miOttawa Department of Public Health

Ottawa County COVID-19 Epidemiology

November 10, 2022

Data as of November 5, 2022, unless otherwise indicated.

Executive Summary

- **Weekly reported cases in the US and in Michigan are stable or may be declining**

- **Ottawa County transmission signals are stable, but showing some possible increases**
  - Last week positivity **increased slightly** to 10.7%, from 10.5% two weeks ago.
  - Weekly case counts **increased slightly** 3% (-15% two weeks ago), from 182 two weeks ago to 188 last week.
  - Cases among children **decreased** 20% (-32% two weeks ago), from 15 two weeks ago to 12 last week.
  - COVID-19 wastewater signals in Ottawa County **are mixed; stable** in Holland/Zeeland, **increasing** in Grand Haven/Spring Lake and **increasing** in Allendale.
  - Based on national data and local clinical variant sampling, the Omicron subvariant BA.5 likely predominates.
  - Ottawa's CDC Community Level is LOW.

- **Ottawa-area and regional hospitals have adequate capacity**
  - In Ottawa County, 0% of all available beds and 0% of all ICU beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients.*

- **Pediatric hospitalization rates in the US are increasing, but remain relatively low in Michigan**
  - Regional COVID-19 pediatric hospitalization census remains low compared to the late 2021 and early 2022 Omicron surge.
  - Despite a relatively low regional pediatric COVID-19 hospitalization census, pediatric bed occupancy and pediatric ICU occupancy are higher than usual, likely due to increased RSV activity.

- **Of Ottawa County residents aged 6 months and older, 61.1% are have received their primary 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.

Limitations

- **Case Counts, Case Rates, and Test Positivity**

  With the widescale availability of at-home antigen tests for COVID-19, which are not reported or included in public health surveillance data, the case counts and case rates in this report underestimate the true burden of this disease. However, it is expected that increasing and decreasing trends reflect the relative amount of transmission in the community.

- **Wastewater Surveillance**

  Wastewater samples are collected from specific geographic sites in the county and may not reflect COVID-19 burden across the entire county population. However, increases and decreases in detected trends generally correlate with case rates, therefore wastewater readings are displayed alongside countywide incidence rates in this report.

Ottawa County Metrics by Week

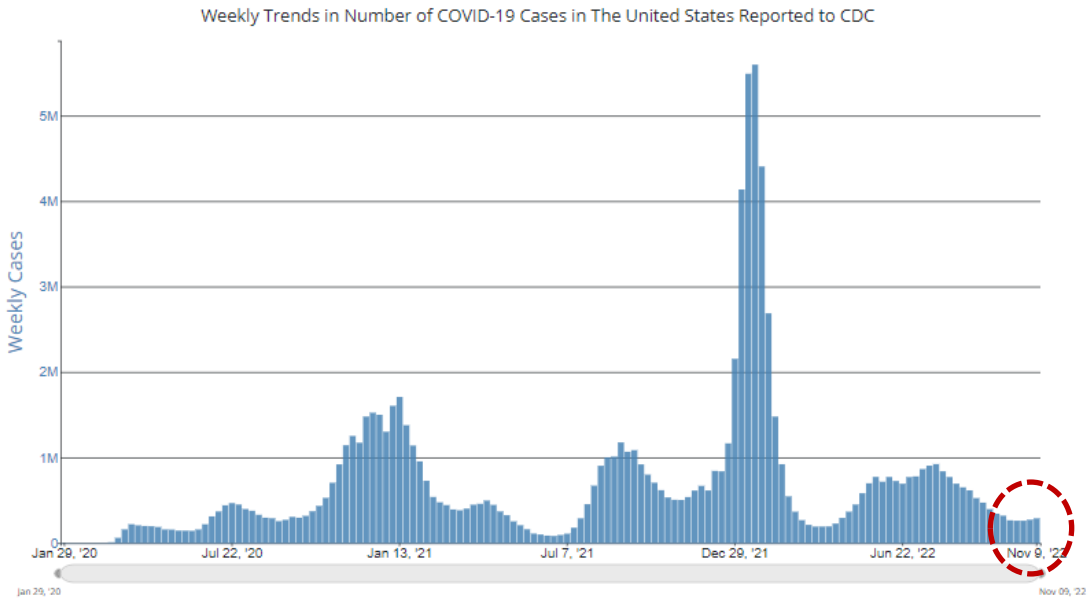
		Week Ending				
Metric	Goal	8-Oct-22	15-Oct-22	22-Oct-22	29-Oct-22	5-Nov-22
Positivity (All Ages)	NA	12.6%	14.6%	13.0%	10.5%	10.7%
Weekly Cases (All Ages)	<592	180	244	213	182	188
Weekly Cases in Children (0-17 years of age)	NA	12	22	22	15	12
Total Deaths (All Ages)	0	2	2	1	0	1
CDC COVID-19 Community Level (New)	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

Please note that with updated CDC Community 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 lower number of cases. Hospitalization and/or death may occur after initial infection, meaning the number of hospitalizations and deaths from recent weeks may increase

Weekly Case Trends in the USA and Michigan

USA



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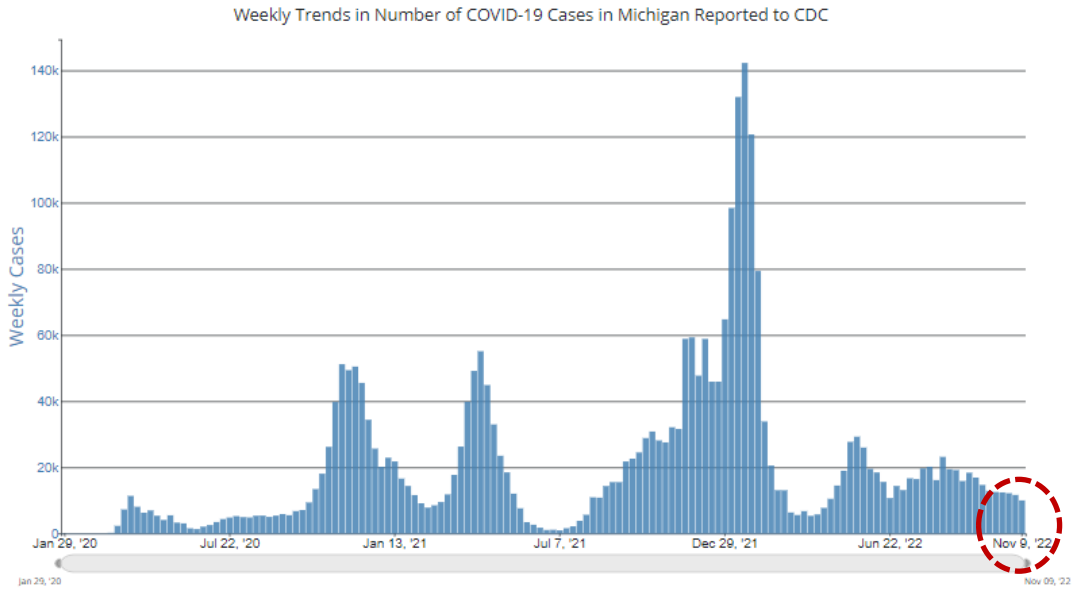

Weekly case counts in the US and Michigan remain lower than previous surges and are stable or may be declining.

Note: Use of at home tests since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in an artificially lower number of cases.
Source: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailycases

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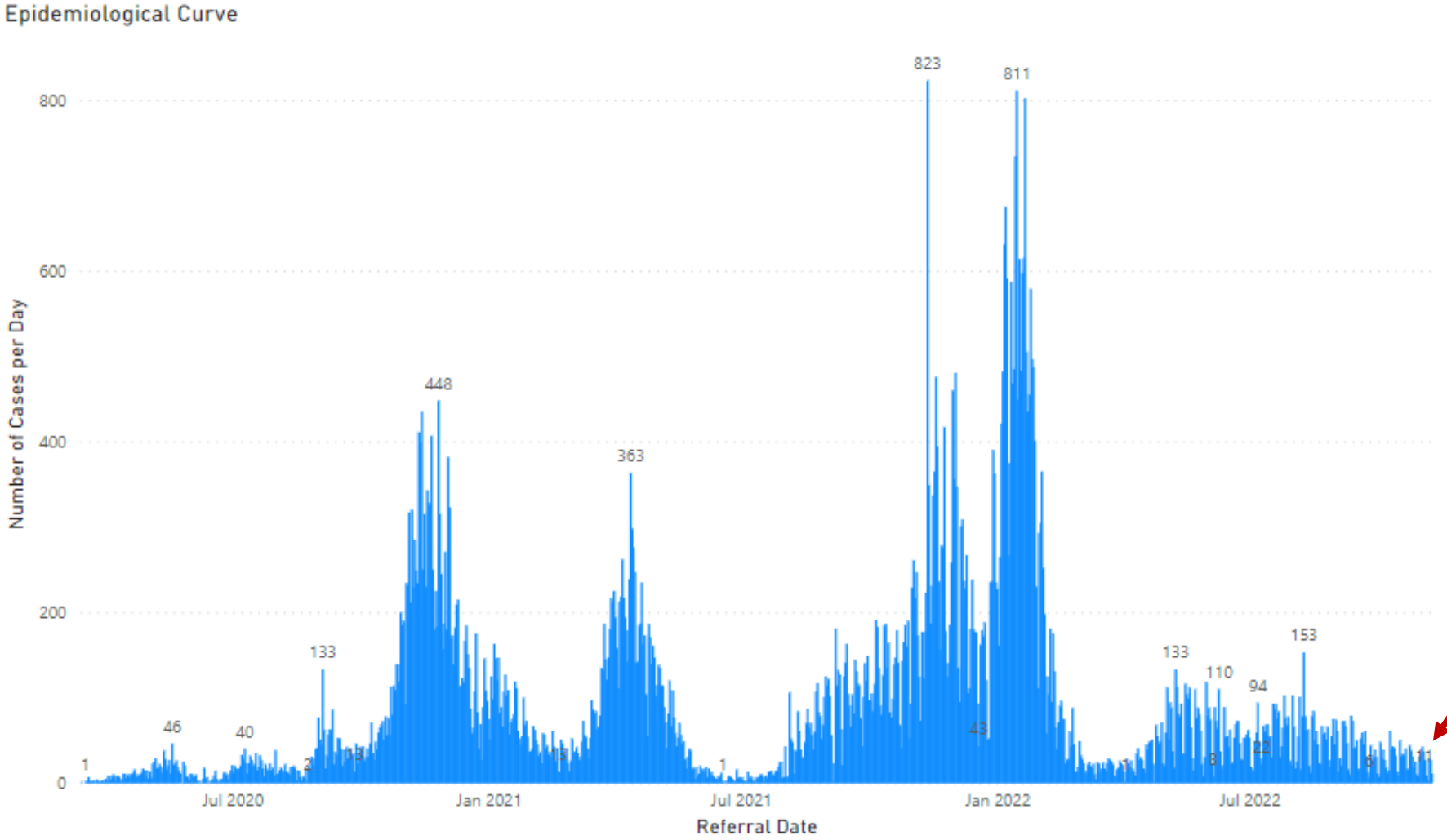
Case Trends in Ottawa County

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



Total Number of Cases

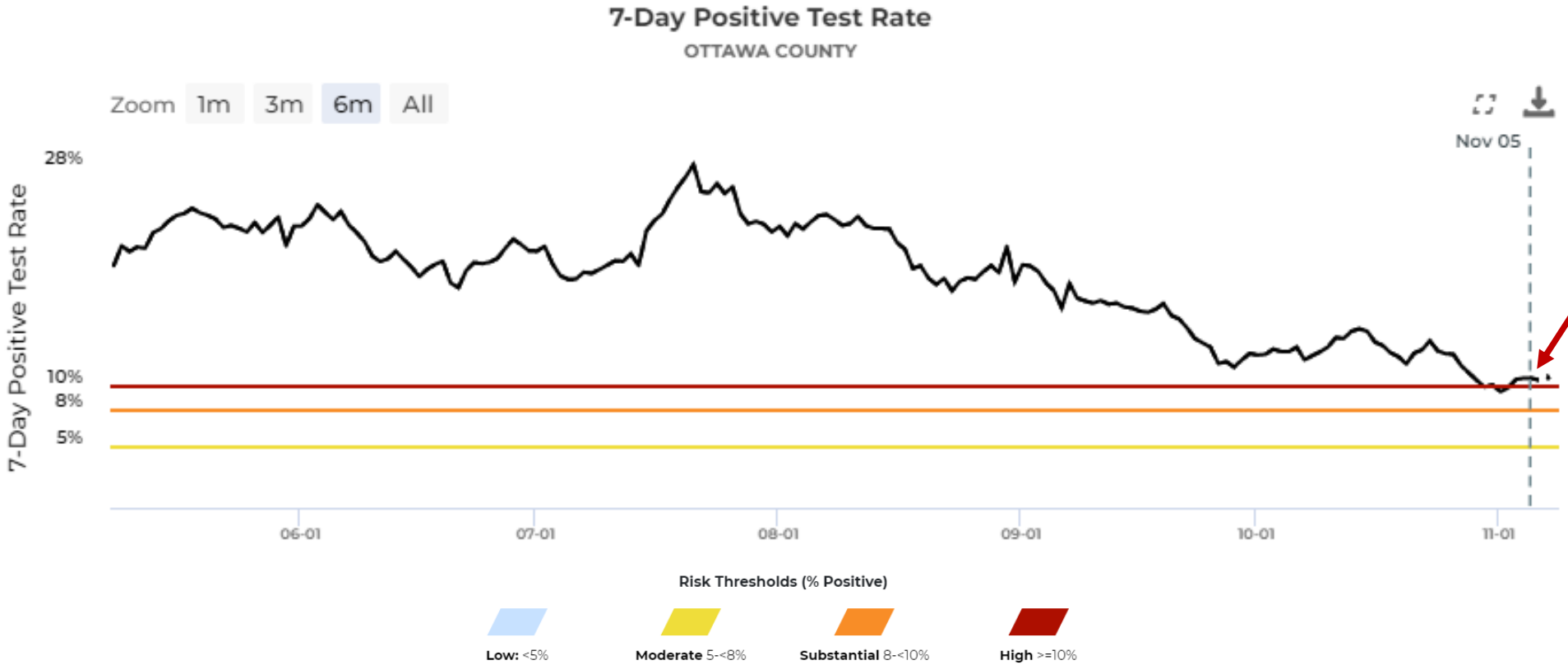
85,141

Currently, the 7-day average is approximately **22 cases per day,** a decrease from the approximately **29** cases per day seen two weeks ago.

