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COVID-19 Update

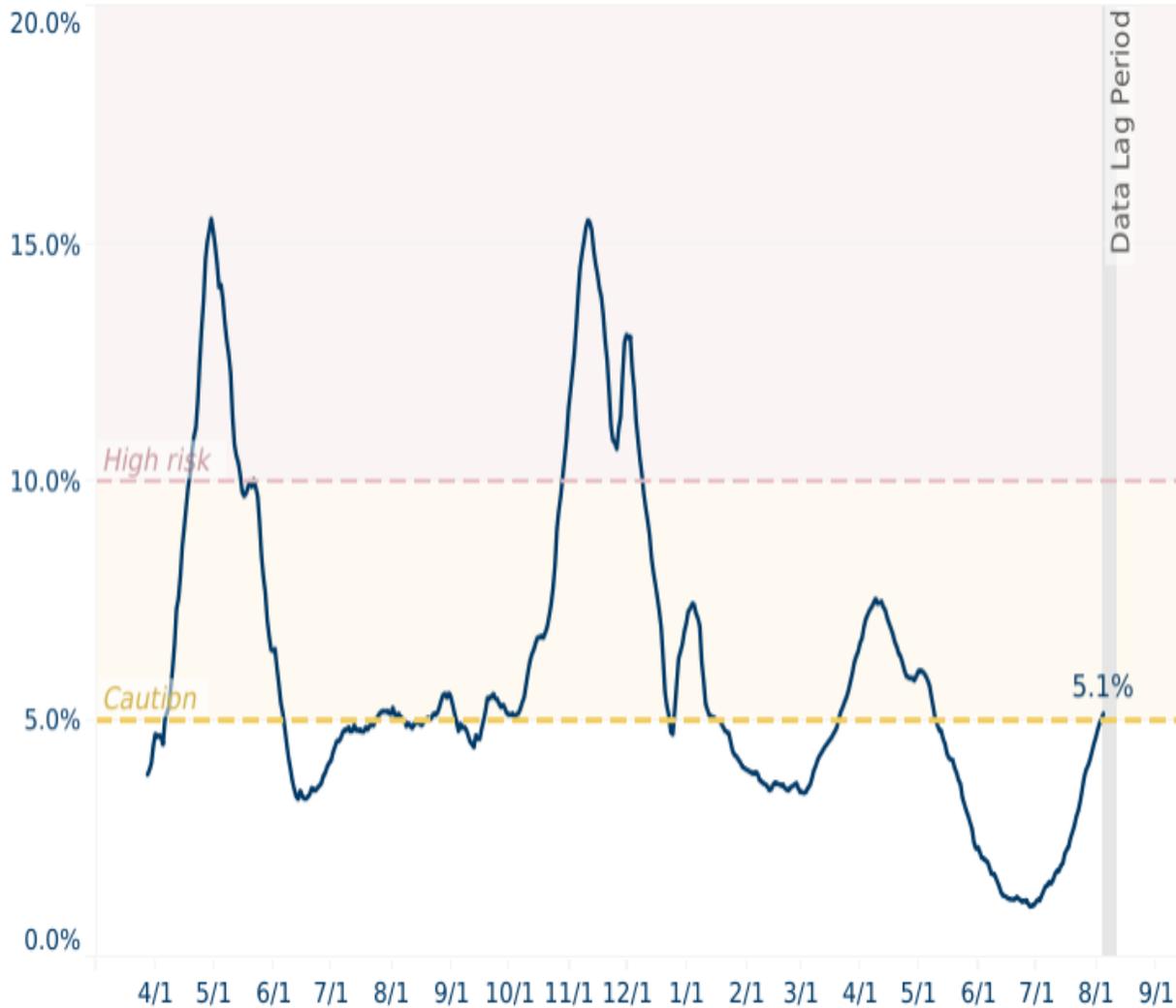
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POSITIVITY RATE

% OF TESTS COVID POSITIVE

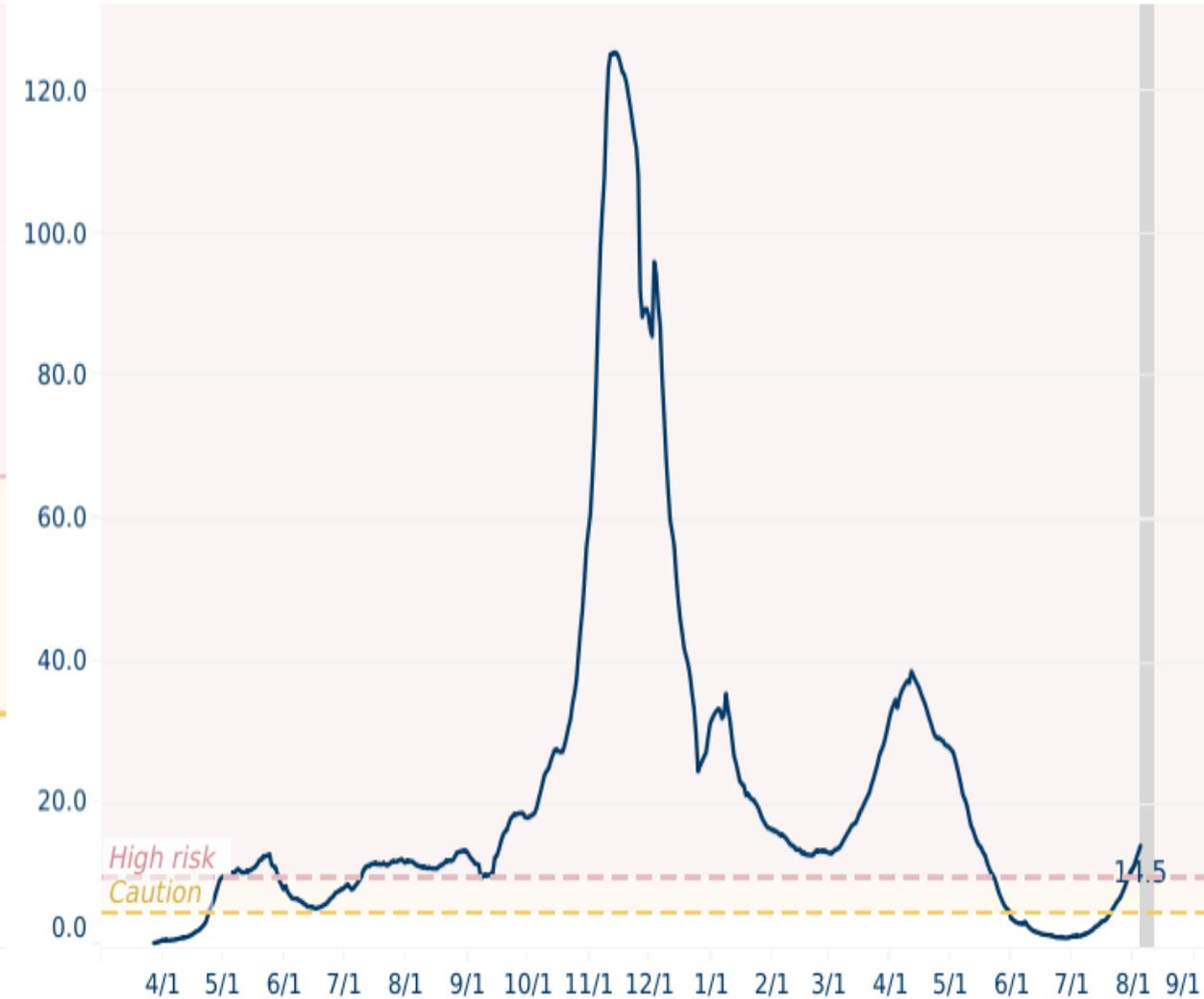
7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE



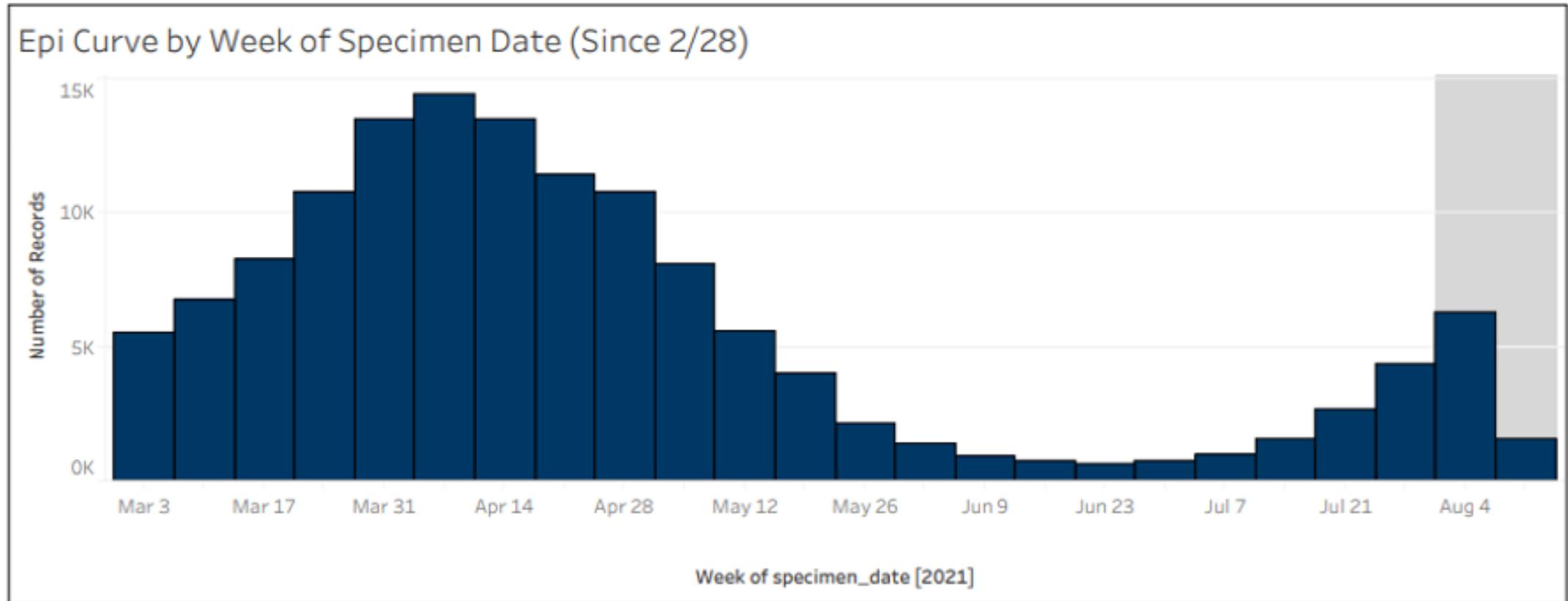
CASE GROWTH

DAILY NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE



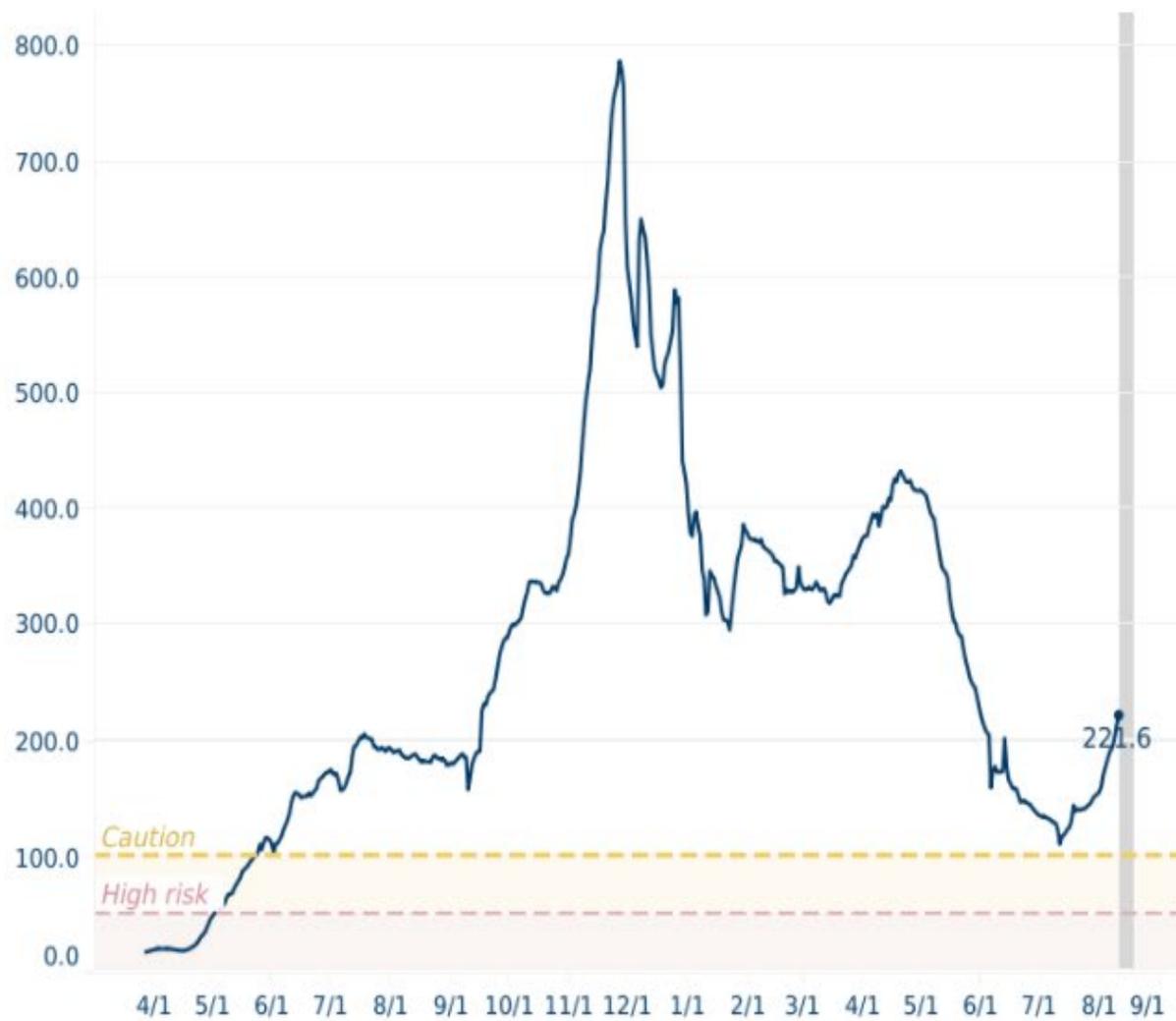
Epi curve of new weekly cases over the past five months



