases per week per 100,000 population (down from 1,383 the week prior).

The goal is to have less than 50 cases per week per 100,000 population. In Ottawa County, this would be about 21 cases per day or less.

Risk Thresholds (Cases per 100,000)



Low: <10



Moderate 10-49



Substantial 50-99



High >=100

Source: <https://www.mistartmap.info/cdc-indicators?area=county%3Aottawa>

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# Ottawa County Time Trends – Annual Comparison of Case Rates



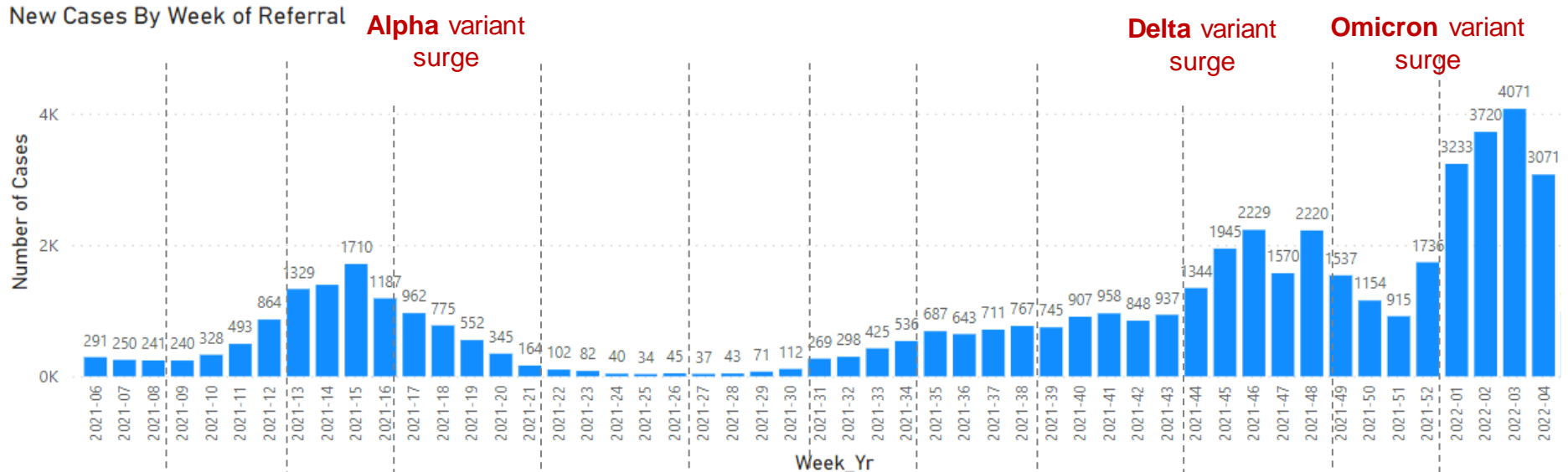
Through much of the late fall of 2021 case rates tracked similarly to 2020. After the first of the year, 2022 rates increased sharply, deviating from trends observed in past years.

Source: Internal Data

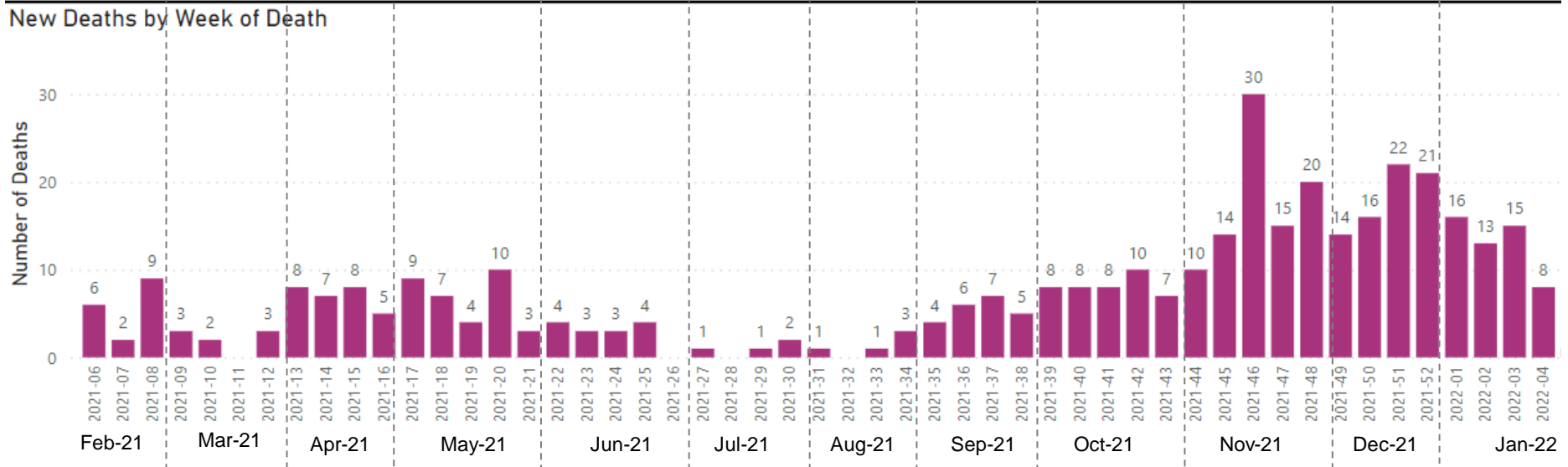
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# Ottawa County – Cases & Deaths by Week, All Ages



The weekly number of cases decreased 25% from week 3 to week 4.



Weekly COVID-19 deaths have exceeded levels experienced in the spring 2021 wave. Current weekly average of deaths over the last 4 weeks stands at about 13 deaths per week.

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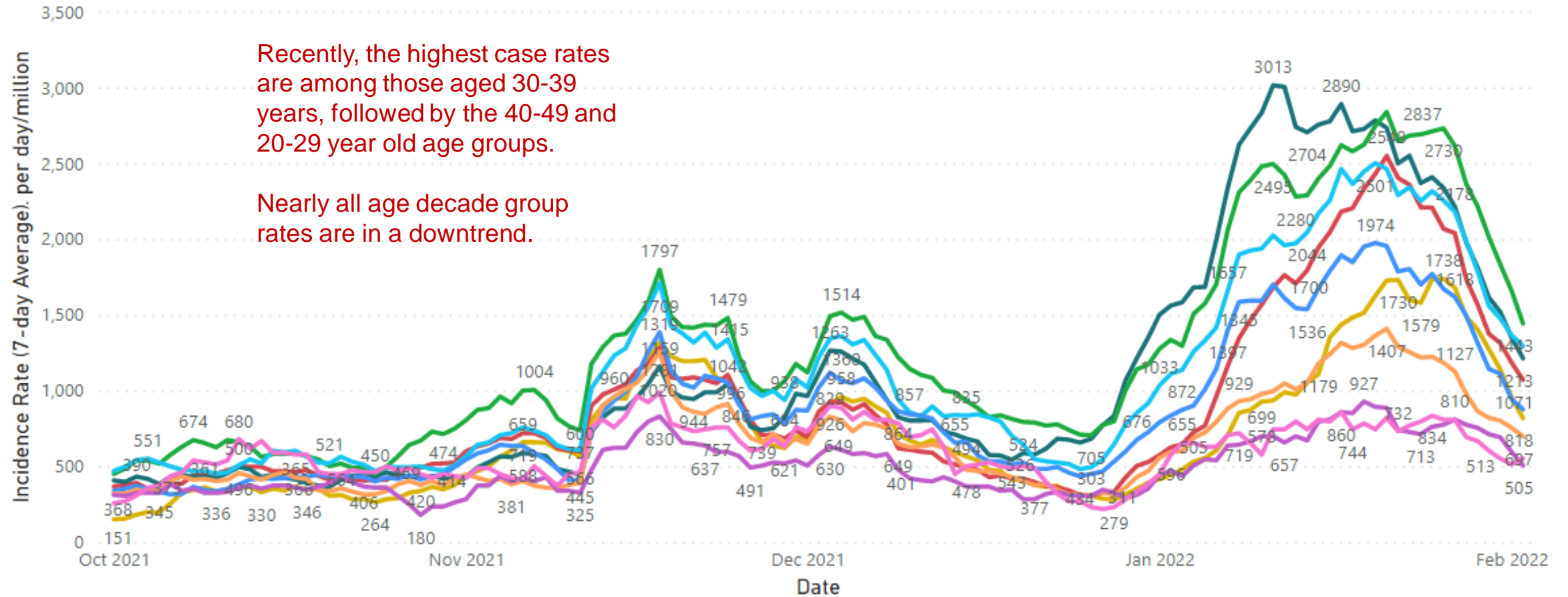
Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

# Ottawa County - Case Rate Trends – by Age Decade

## COVID-19 Case Rates by Age, October 2021 – February 2, 2022

Incidence Rate (7-day Average)

rategroup ● 0-9 ● 10-19 ● 20-29 ● 30-39 ● 40-49 ● 50-59 ● 60-69 ● 70-79 ● 80+



Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

# Ottawa County - Case Rate Trends – by Age Decade

Daily new confirmed and probable cases per day per million by age group (daily average per week)

Week 4 (January 23, 2022 – January 29, 2022)

Age Decade (Years)	Average Daily Cases	Average Daily Case Rate	One Week % Rate Change
0-9	51.7	1404.0	-19%
10-19	69.3	1564.5	-35%
20-29	81.6	1803.5	-27%
30-39	79.4	2215.7	-16%
40-49	59.3	1786.3	-22%
50-59	45.6	1306.4	-27%
60-69	28.1	863.5	-33%
70-79	15.6	754.1	3%
80+	7.4	667.5	-9%

As shown on the previous slide, the **highest** case rates last week were among those **30-39**, followed by those **40-49** and **20-29** years.

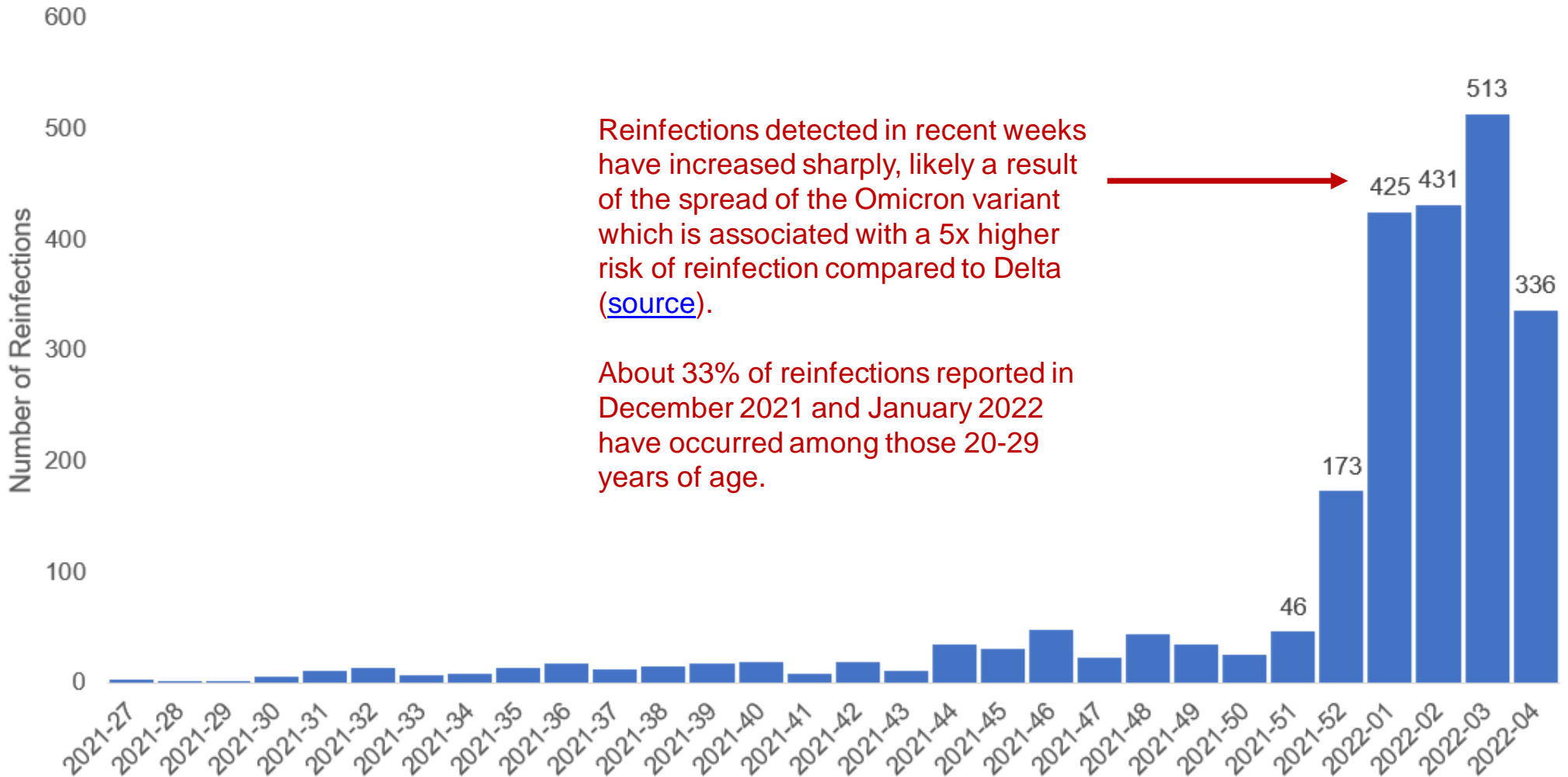
The **largest week to week decreases** (week 3 to week 4) were among those **aged 10-19 (-35%)** and **60-69 (-33%)** years.