Notes: Use of at home tests since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in an artificially lower 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, April 1, 2022 – November 5, 2022



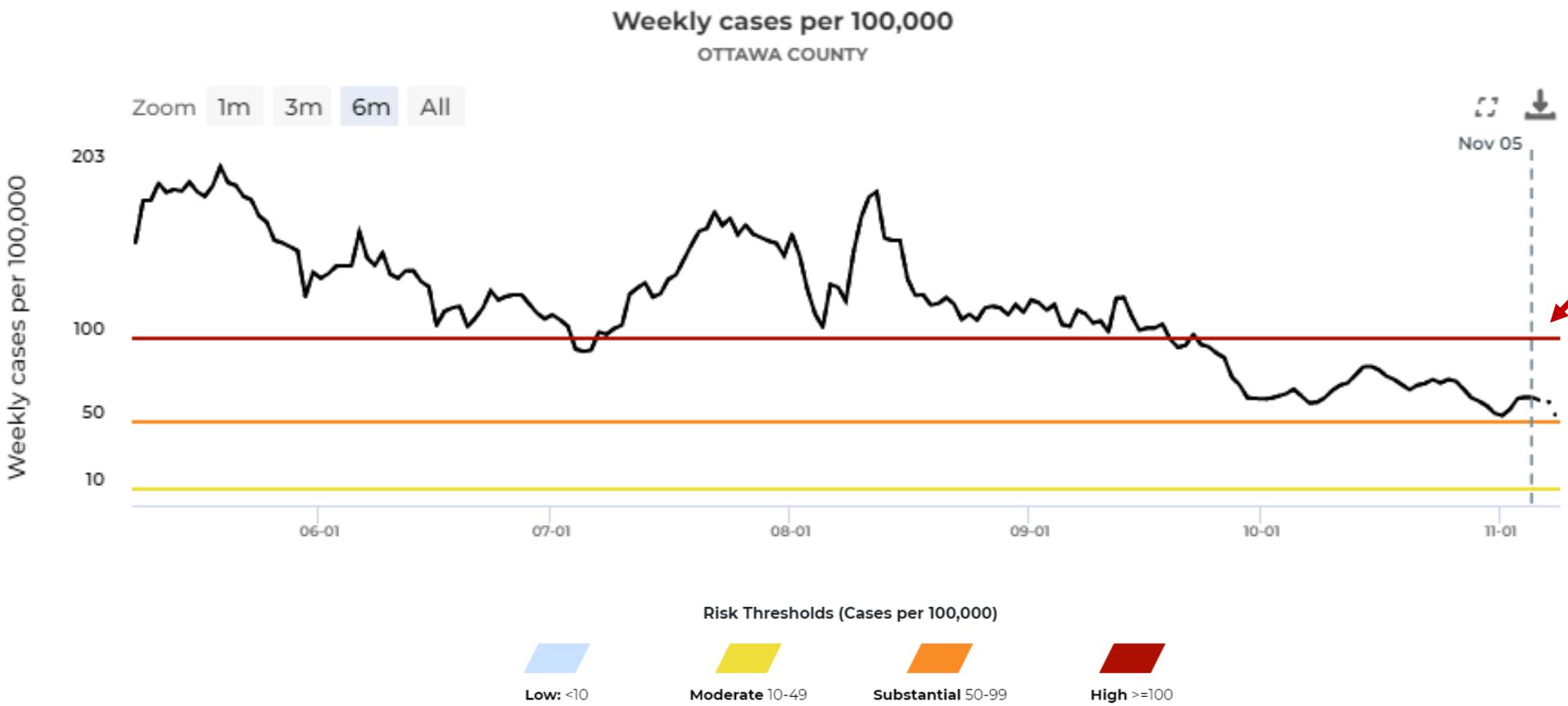
Positivity trended at **10.7%** last week, a very slight **increase** from the **10.5%** the week prior.

This visualization may change as CDC Community Transmission levels, metrics and/or metric thresholds/goals change.

Note: Testing data and can be found at the following sources: Testing Results | Ottawa County Covid-19 Case Summary Data (arcgis.com) & MI Safe Start Map. Use of at-home tests since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in an artificially lower number of cases.
Source: MI Safe Start Map-Ottawa County

Case Rates in Ottawa County – All Ages

COVID-19 Cases by Day, Ottawa County, April 1, 2022 – November 5, 2022



Case rates **trended at 64.4** cases per week per 100,000 population (**higher than 62.4** the week prior).

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Source: MI Safe Start Map-Ottawa County

Ottawa County Trends – Comparison of Case Rates by Year

Note: Use of at home tests since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially lower case rates.
Source: Internal Data

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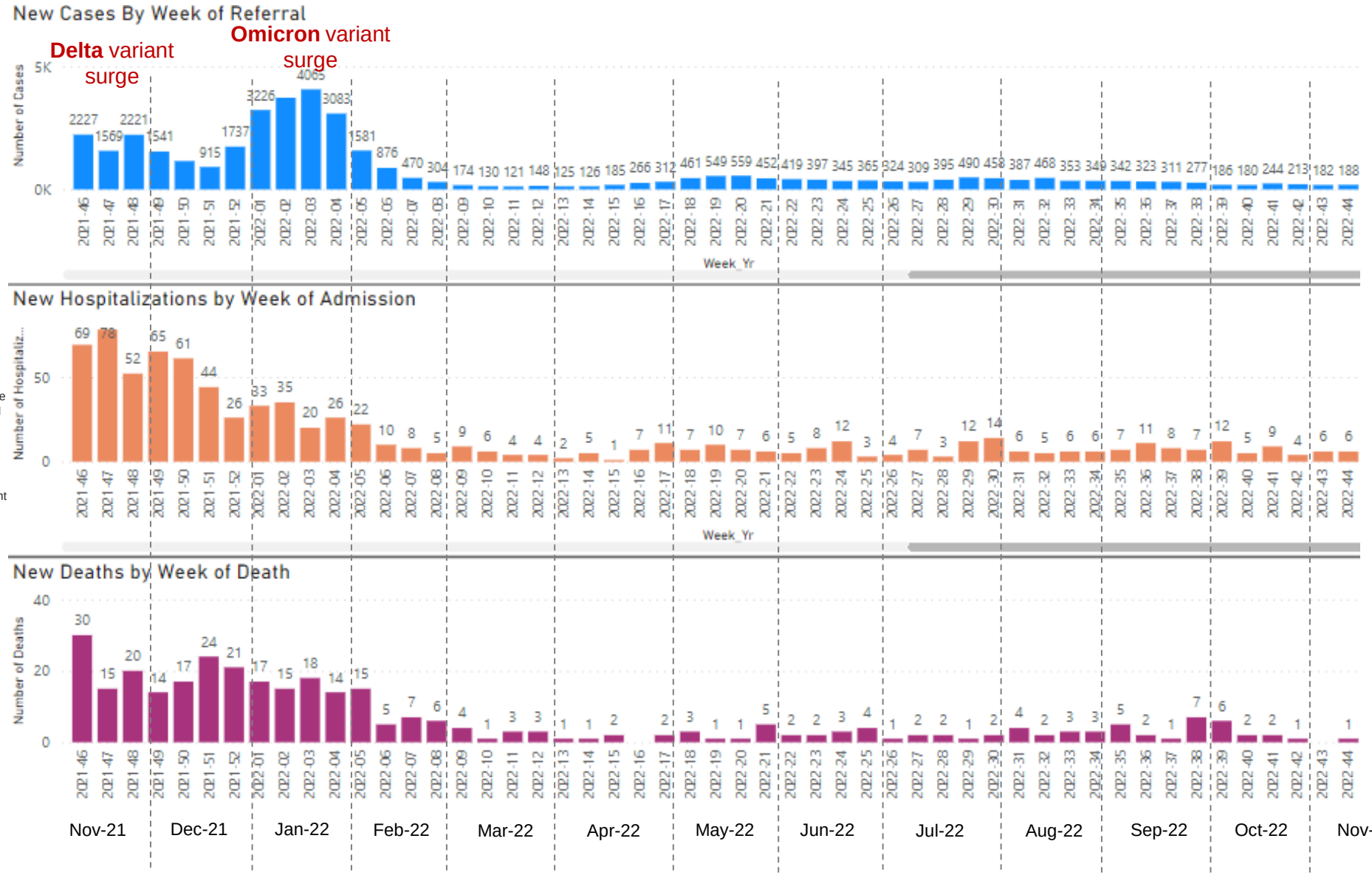
Ottawa County – Cases, Hospitalizations, & Deaths by Week, All Ages



Hospitalization data include all Ottawa County cases that have ever been hospitalized for COVID-19 or COVID-19 related complications. These data do not include Urgent Care visits, Emergency Department visits, or multiple hospitalizations for a single case.

The weekly number of **cases increased 3%** from week 43 to week 44.

Weekly COVID-19 **deaths remain low.** The current weekly average number of deaths over the last 4 weeks is **1 death per week.**

Note: Use of at home tests since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially lower number of cases.
Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

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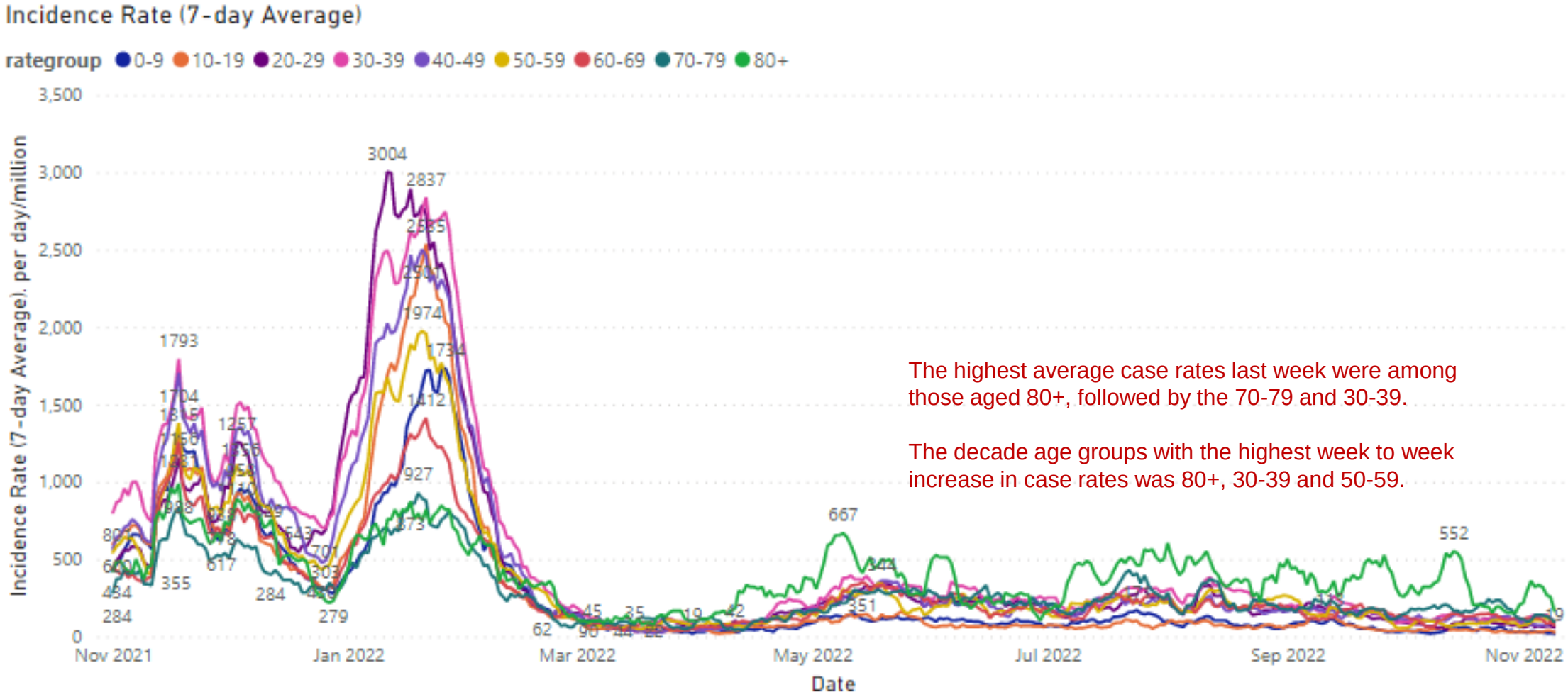
Ottawa County Case Rate Trends by Age Decade

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



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

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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 44 (October 31, 2022 – November 5, 2022)

Age Decade (Years)	Average Daily Cases	Average Daily Case Rate	One Week % Rate Change
0-9	1.0	27.2	-30%
10-19	1.4	32.3	11%
20-29	3.1	69.4	-5%
30-39	4.7	131.4	18%
40-49	2.4	73.2	-37%
50-59	3.6	102.4	14%
60-69	3.9	118.4	4%
70-79	2.9	138.5	-20%
80+	3.7	333.3	117%

Age groups with highest average case rates last week:
1. 80+
2. 70-79
3. 30-39

Age groups with largest week-over-week increase in case rates:
1. 80+
2. 30-39
3. 50-59

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 since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially lower rates.