TESTING RATE

WEEKLY COVID TESTS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS

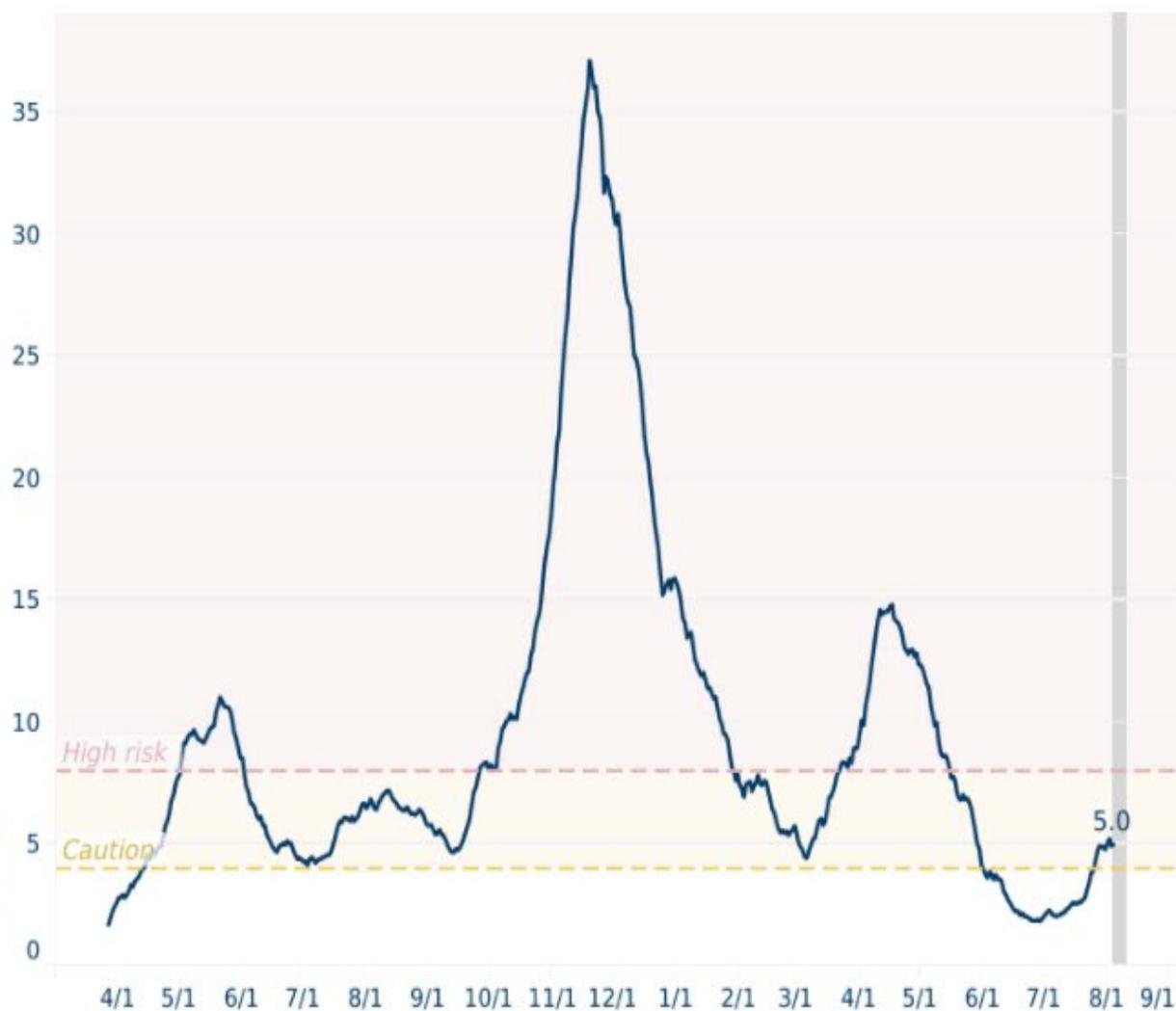
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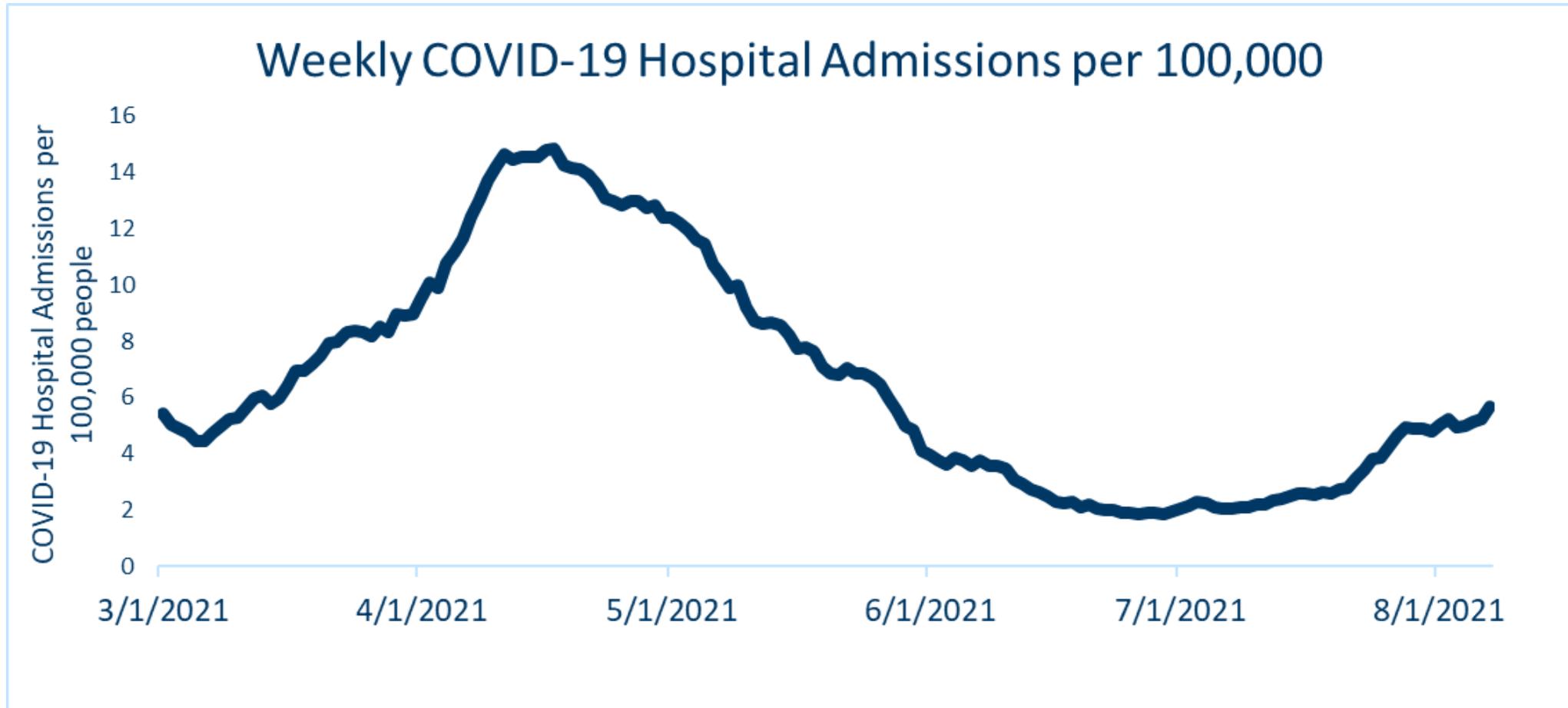
HOSPITALIZATION RATE

