

Grand Rounds 11/29/22

TRI-DEMIC! + MPOX



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Infectious Diseases Update

- Review Surge Level and Calls to Action
- Updates to Processes
- Flu Update
- RSV Update
- COVID-19 Update
- Monkeypox Update

Surge Level Thresholds

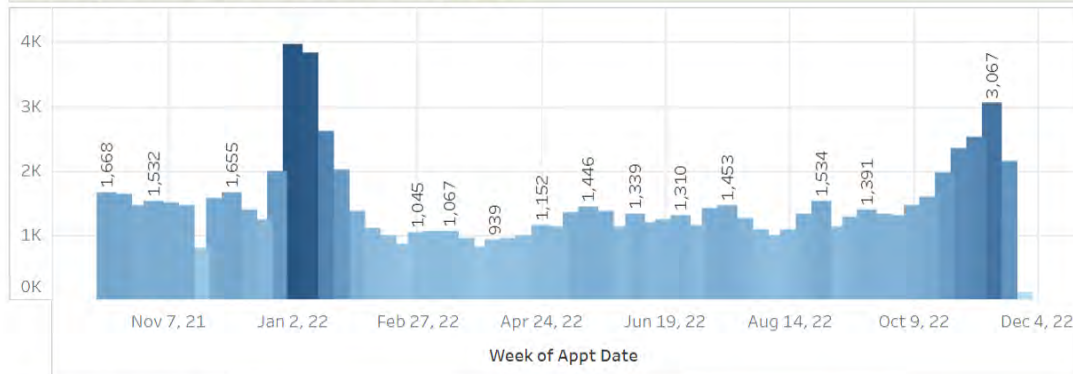
Stage	0	1 (100-115%)	2 (115-125%)	3 (125-130%)
Description	Demand	Increase by 10-15% from baseline	Increase by 15-25% from baseline	Increase by 25-30%
Data/Tracking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Productivity measures <input type="checkbox"/> URI Symptom Tableau Dashboard <input type="checkbox"/> Flu Tableau Dashboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CDC trends (LA County & OC Public Health data) <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in volume/demand for visits w/flu, IFL, URI, cold <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in call center call volumes: Appointments and Nurse Advice Line <input type="checkbox"/> Same day appointments booked at 80% within 24 hours, 4 consecutive days <input type="checkbox"/> Wait times increased in clinic/UC >1 hour <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in walk-in volume resulting in struggling to maintain Safe environment requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Site Specific: Plan to add a provider for F2F visits (dependent on number of rooms available and also provider productivity) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CDC trends (LA County & OC Public Health data) <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in volume/demand for visits w/flu, IFL, URI, cold <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in call center call volumes <input type="checkbox"/> Same day appointments booked 100% by 9:00am, three consecutive days <input type="checkbox"/> Wait times increased in clinic/urgent care >2 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in walk-ins <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in staff sick calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CDC trends (LA County & OC Public Health data) <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in volume/demand for visits w/flu, IFL, URI, cold <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in call center call volumes: appointments and Nurse Advice Line <input type="checkbox"/> Same day appointments booked 100% by 8:00am, daily consecutive week. <input type="checkbox"/> Wait times increased in clinic/urgent care >3 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in walk-ins <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in staff sick calls, resulting in loss of coverage