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

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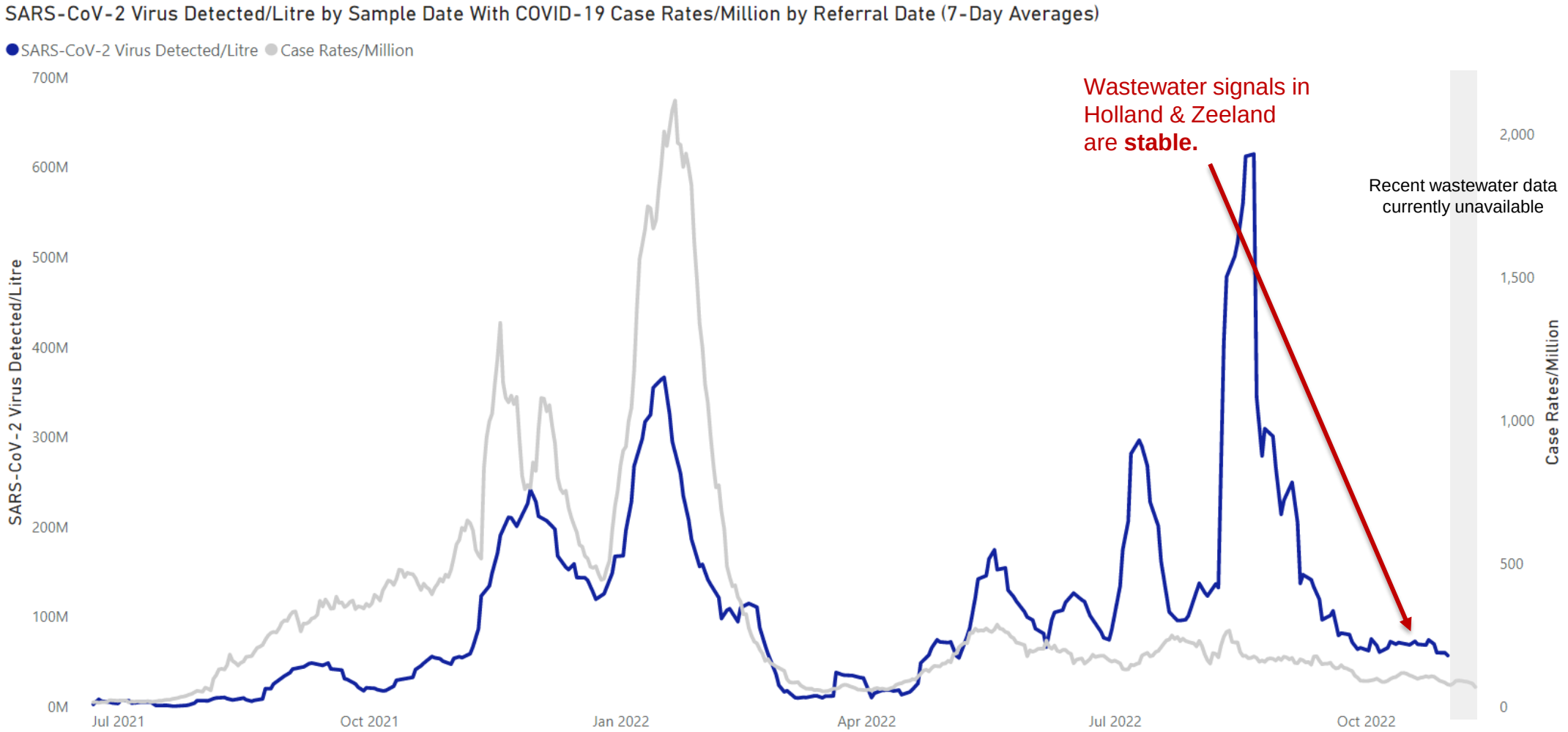
Holland-Zeeland Wastewater Surveillance



Data Interpretation: The **blue line** on the graph shows the 7-day average levels of SARS-CoV-2 virus (N2 markers) detected in wastewater sampled from treatment plants in Holland & Zeeland. The **gray line** on the graph represents the 7-day average COVID-19 case rates/million for all of Ottawa County by referral date.

Notes: Use of at home tests since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially deflated case rates. Display of wastewater data may change as analytical methods are refined. A data point from Zeeland collected June 23, 2022, was removed from data analysis as an extreme outlier.

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

Additional Information: Michigan COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Pilot Project (arcgis.com), Coronavirus - Sentinel Wastewater Epidemiology Evaluation Project (SWEEP) (michigan.gov)

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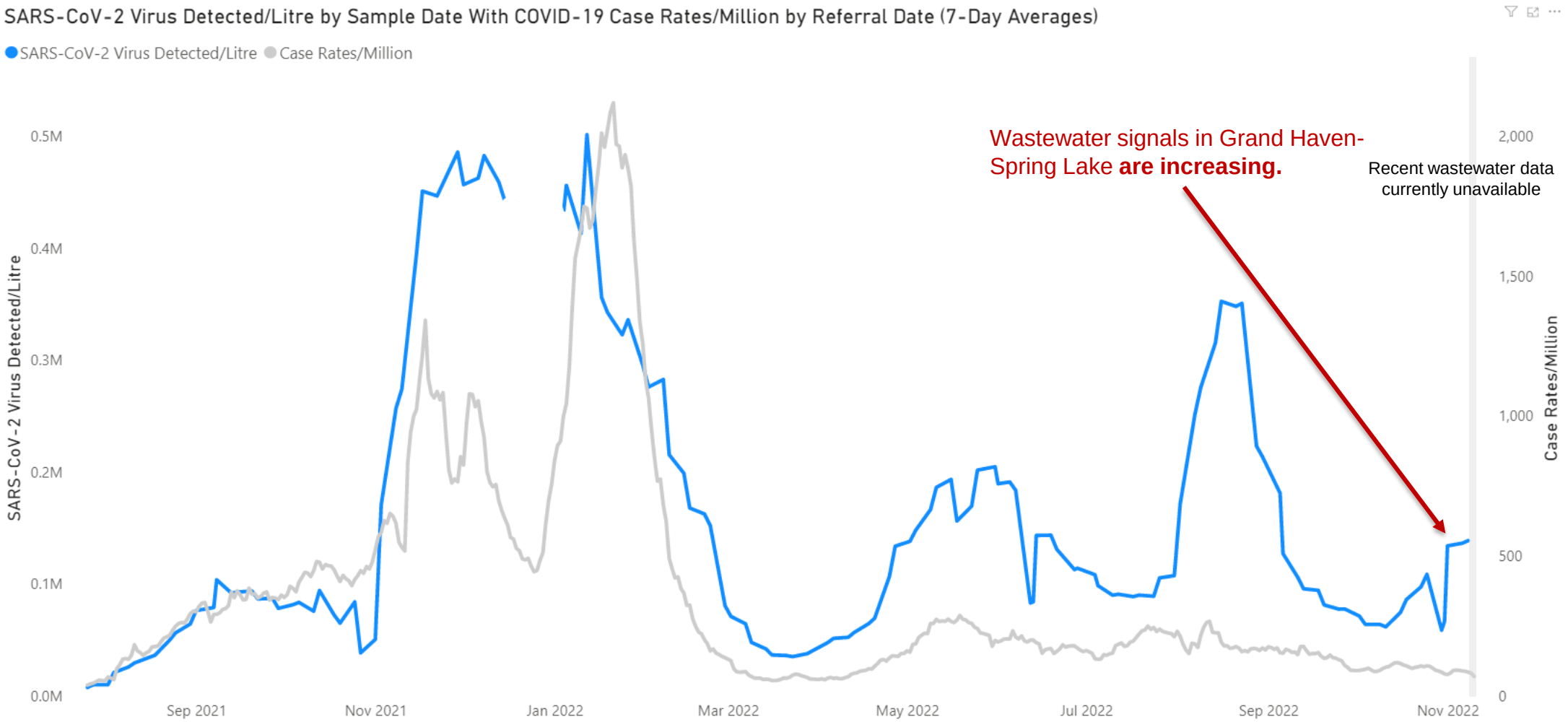
Grand Haven-Spring Lake Wastewater Surveillance



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Note: Use of at home tests since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially deflated case rates. Display of wastewater data may change as analytical methods are refined.
Source: Grand Valley State University Annis Water Resources Institute as part of the MDHHS SEWER-Network, Richard Rediske, Ph.D. (redisker@gvsu.edu)
Additional Information: Michigan COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Pilot Project (arcgis.com), Coronavirus - Sentinel Wastewater Epidemiology Evaluation Project (SWEEP) (michigan.gov)

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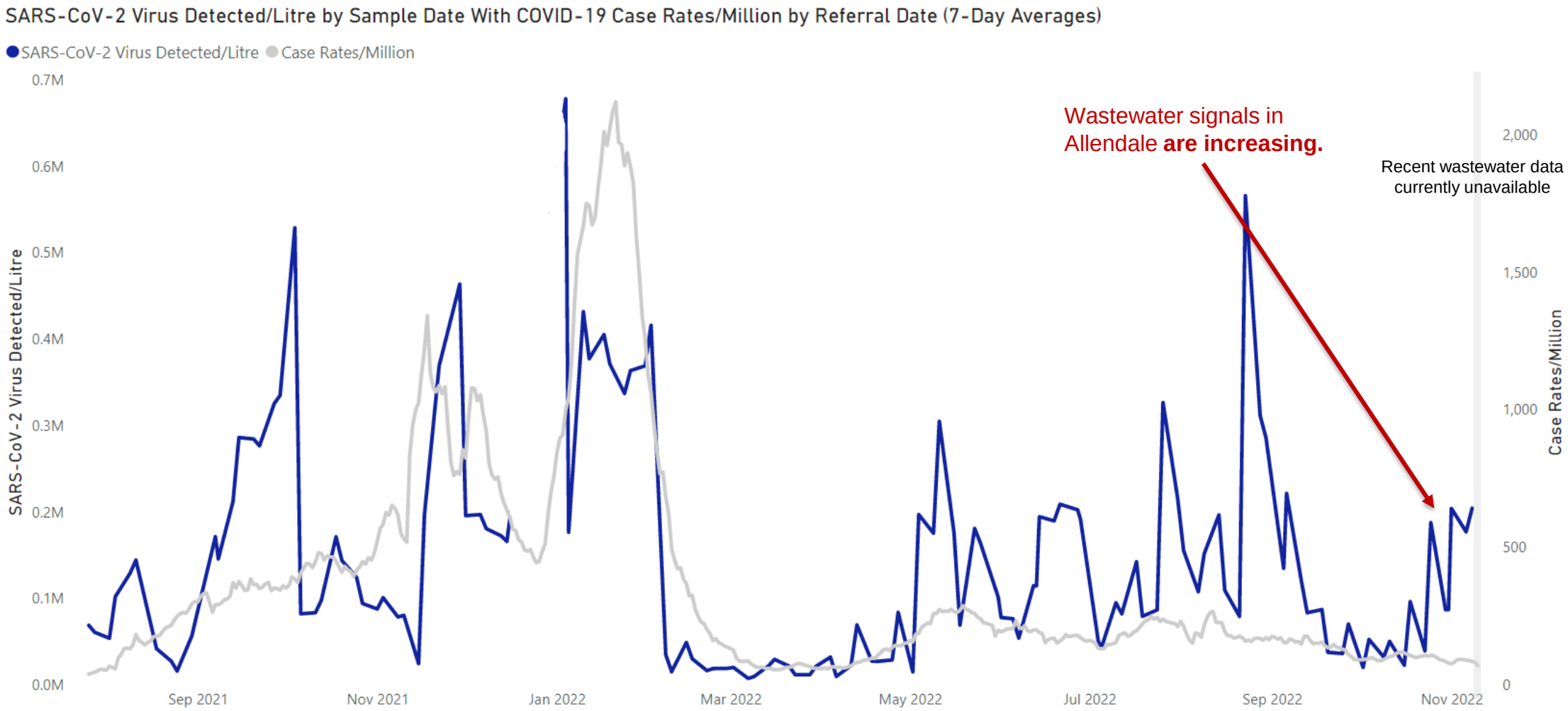
Allendale Wastewater Surveillance



Data Interpretation: The **blue line** on the graph shows the 7-day average levels of SARS-CoV-2 virus (N2 markers) detected in wastewater sampled from the treatment plant in Allendale. The **gray line** on the graph represents the 7-day average COVID-19 case rates/million for all of Ottawa County by referral date.
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Additional Information: Michigan COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Pilot Project (arcgis.com), Coronavirus - Sentinel Wastewater Epidemiology Evaluation Project (SWEEP) (michigan.gov)

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Ottawa County Weekly Case Counts and % Change, by Age