NEW COVID+ HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

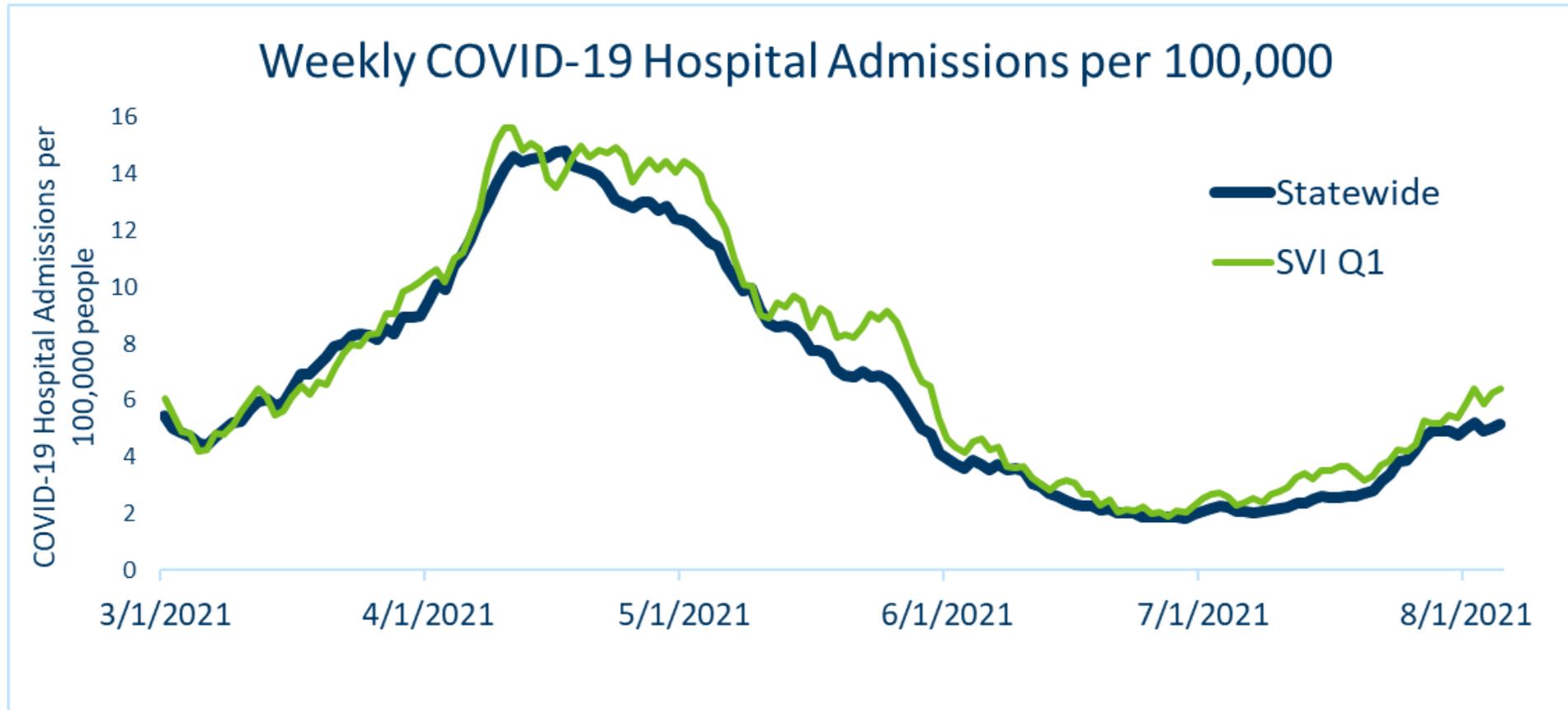
WEEKLY | 7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE



Hospitalizations for COVID-19 over the past five months



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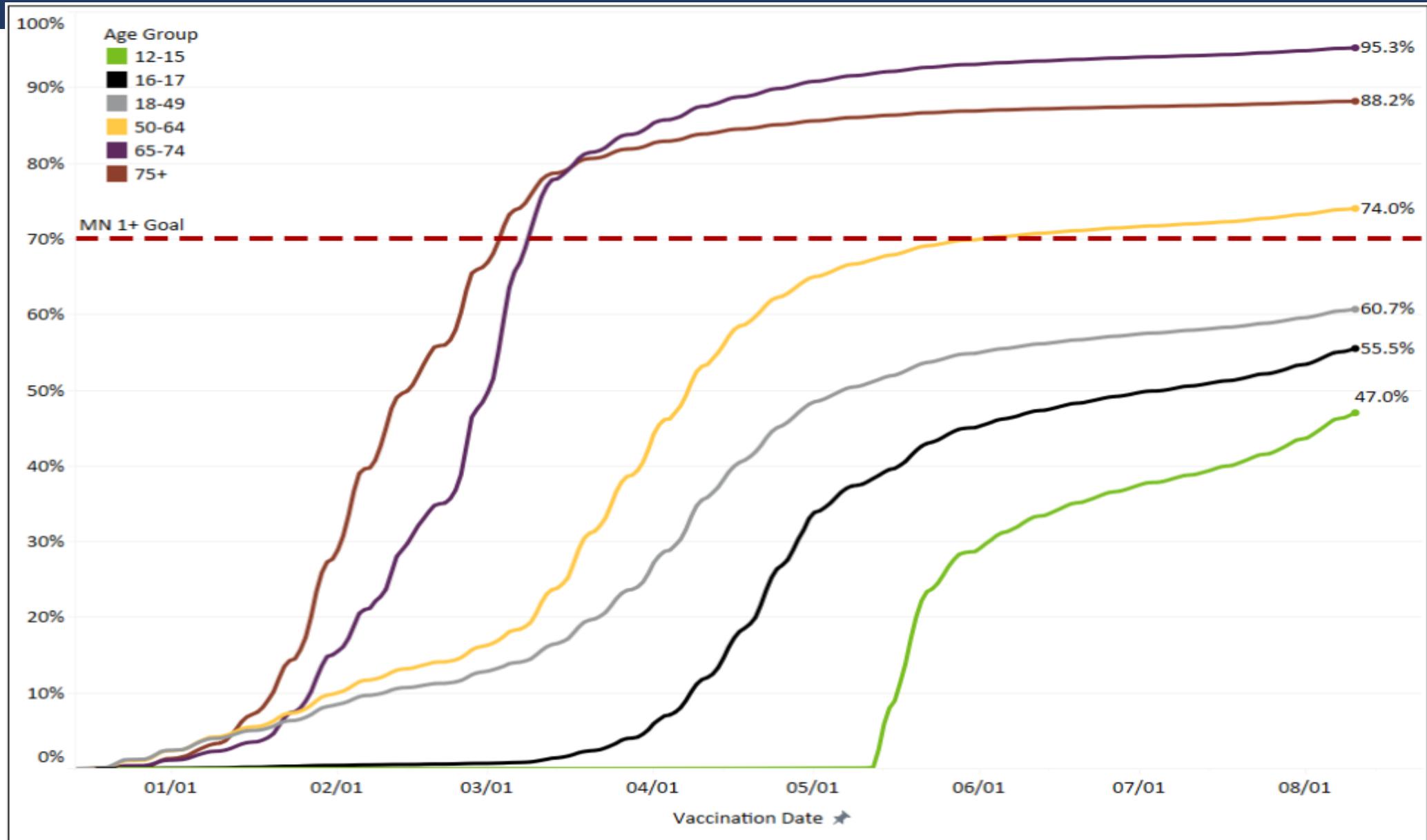


- People with at least one vaccine dose: 3,224,475
- People with completed vaccine series: 3,031,445
- Percent of 16+ with at least one dose: 70.0%
- All Minnesotans with at least one dose: 58.0%