**Notes:** Average daily cases is calculated by summing the weekly total number of cases and dividing by seven. Cases counted in weeks of interest reflect referral date.

**Source:** Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System; CDC Wonder 2020 population

Data as February 2, 2022

# Ottawa County – Reinfections by Week



**Notes:** \*For the purposes of this slide a reinfection is considered any Ottawa County resident who was reported two or more times as a confirmed or probable case, with at least 90 days between each referral date. This definition utilizes only cases reported to public health. The gold-standard for determining reinfection includes the variant detected in each infection; comprehensive data on the variant detected are not available for most cases.

**Source:** Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

Data as of February 2, 2022

# Ottawa County Weekly Case Counts and % Change, by Age

Week Ending	Adults (18+)		Children (0-17 years)		Total	
	Number	% Change from Previous Week	Number	% Change from Previous Week	Number	% Change from Previous Week
28-Aug-21	449	23%	88	47%	537	26%
4-Sep-21	553	23%	134	52%	687	28%
11-Sep-21	496	-10%	148	10%	644	-6%
18-Sep-21	547	10%	165	11%	712	11%
25-Sep-21	620	13%	149	-10%	769	8%
2-Oct-21	608	-2%	136	-9%	744	-3%
9-Oct-21	714	17%	197	45%	907	22%
16-Oct-21	765	7%	199	1%	958	6%
23-Oct-21	685	-10%	163	-18%	848	-11%
30-Oct-21	716	5%	219	34%	935	10%
6-Nov-21	991	38%	351	60%	1342	44%
13-Nov-21	1463	48%	487	39%	1950	45%
20-Nov-21	1662	14%	568	17%	2230	14%
27-Nov-21	1229	-26%	341	-40%	1570	-30%
4-Dec-21	1771	44%	450	32%	2221	41%
11-Dec-21	1236	-30%	302	-33%	1538	-31%
18-Dec-21	940	-24%	214	-29%	1154	-25%
25-Dec-21	766	-19%	149	-30%	915	-21%
1-Jan-22	1522	99%	214	44%	1736	90%
8-Jan-22	2790	83%	443	107%	3233	86%
15-Jan-22	3084	11%	636	44%	3720	15%
22-Jan-22	3147	2%	924	45%	4071	9%
29-Jan-22	2398	-24%	673	-27%	3071	-25%

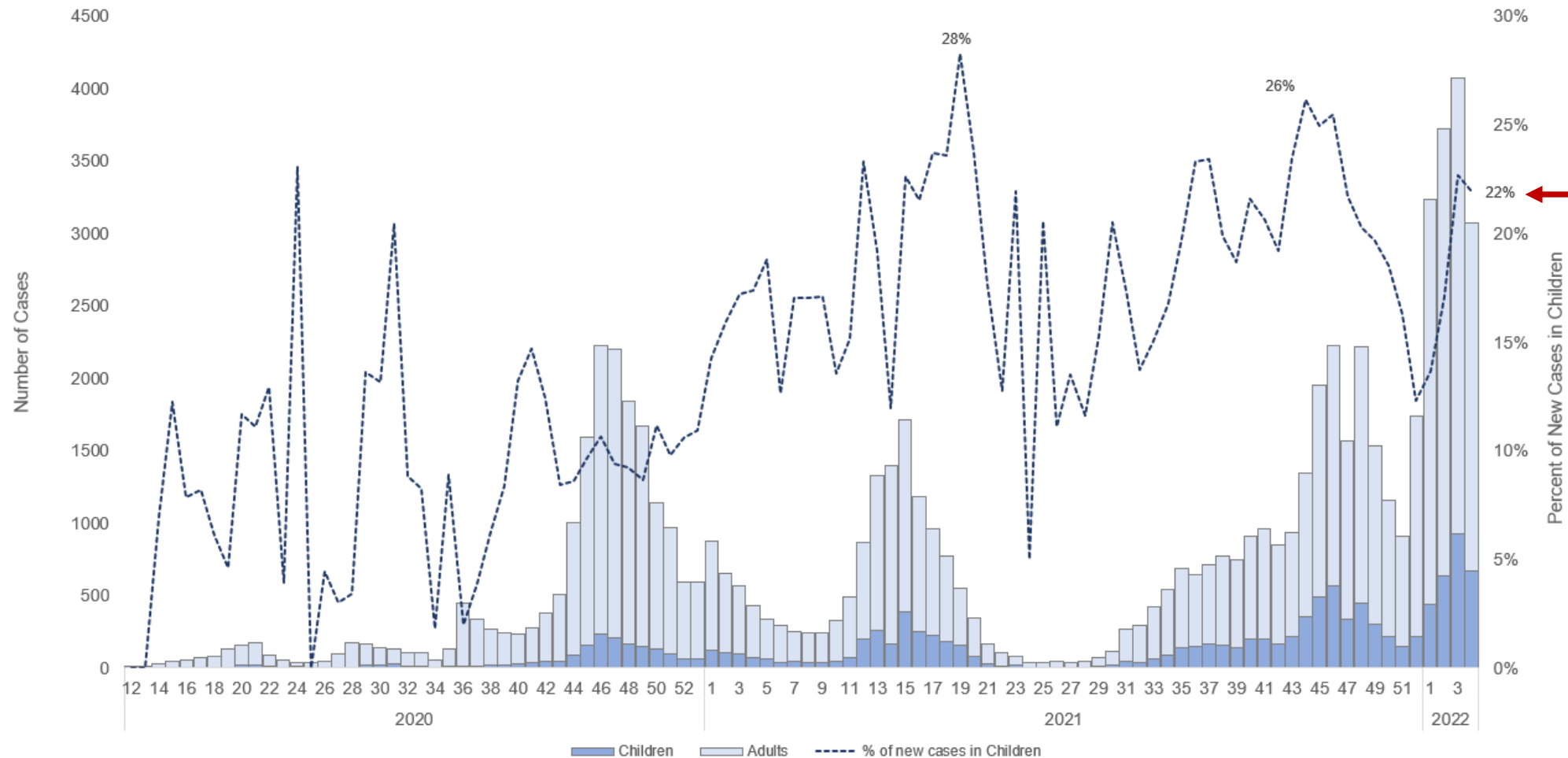
Weekly case counts among **children decreased 27%** last week, and cases in **adults decreased 24%**.

Adults

Children

Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

# Ottawa County Weekly Case Counts and % in Children (0-17)



During week 4 in 2022, children made up **22%** of cases reported, elevated compared to previous weeks.

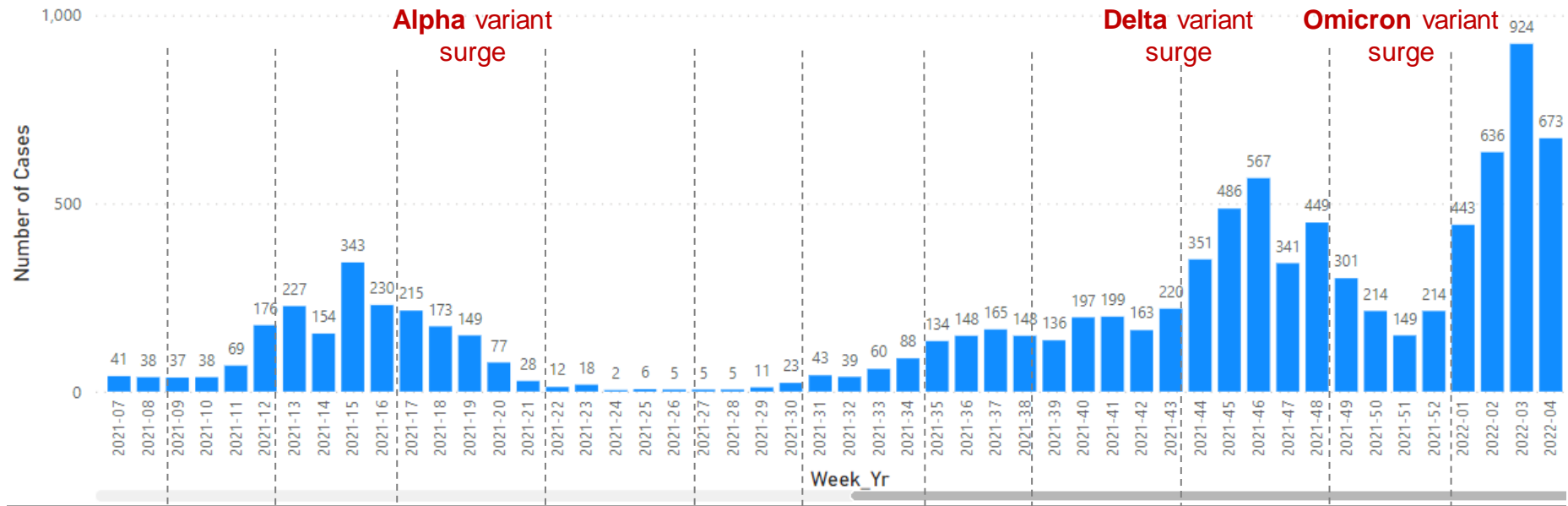
For comparison, children aged 0-17 make up about 23.5% of the population in Ottawa County.

Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System; CDC Wonder 2020

Data through Week 4, 2022

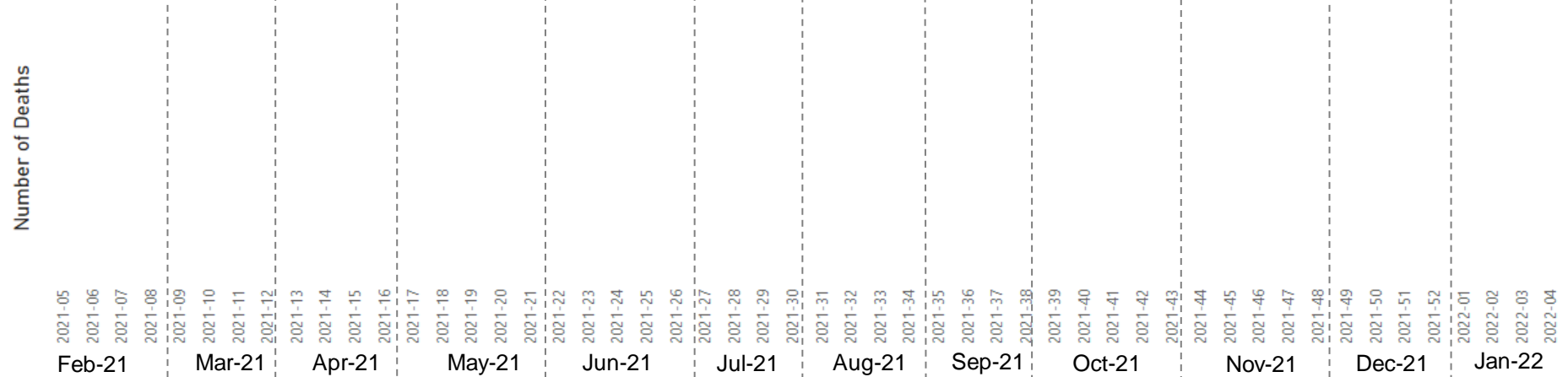
# Ottawa County – Cases & Deaths by Week Among Children (0-17 years)

New Cases By Week of Referral



The weekly number of cases among children **decreased 27%** from week 3 to week 4.

New Deaths by Week of Death



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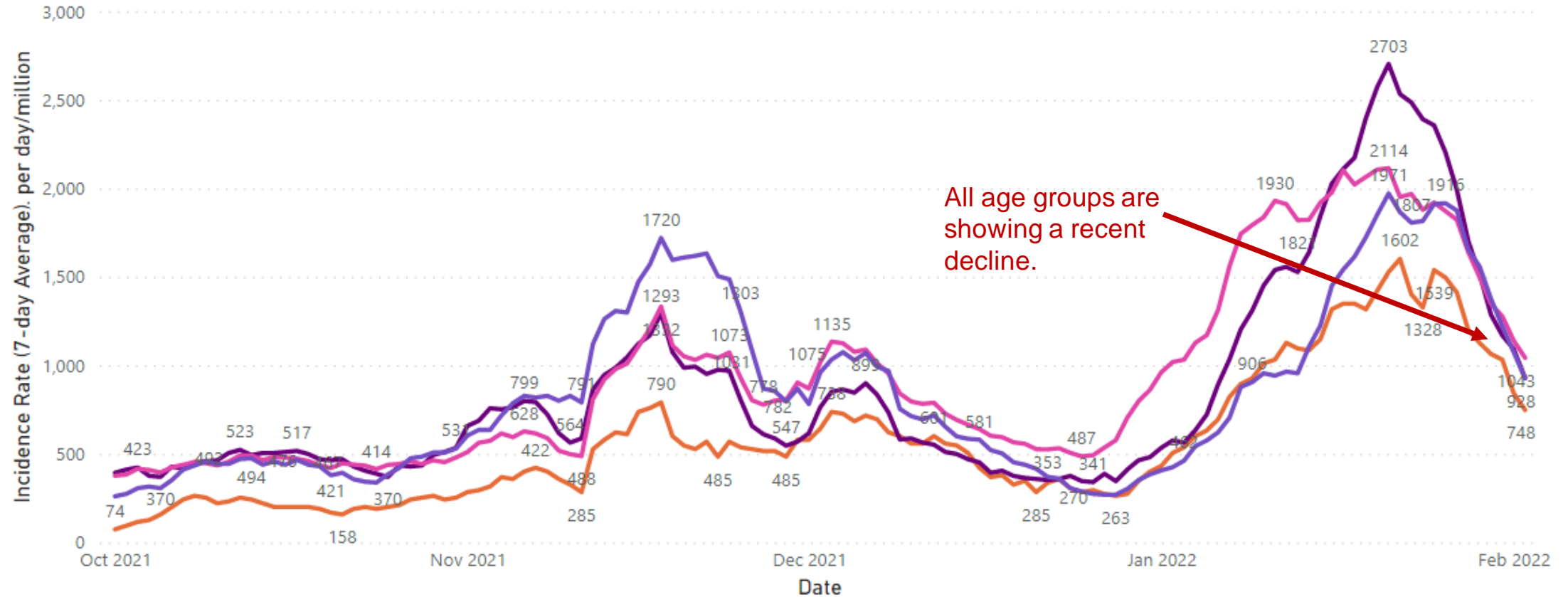
Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