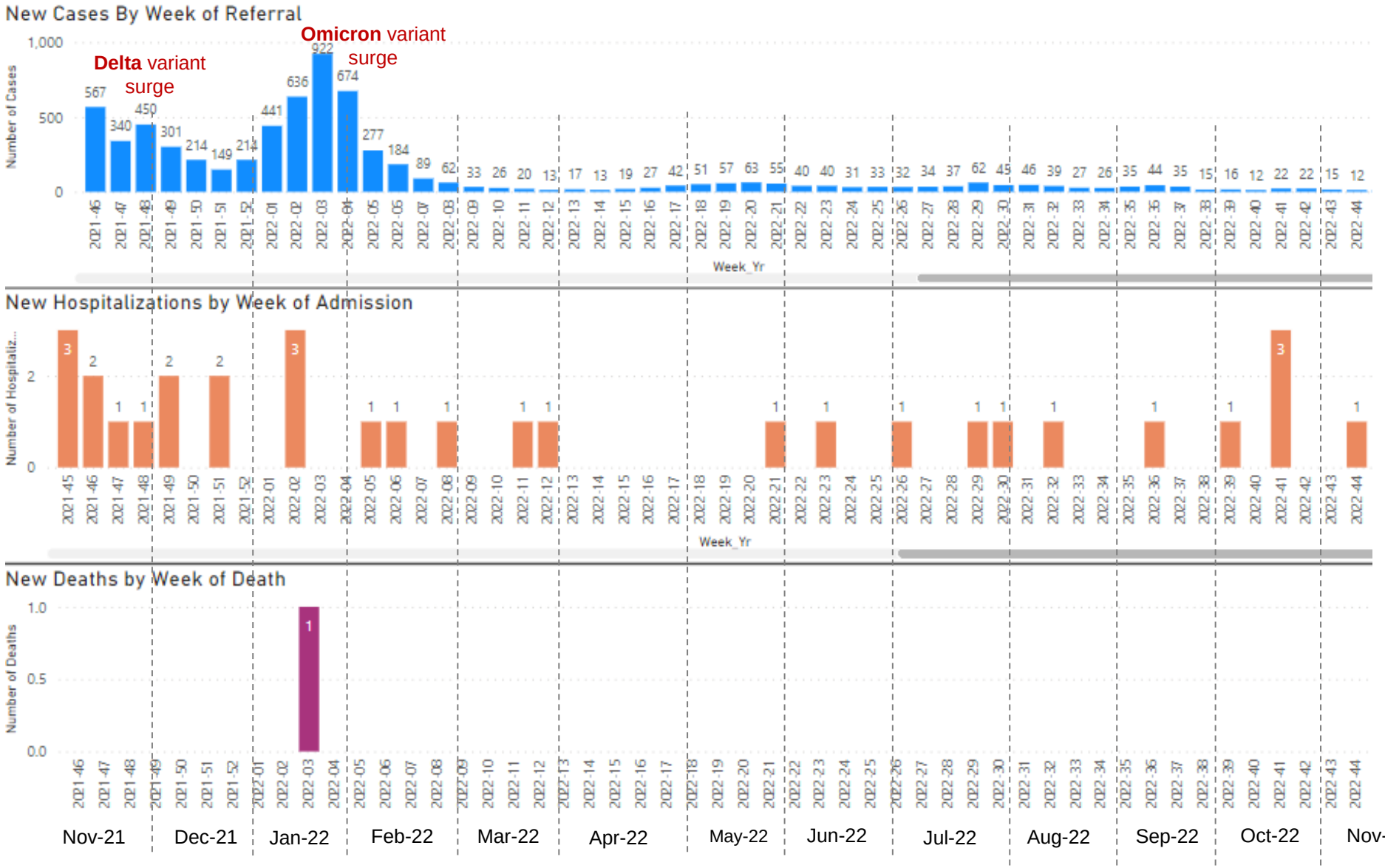
	Adults (18+)		Children (0-17 years)		Total	
Week Ending	Number	% Change from Previous Week	Number	% Change from Previous Week	Number	% Change from Previous Week
27-Aug-22	323	-1%	26	-4%	349	-1%
3-Sep-22	307	-5%	35	35%	342	-2%
10-Sep-22	279	-9%	44	26%	323	-6%
17-Sep-22	276	-1%	35	-20%	311	-4%
24-Sep-22	262	-5%	15	-57%	277	-11%
1-Oct-22	170	-35%	16	7%	186	-33%
8-Oct-22	168	-1%	12	-25%	180	-3%
15-Oct-22	222	32%	22	83%	244	36%
22-Oct-22	191	-14%	22	0%	213	-13%
29-Oct-22	167	-13%	15	-32%	182	-15%
5-Nov-22	176	5%	12	-20%	188	3%

Adults **Children**

Weekly case counts among **children decreased 20%**last week, and cases in **adults increased 5%.**

Note: Use of at home tests since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in an artificially lower number of cases.
Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System

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



Hospitalization data include all Ottawa County cases that have ever been hospitalized for COVID-19 or COVID-19 related complications. These data do not include Urgent Care visits, Emergency Department visits, or multiple hospitalizations for a single case.

The weekly number of cases among children **decreased 20%** from week 43 to week 44.

The first COVID-19 associated death in a child occurred in January of 2022. The death certificate was completed in June of 2022.

Note: Use of at home tests since late 2021 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

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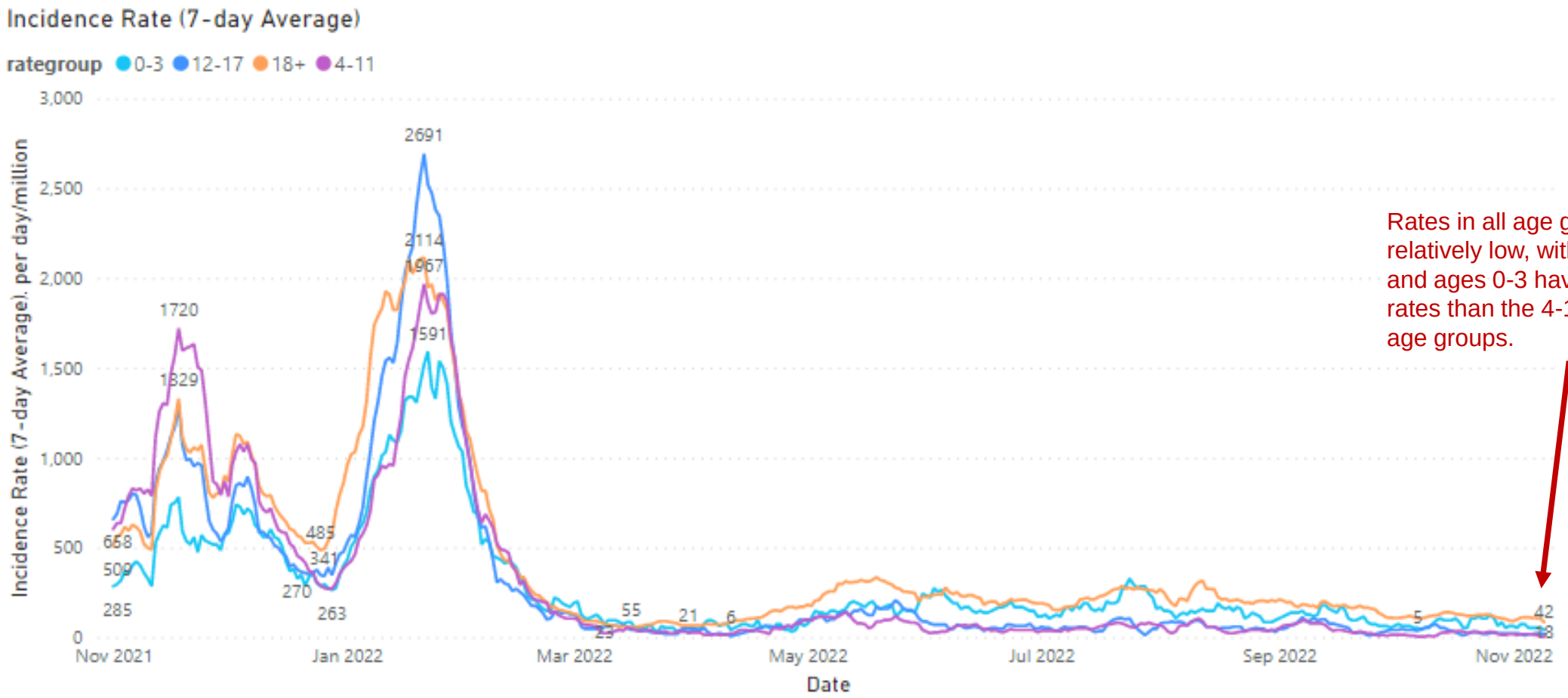
Ottawa County – Case Rate Trends by Age

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



Rates in all age groups remain relatively low, with adults 18+ and ages 0-3 having higher rates than the 4-11 and 12-17 age groups.

Note: Use of at home tests since late 2021 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

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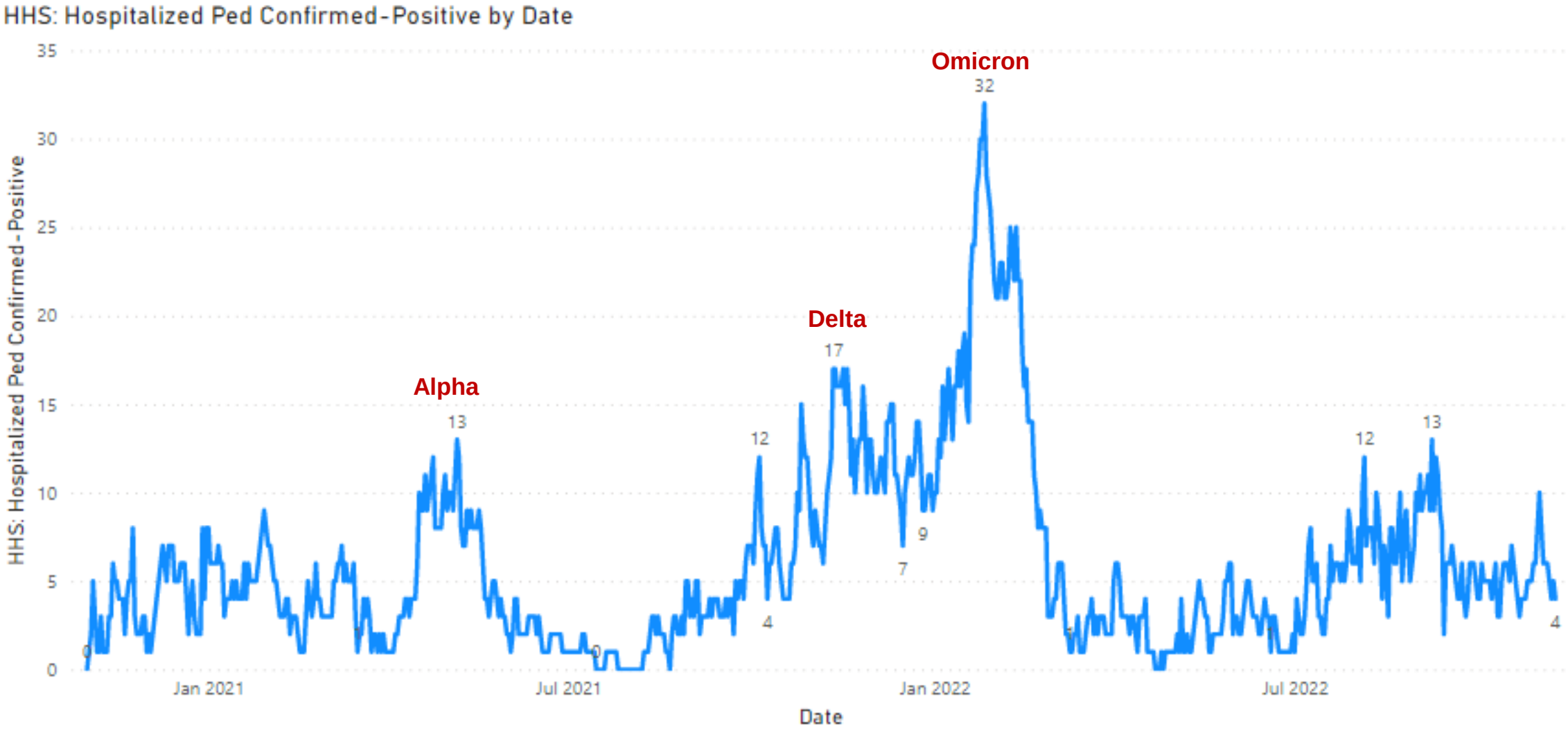
Daily Hospital Pediatric Census – West Michigan