URI Data: Peds driving surge in visits, higher F2F demand than prior surges

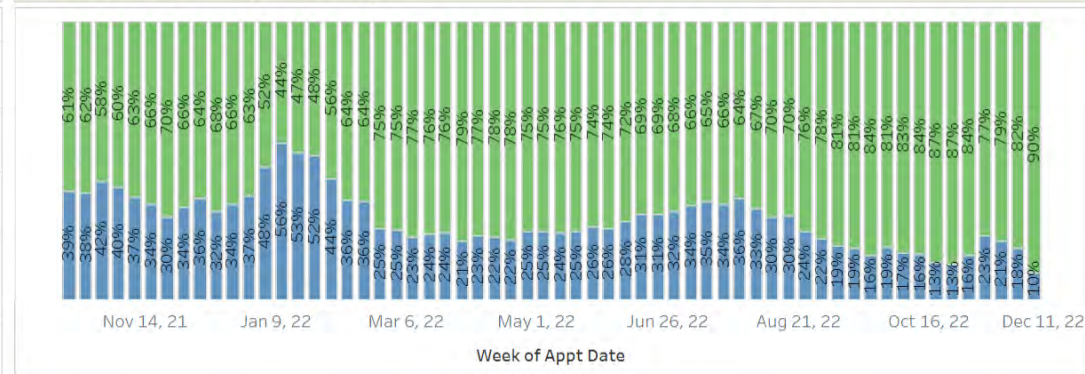
URI Diagnosis Dashboard

Encounter = Completed, medical, billable visits with URI Dx

Weekly Encounters with URI Diagnosis



URI Encounters by Visit Type



7 Day Moving Average URI Encounters from 10/10/2021 to 11/27/2022



URI Encounters by Age

Age Group	Oct 17, 21	Nov 14, 21	Dec 12, 21	Jan 9, 22	Feb 6, 22	Mar 6, 22	Apr 3, 22	May 1, 22	May 29, 22	Jun 26, 22	Jul 24, 22	Aug 21, 22	Sep 18, 22	Oct 16, 22	Nov 13, 22	Dec 11, 22
0-11	893	791	795	772	714	1,312	681	460	418	526	562	499	434	456	584	665
12-17	912	838	812	432	873	499	728	915	654	560	477	509	448	478	366	425
18-54	390	400	392	448	432	1,662	758	397	340	300	303	283	290	317	331	410
55-64	89	82	76	119	95	79	58	117	89	94	83	405	369	225	117	100
65+	46	38	39	34	42	53	40	64	66	58	57	84	191	218	137	92

Calls To Action

- Please note the call to action below, in efforts to increase access:
 1. Adhere to Template Ratios – FM/IM 80% face to face 20% telehealth – PEDs/OB 90% face to face 10% telehealth
 - a. Template ratios are critical to respond to the patient demand
 2. Same Day Slot Ratios - 50% ratio
 - a. Templates should reflect 50% Same Day slots
 3. Rescheduling Preventive Appointments
 - a. Scrub schedules to move face to face appointments to telehealth, when appropriate
 - b. Postpone Well Child Checks (WCC) for children >5
 - i. Any slots left vacant due to rescheduling, should be converted to Same Day slots.
 4. If you have availability to take an extra shift in Urgent Care or After Hours/Weekend that will help to meet our patient demand.
- As we maneuver through Surge, we will keep you updated. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Patient Access.
- Please reference email sent on 11/23/22 and/or attached from Kimberley Graham.

Updates to Process

- Please order POC Flu, POC RSV and COVID-19 Fulgent and Antigen tests through central supply
- Make sure to pass out COVID-19 antigen tests to patients that present for testing or URI visit
- COVID-19 antigen tests available for any patient or staff member to take home for home use
- Report staff call outs via the central reporting process.
- Staff should not be working sick, please have any staff member that is sick get in touch with Employee Health for further instructions.
- Staff returning from illness should wear a minimum KN95 or N95 mask at all times when not eating or drinking and keep minimum 6 feet distancing when masks removed until symptoms resolved.
- Be aware that COVID-19 pay is only available for documented COVID-19 illness, other illnesses will go through normal PTO/sick process.
- Keeping oneself and family healthy during this surge and holiday season will be key to a happier life.
 - Mask up when out and about.
 - Wash hands frequently.
 - Encourage kids to wear masks and wash hands in school.

Updates in Process

- In an effort to increase the access for patient F2F demand we have updated our language for physical distancing.
- Physical distancing is still a great tool to reduce risk for COVID-19 and other URI illnesses.
- We encourage everyone to use all available clinic space when seated but we will no longer specify a distance required when people are masked.
- When unmasked we still recommend 6 foot distancing.
- Physical distancing signs should be replaced with updated signs.