# Ottawa County - Case Rate Trends – by Age

## COVID-19 Case Rates by Age, includes School-Aged, October 2021 – February 2, 2022

Incidence Rate (7-day Average)

rategroup ● 0-3 ● 12-17 ● 18+ ● 4-11

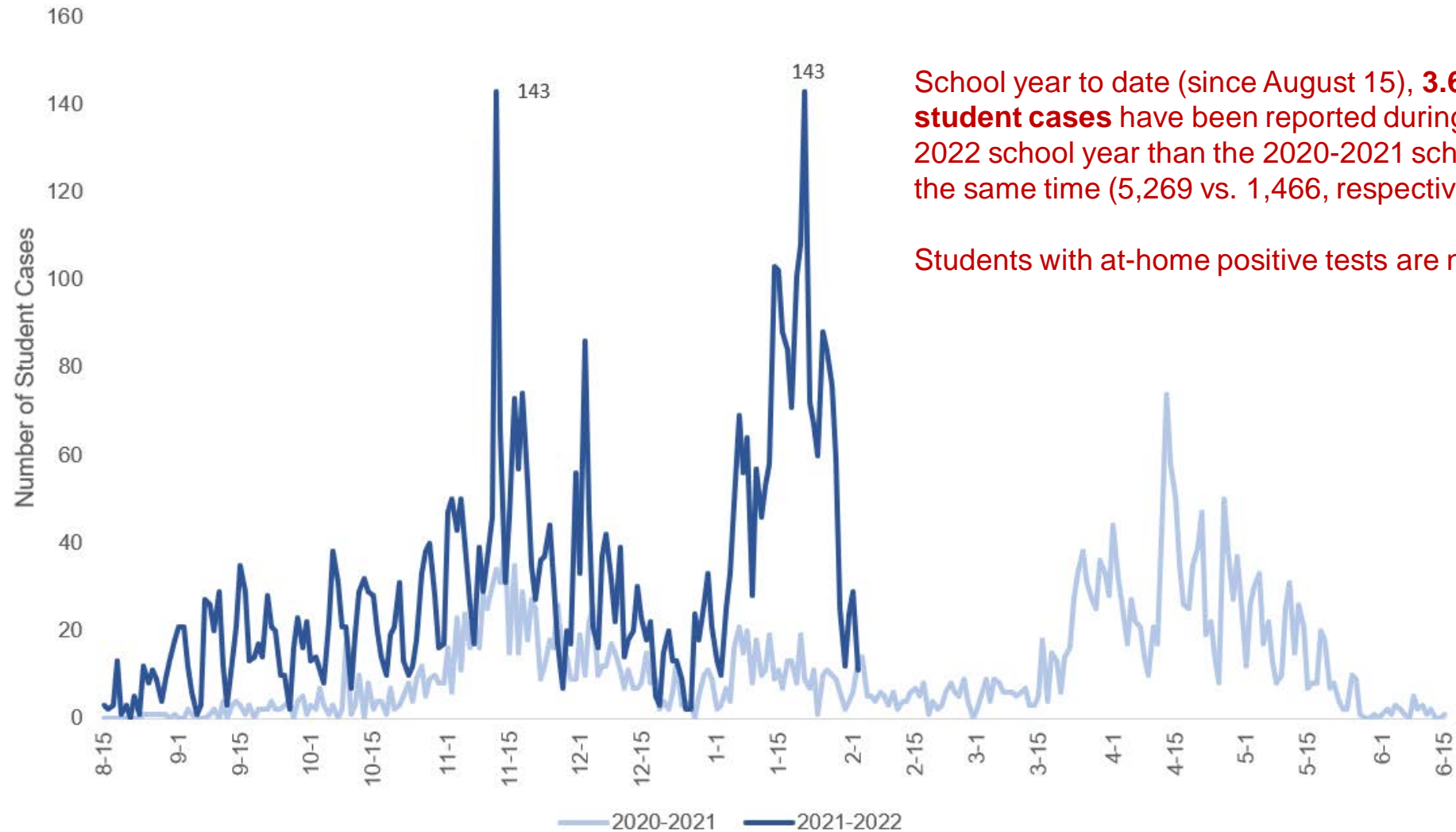


**Erratum:** In early February 2022, a data issue was identified and resolved that resulted in an increase in the case rate for children 0-3 years of age, and a slight decrease for children 4-11 years of age.

**Source:** Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System



# Ottawa County Cases in PreK-12 School Students



School year to date (since August 15), **3.6x more student cases** have been reported during the 2021-2022 school year than the 2020-2021 school year at the same time (5,269 vs. 1,466, respectively).

Students with at-home positive tests are not included.

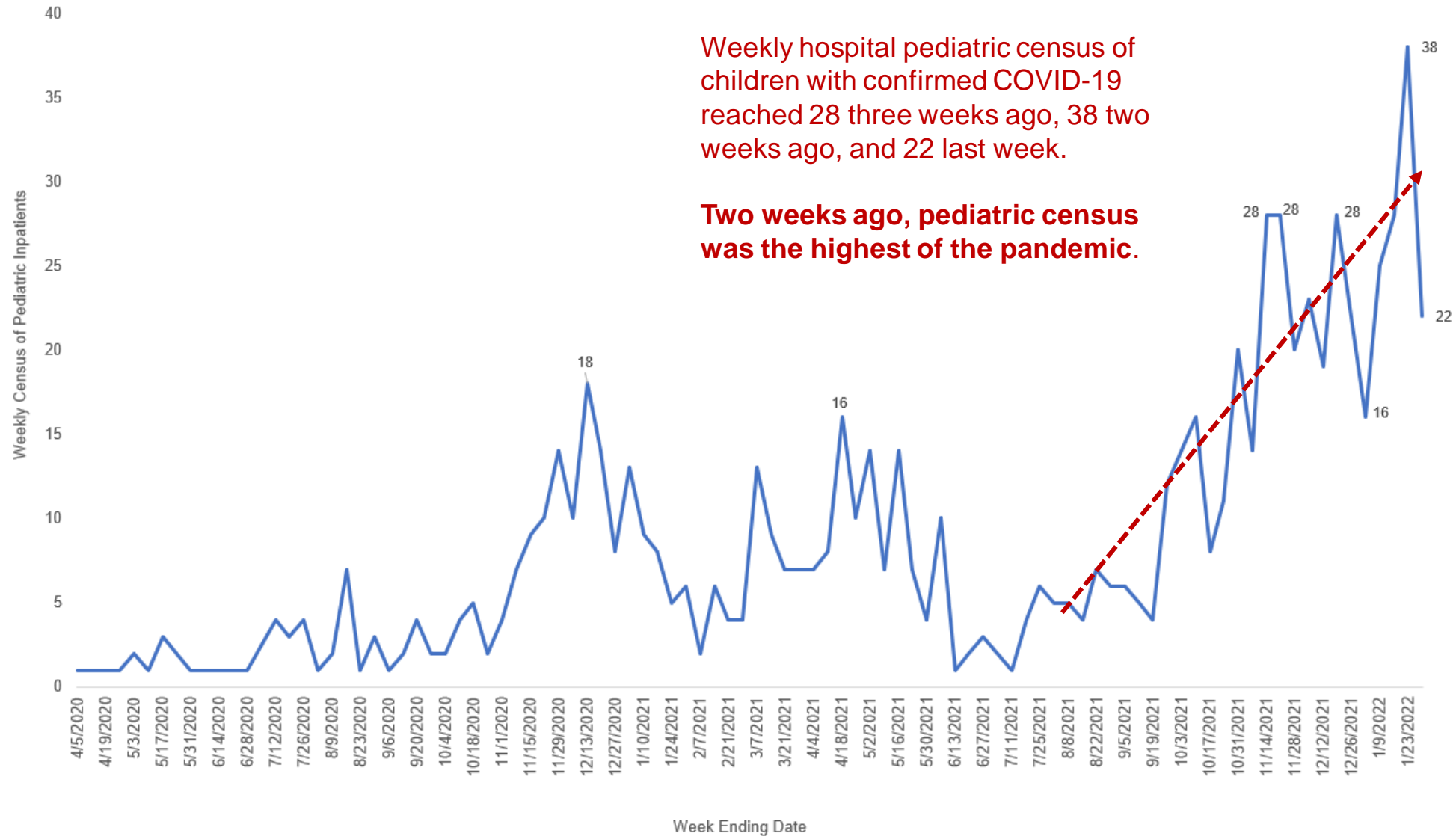
**Method:** Includes PreK-12 students known to attend a school in Ottawa County who are classified as a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.

**Note:** Data may change as information is updated and methods are refined. Cases reported in 2022 will likely increase. The peak of 143 cases reported on November 12, 2021 is the result of a database update by MDHHS that reported a backlog of cases from the previous days.

**Source:** Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System; Internal data systems

Data through February 2, 2022

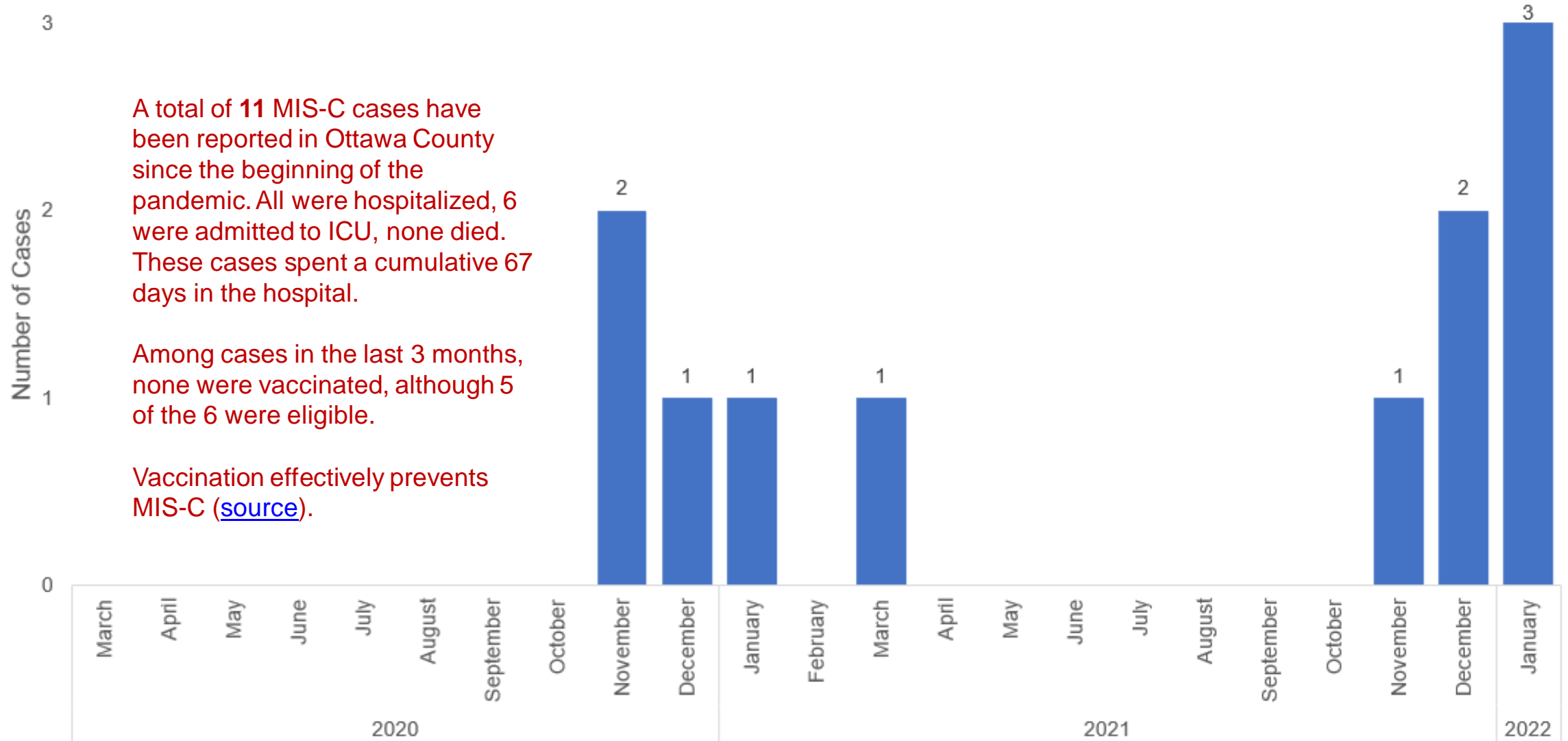
# Weekly Hospital Pediatric Census – A Regional Healthcare System



**Note:** Data above includes persons younger than 18 years of age with confirmed COVID-19 hospitalized at a large regional healthcare system. Patients may be listed in more than one week. Data may change as information is updated. Includes patients that reside in counties across the region, including Ottawa County.