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

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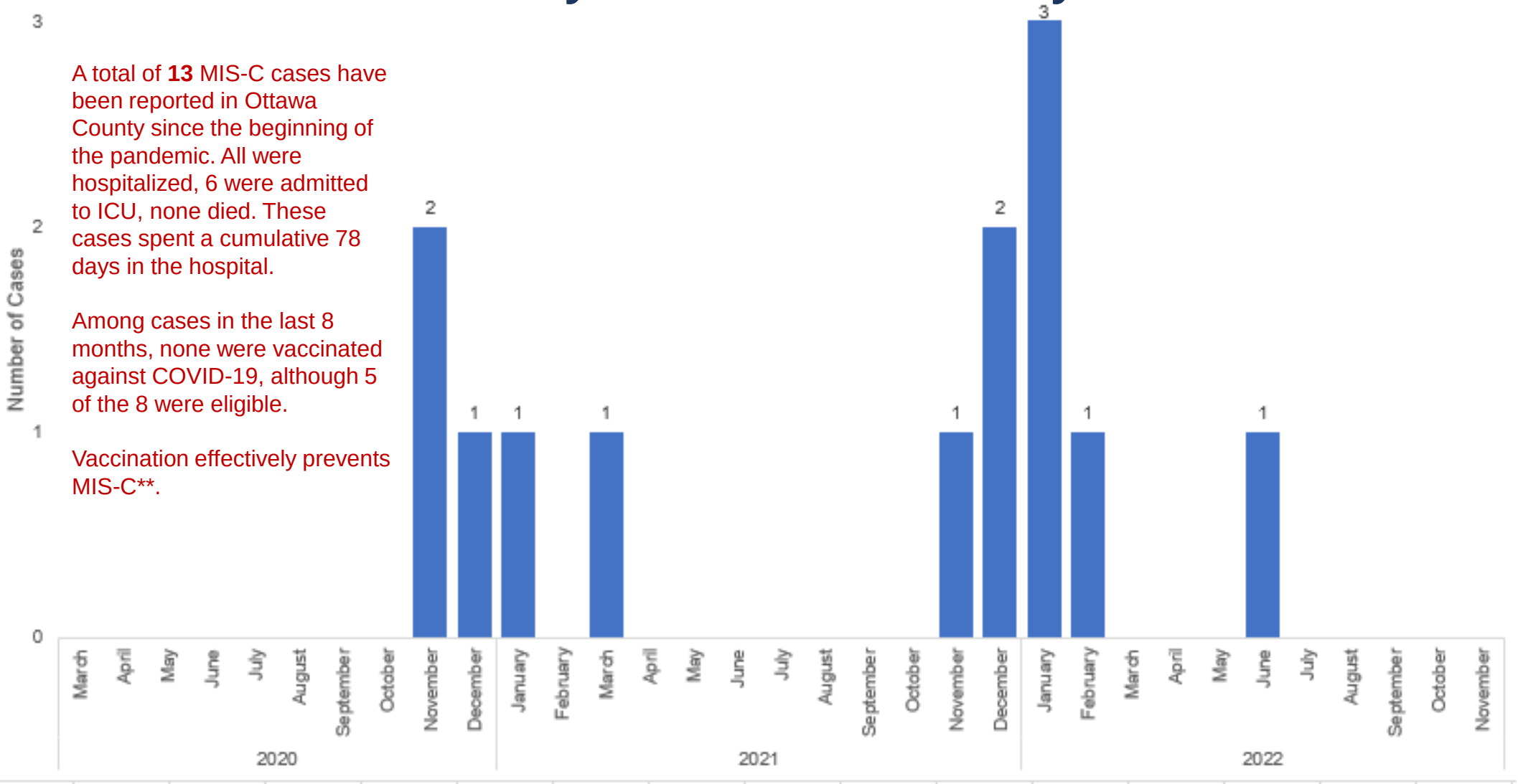
Ottawa County MIS-C* Cases by Month

A total of **13** 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 78 days in the hospital.

Among cases in the last 8 months, none were vaccinated against COVID-19, although 5 of the 8 were eligible.

Vaccination effectively prevents MIS-C**.



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
**Sources: MMWR & The Lancet

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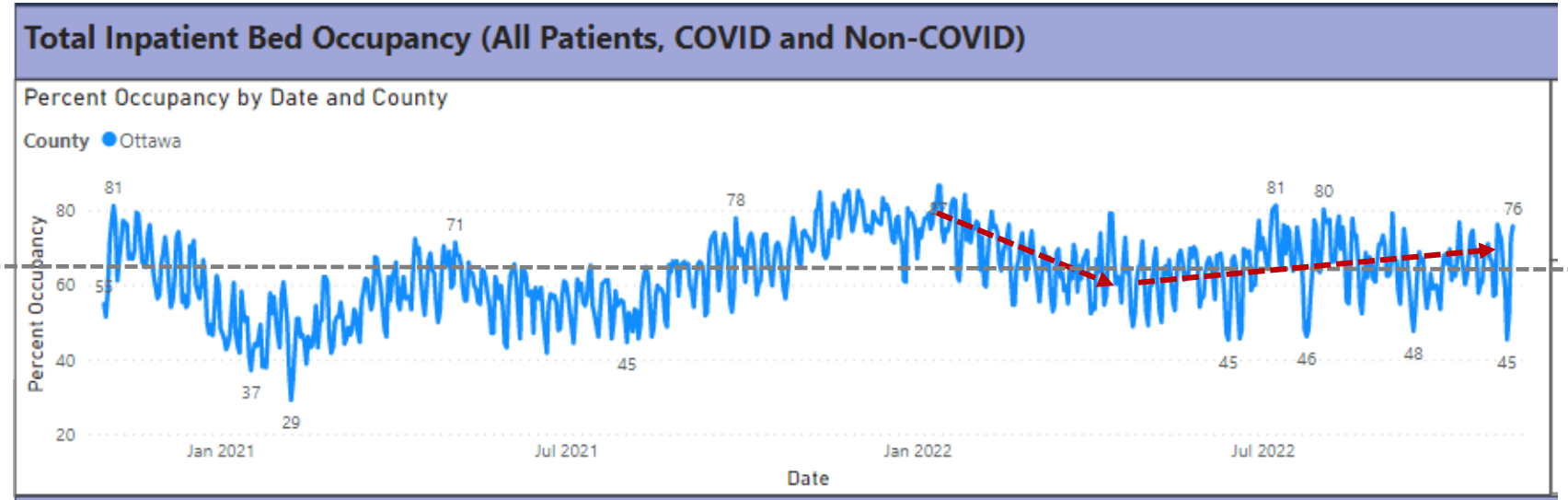
Ottawa County Hospital Capacity – All Beds

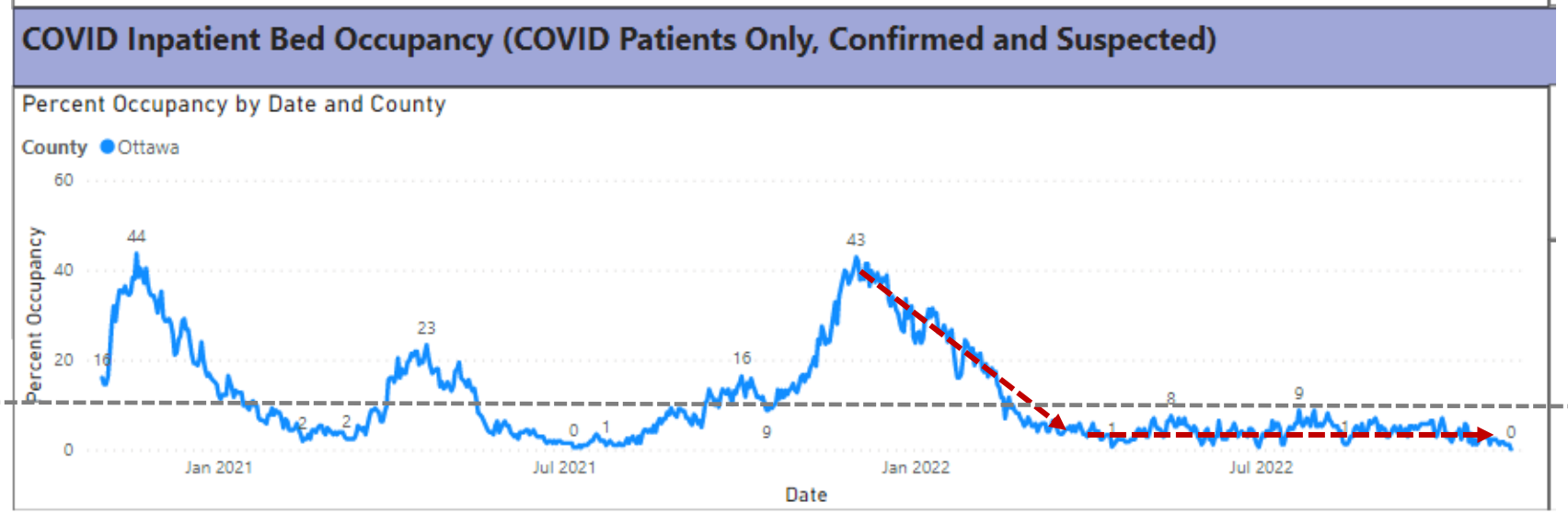
Pandemic Average

63%



Total hospital bed occupancy is currently **above the pandemic average.**

12%



Currently **0%** of all inpatient beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients.

Source: EMResources

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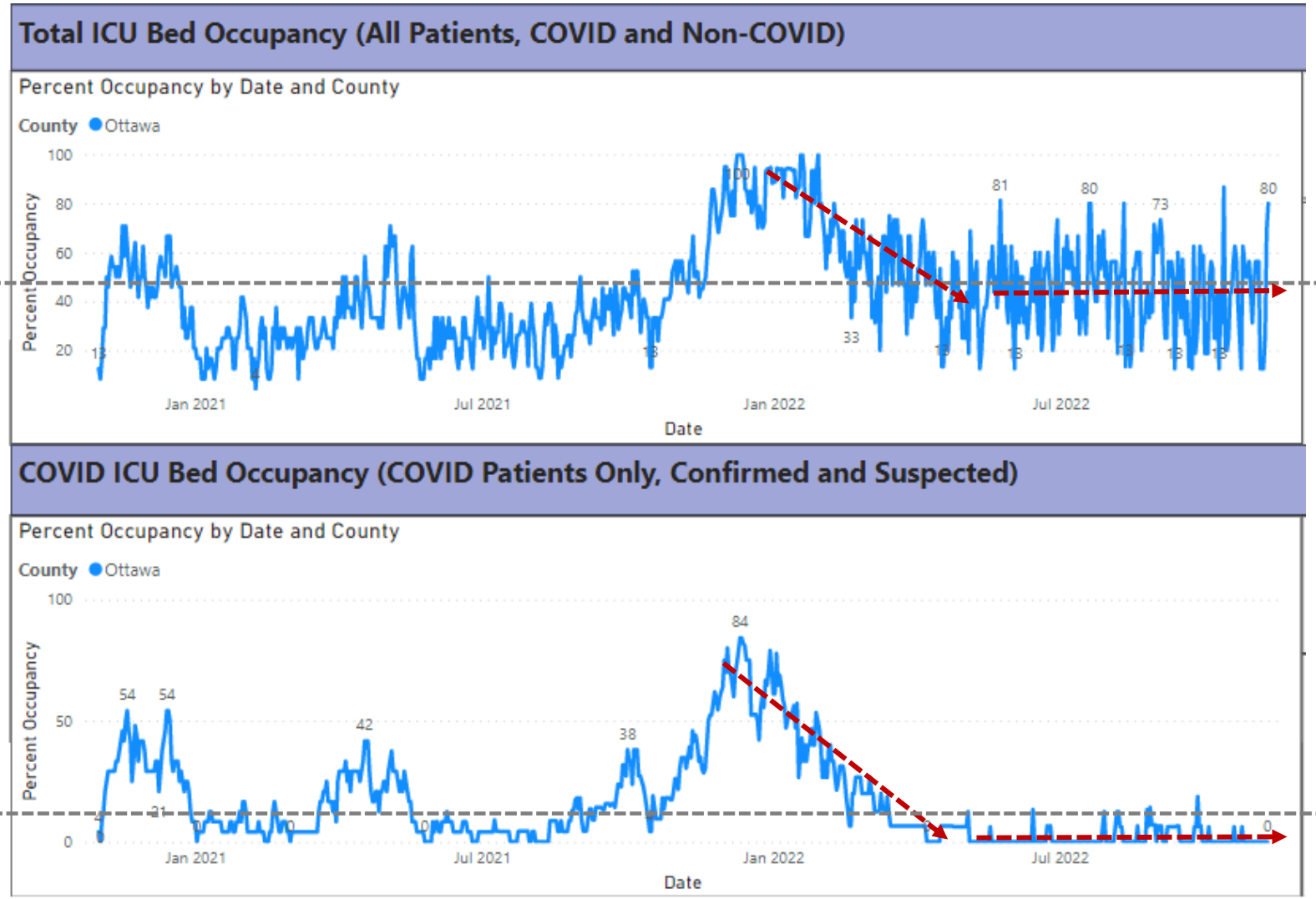
Ottawa County Hospital Capacity – ICU Beds



Pandemic Average

42%

17%

Total ICU bed occupancy varies considerably by day. Lately, ICU bed occupancy is above **the pandemic average**

The proportion of ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients **is below the pandemic average.** Currently, **there are no** ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients.