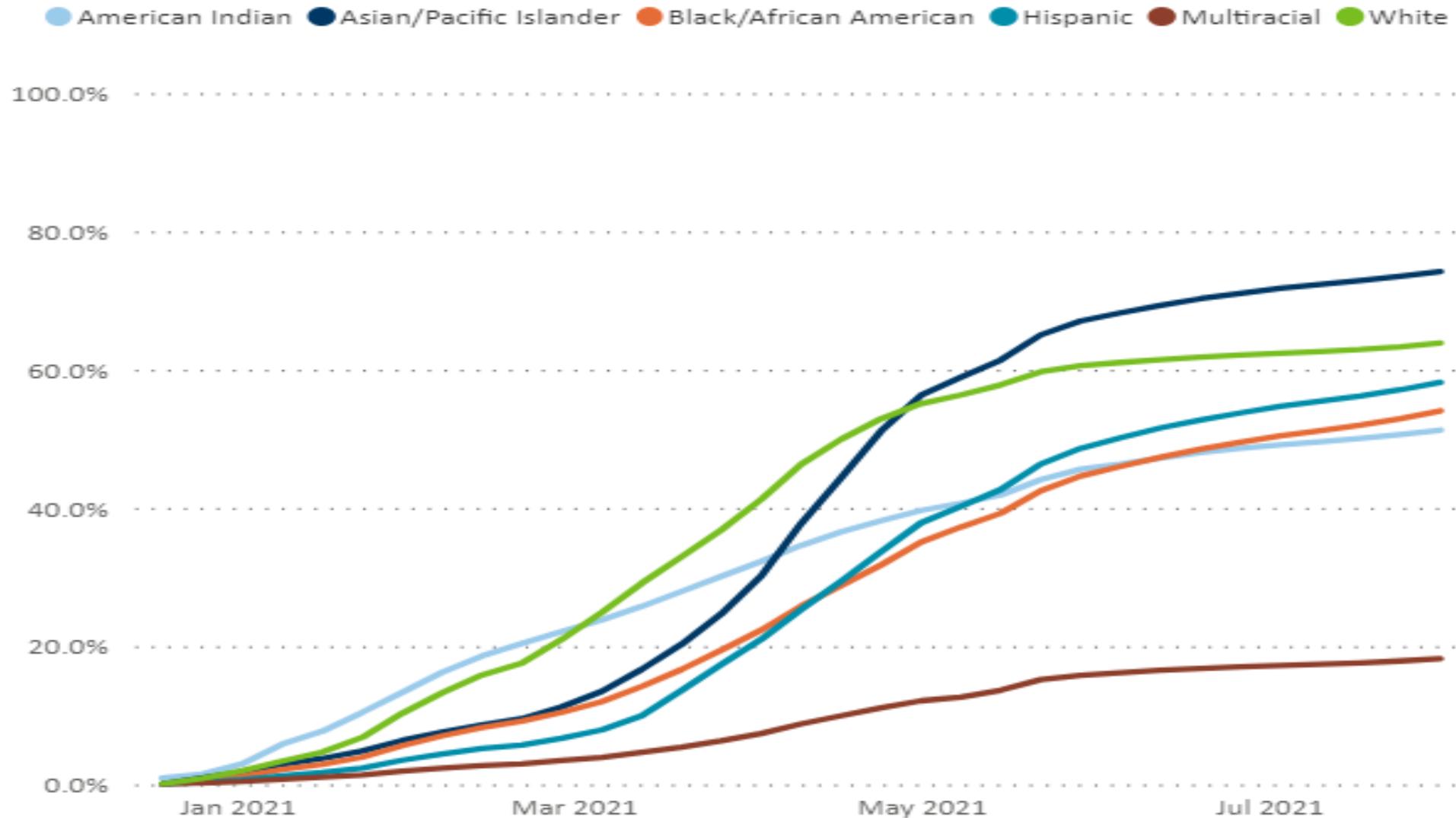


COVID-19
VACCINE

Percentage Minnesotans Who Have Received At Least One Dose, By Age Group



Vaccination Progress by Race/Ethnicity, Age 12+



Delta Variant

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- In mid-June the Delta variant accounted for less than 1% of cases sequenced in Minnesota; it now accounts for greater than 90% of all cases and has eclipsed the Alpha variant.
- The Delta variant spreads about twice as easily from one person to another than previous strains of the virus.
- New data show that people infected with Delta have higher viral loads—meaning more virus in their body—than with previous variants.
- Virtually all hospitalizations and deaths continue to be among the unvaccinated. Minnesota continues to have areas with high proportion of unvaccinated.

Delta Variant: Breakthrough Infections

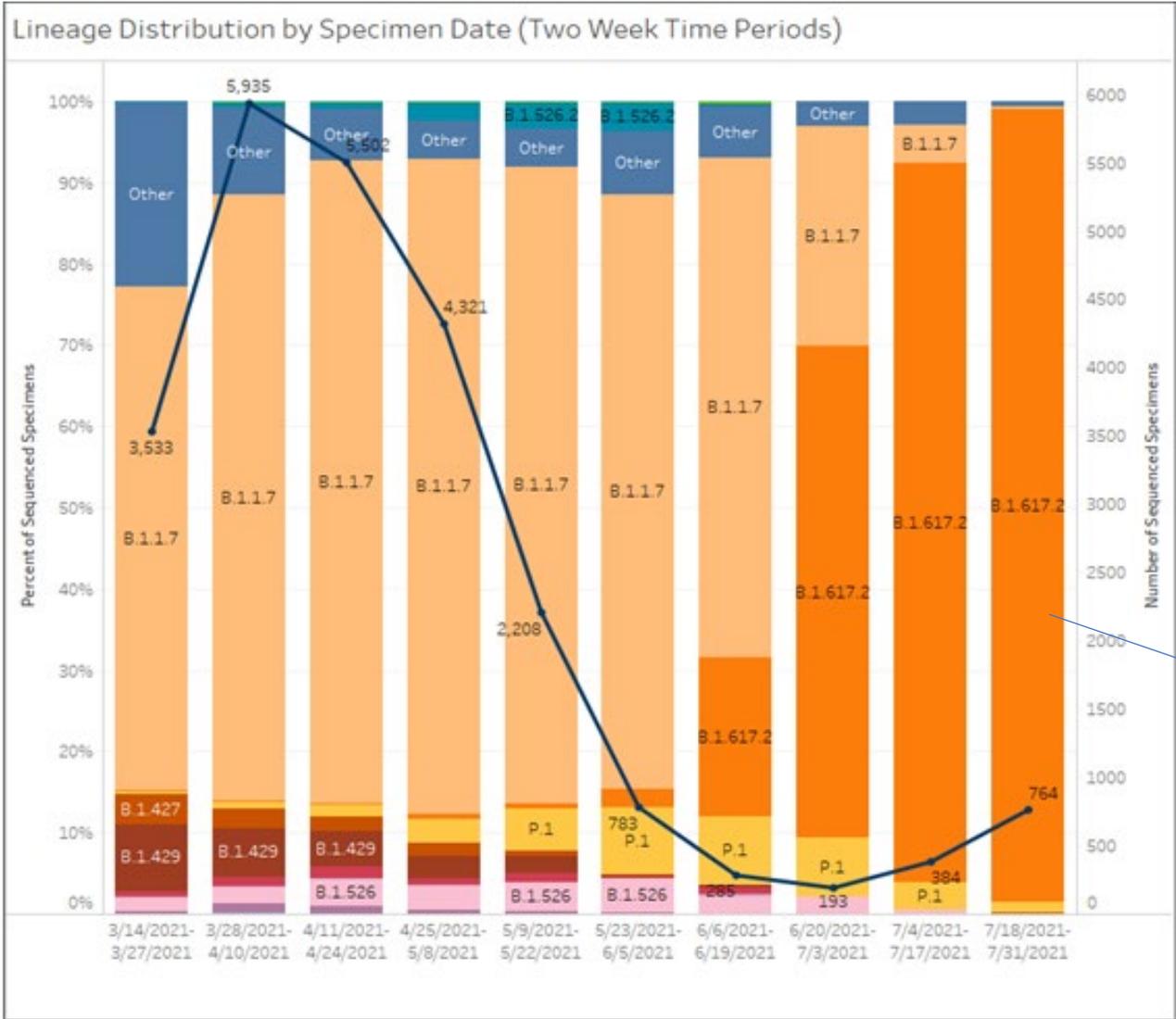
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- Delta is causing more vaccine breakthrough infections, than other strains.
- Most breakthrough infections are mild.
- Vaccines are working as they should: they are preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death.
- Fully vaccinated people who are infected with the Delta variant might be infectious and might potentially spread the virus to others.