Data through January 30, 2022

# Ottawa County MIS-C\* Cases by Month



A total of **11** MIS-C cases have been reported in Ottawa County since the beginning of the pandemic. All were hospitalized, 6 were admitted to ICU, none died. These cases spent a cumulative 67 days in the hospital.

Among cases in the last 3 months, none were vaccinated, although 5 of the 6 were eligible.

Vaccination effectively prevents MIS-C ([source](#)).

**Notes:** Includes confirmed and probable cases.

\*MIS-C is a rare but serious condition affecting children, associated with recent COVID-19 infection. For more details on MIS-C please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/mis/index.html>

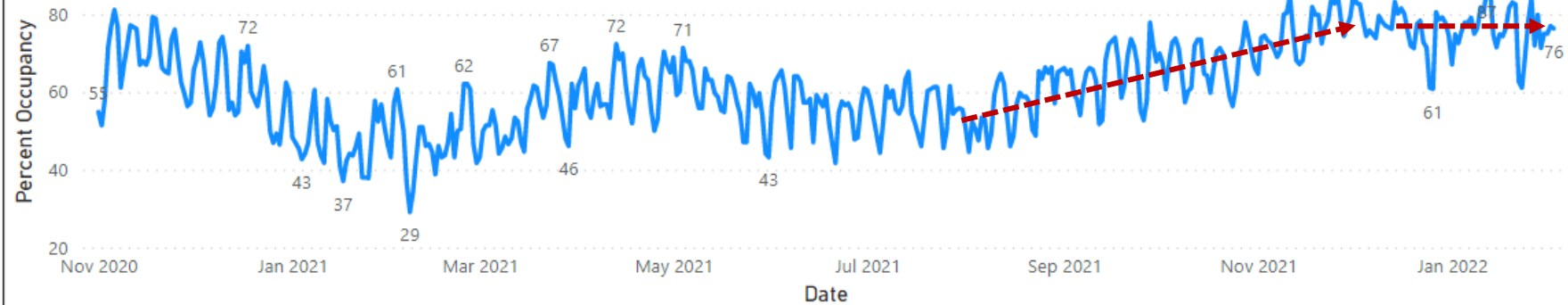
Data through January 31, 2022

# Ottawa County Hospital Capacity – All Beds

## Total Inpatient Bed Occupancy (All Patients, COVID and Non-COVID)

Percent Occupancy by Date and County

County ● Ottawa



## COVID Inpatient Bed Occupancy (COVID Patients Only, Confirmed and Suspected)

Percent Occupancy by Date and County

County ● Ottawa



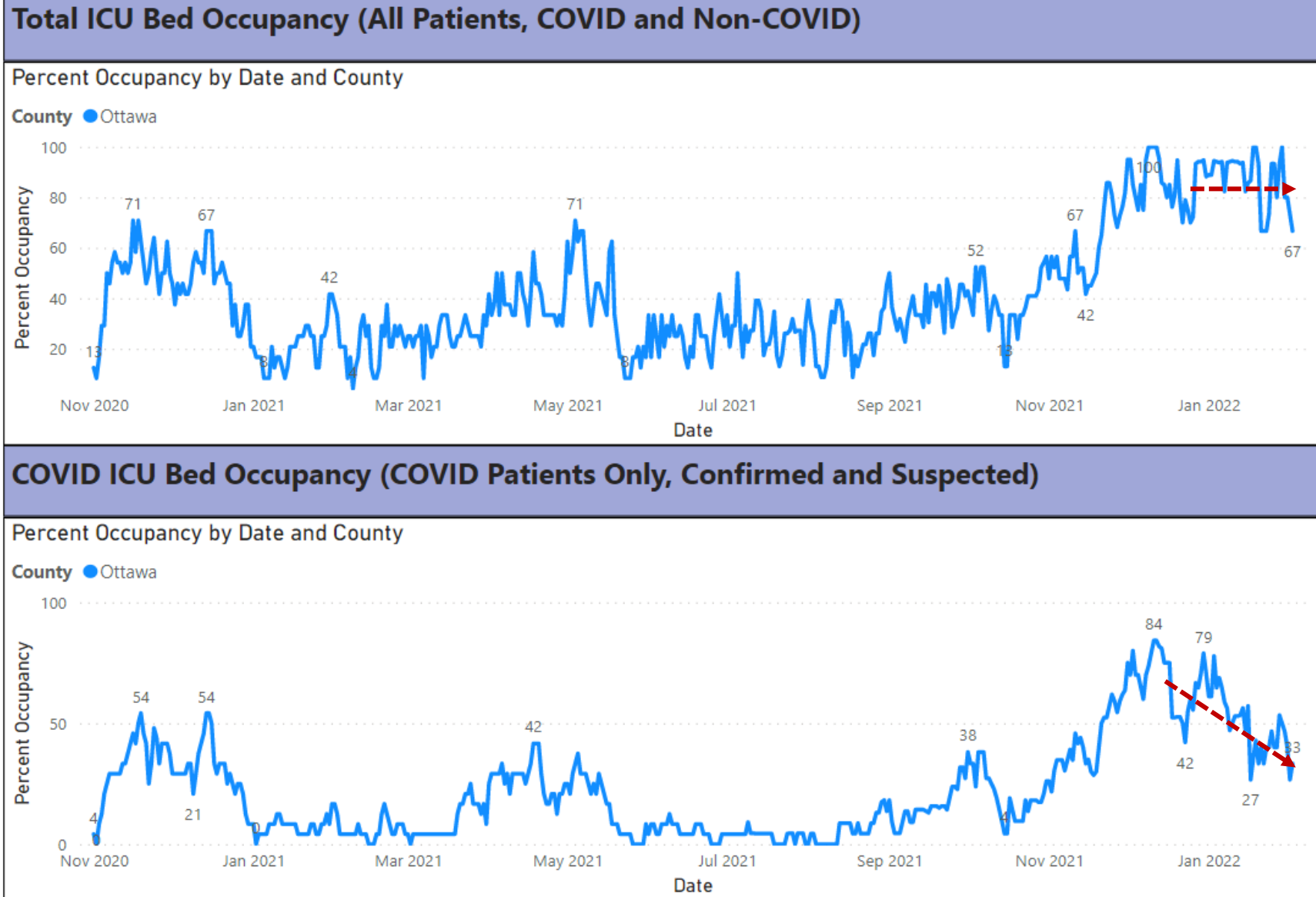
Total hospital bed occupancy **remains elevated**, as is the proportion of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients.

Currently **21%** of all inpatient beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients. A downtrend in the proportion of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients is manifesting.

Source: EMResources

Data through February 2, 2022

# Ottawa County Hospital Capacity – ICU Beds



Overall ICU bed occupancy **remains elevated (67%)**.

The proportion of ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients also **remains elevated**. Currently, **33%** of all ICU beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients, but there are signs of a sustained downtrend.

Source: EMResources

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# Spectrum Health Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients

## Spectrum Health COVID-19 Hospitalizations

February 1, 2022

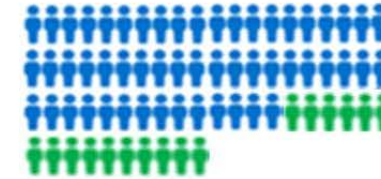


**Spectrum Health currently has 321 hospitalized COVID-19 patients. Of these, 231 (72%) are unvaccinated and 90 are vaccinated\*.**

*\*Vaccinated patients are, on average, 10 years older (69 vs 59) and have an average of 4 co-morbidities compared to 3 for unvaccinated patients.*



**Of those 321 patients, 70 are currently in the ICU. Of these, 54 (77%) are unvaccinated 16 are vaccinated.**



**Of those 70 ICU patients, 49 are on ventilators. Of these, 39 (80%) are unvaccinated and 10 are vaccinated.**

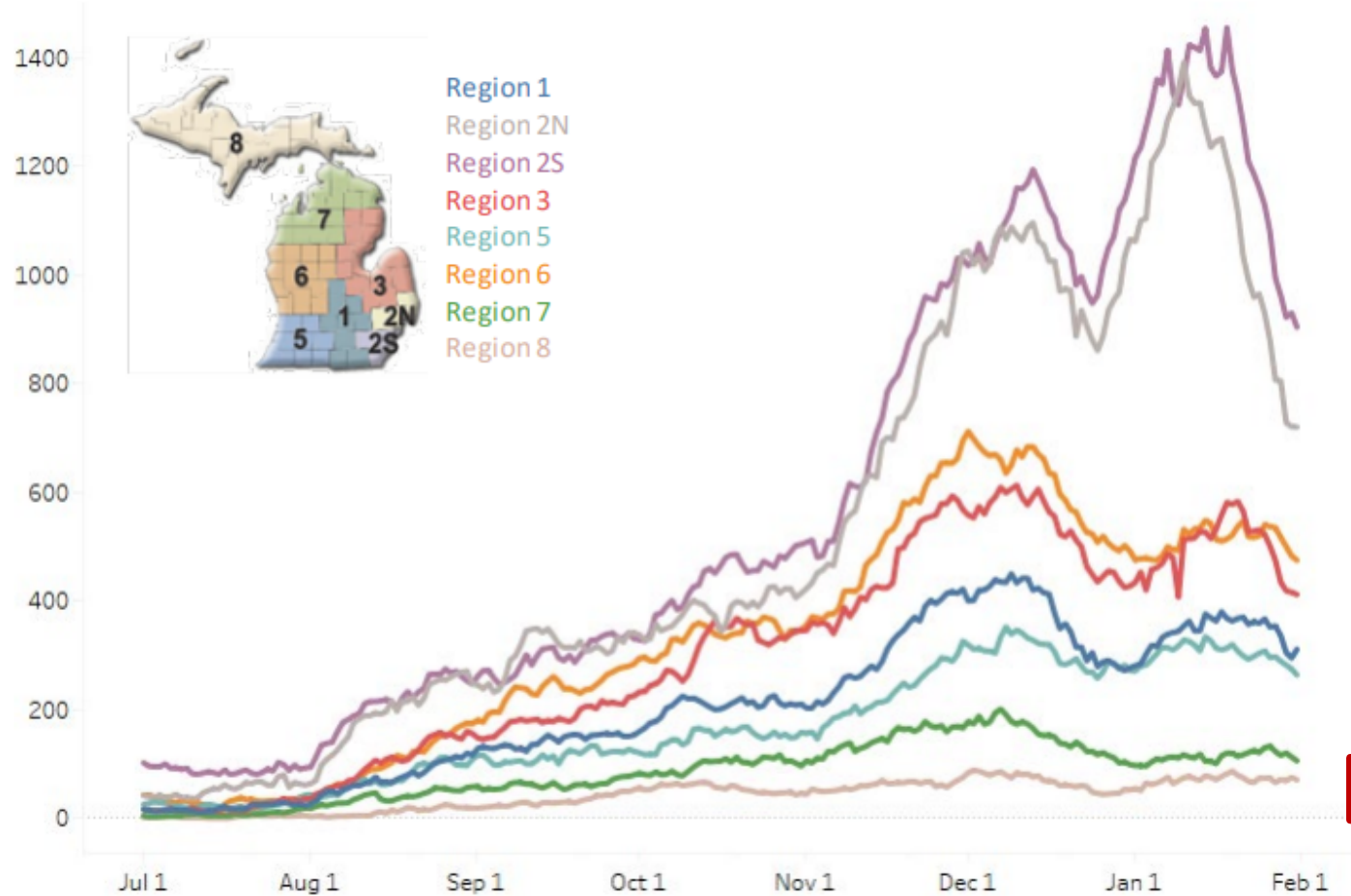


Data includes pediatric and adult COVID-19 positive inpatients across all Spectrum Health Hospitals.  
\*Vaccinated = 2 weeks after receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine .

Source : <https://www.facebook.com/spectrumhealth/photos/a.126445034231/10159009403754232/>

# Statewide Hospitalization Trends: Regional COVID+ Census

Hospitalization Trends 7/1/2021 – 1/31/2022  
Confirmed Positive by Region



This week the COVID+ hospital census has declined in all regions.

