

Ottawa County COVID-19 Epidemiology

March 10, 2022

Data as of March 5, 2022, unless otherwise indicated

Executive Summary

- **Transmission in Michigan and the US continues to decline**
 - CDC recently introduced new community risk levels (learn more [here](#)).
- **Ottawa community transmission levels continue to decline**
 - This past week positivity declined to 6.3%, lower than 9.5% seen two weeks ago.
 - Weekly case counts **decreased** 43% (-36% two weeks ago), from 302 two weeks ago to 172 last week.
 - Cases among children **decreased** 47% (-30% two weeks ago), from 62 two weeks ago to 33 last week.
 - The Omicron variant remains the predominate local strain.
- **Ottawa-area and regional hospitals have improved capacity**
 - In Ottawa County, 6% of all available beds and 13% of all ICU beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients.*
 - No Ottawa-area hospitals employed Emergency Department diversion over the last four weeks.**
 - Most Ottawa hospitals are returning to usual care strategies and reinitiating elective procedures.
 - No Ottawa-area hospitals reported critical staffing challenges over the last three weeks.
- **Pediatric hospitalization rates in the US and in Michigan are improving**
 - Regional pediatric hospitalization census has fallen below the pandemic average.
- **Of Ottawa County residents aged 5+, 62.4% have completed at least their primary vaccination series.**

*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				
		5-Feb-22	12-Feb-22	19-Feb-22	26-Feb-22	5-Mar-22
Positivity (All Ages)	NA	25.3%	19.5%	14.1%	9.5%	6.3%
Weekly Cases (All Ages)	<592	1581	876	469	302	172
Weekly Cases in Children (0-17 years of age)	NA	277	183	89	62	33
Total Deaths (All Ages)	0	14	5	6	6	1
CDC COVID-19 Community Level (New)	Low	-	-	-	-	Low

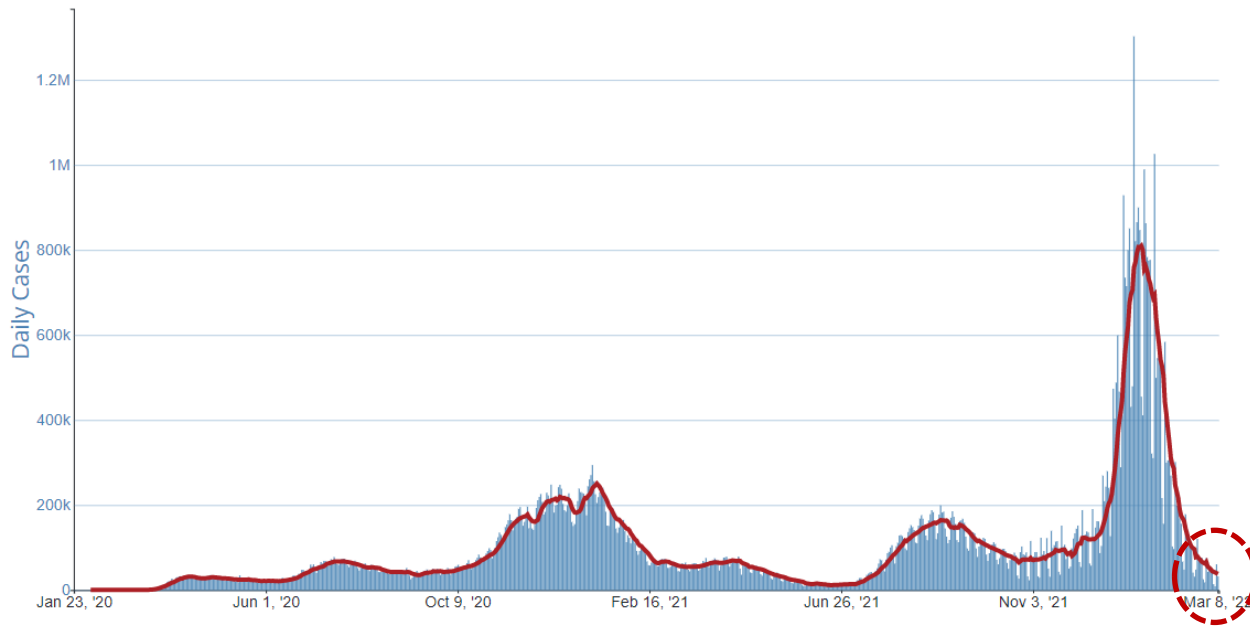
Please note that with updated CDC Community Risk Transmission levels, metrics and/or metric thresholds/goals may change.

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. 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

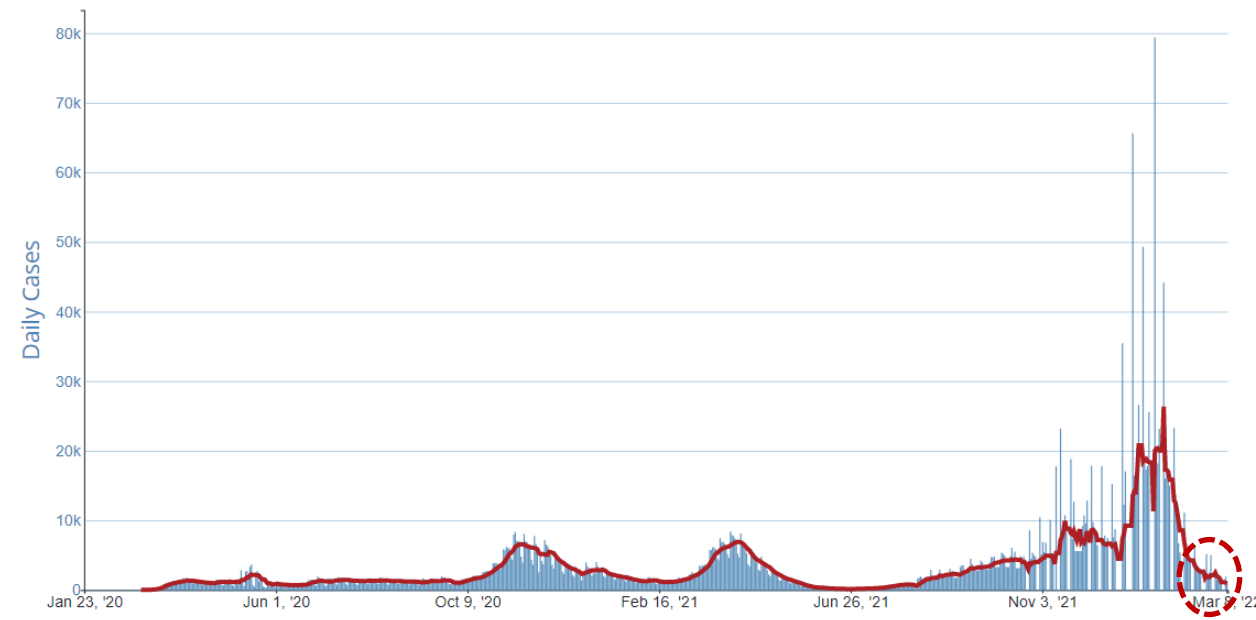
USA

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 the US and Michigan are declining.

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Source: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailycases

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USA & MI

Spread

Children

Hospitalizations

Vaccinations

Variants

Risk Levels

Other

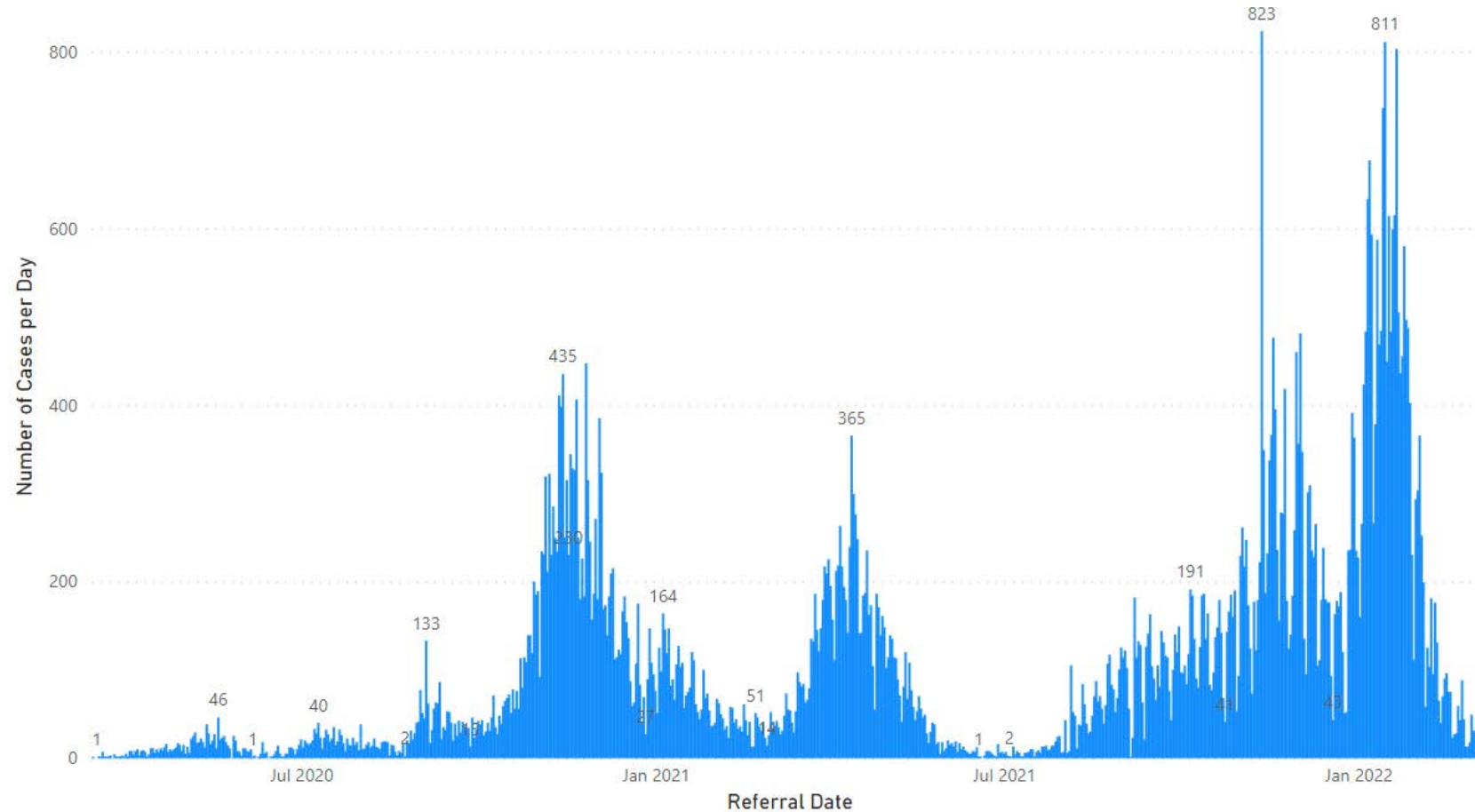
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Case Trends in Ottawa County

COVID-19 Cases by Day, Ottawa County, March 15, 2020 – March 9, 2022

Epidemiological Curve



Total Number of Cases
74,240

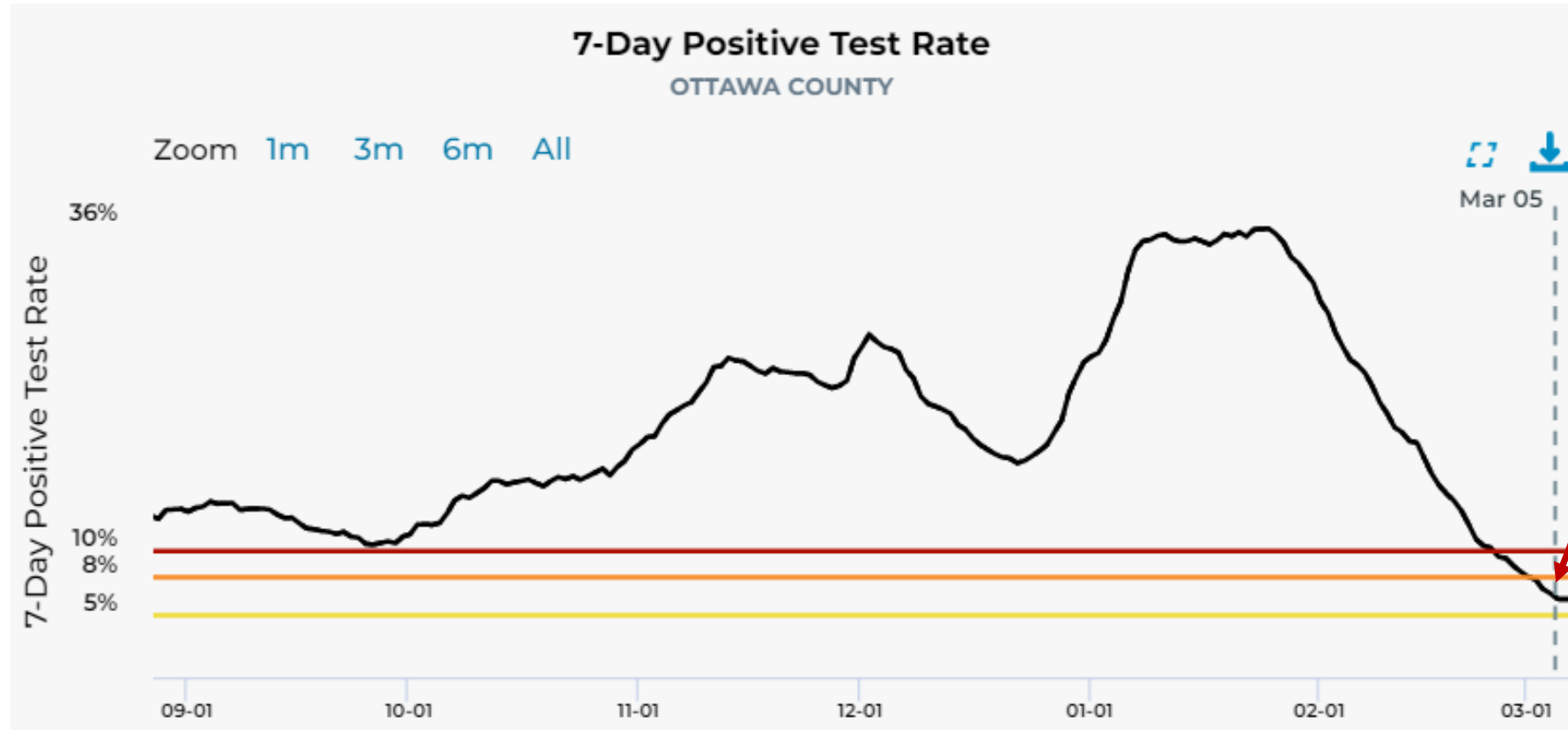
Currently the 7-day average is **19 cases per day**, lower than the 35 cases per day seen at a similar time last week. ←

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

Test Positivity in Ottawa County

COVID-19 Cases by Day, Ottawa County, September 1, 2021 – March 5, 2022



Test positivity has been in decline for six weeks, **recently falling to 6.3%**.

Please note that this visualization may change as CDC Community Transmission levels, metrics and/or metric thresholds/goals change.