COVID-19 Variants in Minnesota

WHO Label	Pango Lineage	Newly sequenced since 7/26 with collection dates since 6/20	% of Total Sequenced Case Specimens with collection date since 6/20	Total Cases	Total Hospitalized	Total Deaths
Alpha	B.1.1.7	4	5%	18,181	1,313 (7%)	142 (1%)
Beta	B.1.351	0	0%	260	41 (16%)	10 (4%)
Gamma	P.1	12	3%	517	72 (14%)	9 (2%)
Delta	B.1.617.2	703	90%	1,367	181 (13%)	11 (1%)
Epsilon	B.1.427/429	1	0.1%	1,773	98 (6%)	13 (1%)
Zeta	P.2	0	0%	13	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Eta	B.1.525	0	0%	35	4 (11%)	1 (3%)
Iota	B.1.526	0	0.4%	605	29 (5%)	4 (1%)
N/A	B.1.526.1	0	0%	165	16 (10%)	5 (3%)
N/A	B.1.617	0	0%	4	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Kappa	B.1.617.1	0	0%	4	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	N/A	N/A	2%	3,563	182 (5%)	20 (1%)

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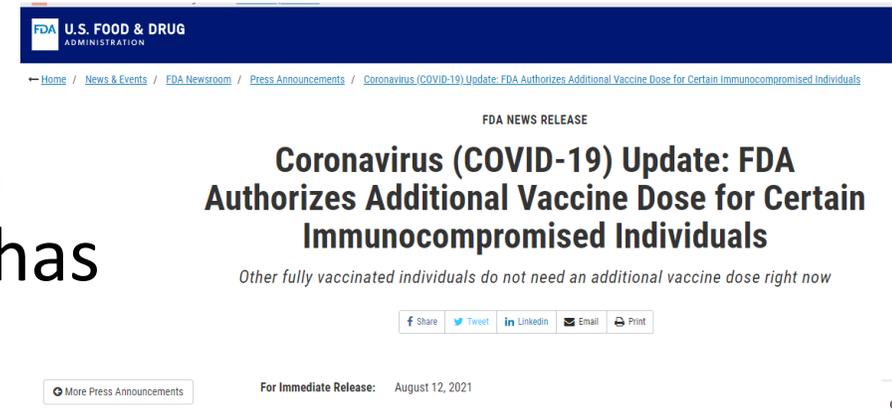
- Lineage**
- C.37
 - B.1.526.2
 - Other
 - B.1.1.7
 - B.1.617.2
 - P.1
 - B.1.427
 - B.1.429
 - B.1.351
 - B.1.525
 - B.1.526
 - B.1.526.1
 - P.2
 - B.1.617
 - B.1.617.1

Delta variant

Vaccinations: Third Dose

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- 3rd dose allowed for certain immunocompromised individuals:
 - solid organ transplant recipients, or
 - individuals diagnosed with conditions considered to have an *equivalent* level of immunocompromise.
- This does NOT apply to people who are not immunocompromised.
- MDH has communicated with providers and is poised to provide clinical guidance once ACIP has met.



The screenshot shows the FDA's press release page. At the top is the FDA logo and the text 'U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION'. Below that is a navigation bar with links for Home, News & Events, FDA Newroom, Press Announcements, and a specific link for the press release. The main heading reads 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Authorizes Additional Vaccine Dose for Certain Immunocompromised Individuals'. A sub-heading states 'Other fully vaccinated individuals do not need an additional vaccine dose right now'. There are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Email, and Print. At the bottom, there is a button for 'More Press Announcements' and a note that the release is for 'August 12, 2021'.

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For Immediate Release: August 12, 2021

\$100 VISA Gift Card Vaccine Reward

Who's Eligible: Minnesotans 12 years of age and older who receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine between July 30 and August 15.

Request a Reward: Submit a request at mn.gov/covid19/100 or call 1-833-431-2053 to have one submitted for you.

Timeline: Requests must be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 15, 2021.

Less than one week after this program started accepting incentive requests:

- 34,500 people signed up.
- Half of this population is in the 18-49 age range.
- This reflects an uptick in rural counties.
- Approximately 57,600 first dose vaccinations have taken place since the program started. More than half have registered for incentives.

MDH Vaccine Incentive Programs, cont.

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Safe Travels Minnesota—Sun Country \$200 Travel Voucher Giveaway

Who's Eligible: Minnesotans 18 years of age and older who receive the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine at MSP Airport-Terminal 2.

Request a Reward: Enter the drawing at the Terminal 2 vaccination site. No boarding pass or appointment are required. More details available at <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine-rewards/safe-travels.jsp>.

Timeline: Receive a shot and deposit a completed entry form into the official MDH entry drawing box located at the vaccination site by 2 p. m. on Sept. 21.

This program was extended from five to eleven weeks, with one drawing to take place each week through the week of Sept. 21.



Win a \$200
travel voucher

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Provide grants to vaccine providers to tailor incentive programs to their specific populations.

- MDH will solicit and fund proposals from our vaccination partners including Local Public Health, COVID Community Coordinators, FQHCs and Community Clinics, Tribal Health, Health Care Systems, Shelters, Corrections, and Long-term Care providers.
- Incentives will be tailored to their populations and may incent first and second doses, or may reward referrals, or could provide for more immediate rewards.
- Timeframe: Early September through December 2021 with the ability to extend.

- All people ages 12 years and older should **get vaccinated for COVID-19** before returning to in-person school, sports, or other activities. 
- All students, teachers, staff, and visitors in school buildings should **wear masks indoors** regardless of vaccination status.
- Schools should maintain at least **3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms** whenever possible. When it isn't possible to maintain 3 feet of distance between students, it is especially important to layer other prevention strategies.

- Students, teachers, and staff should **stay home if they feel sick** and contact a health care provider for testing and care.
- Students, teachers, and staff who are **fully vaccinated do not need to stay home even if they have had recent close contact with a confirmed case so long as they do not have symptoms and do not test positive**. Follow CDC testing guidance for anyone exposed to a confirmed case.
- People who are not fully vaccinated and returning to in-person school, sports, or extracurricular activities (and their families) should **get tested regularly** for COVID-19 according to CDC guidance.
- Schools should encourage **ventilation, contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, cleaning, and disinfection** as important layers of prevention.

Pediatrics Trends

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- MN has over 18% of cumulative pediatric cases (0-19 years old), compared to national percentage of 14.4% (APA).
- Over the past two months, the overall share of cases among Minnesotans 9 and younger has nearly doubled to 9.6%.
- Of the 3,695 pediatric cases since early June, more than half (2,006) were detected in the most recent two weeks (7/22 – 8/4).
- Since June 5, 2.2% of hospitalized cases were children (0-19) compared to less than 1% in November-December 2020 for this age group.