Source: EMResources

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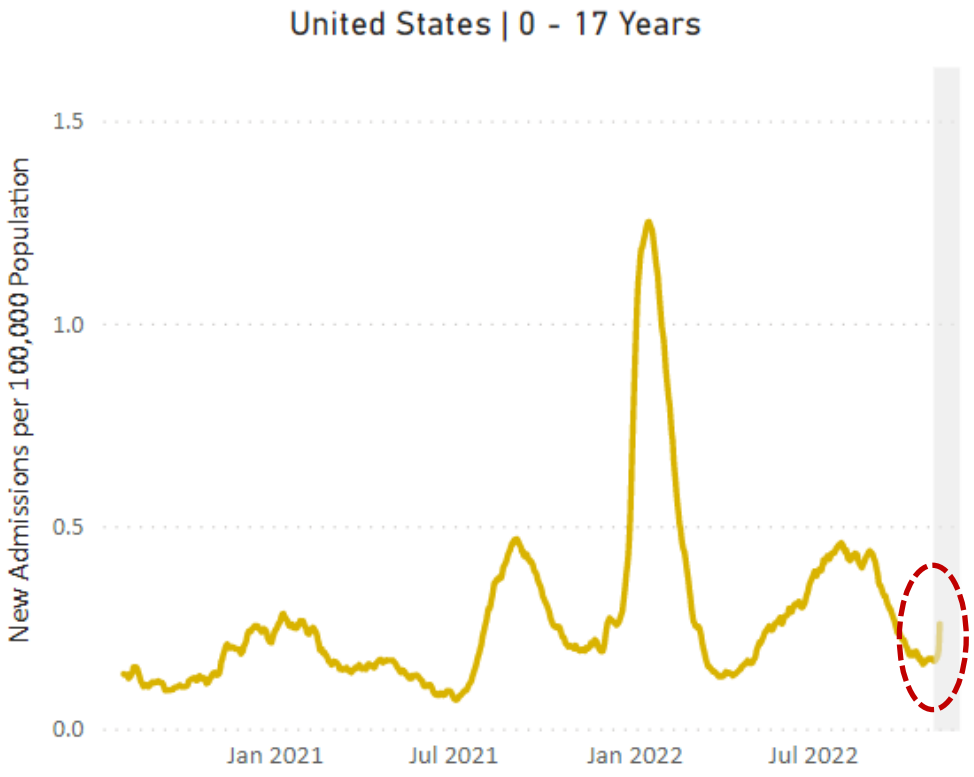
Pediatric Hospitalization Rates – USA, Michigan

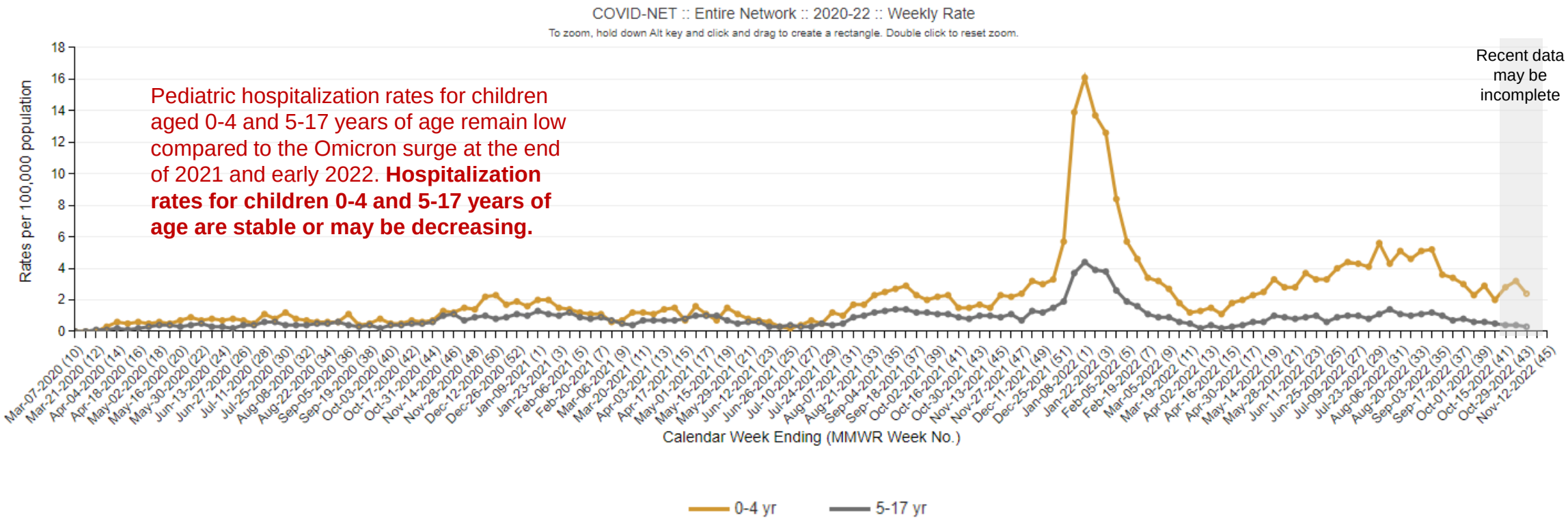


Pediatric hospitalization rates across the US are showing a recent increase while rates in Michigan **remain relatively low.**

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

Accessed November 10, 2022

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.

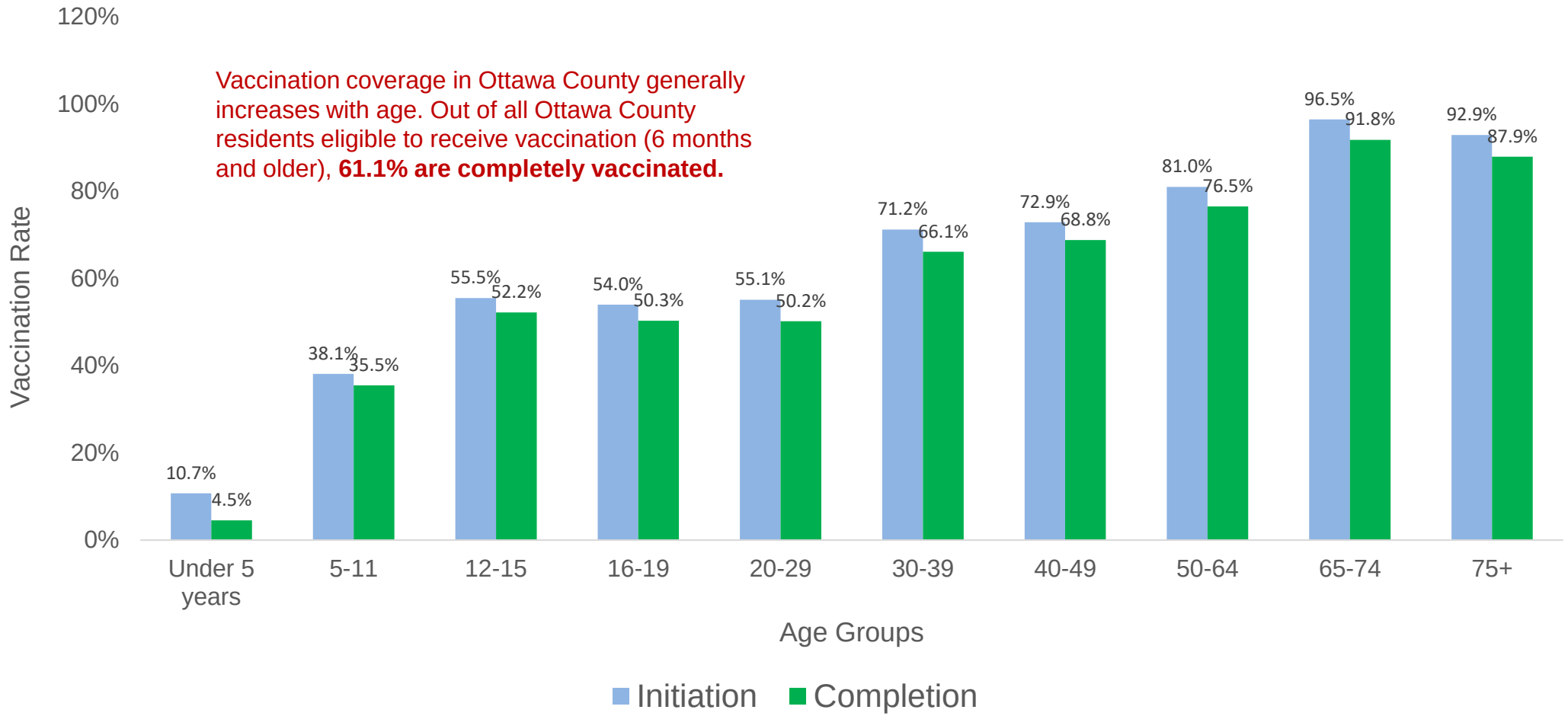
Starting MMWR week 48, MD data are temporarily removed from weekly rate calculations.

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

Accessed November 9, 2022

Vaccination Coverage by Age

Vaccination coverage in Ottawa County generally increases with age. Out of all Ottawa County residents eligible to receive vaccination (6 months and older), **61.1% are completely vaccinated.**



Notes:
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/resources/covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-dashboard

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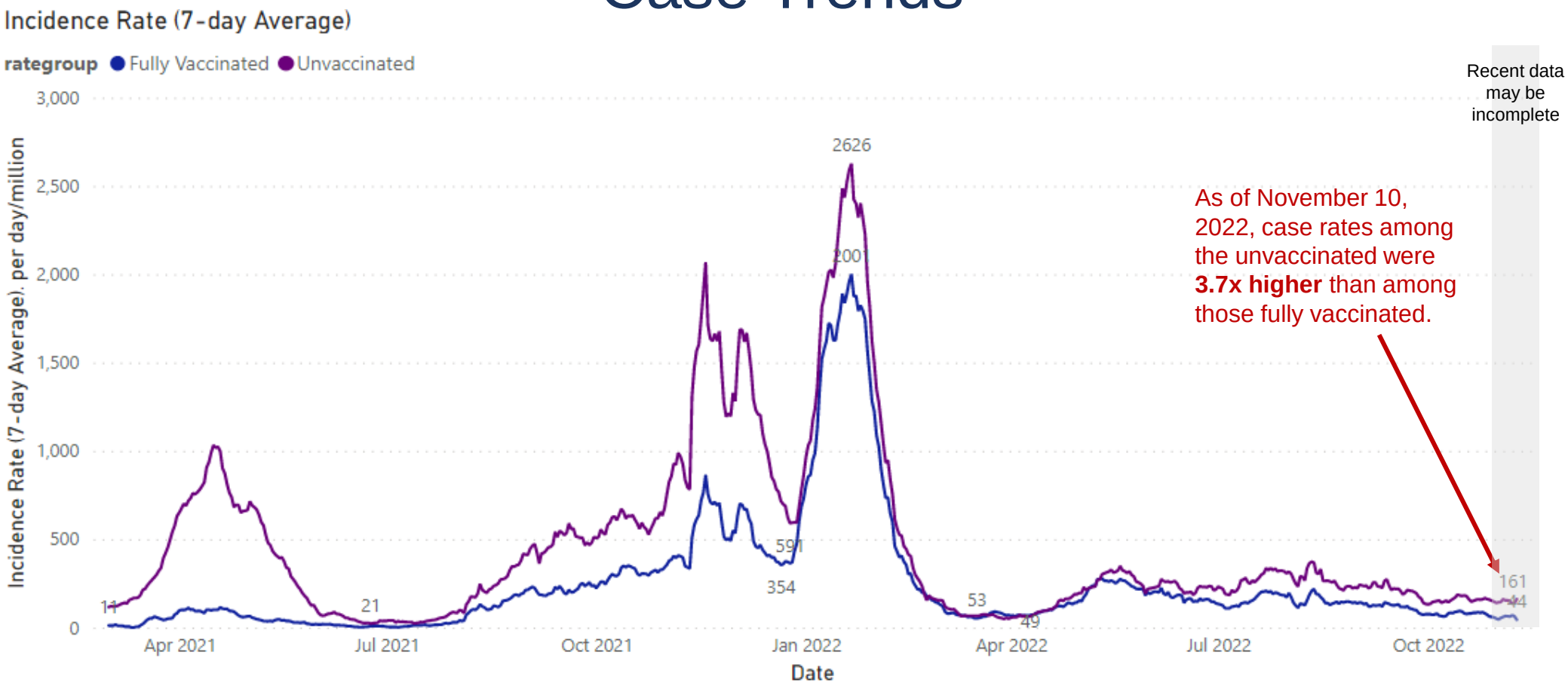
Ottawa County – COVID-19 Vaccination Breakthrough Case Trends

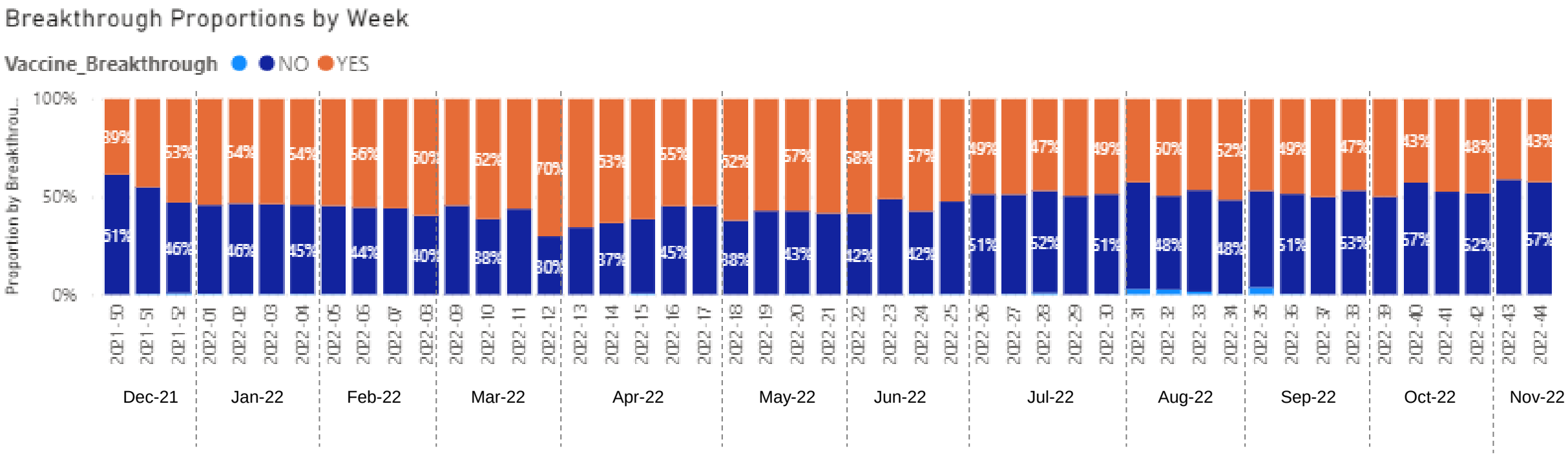


Method:
Daily case counts were obtained from the MDSS and summarized by referral date. Cases were compared to data from the State of Michigan immunization database to confirm COVID-19 vaccination status. Counts of persons completely vaccinated in Ottawa County were compiled from the Michigan COVID-19 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 since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially deflated case rates. Children aged 6 months to 4 years to be included in future reports.