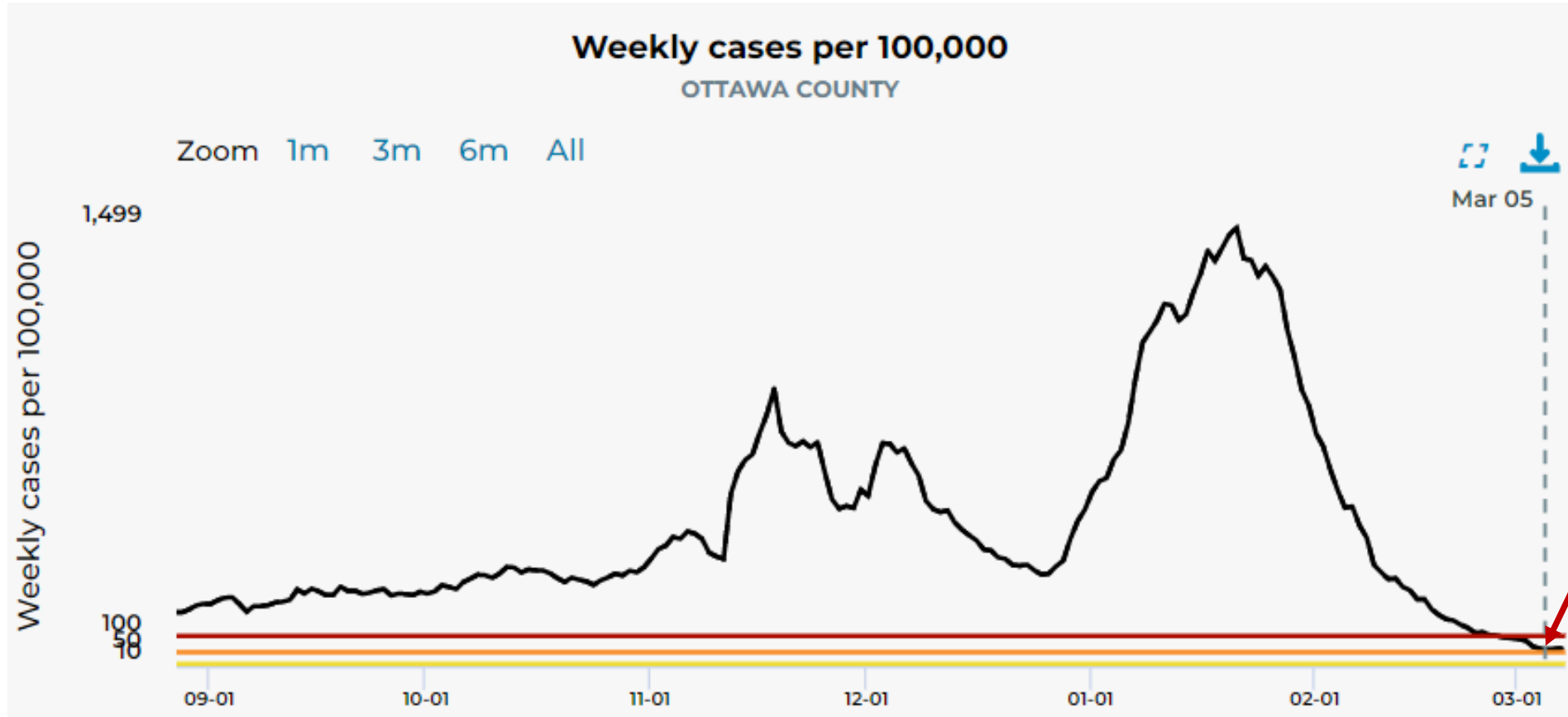


Note: Testing in Ottawa County has declined over the last 4 weeks, peaking at nearly 5,000 tests in week (week 6) and declining to about 3,000 tests last week (week 9): [Testing Results | Ottawa County Covid-19 Case Summary Data \(arcgis.com\)](#) & <https://www.mistartmap.info/mism-indicators?area=county%3Aottawa>. Use of at home tests likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in an artificially deflated number of cases.

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

Case Rates in Ottawa County – All Ages

COVID-19 Cases by Day, Ottawa County, September 1, 2021 – March 5, 2022



Case rates decreased to **59** cases per week per 100,000 population (**down from 103** the week prior).

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

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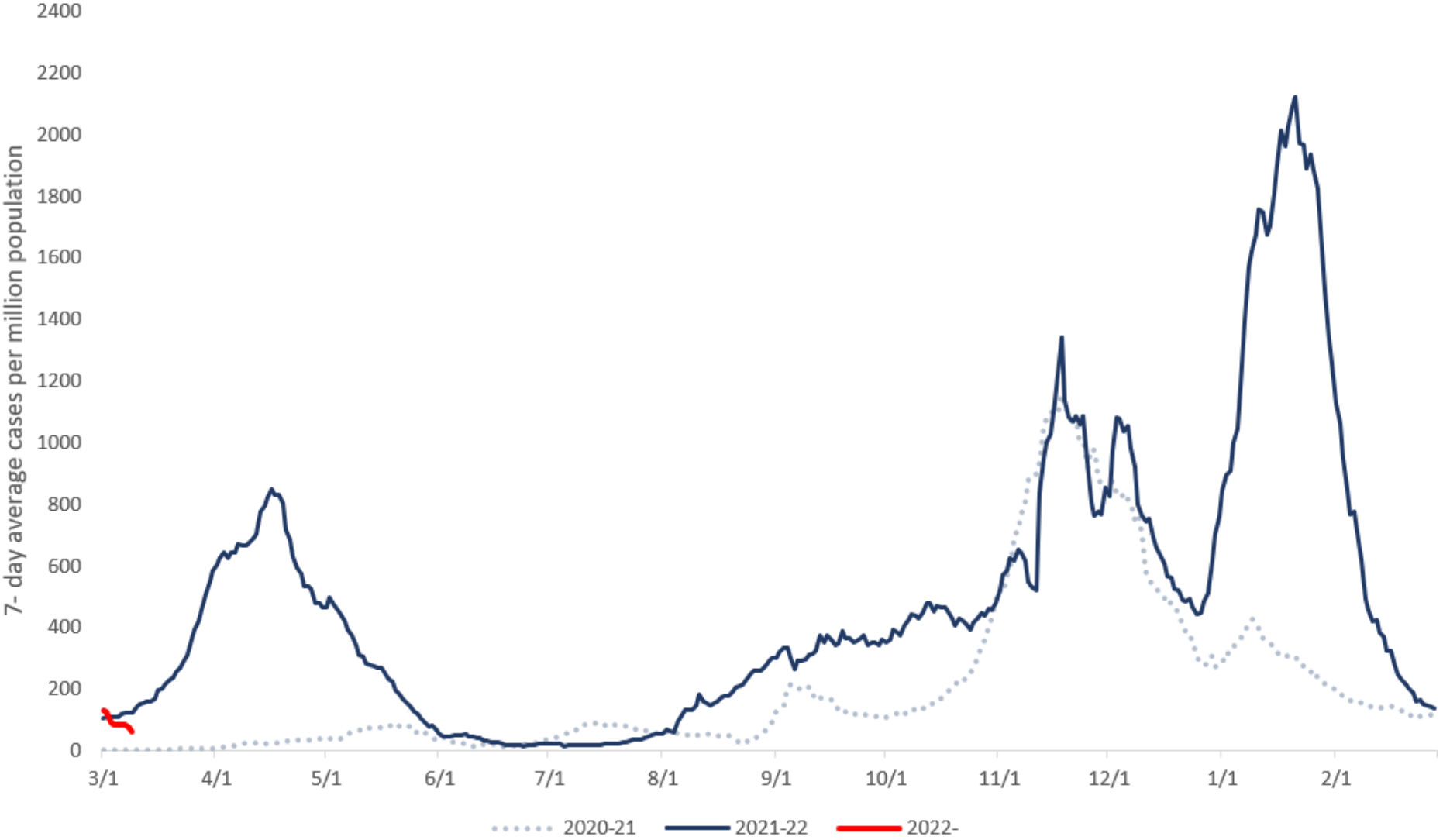
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Ottawa County Time Trends – Annual Comparison of Case Rates



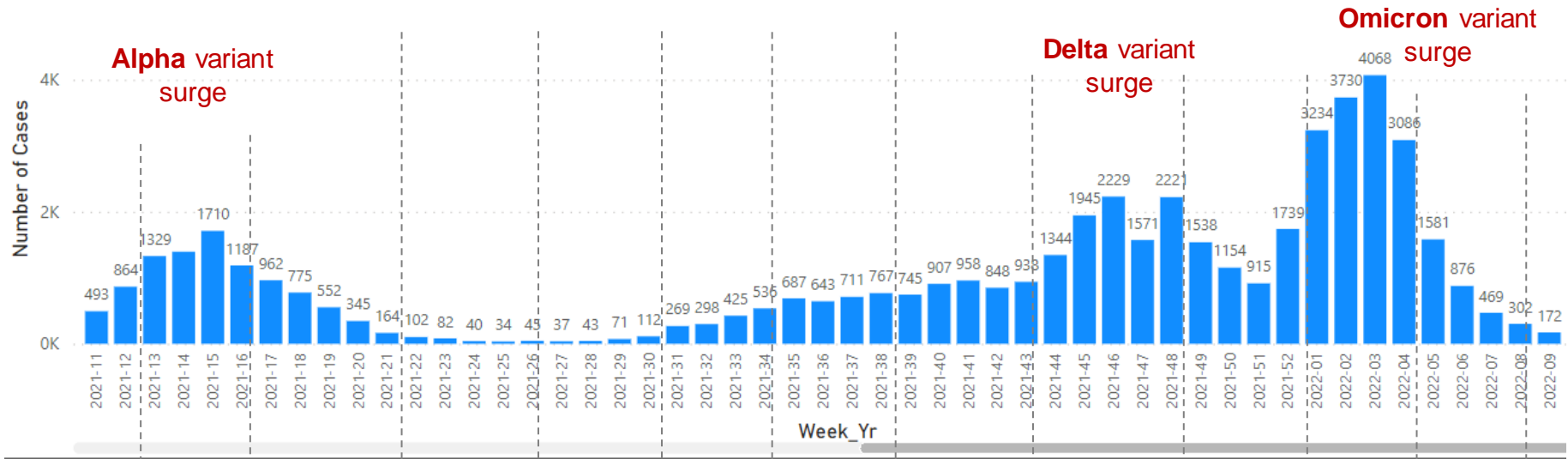
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Source: Internal Data

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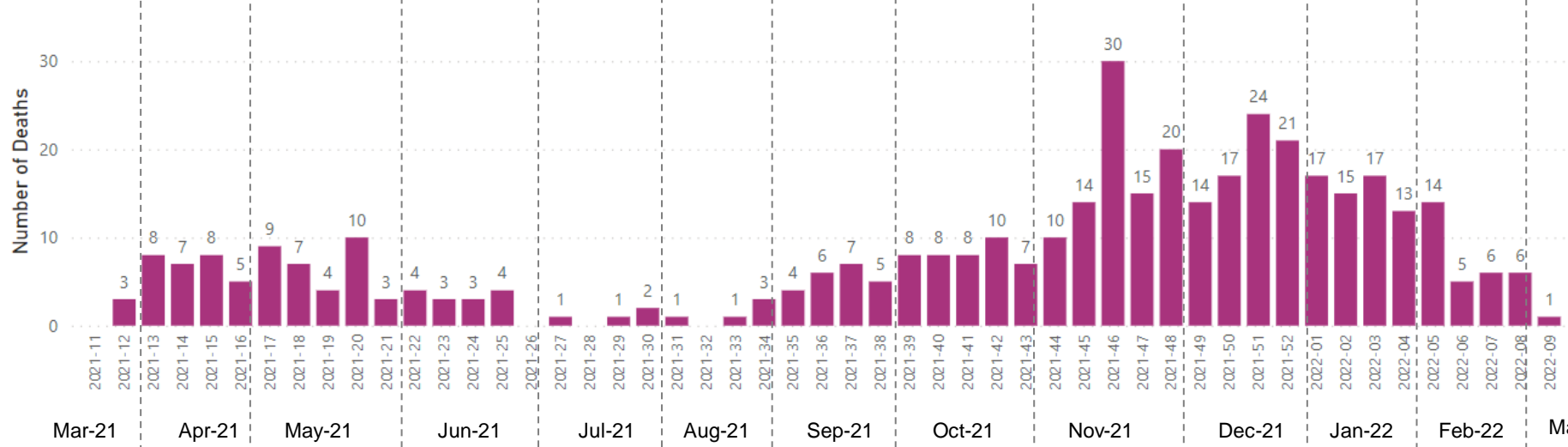
Ottawa County – Cases & Deaths by Week, All Ages

New Cases By Week of Referral



The weekly number of cases decreased 43% from week 8 to week 9.

New Deaths by Week of Death



Weekly COVID-19 deaths have declined. Current weekly average of deaths over the last 4 weeks stands at about 5 deaths per week.

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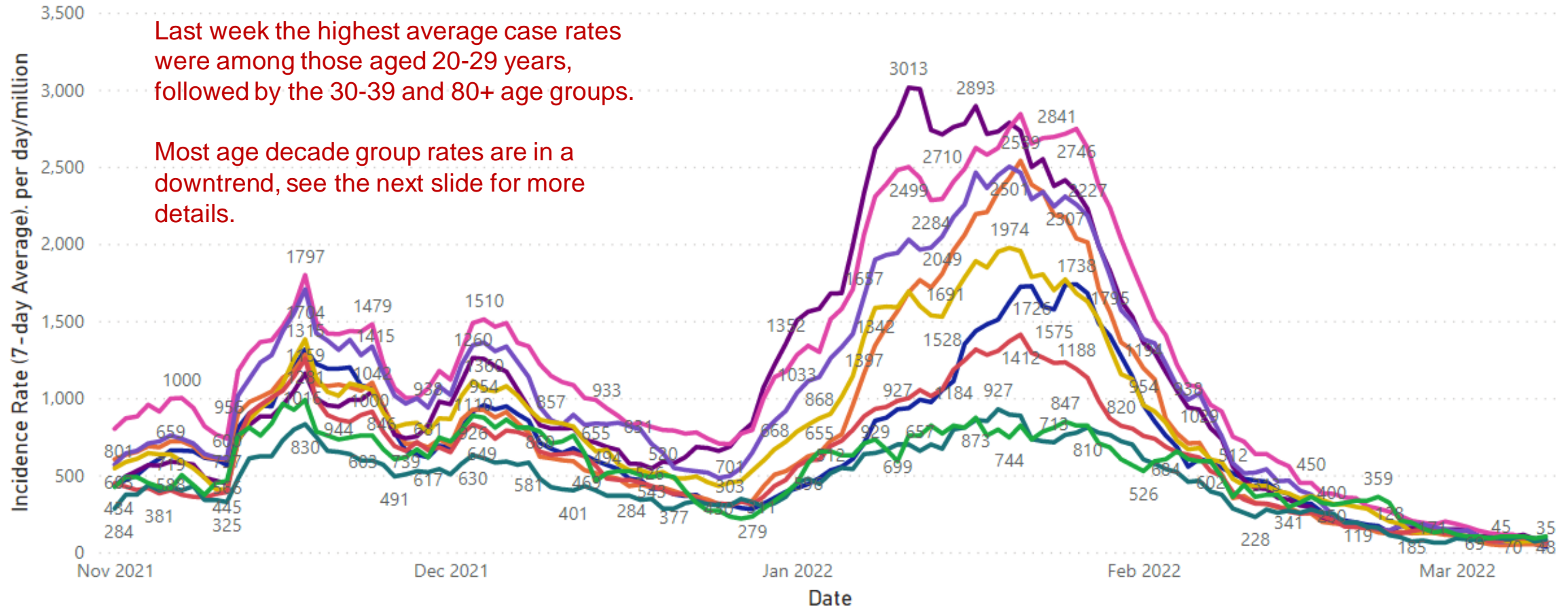
Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

Ottawa County - Case Rate Trends – by Age Decade

COVID-19 Case Rates by Age, November 2021 – March 9, 2022

Incidence Rate (7-day Average)

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



Last week the highest average case rates were among those aged 20-29 years, followed by the 30-39 and 80+ age groups.