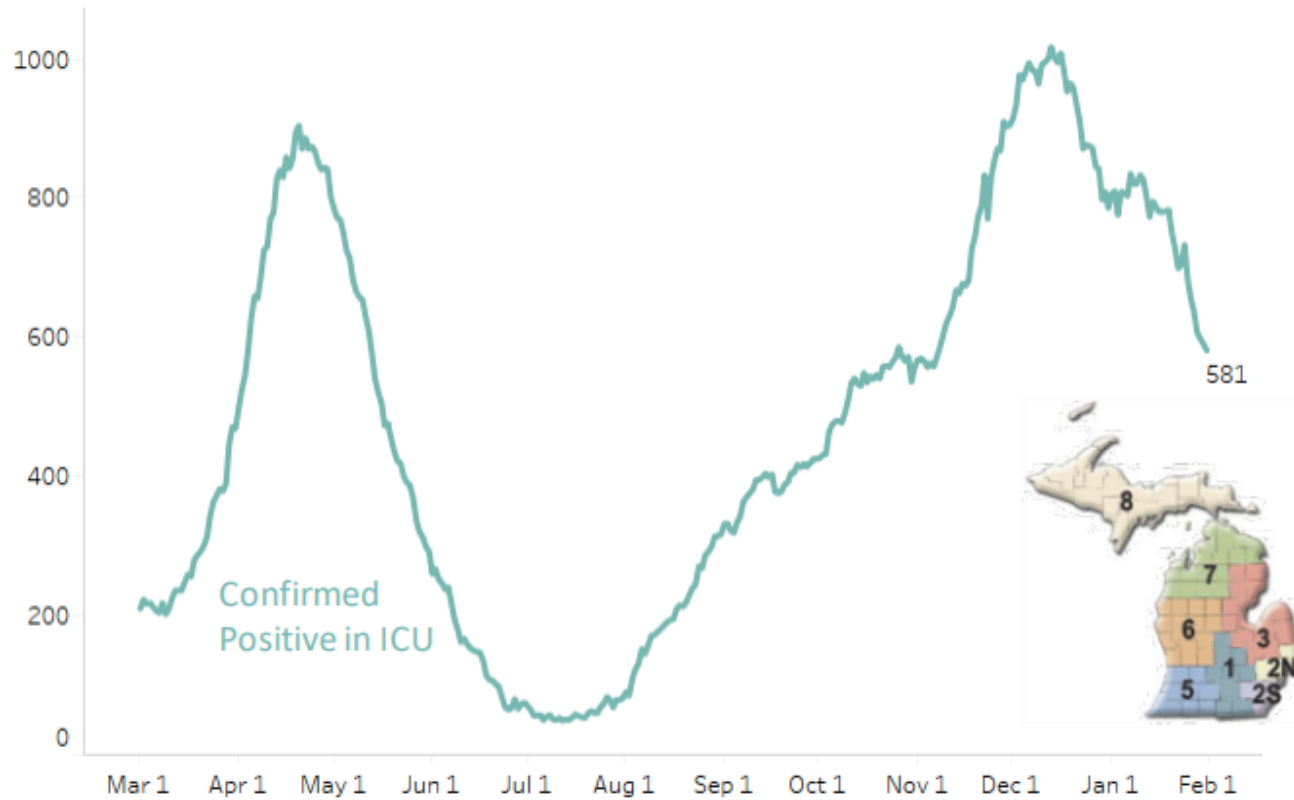
Region 2S remains the most impacted region in the state on a population basis with greater than 400/Million population hospitalized who are COVID+.

Region	COVID+ Hospitalizations (% Δ from last week)	COVID+ Hospitalizations / MM
Region 1	311 (-13%)	288/M
Region 2N	720 (-25%)	325/M
Region 2S	904 (-22%)	406/M
Region 3	412 (-22%)	363/M
Region 5	264 (-13%)	277/M
Region 6	475 (-9%)	324/M
Region 7	106 (-12%)	212/M
Region 8	71 (-4%)	228/M

Source: MDHHS Data and Modelling: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/20220201\\_Data\\_and\\_modeling\\_update\\_vDRAFT\\_747172\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/20220201_Data_and_modeling_update_vDRAFT_747172_7.pdf)

# Statewide Hospitalization Trends: ICU COVID+ Census

Hospitalization Trends 3/1/2021 – 1/31/2022  
Confirmed Positive in ICUs



The census of COVID+ patients in ICUs has decreased by 21% from last week (previous week was down by 6%). While most regions show decreasing trends, the ICU census in Region 8 has increased by 50% from last week.

Regions 2S, 3 and 7 have >85% ICU occupancy. Regions 6 and 8 have >30% of Adult ICU Beds occupied with COVID+ patients.

Region	Adult COVID+ in ICU (% Δ from last week)	ICU Occupancy	% of ICU beds COVID+
Region 1	41 (-41%)	81%	21%
Region 2N	119 (-20%)	77%	21%
Region 2S	149 (-32%)	86%	22%
Region 3	92 (-5%)	87%	28%
Region 5	39 (-9%)	69%	22%
Region 6	90 (-13%)	83%	33%
Region 7	27 (-25%)	85%	20%
Region 8	24 (50%)	71%	38%

Source: MDHHS Data and Modelling: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/20220201\\_Data\\_and\\_modeling\\_update\\_vDRAFT\\_747172\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/20220201_Data_and_modeling_update_vDRAFT_747172_7.pdf)



# Pediatric Hospitalization Rates – USA, Georgia, Michigan

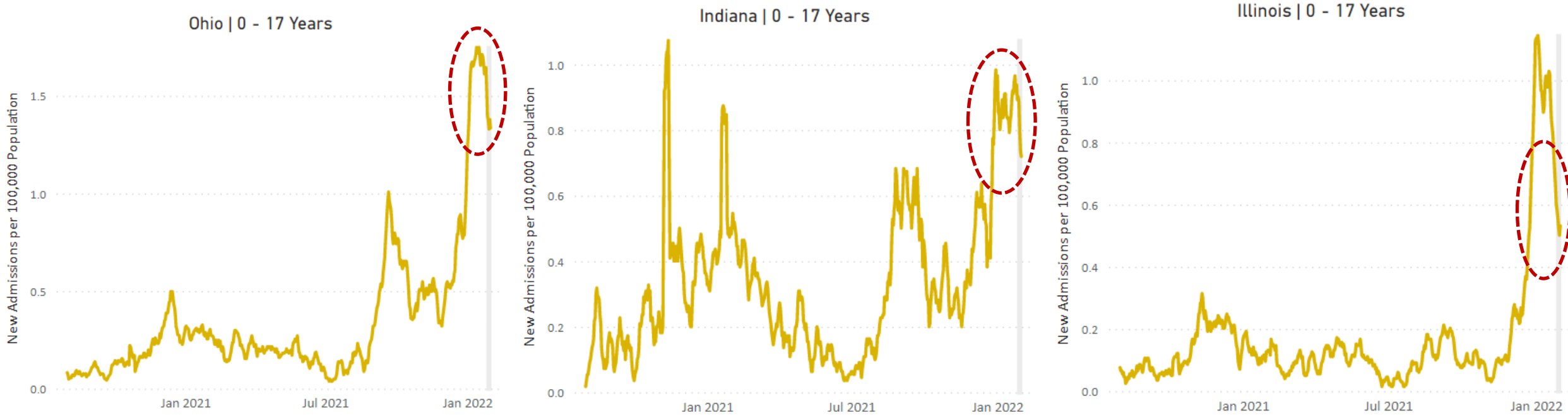


Pediatric hospitalization rates across the US, in Georgia, and in Michigan **remain elevated but are showing signs of improvement.**

Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#new-hospital-admissions>

Accessed February 2, 2022

# Pediatric Hospitalization Rates – Select Midwest States

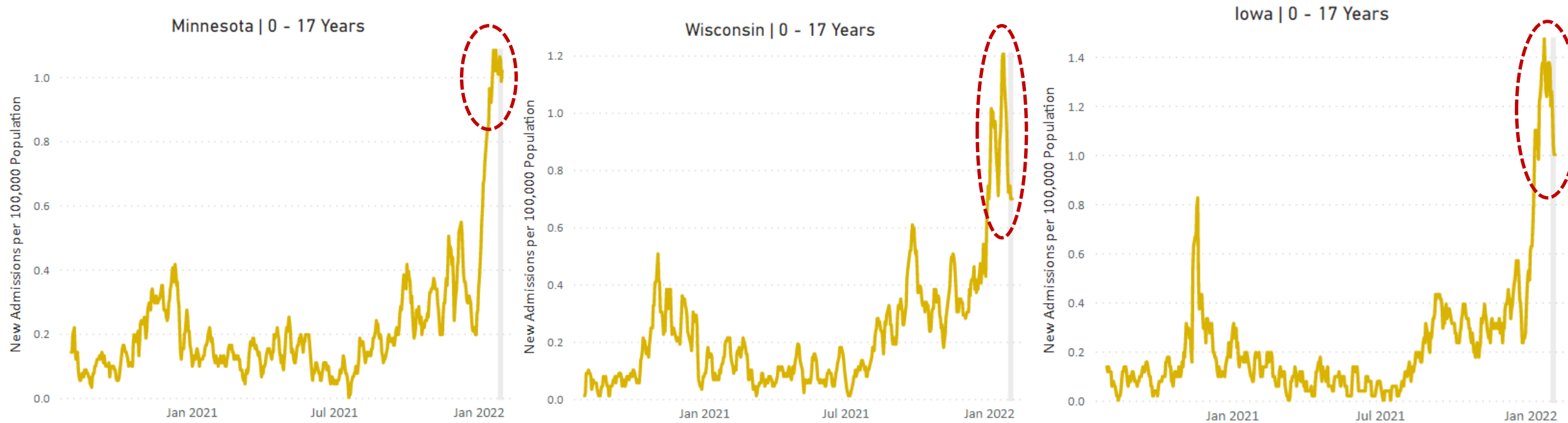


Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois are all experiencing substantially elevated pediatric hospitalization rates, but are showing signs of improvement.

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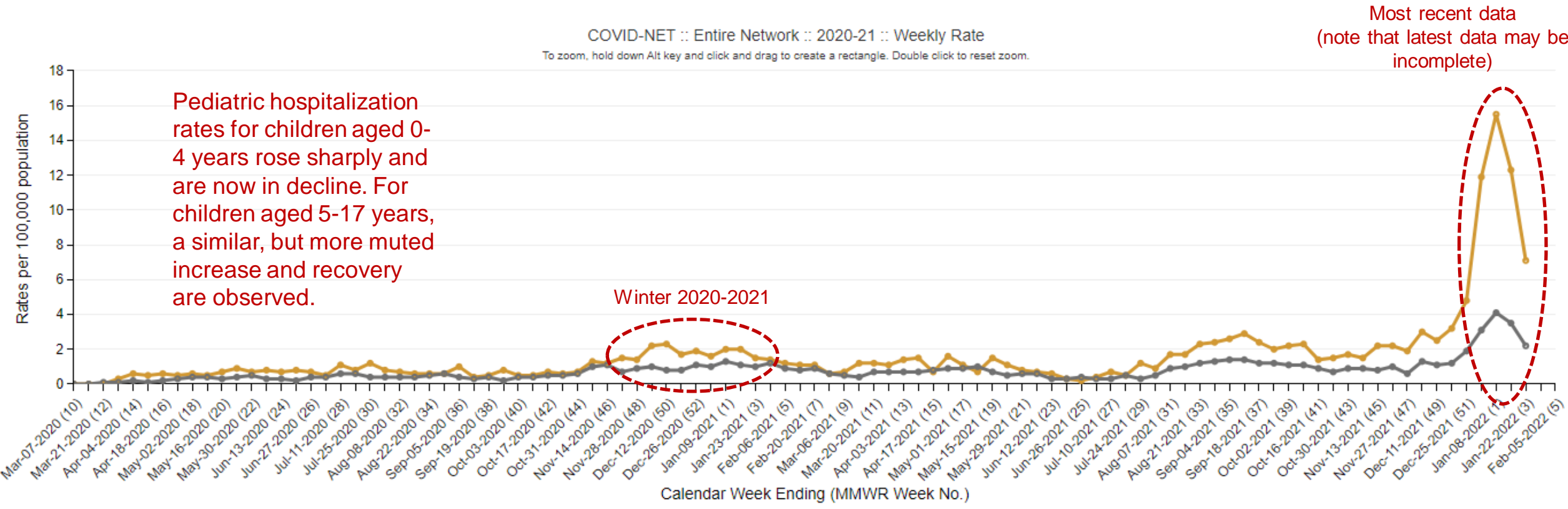


Pediatric hospitalization rates in Minnesota have reached the highest levels of the pandemic while Wisconsin and Iowa remain elevated but are showing declines.

Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#new-hospital-admissions>

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# Pediatric Hospitalization Rates by Age Group – USA



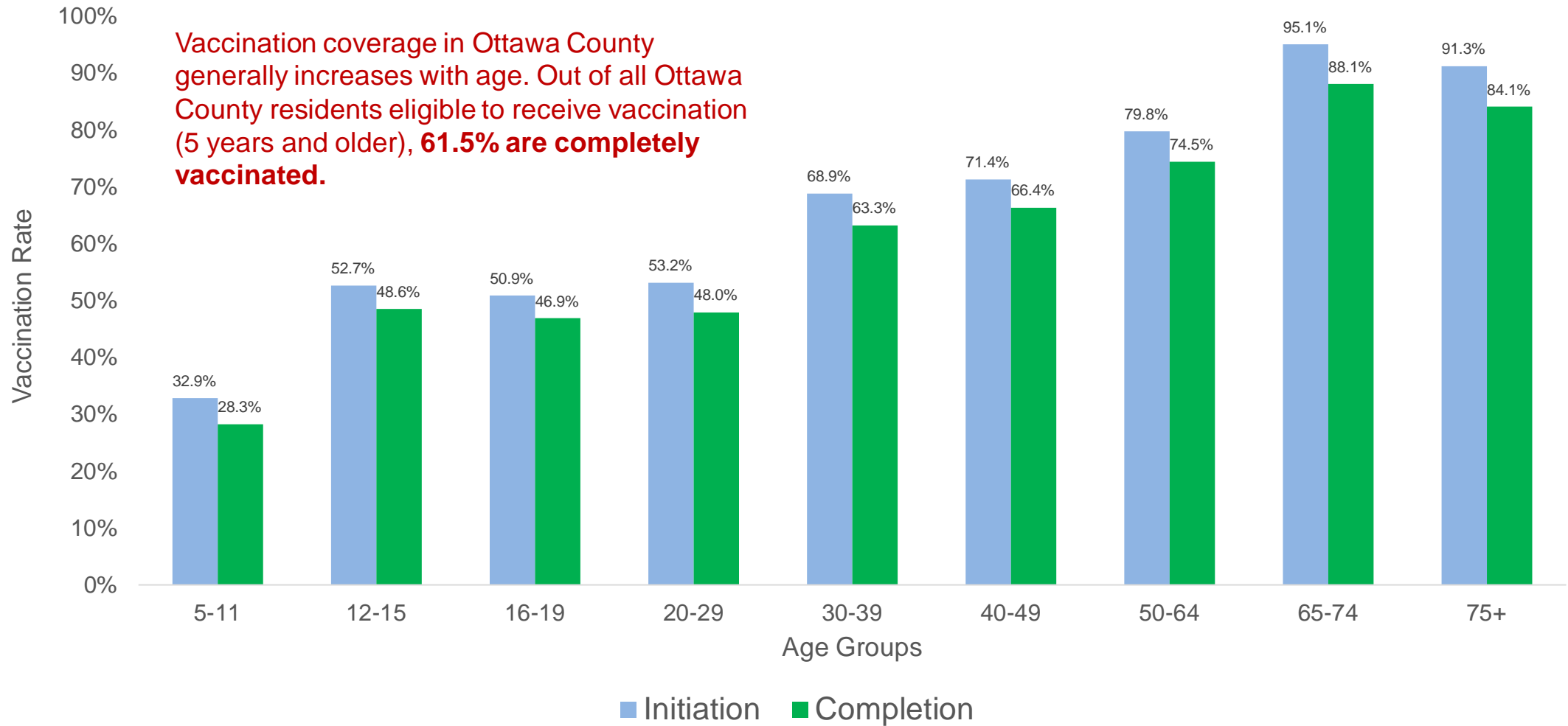
The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)-Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network (COVID-NET) hospitalization data are preliminary and subject to change as more data become available. In particular, case counts and rates for recent hospital admissions are subject to lag. Lag for COVID-NET case identification and reporting might increase around holidays or during periods of increased hospital utilization. As data are received each week, prior case counts and rates are updated accordingly. COVID-NET conducts population-based surveillance for laboratory-confirmed COVID-19-associated hospitalizations in children (less than 18 years of age) and adults. COVID-NET covers nearly 100 counties in the 10 Emerging Infections Program (EIP) states (CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN) and four Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project (IHSP) states (IA, MI, OH, and UT). Incidence rates (per 100,000 population) are calculated using the National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) vintage 2020 bridged-race postcensal population estimates for the counties included in the surveillance catchment area. The rates provided are likely to be underestimated as COVID-19 hospitalizations might be missed due to test availability and provider or facility testing practices.