Sources:
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System
MDHHS COVID-19 Dashboard: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/stats

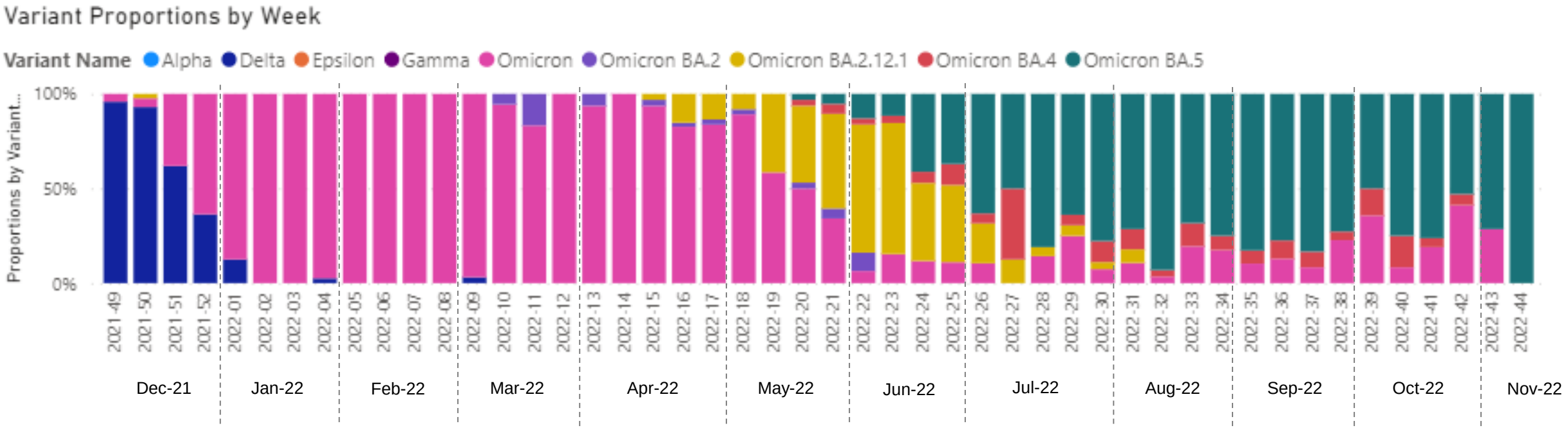
Ottawa County – COVID-19 Vaccination Breakthrough Case Trends

By Week



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

Variants – Clinical Samples from Ottawa County Residents



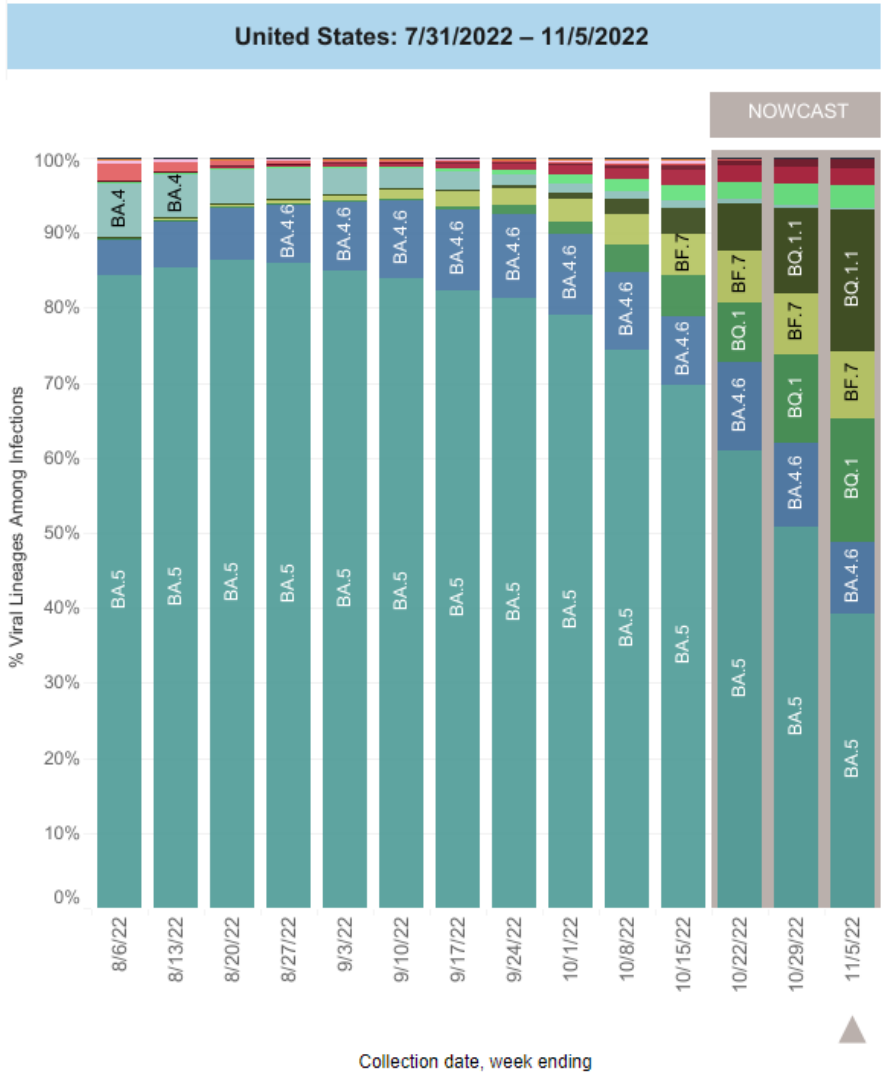
By the end of July 2021 through early December 2021, all clinical samples* tested were identified as the **Delta** variant.

In mid-December 2021, the first **Omicron** positive sample was collected in an Ottawa County resident, and **Omicron** continues to be detected into 2022, with more recent additions of the **Omicron subvariants** BA.4/5 (first detected in clinical samples in late May 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



United States: 10/30/2022 – 11/5/2022 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	BA.5	VOC	39.2%	36.2-42.3%
	BQ.1.1	VOC	18.8%	15.7-22.4%
	BQ.1	VOC	16.5%	13.6-20.0%
	BA.4.6	VOC	9.5%	8.6-10.5%
	BF.7	VOC	9.0%	7.9-10.1%
	BA.5.2.6	VOC	3.1%	2.5-3.7%
	BA.2.75	VOC	2.3%	1.9-2.8%
	BA.2.75.2	VOC	1.3%	0.9-1.7%
	BA.4	VOC	0.2%	0.2-0.3%
	BA.1.1	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	B.1.1.529	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BA.2.12.1	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BA.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.1%	0.0-0.1%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# BA.1, BA.3 and their sublineages (except BA.1.1 and its sublineages) are aggregated with B.1.1.529. Except BA.2.12.1, BA.2.75, BA.2.75.2 and their sublineages, BA.2 sublineages are aggregated with BA.2. Except BA.4.6, sublineages of BA.4 are aggregated to BA.4. Except BF.7, BA.5.2.6, BQ.1 and BQ.1.1, sublineages of BA.5 are aggregated to BA.5. For all the lineages listed in the above table, their sublineages are aggregated to the listed parental lineages respectively. Previously, BA.5.2.6 were aggregated with BA.5. Lineages BA.2.75.2, BA.4.6, BF.7, BA.5.2.6 and BQ.1.1 contain the spike substitution R346T.

The **Omicron** variant and it's subvariants are estimated to account for nearly 100% of all clinical samples collected in the United States the week ending November 5, 2022.

The BA.5 subvariant currently predominates but is being supplanted by other Omicron subvariants.

Source: CDC: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions

Accessed November 10, 2022

Variants – Wastewater Sampling – Holland/Zeeland

Y	= Detected
N	= Not Detected

Sample Date	Site	Delta	Omicron
08/11/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
08/14/2022	North Holland	N	Y
08/15/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
08/17/2022	North Holland	N	Y
08/18/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
08/21/2022	North Holland	N	Y
08/22/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
08/24/2022	North Holland	N	Y
08/25/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
08/28/2022	North Holland	N	Y
08/29/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
08/31/2022	North Holland	N	Y
09/01/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
09/04/2022	North Holland	N	Y
09/11/2022	North Holland	N	Y
09/12/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
09/21/2022	North Holland	N	Y
09/22/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
09/25/2022	North Holland	N	Y
09/26/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
09/29/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
10/02/2022	North Holland	N	Y
10/03/2022	Zeeland	N	Y
10/09/2022	North Holland	N	Y
10/10/2022	Zeeland	N	Y

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, and its subvariants, has consistently been detected in wastewater in Holland and Zeeland through all of 2022.

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

COVID-19 Community Levels

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

Note: The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html

CDC Community Levels – Ottawa County

- Current Community Level in Ottawa – LOW
- Michigan CDC Community Levels can be viewed on the MI Safe Start Map
- Current Data:
  - Case Rate (per 100k pop 7-day total) = **58.25**
  - COVID-19 Hospital Admissions (per 100K pop 7-day total) = **2.2**
  - COVID-19 Inpatient Hospital Bed Utilization (7-day average) = **2.8%**

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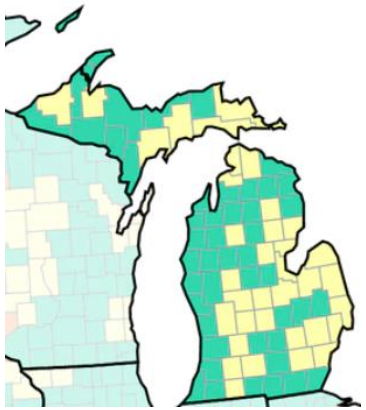

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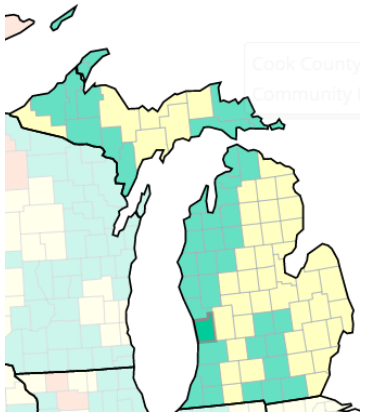

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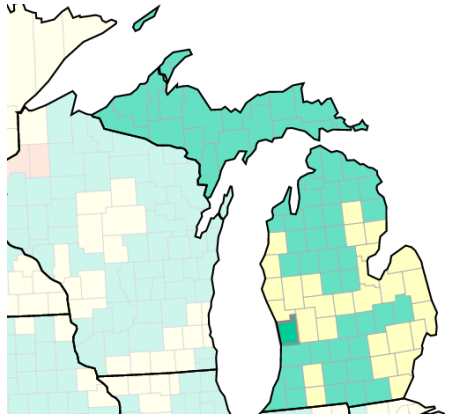

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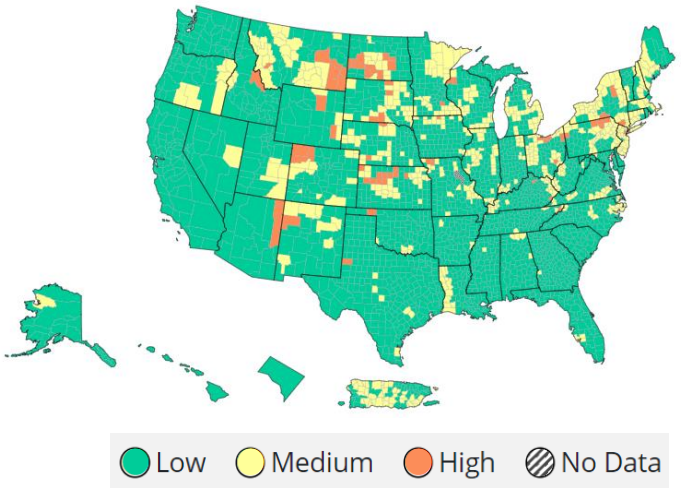
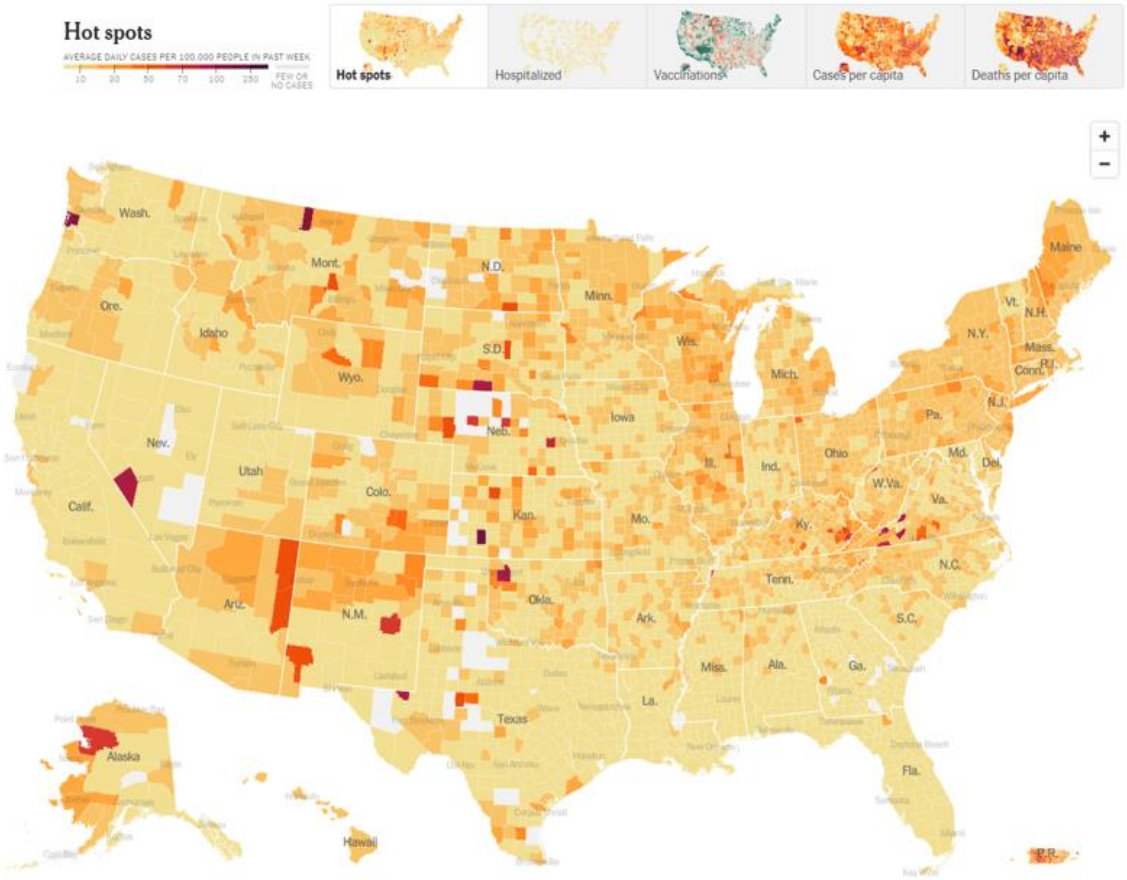