Most age decade group rates are in a downtrend, see the next slide for more details.

Note: Use of at home tests likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially deflated case rates.

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 9 (February 27, 2022 – March 5, 2022)

Age Decade (Years)	Average Daily Cases	Average Daily Case Rate	One Week % Rate Change
0-9	3.0	81.5	-45%
10-19	2.0	45.2	-62%
20-29	5.0	110.6	-24%
30-39	4.1	115.5	-40%
40-49	2.3	69.0	-62%
50-59	2.7	77.7	-39%
60-69	2.4	74.6	-50%
70-79	1.9	90.1	18%
80+	1.1	102.4	-33%

Age groups with highest average case rates last week:

1. 30-39
2. 20-29
3. 80+

Age groups with largest week-over-week decline in case rates:

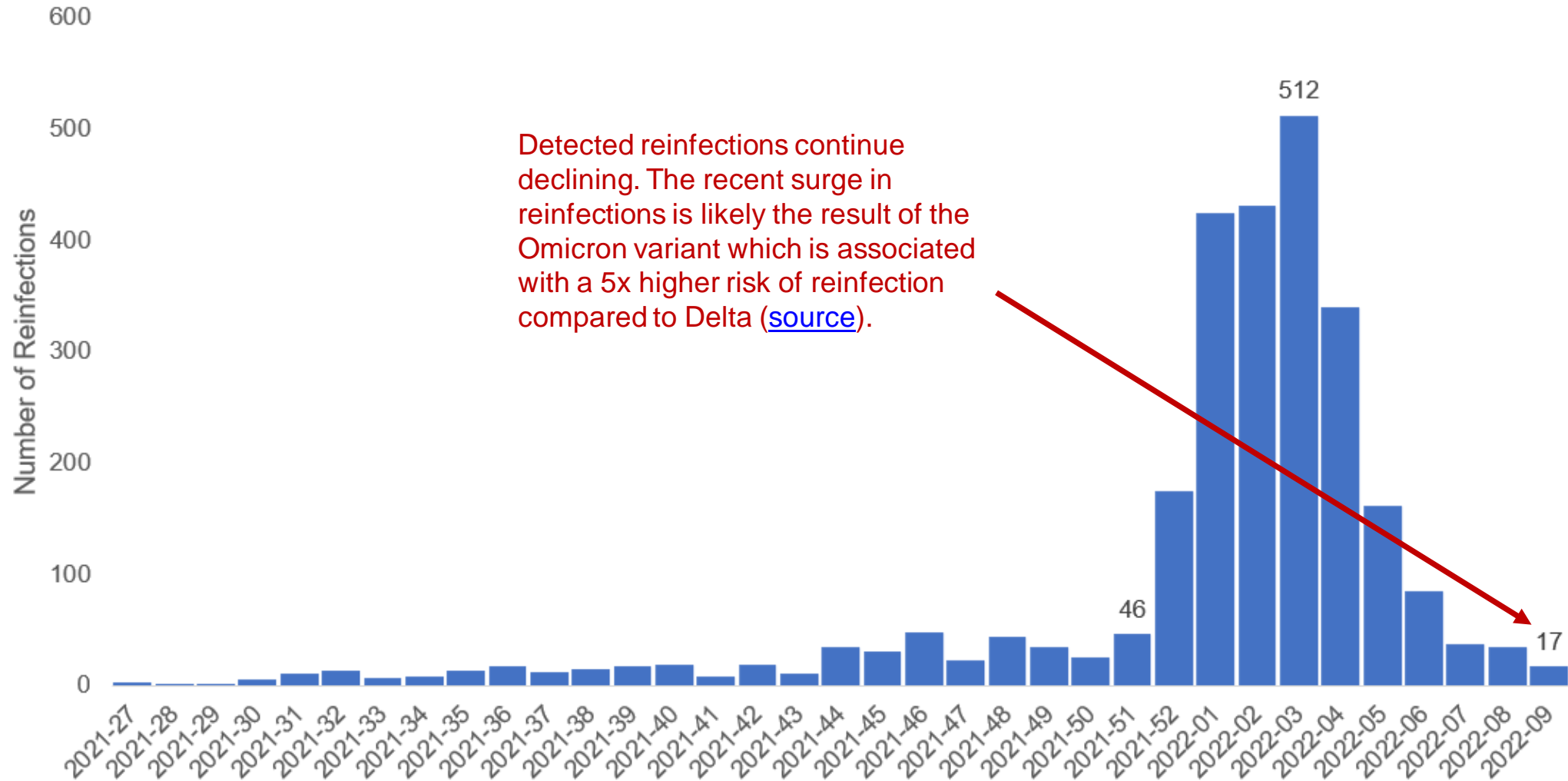
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2. 40-49
3. 60-69

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. Use of at home tests likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially deflated case rates.

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

Data as March 9, 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. Use of at home tests likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially deflated case counts.

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

Data as of March 9, 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
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	1525	99%	214	44%	1739	90%
8-Jan-22	2791	83%	443	107%	3234	86%
15-Jan-22	3094	11%	636	44%	3730	15%
22-Jan-22	3145	2%	923	45%	4068	9%
29-Jan-22	2412	-23%	674	-27%	3086	-24%
5-Feb-22	1304	-46%	277	-59%	1581	-49%
12-Feb-22	693	-47%	183	-34%	876	-45%
19-Feb-22	380	-45%	89	-51%	469	-46%
26-Feb-22	240	-37%	62	-30%	302	-36%
5-Mar-22	139	-42%	33	-47%	172	-43%

Weekly case counts among **children decreased 47%** last week, and cases in **adults decreased 42%**.

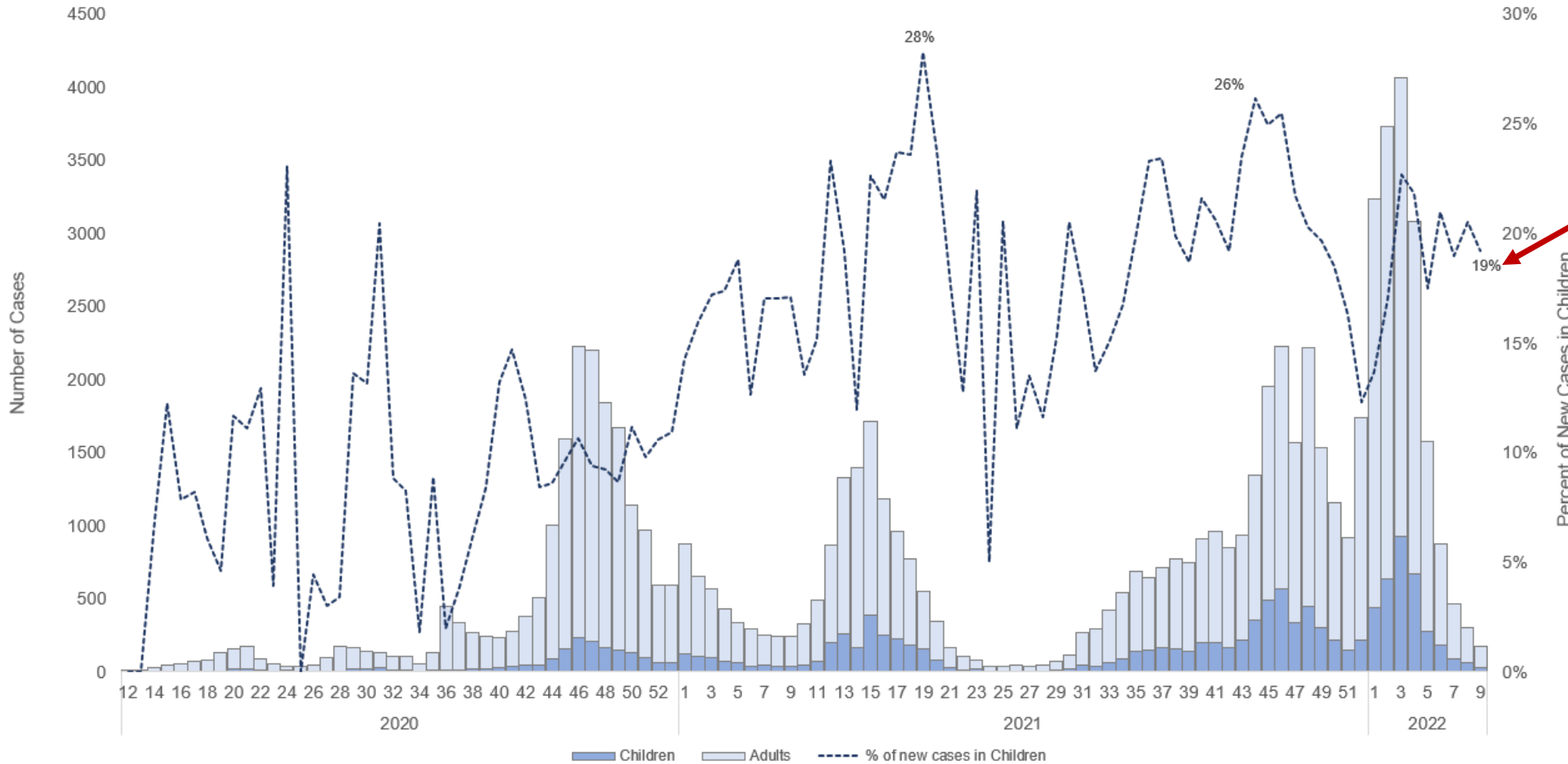
Adults

Children

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

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



During Week 9 in 2022, children made up **19%** of cases reported, elevated compared to other times of the pandemic, but consistent with recent weeks.

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

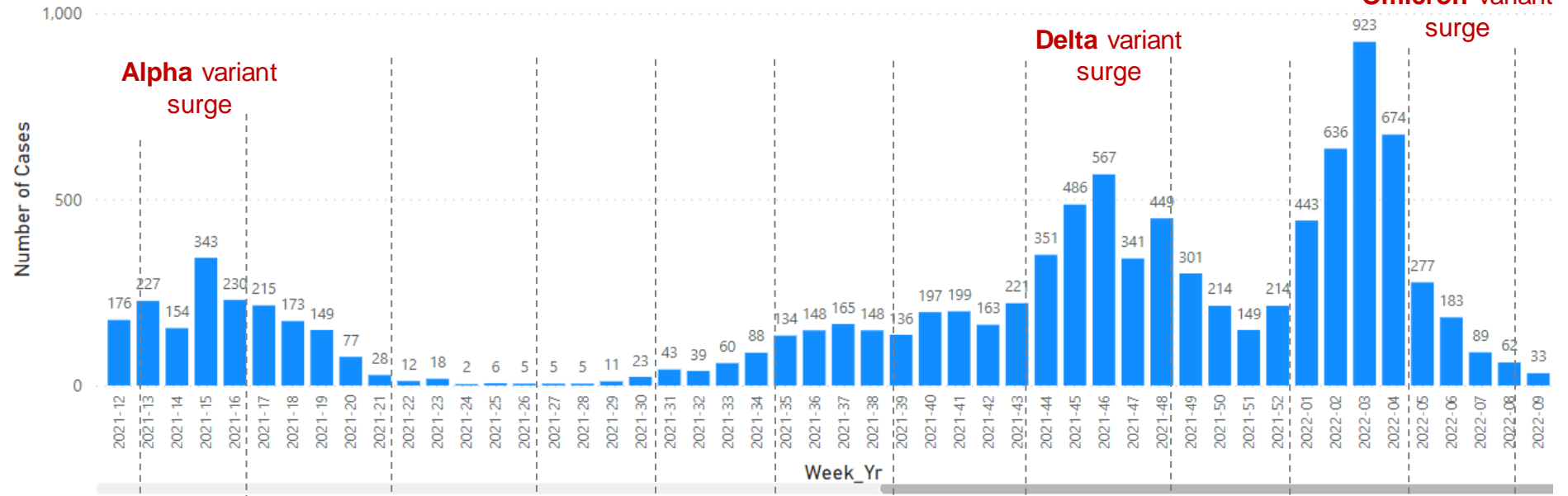
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Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System; CDC Wonder 2020

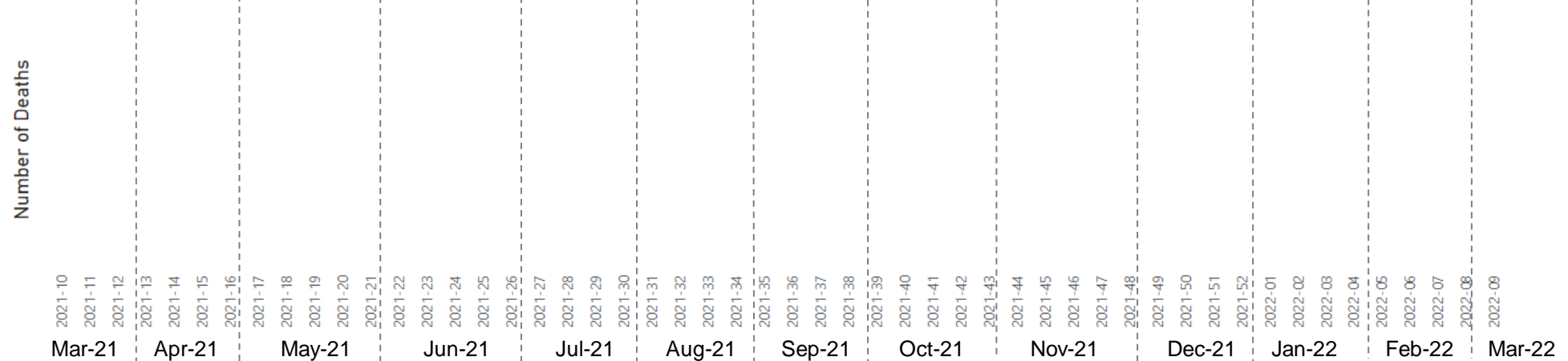
Data through Week 9, 2022

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

New Cases By Week of Referral



New Deaths by Week of Death



The weekly number of cases among children decreased 47% from week 8 to week 9.