Starting MMWR week 48, MD data are temporarily removed from weekly rate calculations.

Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#covidnet-hospitalization-network>

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# Vaccination Coverage by Age



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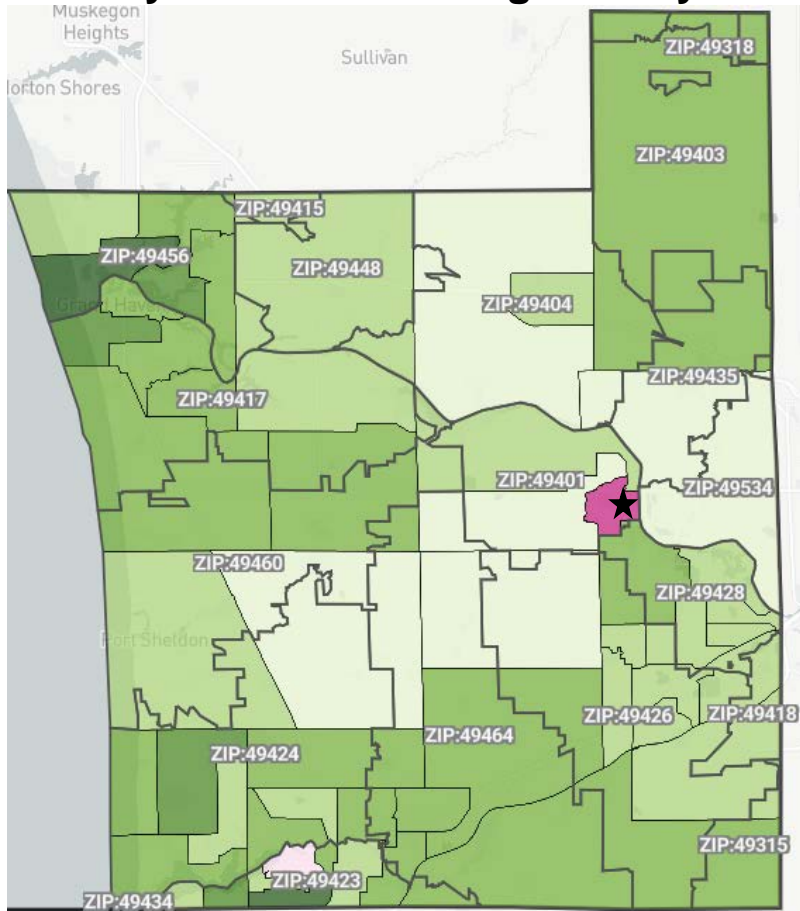
Completion is the percentage of people receiving 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna or 1 dose of J&J.

Source: [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_103214\\_103272-547150--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_103214_103272-547150--,00.html)

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# Vaccination Coverage by Place of Residence

Fully vaccinated: % Ages 16+ years

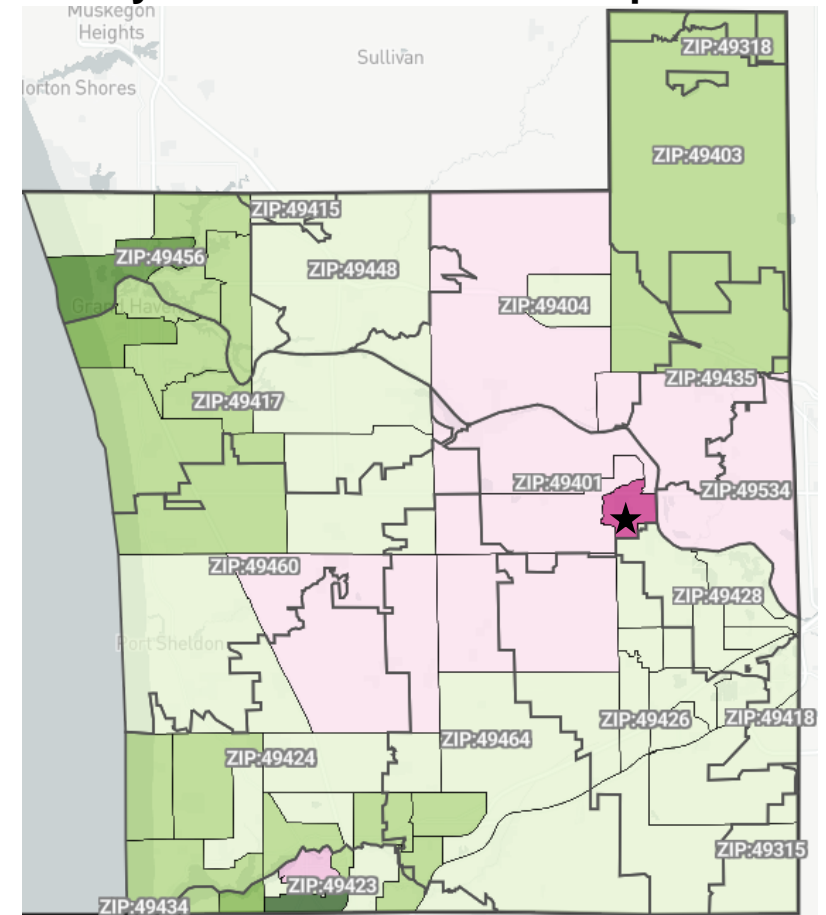


Color coded by: Fully Vaccinated (% Ages 16+)

0-9% 10-19% 20-29% 30-39% 40-49% 50-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% >90% <150 Population



Fully vaccinated: % Total Population



Color coded by: Fully Vaccinated (% Population)

0-9% 10-19% 20-29% 30-39% 40-49% 50-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% >90% <150 Population



Vaccination rates vary across Ottawa County, but most areas have at least 50% of the population aged 16+ completely vaccinated (left).

When considering the entire population (not just those aged 16+), there are pockets of the county with much higher and much lower vaccination rates (right).

★ The vaccination rate for this census tract is likely underestimated because census estimates in this tract may be inflated by seasonal students at a large university.

# Cumulative Cases by Vaccination Status, Ottawa County, January 15, 2021 – January 29, 2022

Fully Vaccinated People (167,881 )	
Cases	Deaths
Percent of Cases in People Not Fully Vaccinated (35,439 / 50,665) <b>69.9%</b>	Percent of Deaths in People Not Fully Vaccinated (256 / 383) <b>66.8%</b>
Total Cases Not Fully Vaccinated <b>35,439</b>	Total Deaths Not Fully Vaccinated <b>256</b>
Total Breakthrough Cases <b>15,226</b>	Total Breakthrough Deaths <b>127</b>
Percent of Fully Vaccinated People who Developed COVID-19 (15,226 / 167,881) <b>9.7%</b>	Percent of Fully Vaccinated People who Died of COVID-19 (127 / 167,881) <b>0.076%</b>
Percent of Cases who were Fully Vaccinated (15,226 / 50,665) <b>30.1%</b>	Percent of Deaths who were Fully Vaccinated (127 / 383) <b>33.2%</b>
Total Cases <b>50,665</b>	Total Deaths <b>383</b>

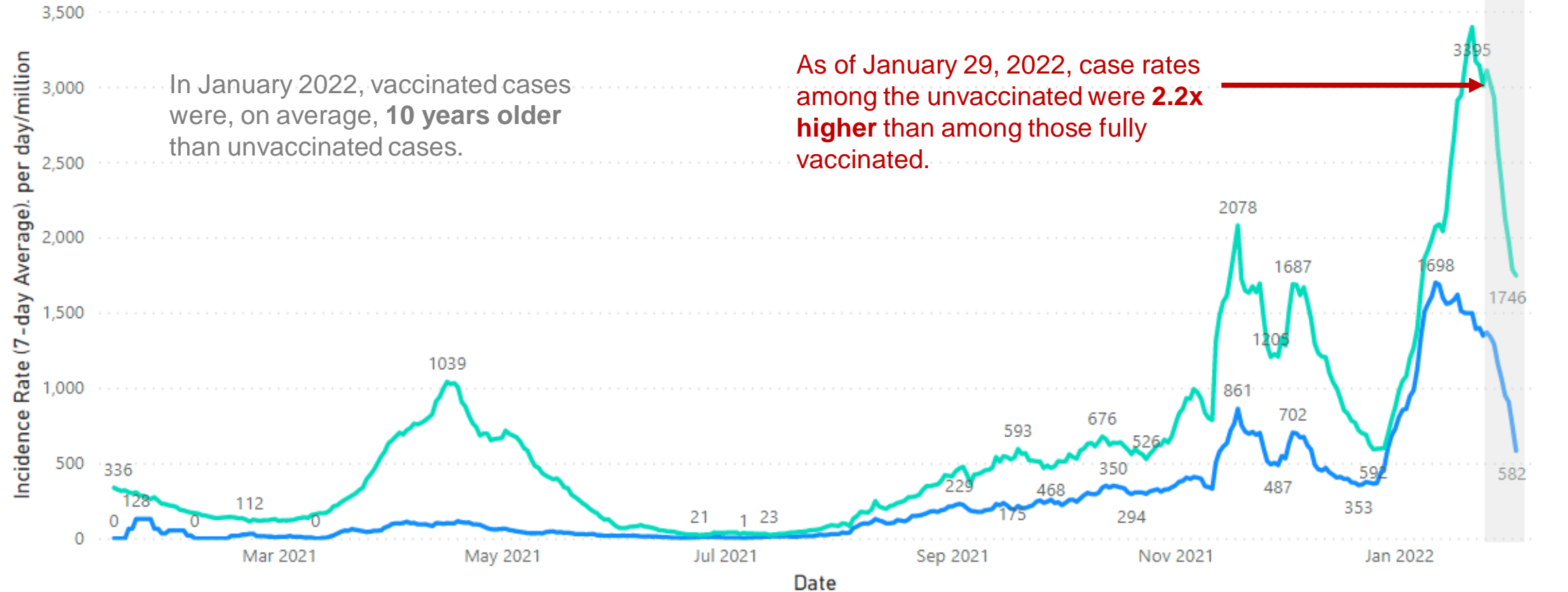
**Due to reduced quality, hospitalization data has been removed from this visualization.**

**Sources:**  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System  
MDHHS COVID-19 Dashboard: [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_103214\\_103272-547150--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_103214_103272-547150--,00.html)

# Ottawa County COVID-19 Vaccination Breakthrough Case Trends

Incidence Rate (7-day Average)

rategroup ● Fully Vaccinated ● Unvaccinated



**Method:**

Daily case counts were obtained from the MDSS and summarized by referral date. Cases were compared to data from the State of Michigan immunization database to confirm COVID-19 vaccination status. Counts of persons completely vaccinated in Ottawa County were compiled from the Michigan COVID-19 vaccination dashboard. The total population denominator was obtained from CDC Wonder; the 2019 population estimate was used. Daily COVID-19 case rates were calculated and averaged over the previous 7 days; a rate of cases per day per million population was used. Cases ineligible for vaccination are included in this data. On December 22, 2021 this figure was updated to compare fully vaccinated and unvaccinated persons, to align more closely with [CDC data](#); partially vaccinated persons were excluded.