Source: CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View

Data updated by CDC on November 9, 2022

COVID-19 Case Rates by County Across the US

Two Weeks Ago



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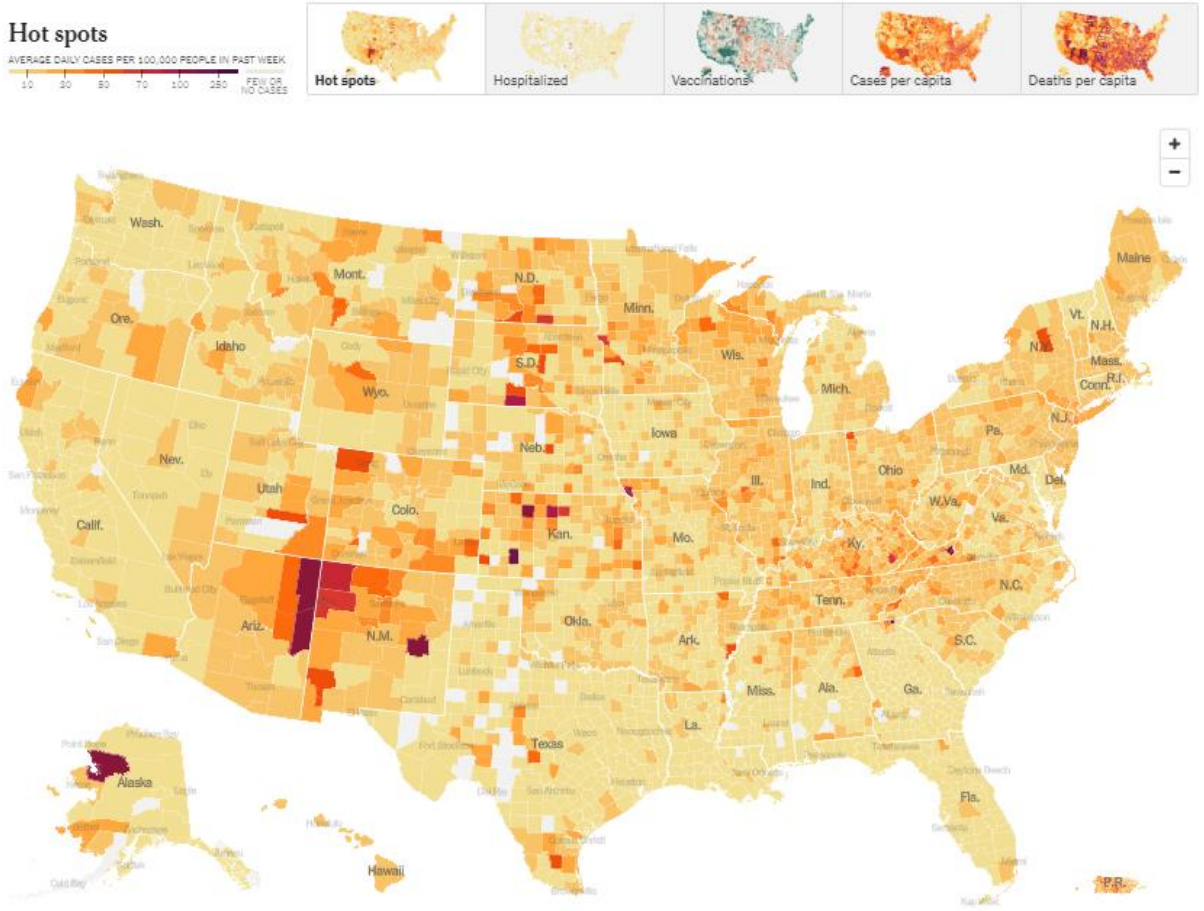

Generally, case rates across the nation are stable, but some areas may be seeing increasing rates.

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

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COVID-19 Hospitalization Rates by County Across the US

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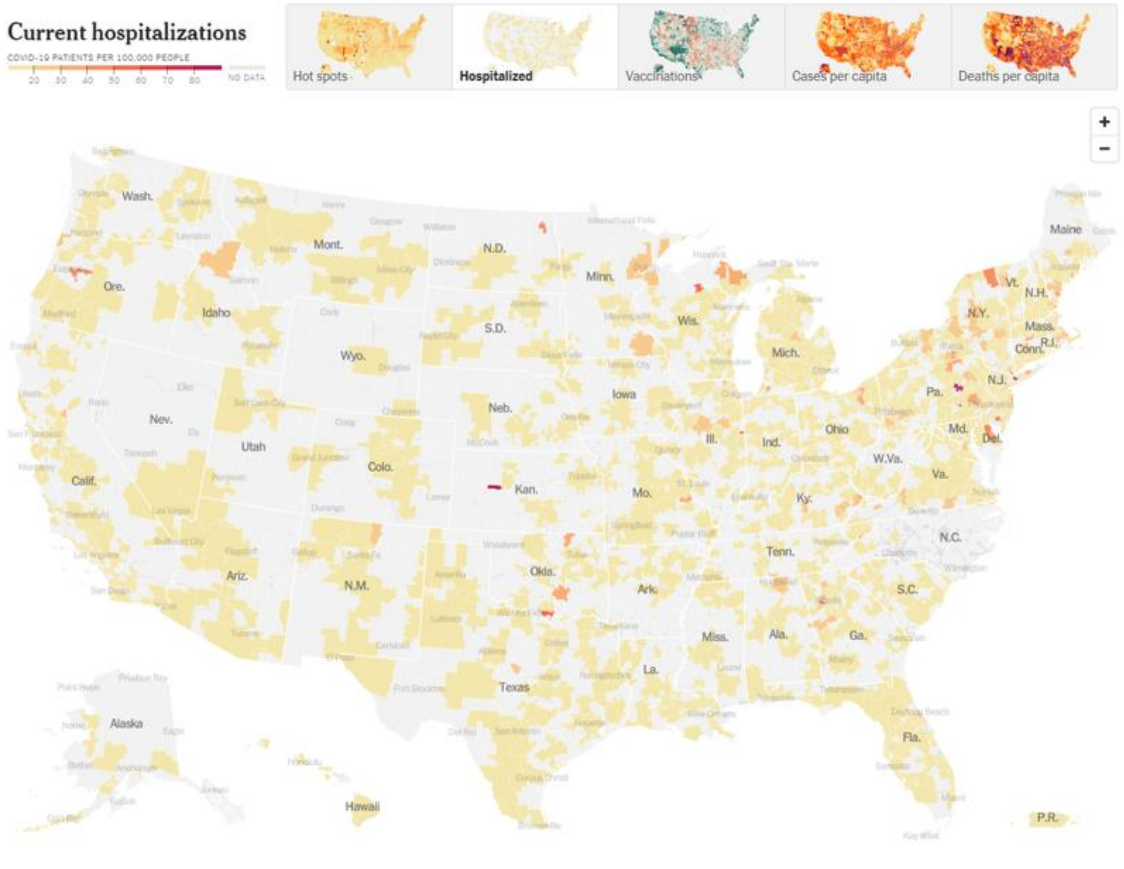

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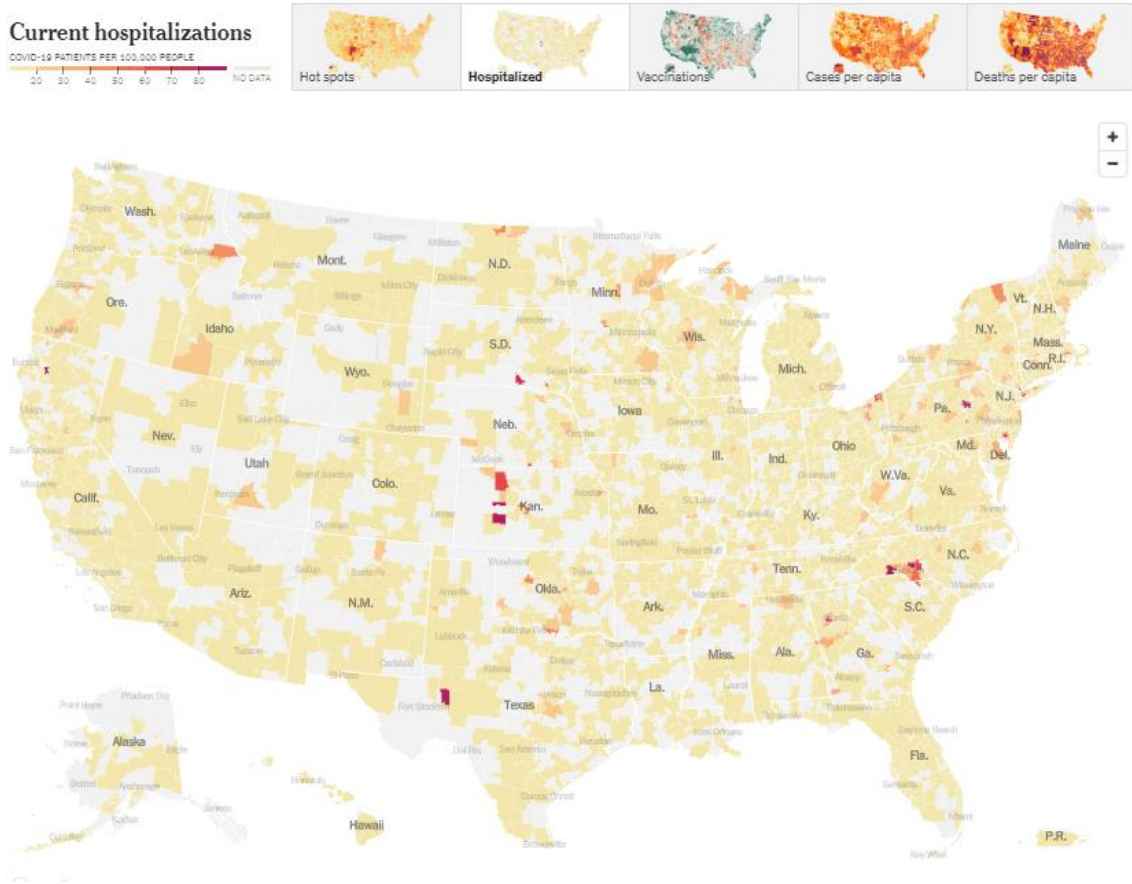

Hospitalization rates remain relatively low across most of the nation.

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

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COVID-19 News Headlines

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Science Roundup

Covid-19 Vaccine Protection among Children and Adolescents in Qatar

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This study compared a lower dose of the BNT162b2 vaccine in children to a higher dose in adolescents and found the higher dose to provide more protection over a longer period, suggesting that the antigen dose may be a determinant in the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Favipiravir in early symptomatic COVID-19, a randomized placebo-controlled trial

https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370(22)00433-3/fulltext

This study found that among study participants who received the antiviral Favipiravir during early stages of COVID-19, there was no difference in time to viral clearance and symptom resolution compared to those who did not receive Favipiravir, suggesting the antiviral does not improve virologic or clinical outcomes.

Study suggests Paxlovid eases long-COVID symptoms

Nirmatrelvir and the Risk of Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 | medRxiv

In this preprint study the participants treated with Paxlovid had a 25% decreased risk of developing 10 of the 12 long-COVID conditions, with the drug also being associated with 48% less risk of death and 30% less risk of hospitalization. The findings of this study also showed a decreased risk of long COVID regardless of previous infection or vaccination status.

Lifting Universal Masking in Schools – Covid-19 Incidence Among Students and Staff

https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2211029

This study found that, among school districts that lifted masking requirements, there was an additional 44.9 COVID-19 cases per 1000 students and staff during the 15 weeks following the rescinding of the statewide masking policy in Massachusetts, suggesting an association between the lifting of masking requirements and an increase in COVID-19 cases.