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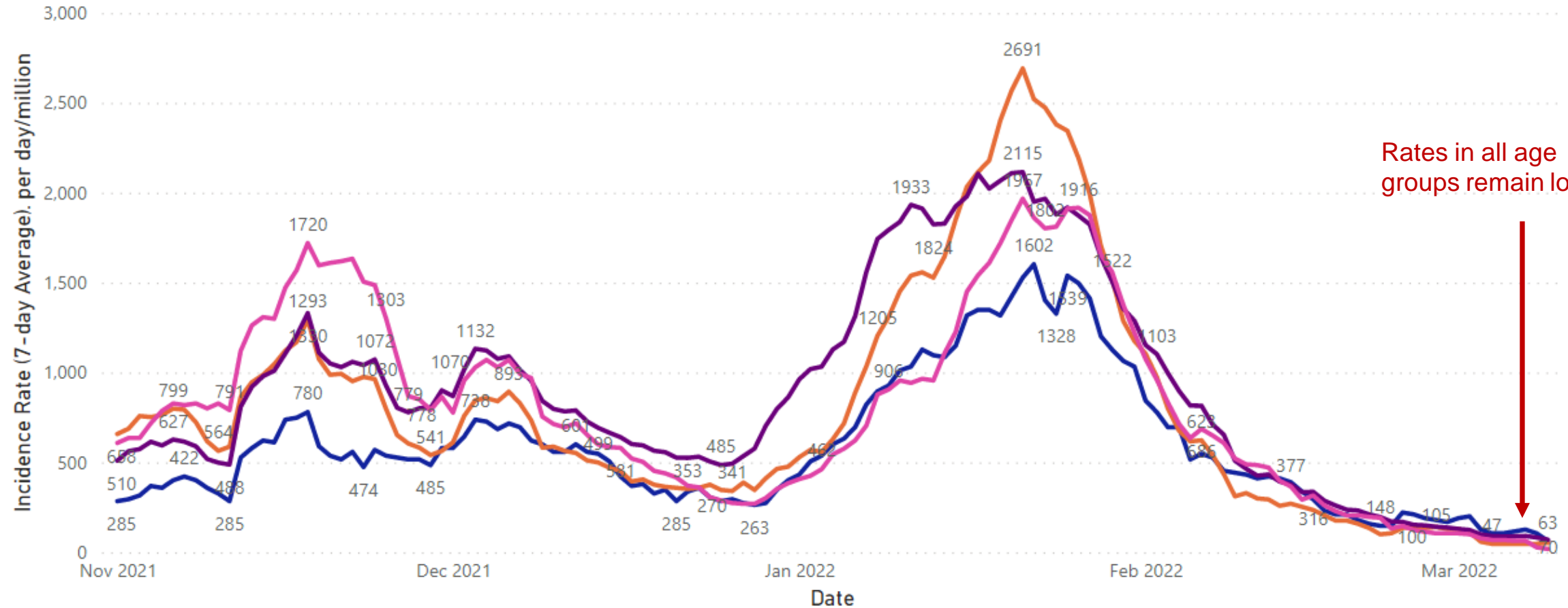
Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

Ottawa County - Case Rate Trends – by Age

COVID-19 Case Rates by Age, includes School-Aged, November 2021 – March 9, 2022

Incidence Rate (7-day Average)

rategroup ● 0-3 ● 12-17 ● 18+ ● 4-11

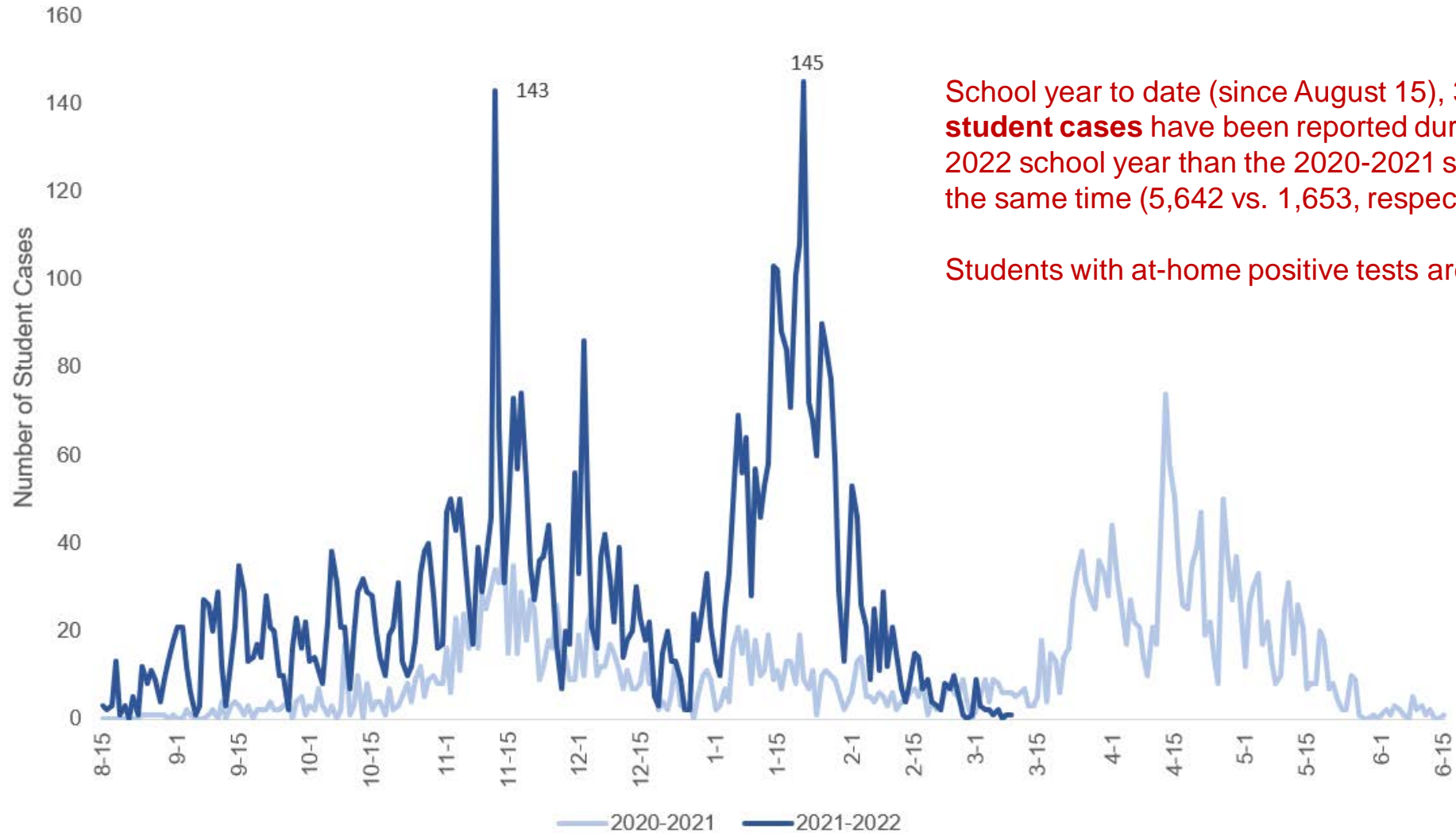


Rates in all age groups remain low.

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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), **3.4x more student cases** have been reported during the 2021-2022 school year than the 2020-2021 school year at the same time (5,642 vs. 1,653, respectively).

Students with at-home positive tests are not included.

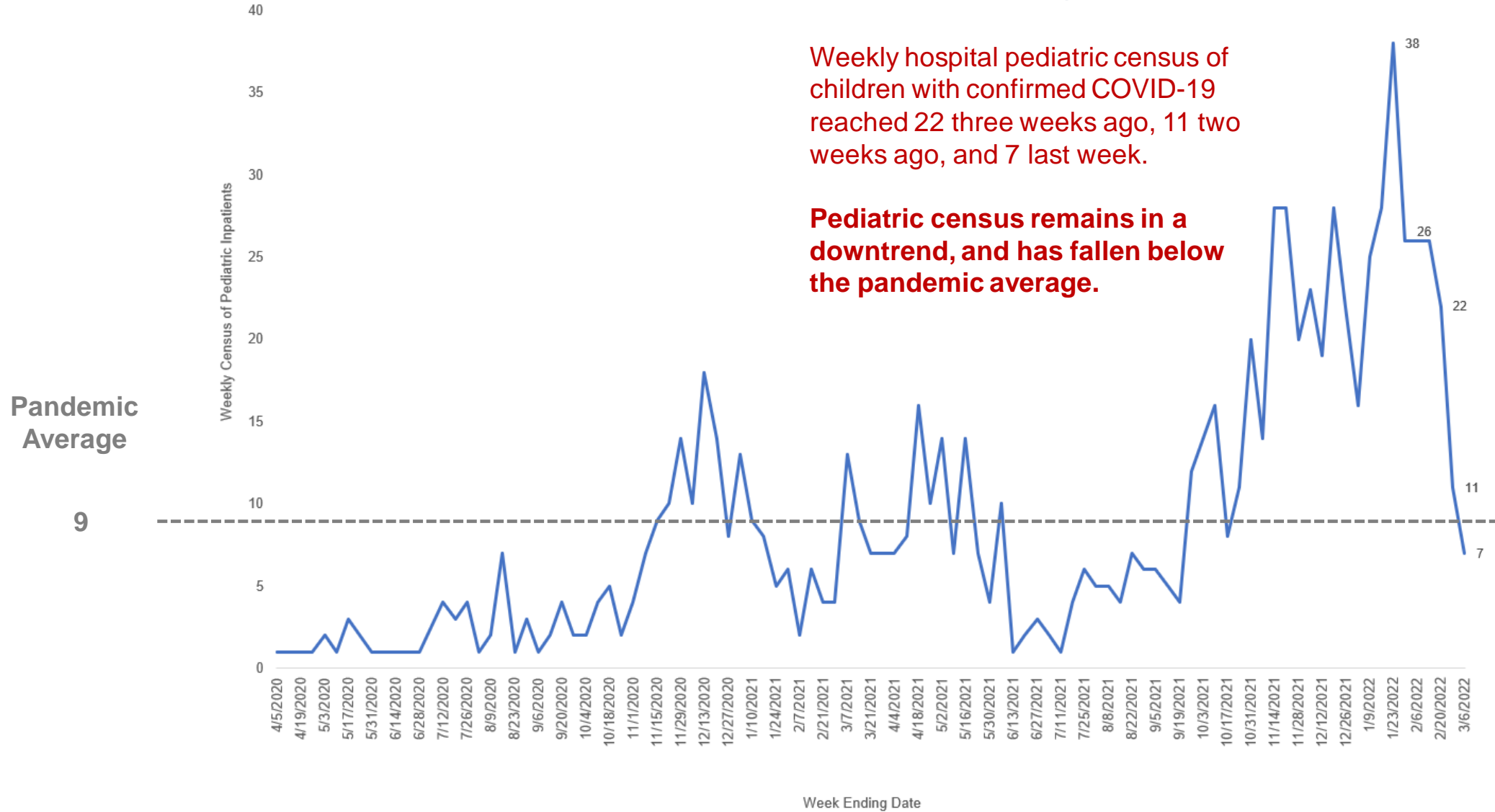
Method: Includes PreK-12 students known to attend a school in Ottawa County who are classified as a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.

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. Use of at home tests likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially deflated case counts.

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

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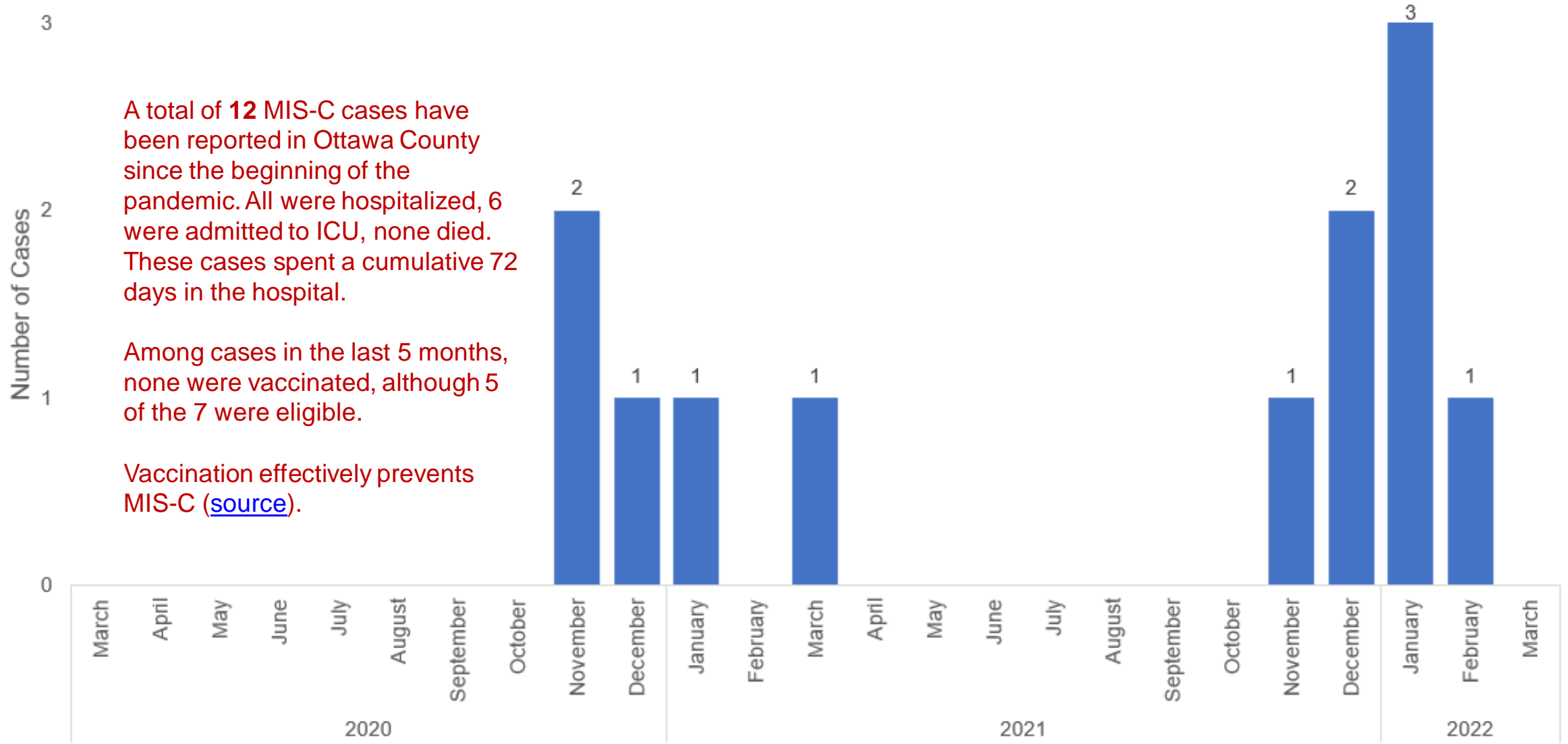
Weekly Hospital Pediatric Census – A Regional Healthcare System



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 March 6, 2022

Ottawa County MIS-C* Cases by Month



A total of **12** 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 72 days in the hospital.