MN K-12 Schools COVID-19 Case Data

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Facilities	10-Aug	9-Aug	6-Aug	5-Aug	4-Aug	3-Aug	2-Aug
Schools w/1 case	70	52	54	54	50	45	39
Schools w/2-4 cases	8	7	8	7	7	8	8
Schools w/5+ cases	2	2	2	2	2	1	-
Total Schools with cases*	80	61	64	63	59	54	47
Total Change (new)	19	(3)	1	4	5	12	3
Cases in Schools**							
Cumulative staff cases	9,014	9,000	9,000	8,991	8,985	8,980	8,969
Change (new)	14	-	9	6	5	20	5
Cumulative student cases	17,822	17,807	17,807	17,802	17,791	17,790	17,787
Change (new)	15	-	5	11	1	20	11
Total Cases in Schools	26,836	26,807	26,807	26,793	26,776	26,770	26,756
Total Change (new)	29	-	14	17	6	40	16

MDH Vax to School Campaign

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Getting kids vaccinated for COVID-19 is the best way to keep them in school.

Minnesotans 12 years of age and older are eligible.

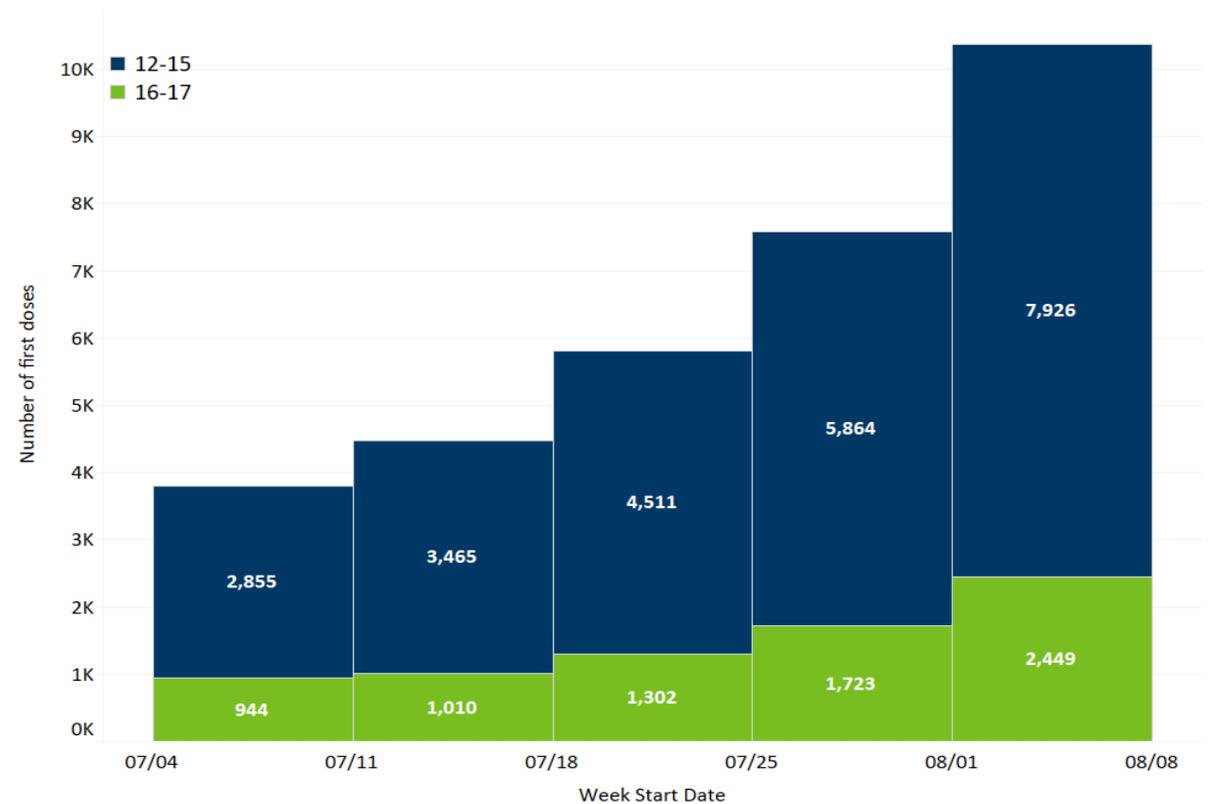


1. Focus on the safety, efficacy, and critical need to get students 12 years of age and older vaccinated.
2. Timing is important:
 - It take five weeks from first dose to being fully vaccinated.
 - We are less than five weeks from the start of the school year.
3. Highlight voices from educators, pediatricians, and parents.
4. Reflects importance of in-person learning for students' well-being.

Vax to School Campaign, cont.

- Weekly first doses for 12 to 15 year-old and 16 to 17 year-old students are up 107% and 112% respectively.
- More than 15,000 12 to 15 year-old and nearly 5,000 16- to 17 year-old students have gotten their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine since July 28.

First Doses administered to Minnesotans (12-15 and 16-17 year olds)
By week of vaccination



Get Vaccinated

- It's critical to get vaccinated as soon as possible. This is the single most important thing people can do to protect themselves, their family, their community from COVID-19.
- People are fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine, or two weeks after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna two-shot vaccine.

Mask Up

- In areas with substantial or high COVID-19 transmission, MDH and CDC strongly recommend masking up indoors whether people are vaccinated or not.
- Wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings is also recommended when people can't keep at least six feet between people.

Get Tested

- People who have any COVID-19 symptoms or had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, should get tested.
- To limit the chance of spreading COVID-19 to friends and family, it is also a good idea to get tested three to five days after attending a large public event.
- Fully vaccinated people should
 - be tested 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, and
 - wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.



Large Gathering Guidance, cont.

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- Stay Home If Feeling Sick
- Wash Hands Frequently
- People at high risk should consider not attending large gatherings.

State Employee Proof of Vaccination Policy

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- State agency employees assigned to work at the workplace or provide agency services outside their home will be required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination.
- State employees who teleworker who access the workplace for more than 10 minutes or otherwise provide agency services outside their home will be required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination before being allowed to do so.
- All agency staff who do not submit proof of full COVID-19 vaccination must undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing at least weekly.
- We are working on how employees will attest to their vaccination status and how they will access testing.
- This policy will take effect September 8, 2021.



Questions?