**Sources:**

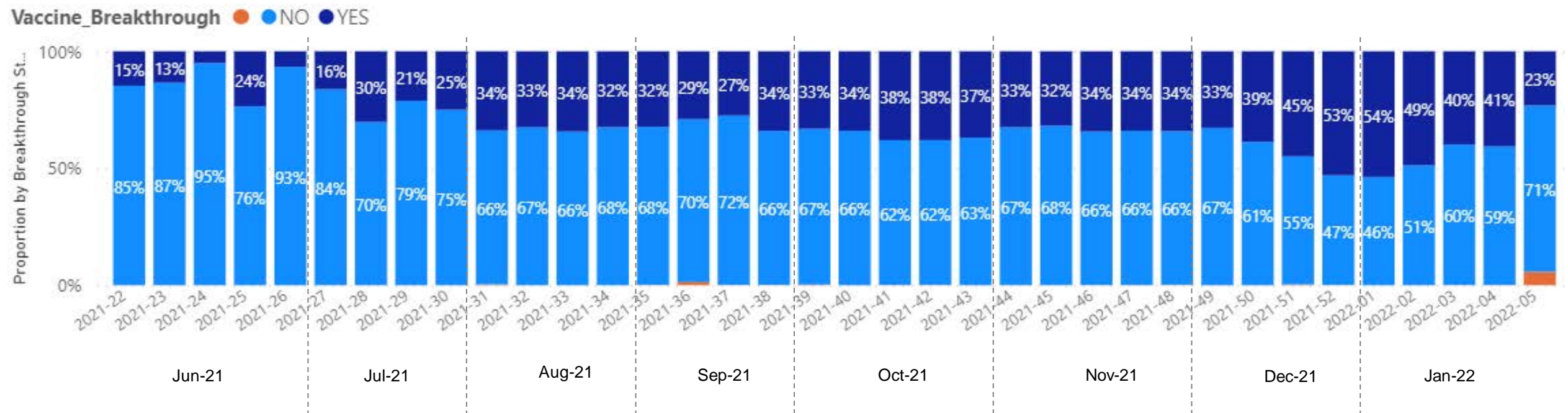
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# Ottawa County COVID-19 Vaccination Breakthrough Case Trends

## By Week

Breakthrough Proportions by Week



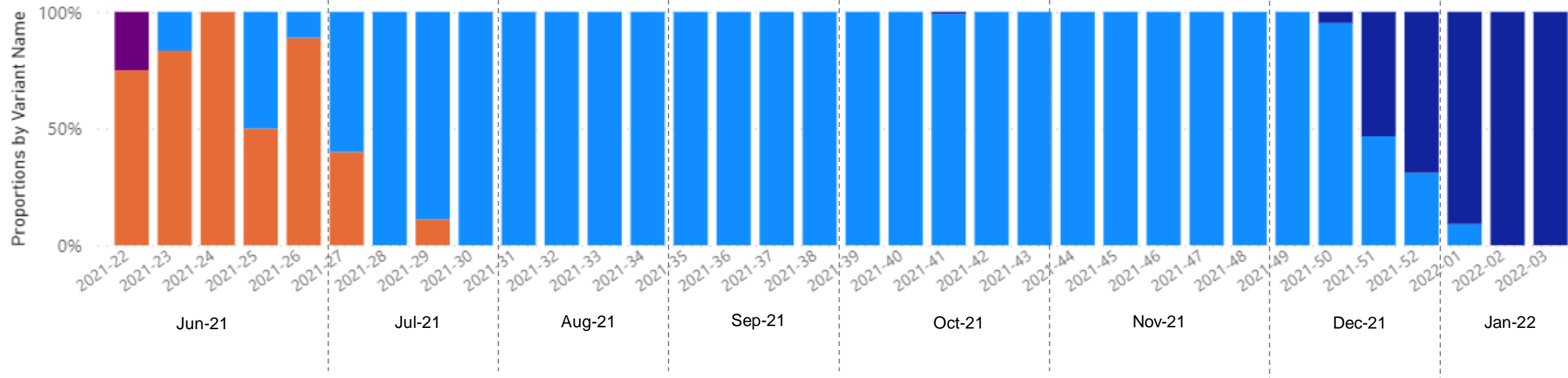
Through the Delta wave, which was most pronounced August through early December of 2021, about 34% of all cases reported to public health were breakthrough cases. At the end of 2021 and into 2022, the proportion of vaccine breakthrough cases increased to roughly 43% of cases reported each week. Weekly breakthrough rates observed in Ottawa County are similar to [other geographies reporting this same data](#).

Source:  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

# Variants – Clinical Samples from Ottawa County Residents

Variant Proportions by Week

Variant Name ● Alpha ● Delta ● Gamma ● Omicron

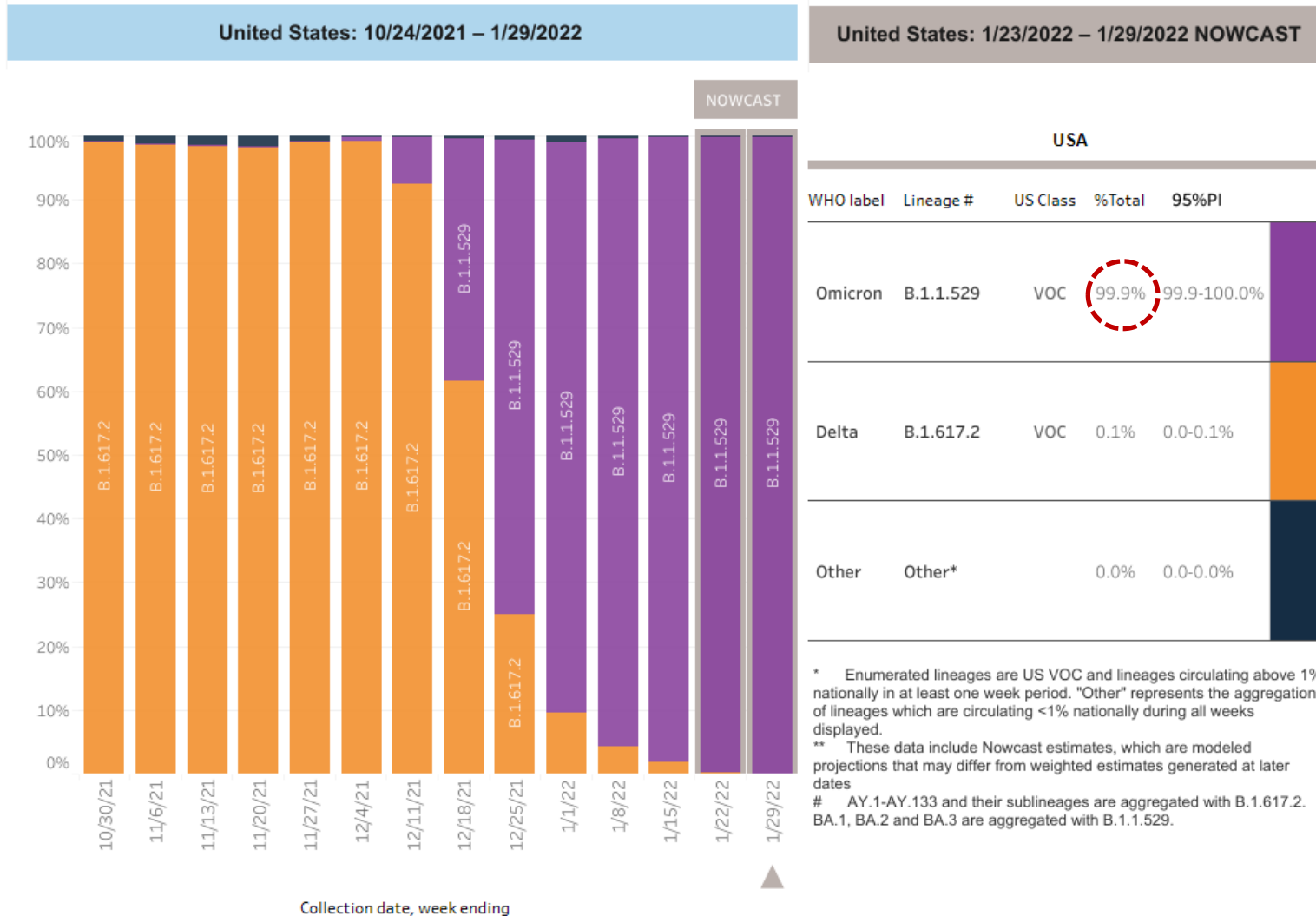


In June of 2021, most clinical samples\* submitted for variant testing came back as the **Alpha** variant. By the end of July 2021, all clinical samples tested were returned as the **Delta** variant. From late July through early December 2021 all clinical samples submitted for variant testing came back positive for the **Delta** variant. In mid-December 2021, the first **Omicron** positive samples were collected in an Ottawa County resident, and **Omicron** continues to be detected into 2022 (along with **Delta** in wastewater).

\* Swabs from Ottawa County residents that tested positive for COVID-19 by PCR; only a small proportion of all COVID-19 positive tests are tested for variants.

Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

# Variants – Clinical Samples from Across the USA



The **Omicron** variant is estimated to account for as much as **99.9%** of clinical samples collected in the United States as of January 29, 2022.

# CDC Community Risk Transmission Levels & Metrics

Indicator - If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9.99	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥ 100
Percentage of NAATs <sup>1</sup> that are positive during the past 7 days	0-4.99%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥ 10.0%

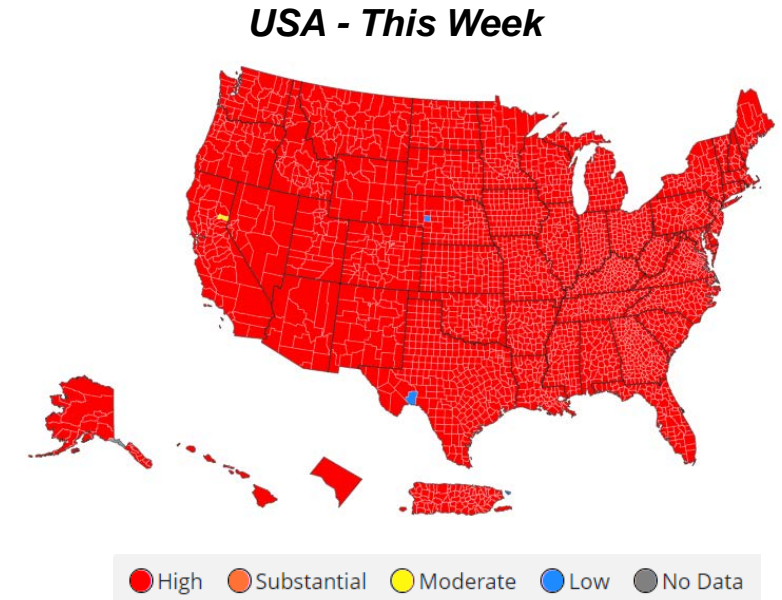
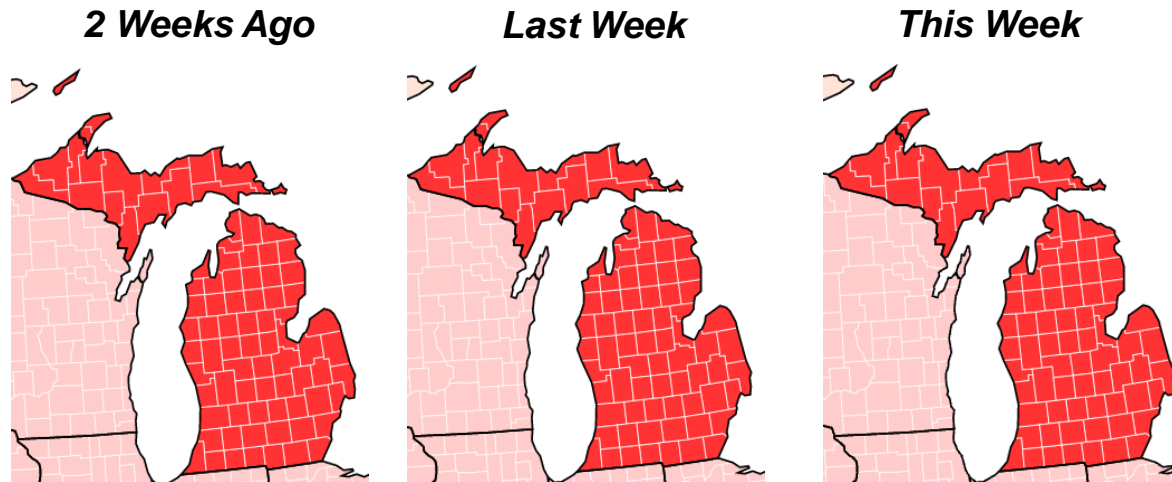
Ottawa's goal is to be in the Moderate category\*

Ottawa is in the High category right now

Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

# CDC Community Transmission Risk Levels – Ottawa County

- Current Risk Level in Ottawa – **HIGH** (for last **24+** weeks)
- Current Data:
  - Positivity = 31.28%
  - Case Rate = 884.42 cases per week per 100,000



Data through February 1, 2022  
for case rates and through  
January 30, 2022 for positivity.

Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

# COVID-19 Case Rates by County Across the US

*Last Week*

*This Week*

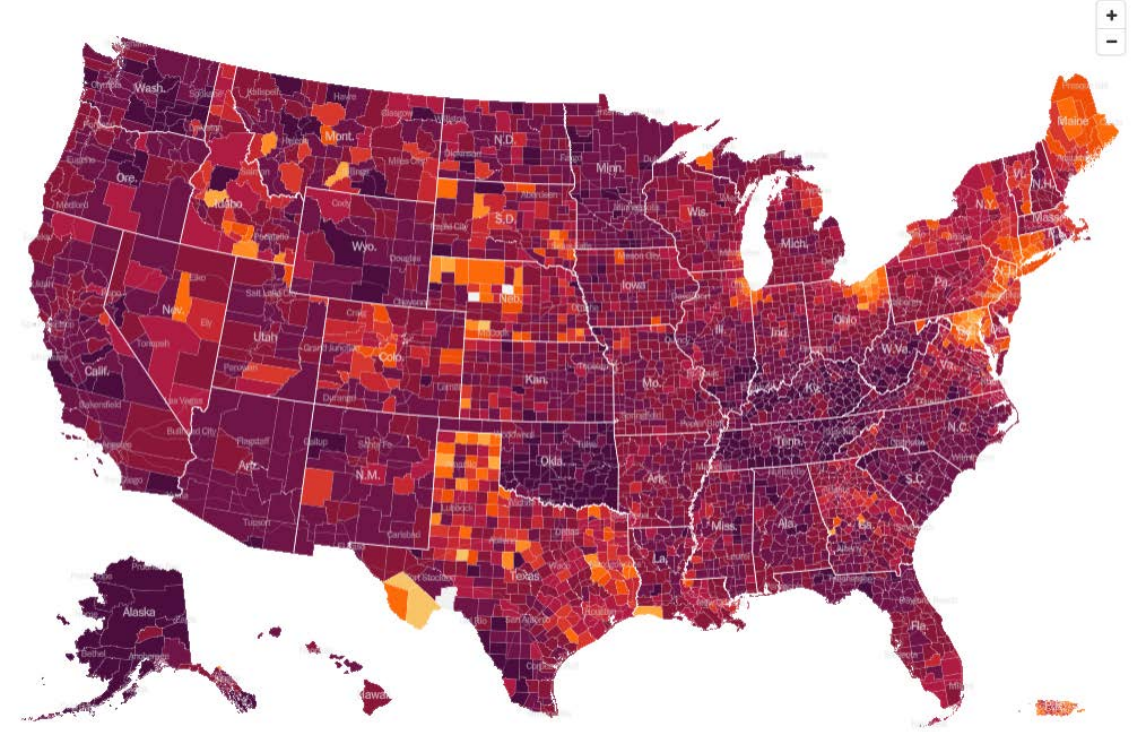
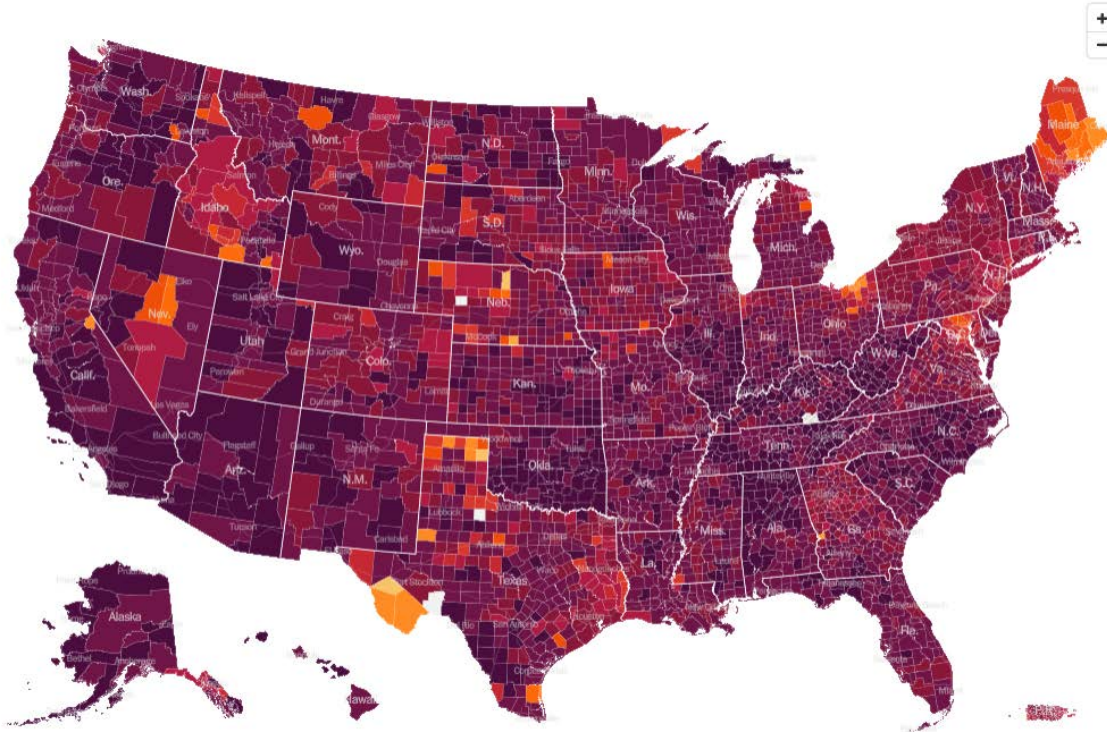
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Case rates remain elevated across the nation, but declines are noted in some western states and the northeast.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html>

Accessed February 2, 2022

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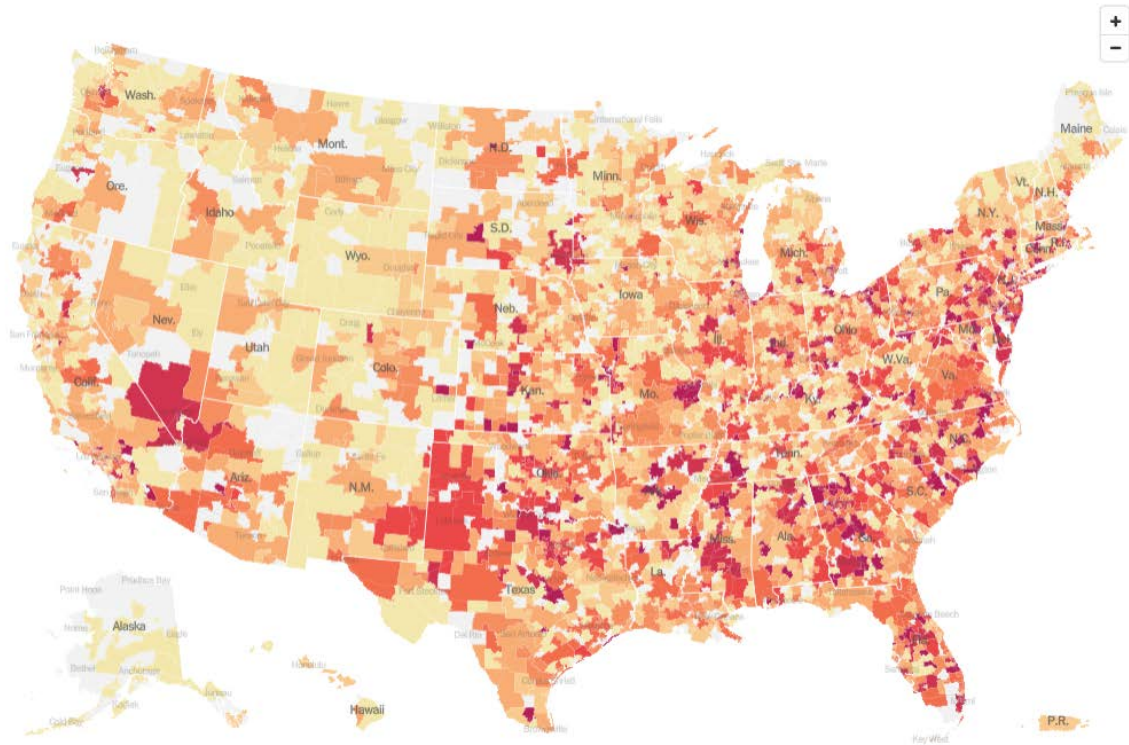
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# COVID-19 Hospitalization Rates by County Across the US

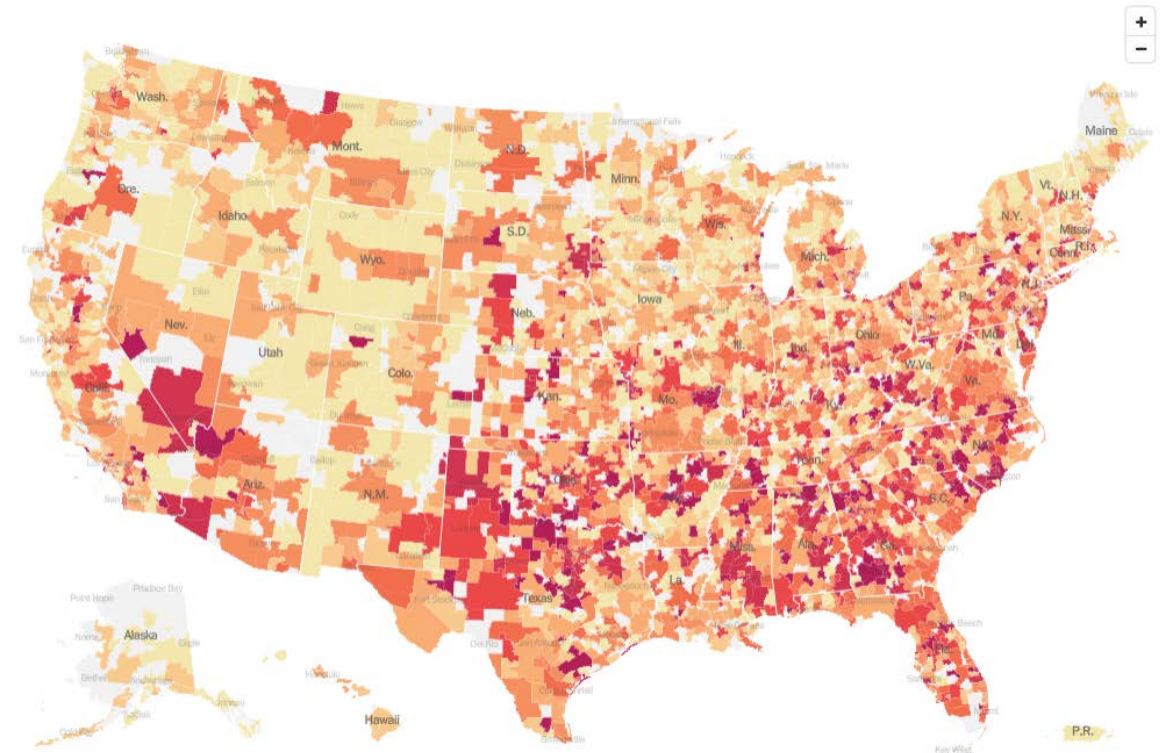
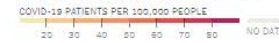
*Last Week*

Current hospitalizations



*This Week*

Current hospitalizations



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# States and Michigan Counties with School Masking Requirements

- **States/Districts (16):** California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington, & Washington D.C.
- **Michigan Counties (11):**
  - **PreK/K-6:** Marquette
  - **K-12:** Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Ingham, Leelanau, Oakland, Otsego, Washtenaw, and Wayne
- **Rescinded County Mask Mandates (10):**
  - Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Eaton, Iron, Dickinson (rescinded October 2021)
  - Kalamazoo, Genesee (rescinded December of 2021)
  - Ottawa, Kent (rescinded January of 2022)
- **Ottawa County School Districts Retaining Mask Rules (4):**
  - Holland Public, Black River, Grand Haven Public, & Spring Lake Public

**Note:** Lists may not be comprehensive.

**Source for State/Districts:** <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/cdc-mask-guidance-states.html>



# COVID-19 News Headlines

## Michigan is distributing 10 million free KN95 masks

<https://www.hollandsentinel.com/story/news/coronavirus/2022/01/29/michigan-distributing-10-million-free-kn-95-masks/9252571002/>

## Seven-day average of new COVID-19 cases in Michigan decreases for third consecutive update

<https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2022/01/seven-day-average-of-new-covid-19-cases-in-michigan-decreases-for-third-consecutive-update.html>

## Free at-home COVID-19 PCR tests now available at Meijer pharmacies

<https://www.wzzm13.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/meijer-free-at-home-pcr-covid-19-tests/69-949587b4-ce95-401f-b85e-fcb795533658>

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Takes Key Action by Approving Second COVID-19 Vaccine

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-takes-key-action-approving-second-covid-19-vaccine>

## U.S. considers authorization of first COVID vaccine for children under 5

<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/pfizer-submits-data-seeking-us-approval-covid-vaccine-young-kids-bloomberg-2022-02-01/>

## Gov. Whitmer Announces 250,000 Free COVID-19 Tests for Michiganders

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970\\_71692-576641--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_71692-576641--,00.html)

# Science Roundup

## Indirect protection of children from SARS-CoV-2 infection through parental vaccination

<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.abm3087>



A study out of Israel found that vaccinated parents in a household with unvaccinated children provided a protective effect to the children, reducing their risk of infection by 58.1% during a Delta wave (when both parents were vaccinated).

## Factors associated with SARS-COV-2 attack rates in aged care– a meta-analysis

<https://academic.oup.com/ofid/advance-article/doi/10.1093/ofid/ofac033/6516558?login=false>



A meta-analysis of COVID-19 attack rates in aged care facilities found that facilities with standalone buildings with inadequate space for social distancing had higher COVID-19 attack rates.

## COVID-19 vaccine surveillance report

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1050721/Vaccine-surveillance-report-week-4.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1050721/Vaccine-surveillance-report-week-4.pdf)



A surveillance report from the United Kingdom Health Security Agency found that a booster vaccination was 95% effective at preventing hospitalization.

SARS-CoV-2 Infection and Hospitalization Among Adults Aged  $\geq 18$  Years, by Vaccination Status, Before and During SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.529 (Omicron) Variant Predominance — Los Angeles County, California, November 7, 2021–January 8, 2022

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7105e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm7105e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7105e1.htm?s_cid=mm7105e1_w)



A CDC-published report showed that among hospitalized adults, fully vaccinated and boosted populations had much lower hospitalization rates, further demonstrating the prevention value of COVID-19 vaccination and boosters.