Among cases in the last 5 months, none were vaccinated, although 5 of the 7 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 March 9, 2022

Ottawa County Hospital Capacity – All Beds

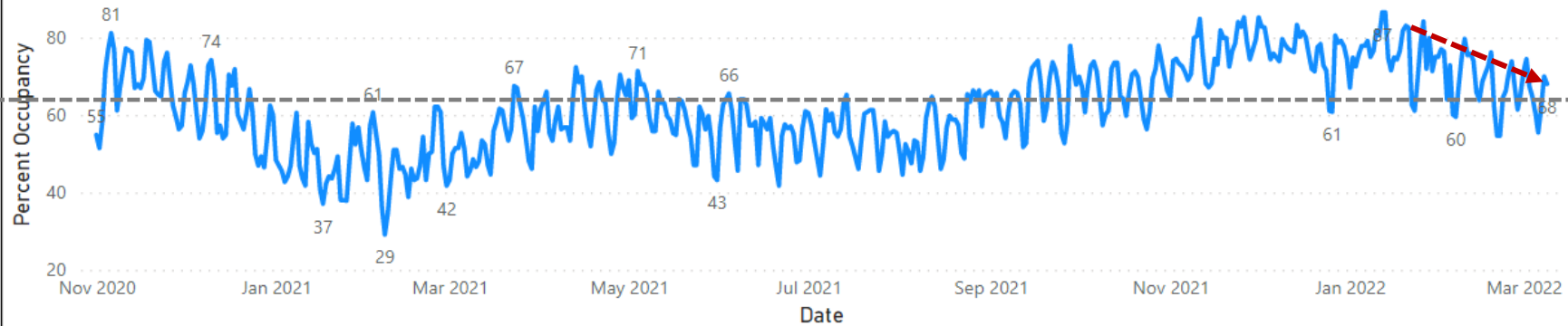
Total Inpatient Bed Occupancy (All Patients, COVID and Non-COVID)

Pandemic Average

62%

Percent Occupancy by Date and County

County ● Ottawa



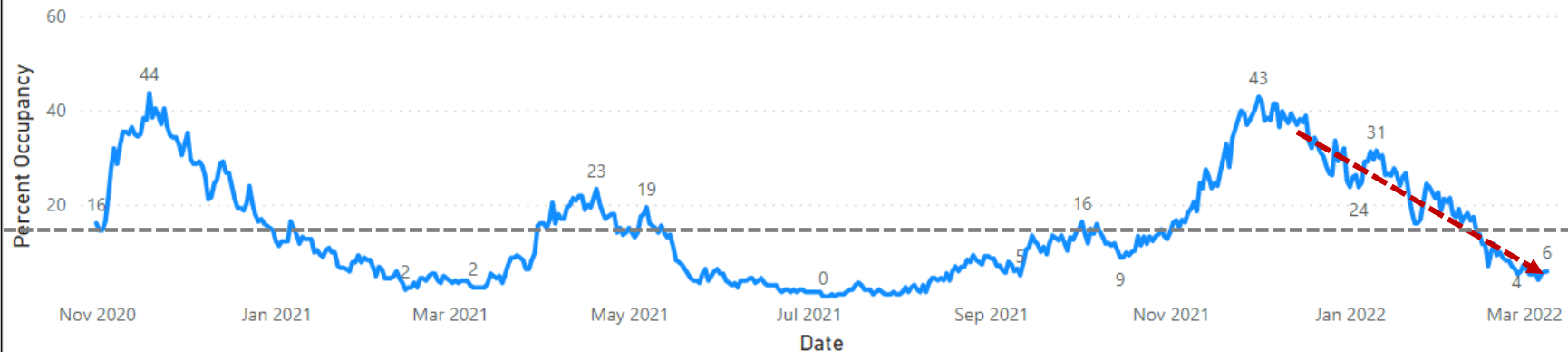
Total hospital bed occupancy **remains slightly above the pandemic average.**

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

15%

Percent Occupancy by Date and County

County ● Ottawa

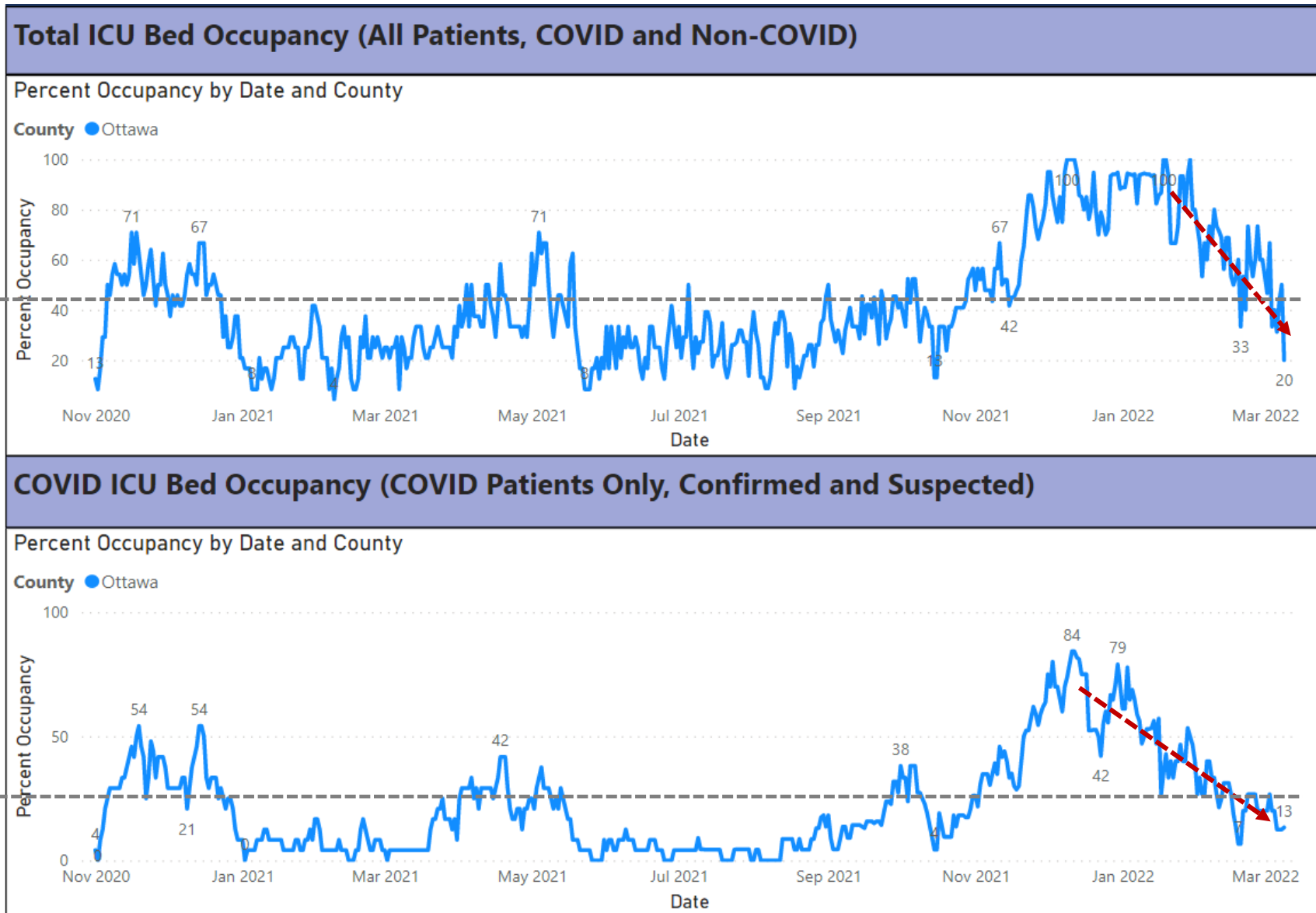


Currently **6%** of all inpatient beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients. The proportion of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients is in a downtrend, after peaking in early December 2021.

Source: EMResources

Data through March 9, 2022

Ottawa County Hospital Capacity – ICU Beds



Overall ICU bed occupancy is below the pandemic average (20%).

The proportion of ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients is below the pandemic average. Currently, 13% of all ICU beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients, but a downtrend is observed.

Source: EMResources

Data through March 9, 2022

Ottawa County Age-Standardized Rates of COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, & Deaths by Vaccination Status

Unvaccinated people aged 5 years and older had:

1.6x

Risk of Becoming a COVID-19 Case

AND

11.5x

Risk of Dying from COVID-19

8.2 x

Risk of Being Hospitalized for COVID-19

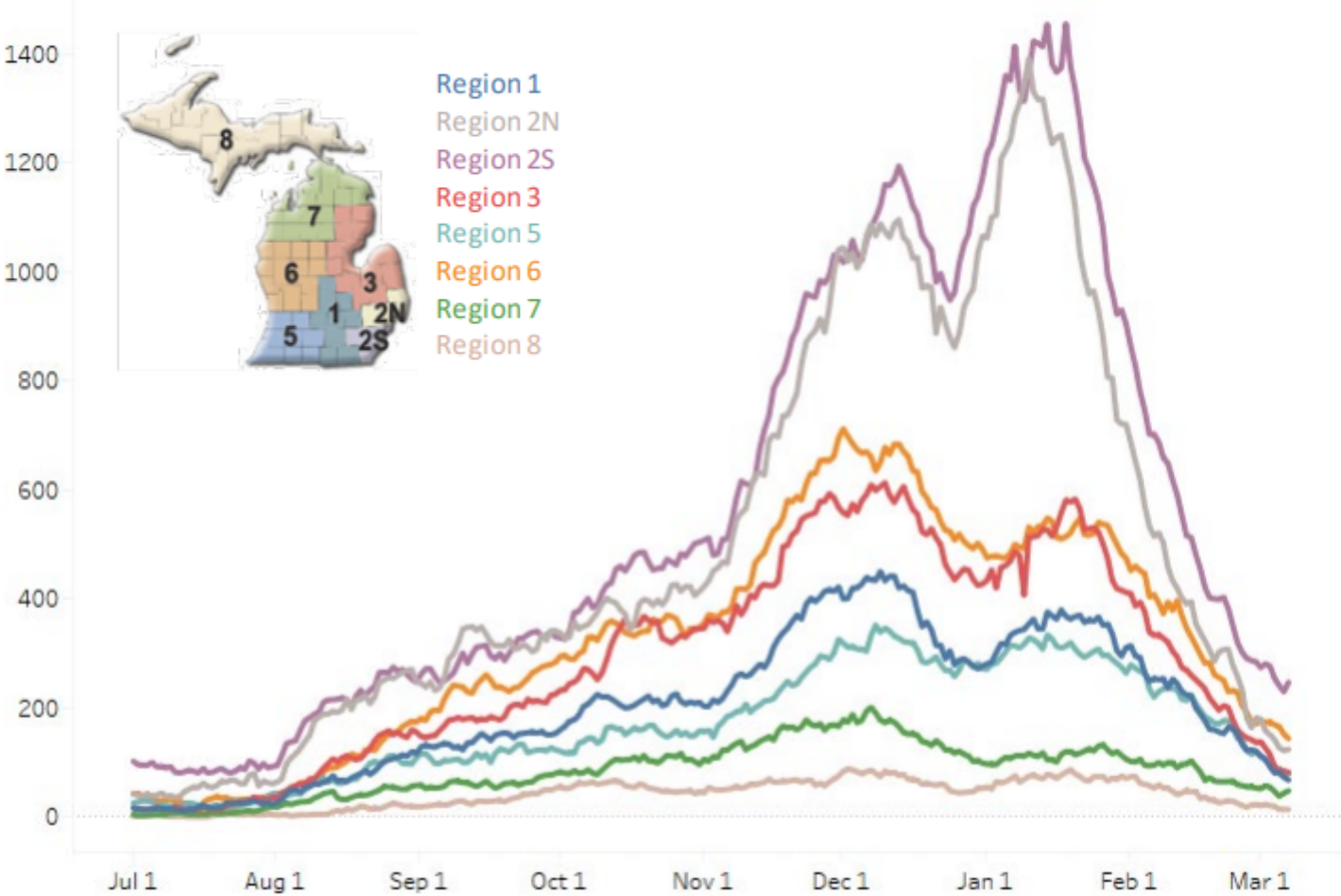
in January 2022, compared to people vaccinated with at least a primary series.

Notes: For comparison to the nation please see: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#rates-by-vaccine-stat>

Methods: Both probable and confirmed cases were included, denominators were obtained from CDC Wonder (2019), and standardized population is 2000 US population. Methods may be refined, resulting in updated data.

Statewide Hospitalization Trends: Regional COVID+ Census

Hospitalization Trends 7/1/2021 – 3/7/2022
Confirmed Positive by Region



This week the COVID+ census has decreased in all regions.

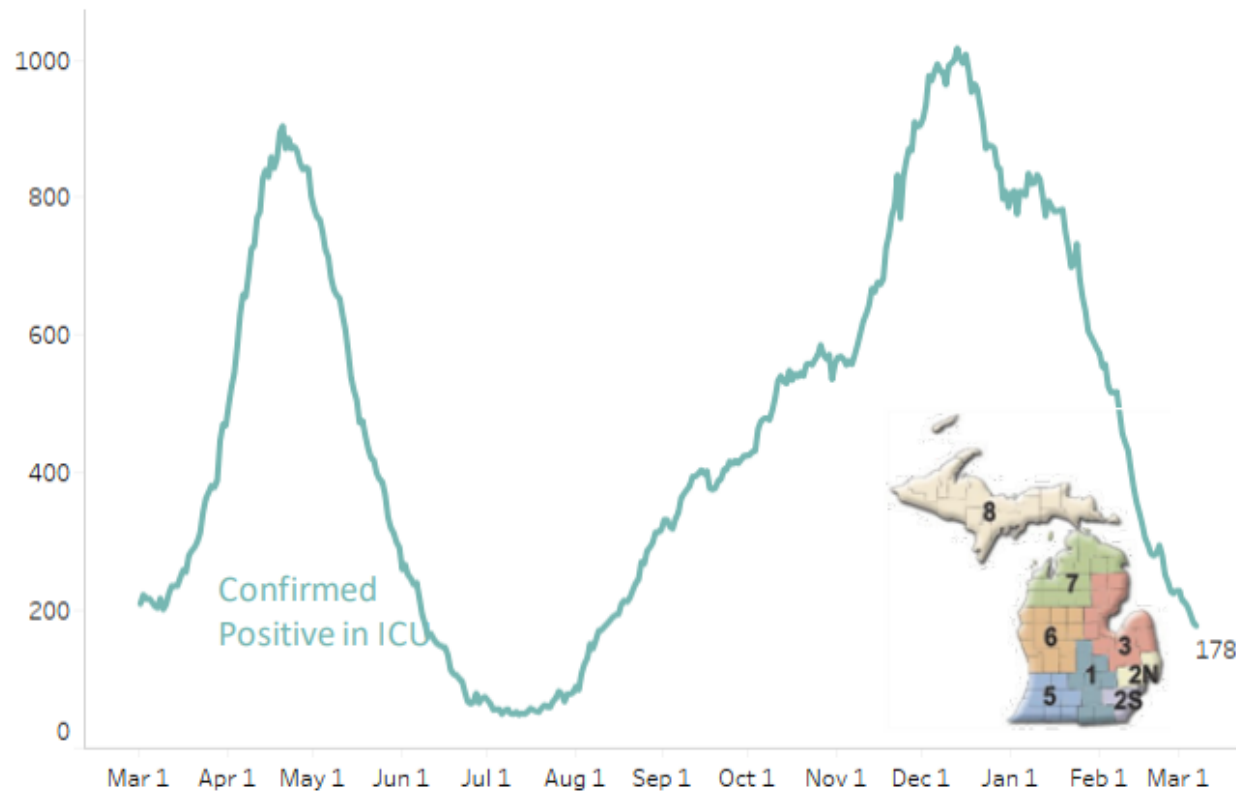
All regions but region 2S are below 100/Million population hospitalized.

Region	COVID+ Hospitalizations (% Δ from last week)	COVID+ Hospitalizations / MM
Region 1	68 (-44%)	63/M
Region 2N	124 (-31%)	56/M
Region 2S	247 (-13%)	111/M
Region 3	82 (-40%)	72/M
Region 5	79 (-34%)	83/M
Region 6	144 (-16%)	98/M
Region 7	48 (-9%)	96/M
Region 8	14 (-39%)	45/M

Source: MDHHS Data and Modelling: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/20220308_Data_and_modeling_update_vMEDIA_749682_7.pdf

Statewide Hospitalization Trends: ICU COVID+ Census

Hospitalization Trends 3/1/2021 – 3/7/2022
Confirmed Positive in ICUs



Overall, the census of COVID+ patients in ICUs has decreased by 22% from last week (previous week was down by 19%). All regions show decreasing trends in ICU census except Region 7, which has increased by 2 patients overall.

All regions have ICU occupancy below 85%. All regions have 15% or fewer of ICU beds filled with COVID+ patients.

Region	Adult COVID+ in ICU (% Δ from last week)	ICU Occupancy	% of ICU beds COVID+
Region 1	14 (-22%)	71%	7%
Region 2N	21 (-25%)	69%	4%
Region 2S	64 (-9%)	76%	9%
Region 3	20 (-46%)	81%	7%
Region 5	11 (-39%)	55%	6%
Region 6	30 (-19%)	71%	12%
Region 7	17 (13%)	70%	13%
Region 8	1 (-83%)	47%	2%

Source: MDHHS Data and Modelling: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/20220308_Data_and_modeling_update_vMEDIA_749682_7.pdf

Pediatric Hospitalization Rates – USA, Georgia, Michigan

United States | 0 - 17 Years



GA | 0 - 17 Years



MI | 0 - 17 Years



Pediatric hospitalization rates across the US, in Georgia, and in Michigan **show continued improvement.**

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

Accessed March 10, 2022

Pediatric Hospitalization Rates – Select Midwest States

OH | 0 - 17 Years



IN | 0 - 17 Years



IL | 0 - 17 Years

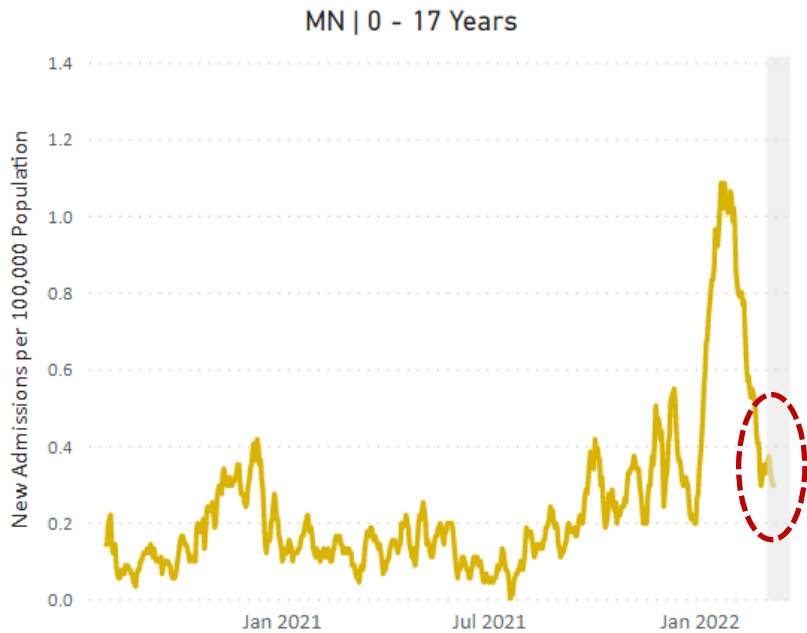


Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois are all showing **improving pediatric hospitalization rates.**

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

Accessed March 10, 2022

Pediatric Hospitalization Rates – Select Midwest States



Pediatric hospitalization rates in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa are declining.

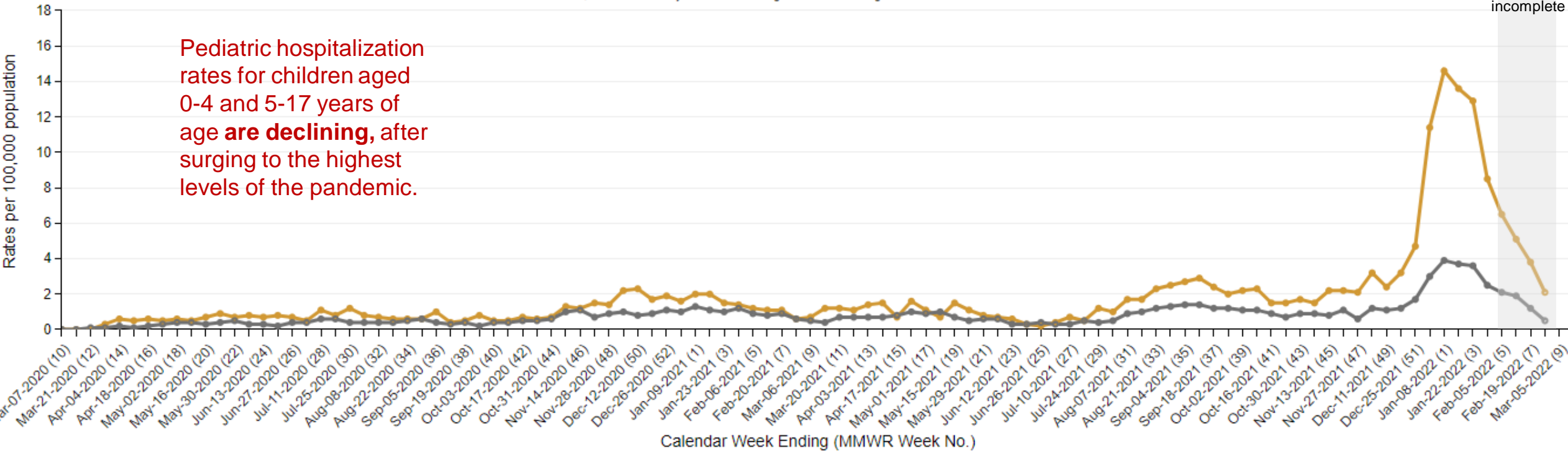
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Pediatric Hospitalization Rates by Age Group – USA

COVID-NET :: Entire Network :: 2020-21 :: Weekly Rate
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Recent data may be incomplete



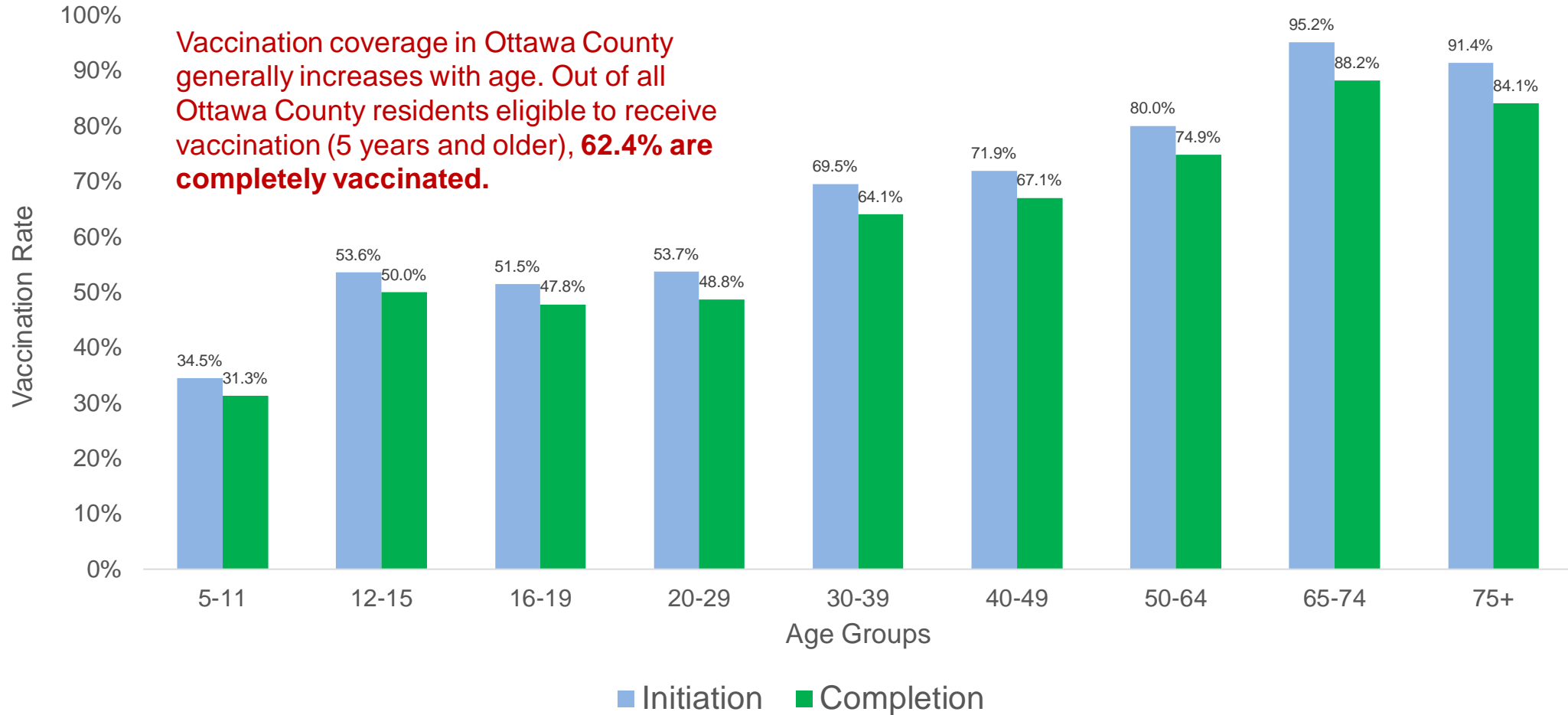
The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)-Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network (COVID-NET) hospitalization data are preliminary and subject to change as more data become available. In particular, case counts and rates for recent hospital admissions are subject to lag. Lag for COVID-NET case 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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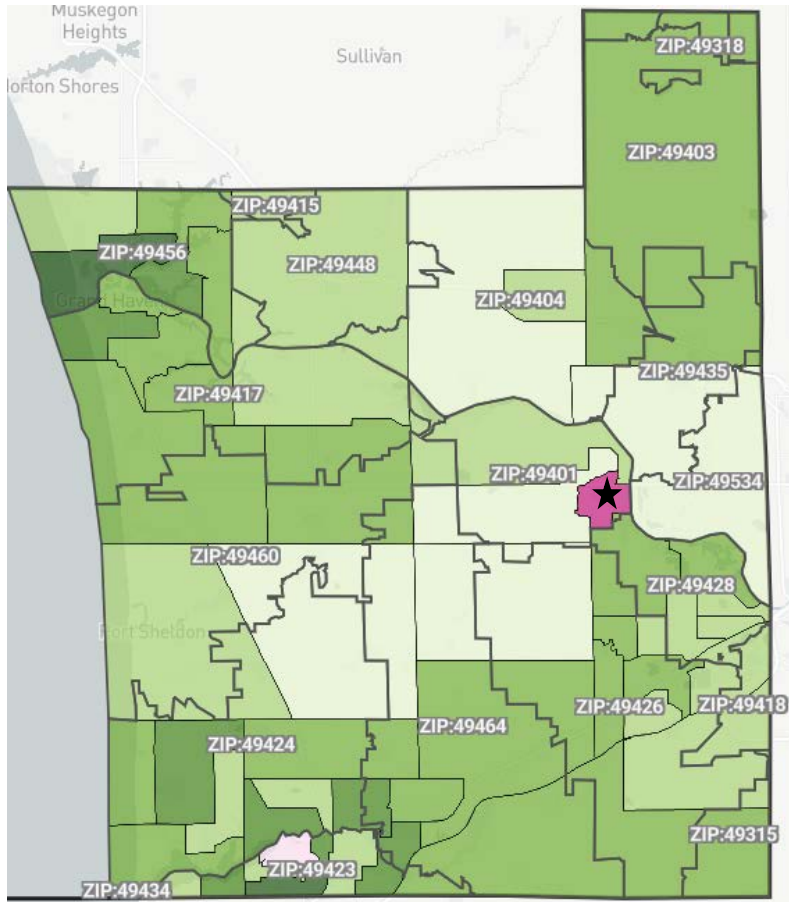
Completion is the percentage of people receiving at least 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna or 1 dose of J&J.

Source: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_103214_103272-547150--,00.html

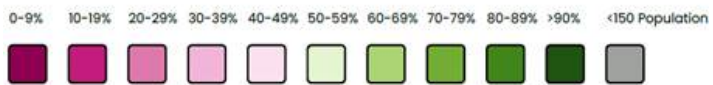
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Vaccination Coverage by Place of Residence

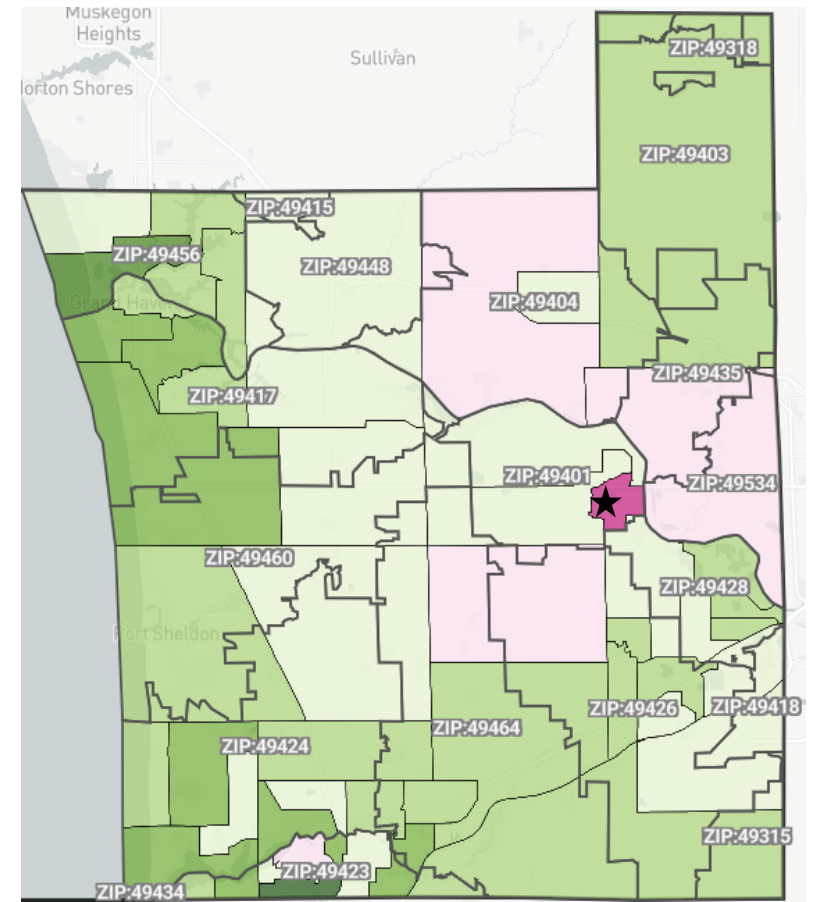
Fully vaccinated: % Ages 16+ years



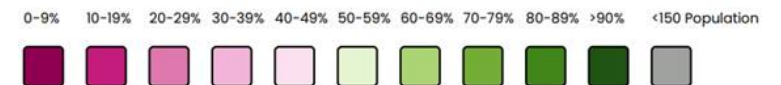
Color coded by: Fully Vaccinated (% Ages 16+)



Fully vaccinated: % Total Population



Color coded by: Fully Vaccinated (% 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 – March 5, 2022

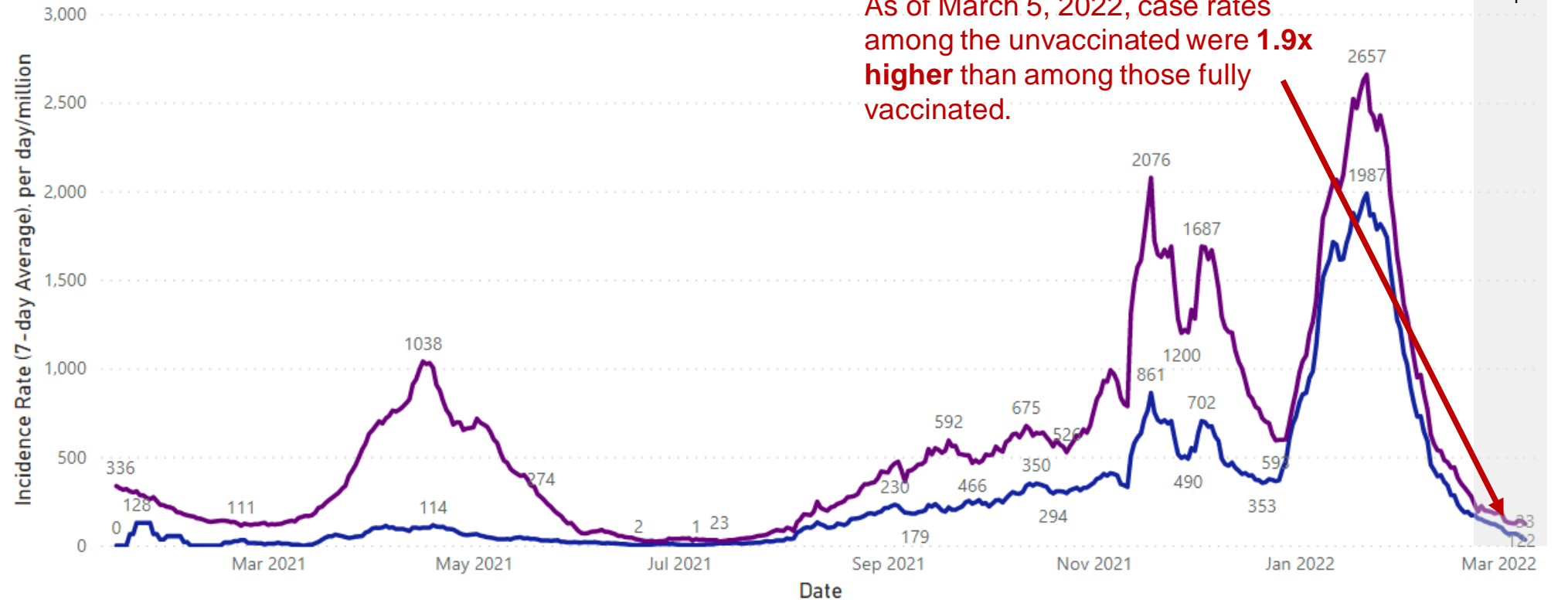
Fully Vaccinated People (170,749)	
Cases	Deaths
Percent of Cases in People Not Fully Vaccinated (35,897 / 54,095) 66.4%	Percent of Deaths in People Not Fully Vaccinated (280 / 426) 65.7%
Total Cases Not Fully Vaccinated 35,897	Total Deaths Not Fully Vaccinated 280
Total Breakthrough Cases 18,198	Total Breakthrough Deaths 146
Percent of Fully Vaccinated People who Developed COVID-19 (18,198 / 170,749) 10.7%	Percent of Fully Vaccinated People who Died of COVID-19 (146 / 170,749) 0.09%
Percent of Cases who were Fully Vaccinated (18,198 / 54,095) 33.6%	Percent of Deaths who were Fully Vaccinated (146 / 426) 34.3%
Total Cases 54,095	Total Deaths 426

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

Ottawa County COVID-19 Vaccination Breakthrough Case Trends

Incidence Rate (7-day Average)

rategroup ● Fully Vaccinated ● Unvaccinated



As of March 5, 2022, case rates among the unvaccinated were **1.9x higher** than among those fully vaccinated.

Recent data may be incomplete

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. Fully vaccinated is defined as 2 or more doses of an mRNA vaccination or at least one dose of J&J.

Note: Use of at home tests likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially deflated case rates.

Sources:

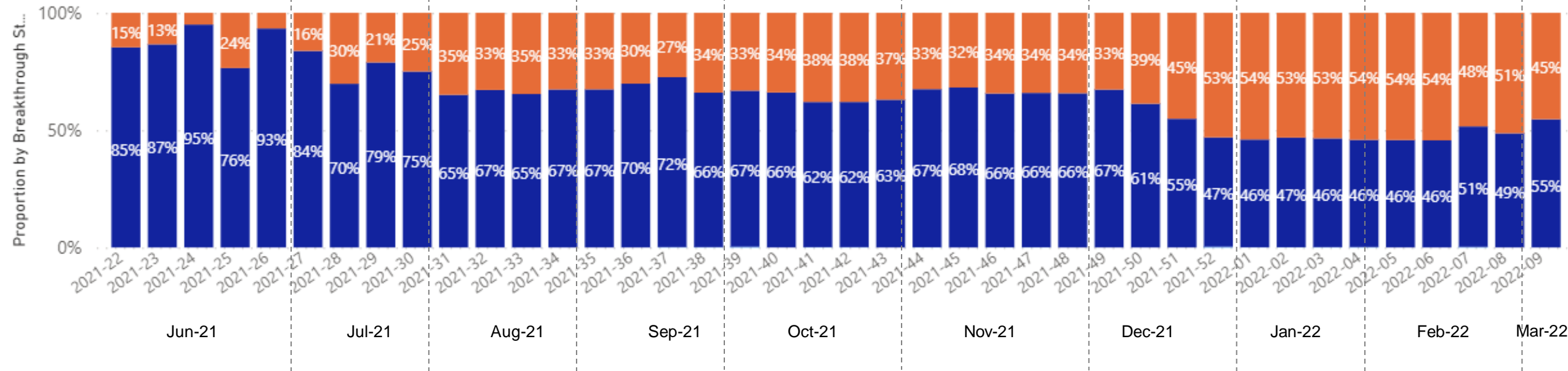
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Ottawa County COVID-19 Vaccination Breakthrough Case Trends

By Week

Breakthrough Proportions by Week

Vaccine_Breakthrough ● NO ● YES



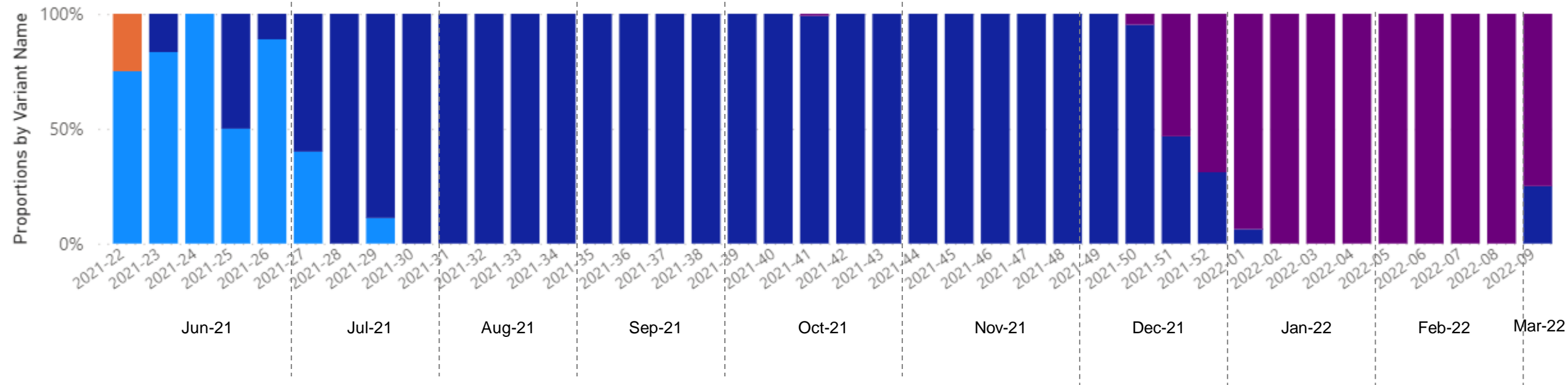
Through the Delta wave, which was most pronounced August through early December of 2021, about 34% of all cases reported to public health were breakthrough cases. At the end of 2021 and into 2022, the proportion of vaccine breakthrough cases increased to roughly 52% of cases reported each week. Weekly 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

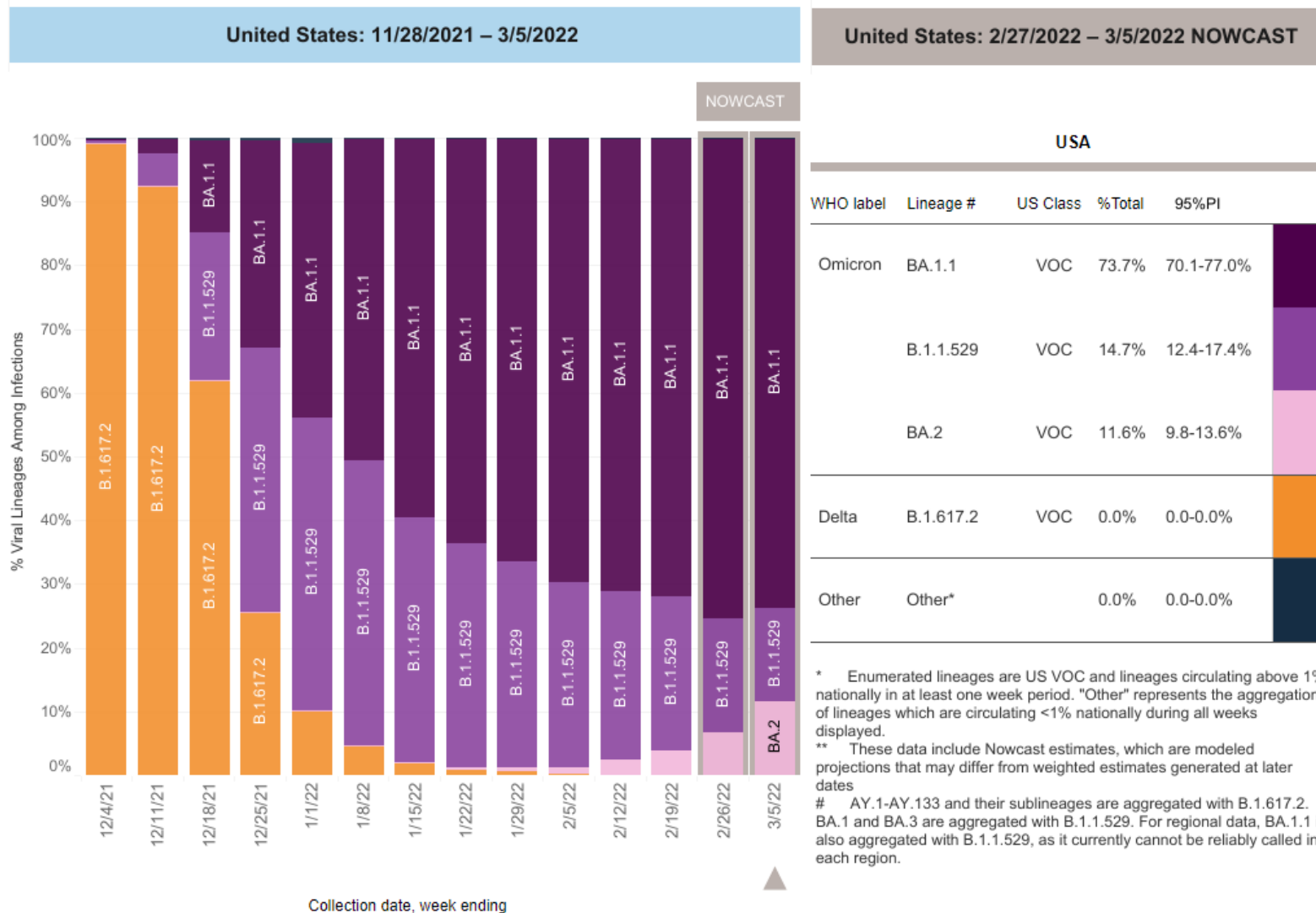


In June of 2021, most clinical samples* submitted for variant testing came back as the **Alpha** variant. By the end of July 2021, all clinical samples tested were returned as the **Delta** variant. From late July through early December 2021 all clinical samples submitted for variant testing came back 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.

* 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 close to 100% of all clinical samples collected in the United States the week ending March 5, 2022.

Omicron subvariants are also circulating, but their impact on transmission in near-term is unknown.

Variants – Wastewater Sampling – Holland/Zeeland

Y = Detected
N = Not Detected

Sample Date	Site	Delta	Omicron
01/09/2022	North Holland	N	N
01/10/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
01/12/2022	North Holland	N	Y
01/13/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
01/16/2022	North Holland	N	Y
01/17/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
01/23/2022	North Holland	N	Y
01/30/2022	North Holland	N	Y
01/31/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
02/13/2022	North Holland	N	Y
02/14/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
02/16/2022	North Holland	N	Y
02/17/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
2/20/2022	North Holland	N	Y
2/21/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
02/23/2022	North Holland	N	Y
02/24/2022	Zeeland	N	N
02/27/2022	North Holland	N	N
02/28/2022	Zeeland	N	N
03/02/2022	North Holland	N	N
03/03/2022	Zeeland	N	N

The **Delta** variant was consistently detected in Holland and Zeeland wastewater samples through all of November and December of 2021 (data not displayed here).

The **Omicron** variant has been consistently detected in wastewater in Holland and Zeeland since early January 2022, with less detection over the most recent week – corresponding to reduced case rates and test positivity.

However, **Omicron** has been detected in Holland at other sampling sites in early March 2022 (not listed here).

Source: Hope College Global Water Research Institute as part of the MDHHS SEWER-Network, Aaron Best, Ph.D. (best@hope.edu)

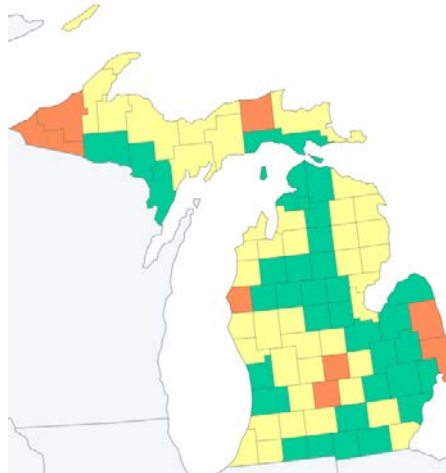
(NEW) CDC Community Risk Levels – Ottawa County

- Current Risk Level in Ottawa – **LOW**
- Current Data:
 - Case Rate (per 100k pop 7-day total) = **97.32**
 - COVID-19 Hospital Admissions (per 100K pop 7-day total) = **1.2**
 - COVID Inpatient Hospital Bed Utilization (7-day average) = **6.9%**

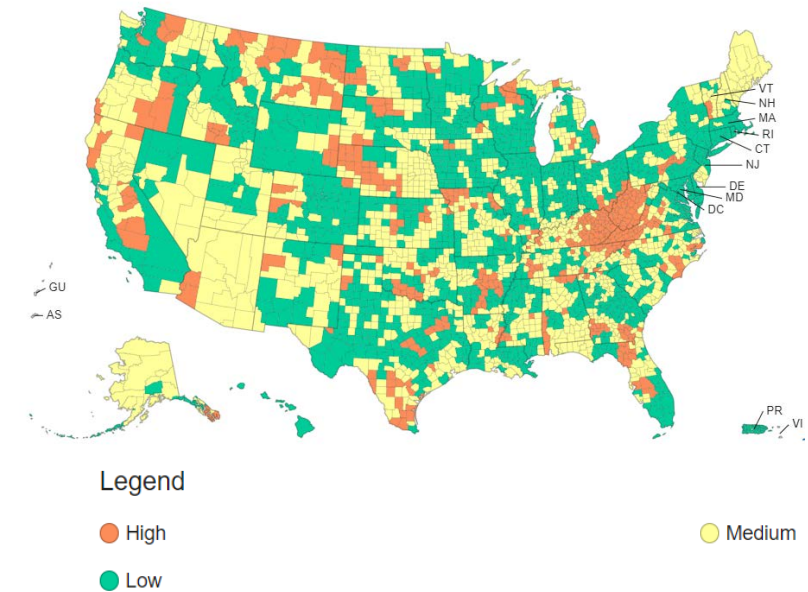
2 Weeks Ago

Last Week

This Week



USA - This Week



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Data updated by CDC
on March 3, 2022

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COVID-19 Case Rates by County Across the US

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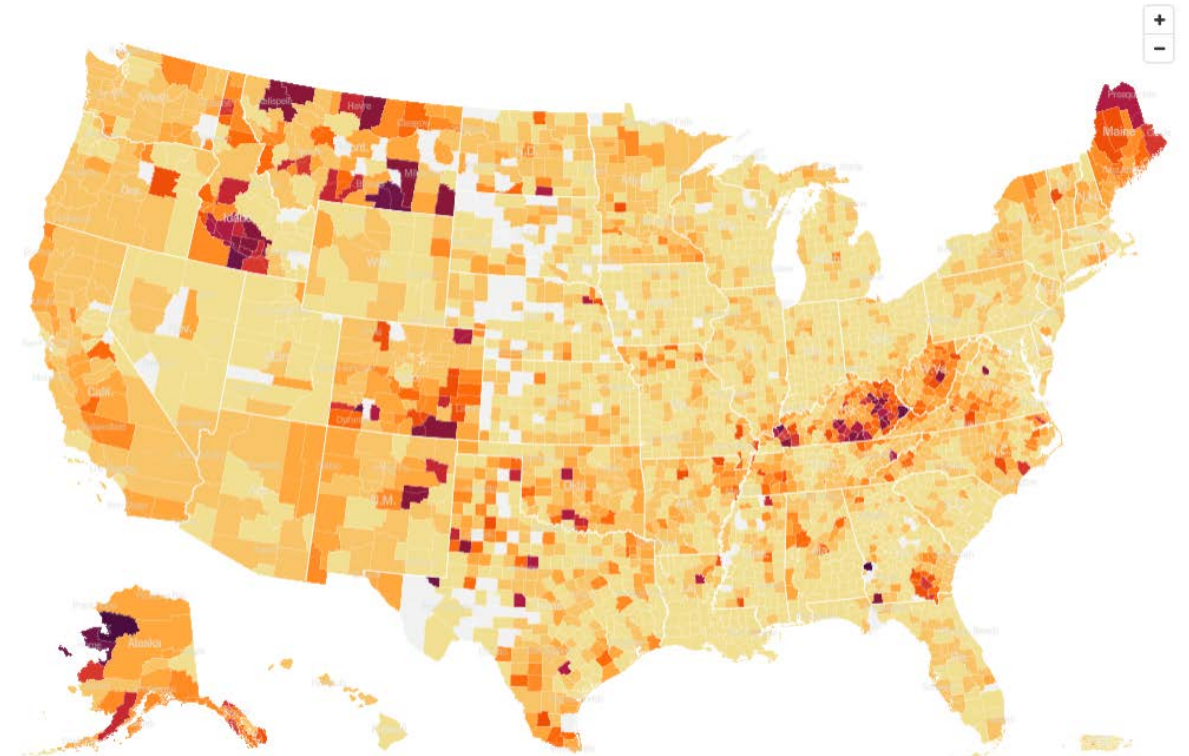
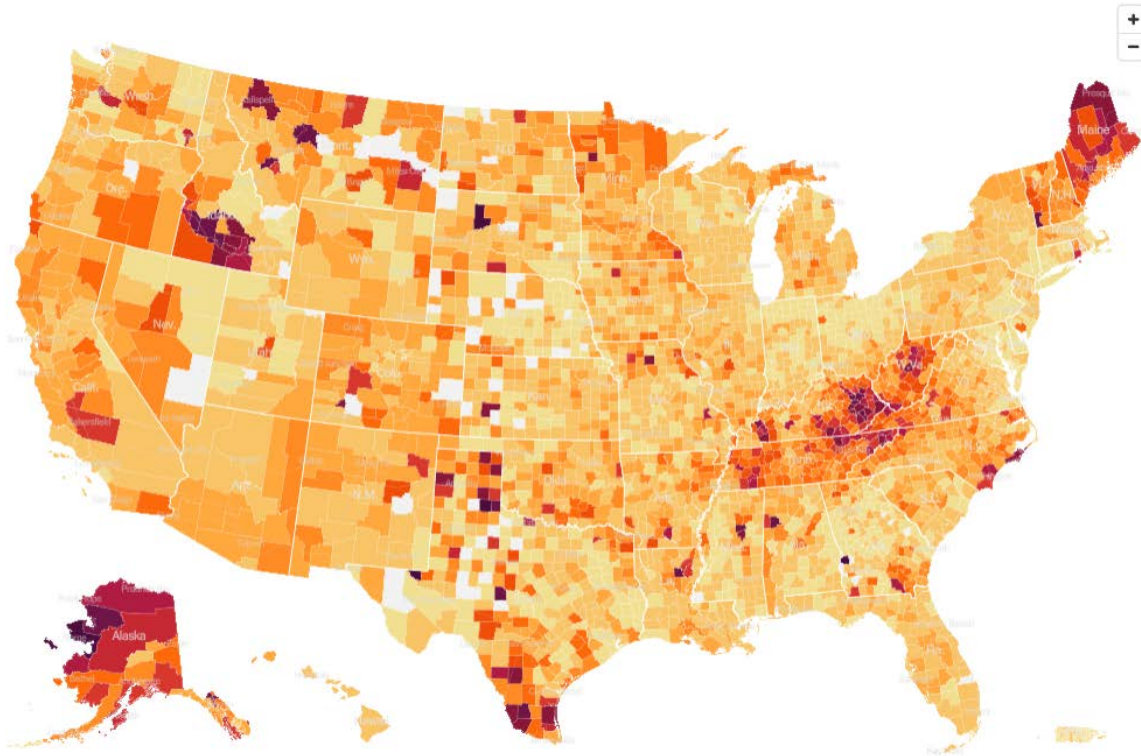
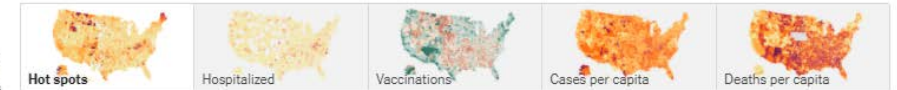
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This Week

Hot spots

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Case rates continue to improve across the nation.

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

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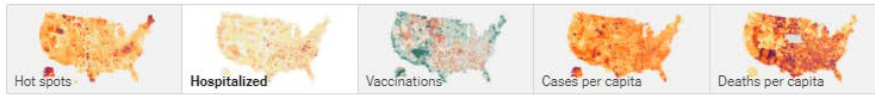
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COVID-19 Hospitalization Rates by County Across the US

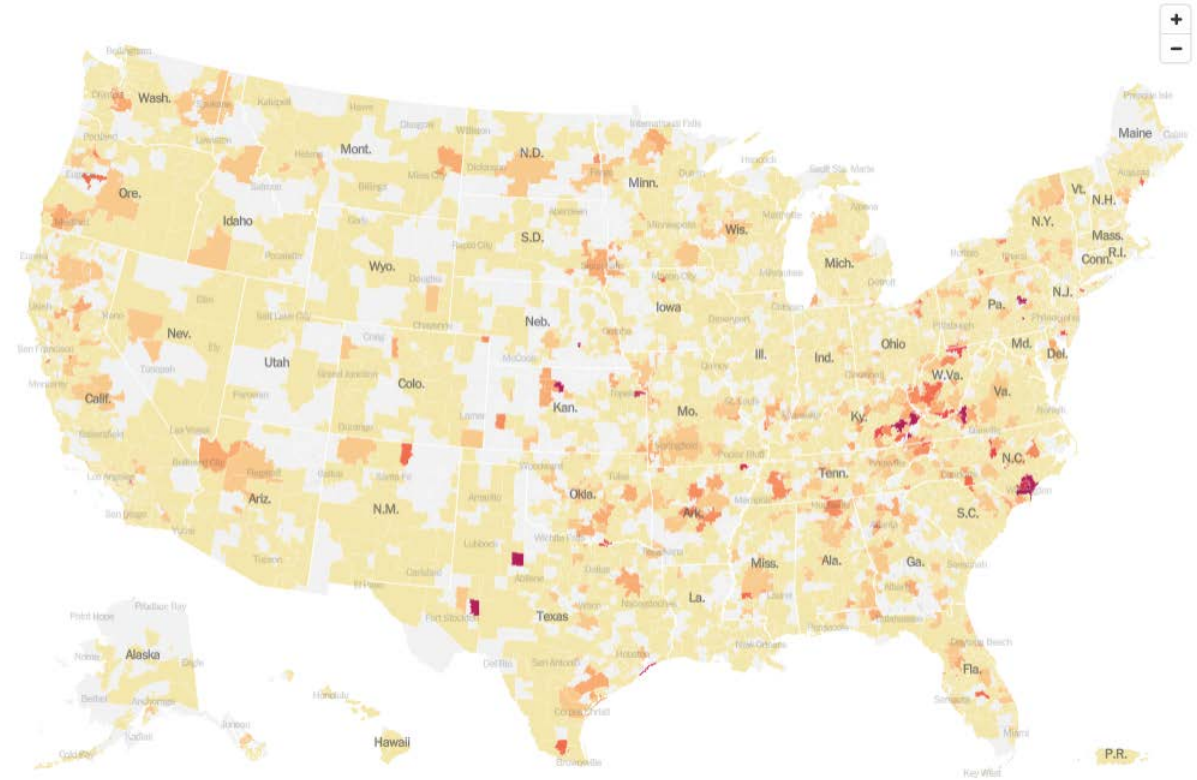
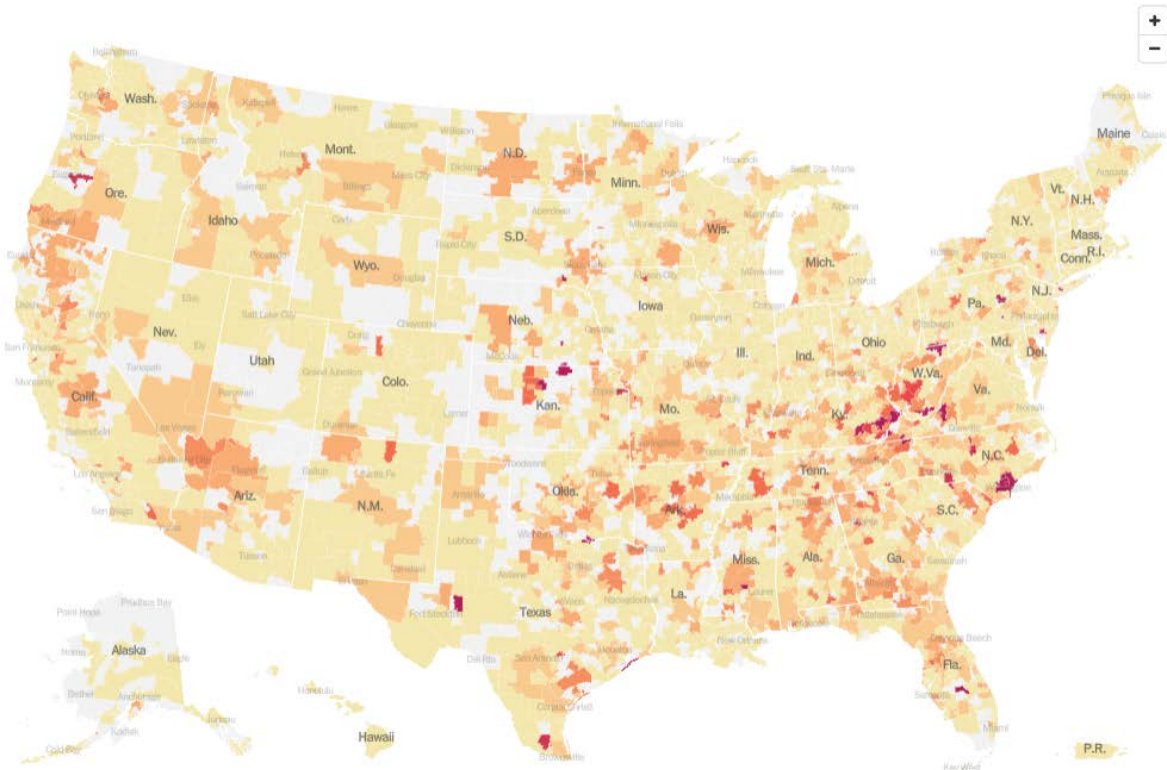
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Current hospitalizations



This Week

Current hospitalizations



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Status of School Mask Rules

Place	Status	Tentative Rescind Date
State		
California	In place	March 11, 2022
Connecticut	Rescinded	-
Delaware	Rescinded	-
Hawaii	In place	-
Illinois	Rescinded	-
Maryland	Rescinded	-
Massachusetts	Rescinded	-
New Mexico	Rescinded	-
New Jersey	Rescinded	-
New York	Rescinded	-
Nevada	Rescinded	-
Oregon	In place	March 11, 2022
Rhode Island	Rescinded	-
Washington	In place	March 11, 2022
Washington D.C.	In place	-
Michigan County		
No Counties with Mask Rules in Place		
Ottawa School District		
No School Districts with Mask Rules in Place		

Note: Information is changing rapidly, list may not be comprehensive or up-to-date.

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COVID-19 News Headlines

Percentage of positive coronavirus tests hits seven-month low in Michigan

<https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2022/03/percentage-of-positive-coronavirus-tests-hits-eight-month-low-in-michigan.html>

No outbreaks, few COVID cases for local schools

<https://www.hollandsentinel.com/story/news/education/2022/03/01/no-new-outbreaks-few-new-covid-cases-local-schools-last-week/6971699001/>

Under new CDC criteria, Ottawa, Allegan counties 'low risk' for COVID-19

<https://www.hollandsentinel.com/story/news/coronavirus/2022/03/01/under-new-cdc-criteria-ottawa-allegan-counties-low-risk-covid-19/6972744001/>

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SARS-CoV-2 Incidence in K-12 School Districts with Mask-Required Versus Mask-Optional Policies — Arkansas, August–October 2021

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7110e1.htm?s_cid=mm7110e1_e

← A CDC-published study from Arkansas found that public school districts with full mask requirements had lower incidences of COVID-19 among students and staff members than did districts without mask requirements.

School Masking Policies and Secondary SARS-CoV-2 Transmission

<https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/doi/10.1542/peds.2022-056687/185379/School-Masking-Policies-and-Secondary-SARS-CoV-2>

← A multi-state open cohort study of K-12 schools found that secondary transmission was modest and universal masking was associated with reduced secondary transmission compared to optional masking.

Secondary Attack Rates for Omicron and Delta Variants of SARS-CoV-2 in Norwegian Households

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2789920>

← A study in Norway found that secondary attack rate of SARS-CoV-2 in Norwegian households was moderately higher when the index case had the Omicron variant rather than the Delta variant.

SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.529 (Omicron) Variant Transmission Within Households — Four U.S. Jurisdictions, November 2021–February 2022

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7109e1.htm?s_cid=mm7109e1_w

← A CDC-published study found that Omicron infection resulted in high transmission among household contacts, particularly among those who lived with index patients who were not vaccinated or who did not take measures to reduce the risk of household transmission.