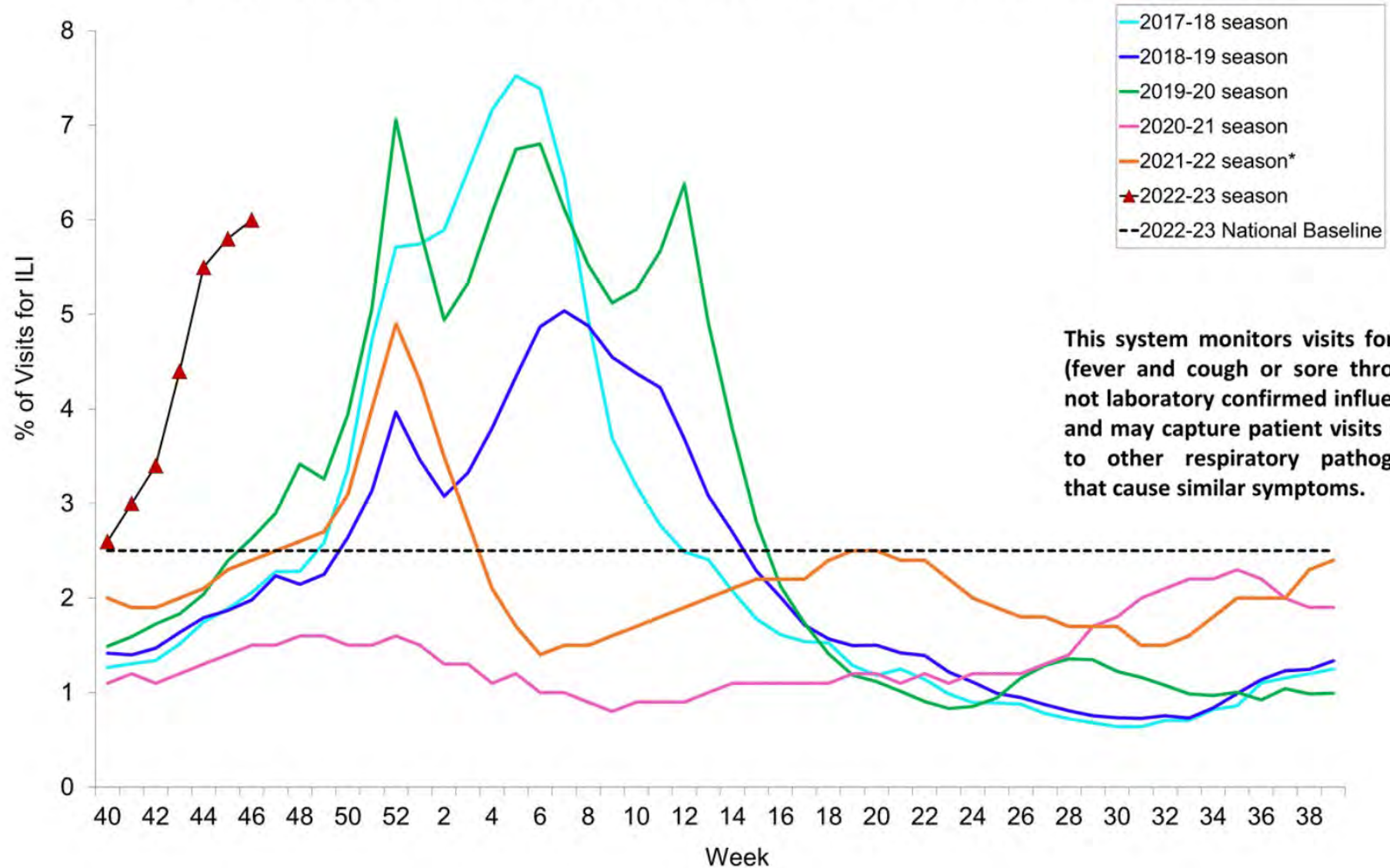
Influenza



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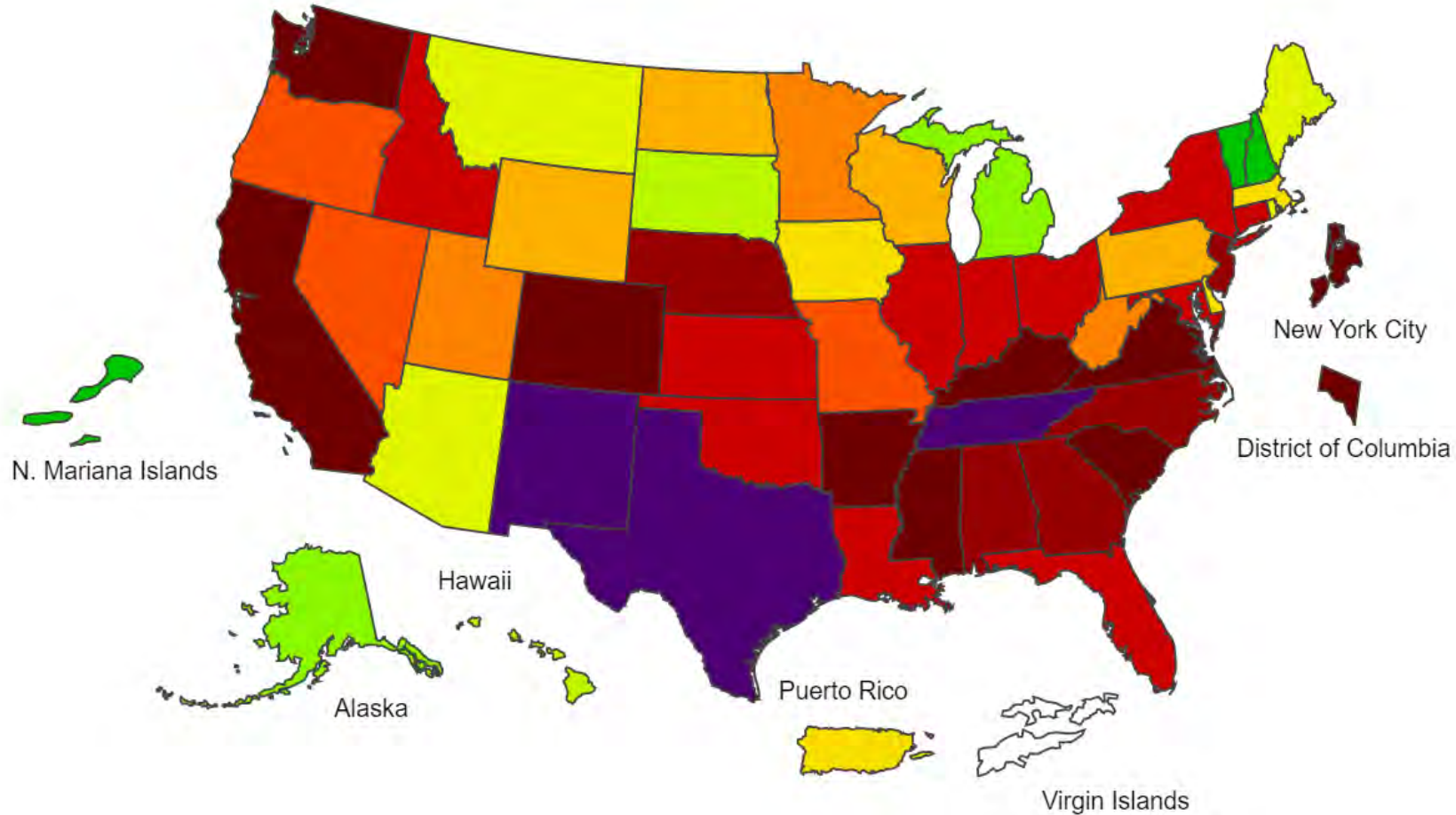
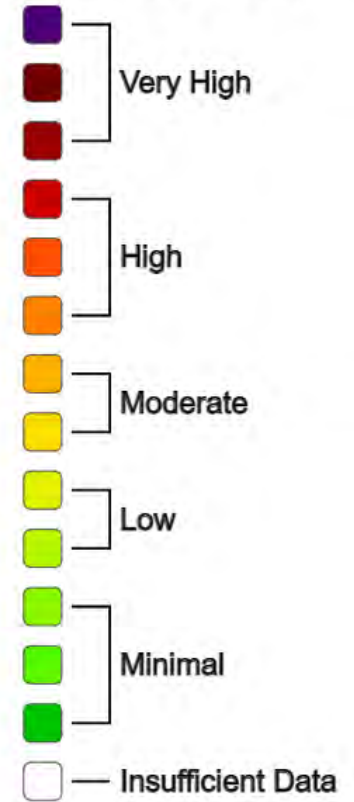
Percentage of Outpatient Visits for Respiratory Illness Reported By The U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), Weekly National Summary, 2022-2023* and Selected Previous Seasons



US Flu Activity

2022-23 Influenza Season Week 46 ending Nov 19, 2022

ILI Activity Level



Preliminary In-Season Burden Estimates, 2022-2023

CDC estimates* that, from **October 1, 2022** through **November 5, 2022**, there have been:

2,800,000 – 6,600,000
flu **illnesses**



1,400,000 – 3,300,000
flu **medical visits**



23,000 – 48,000
flu **hospitalizations**



1,300 – 3,600
flu **deaths**



*Because influenza surveillance does not capture all cases of flu that occur in the U.S., CDC provides these estimated ranges to better reflect the larger burden of influenza. These estimates are calculated based on data collected through CDC's Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Network (FluSurv-NET) and are **preliminary**.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/preliminary-in-season-estimates.htm>

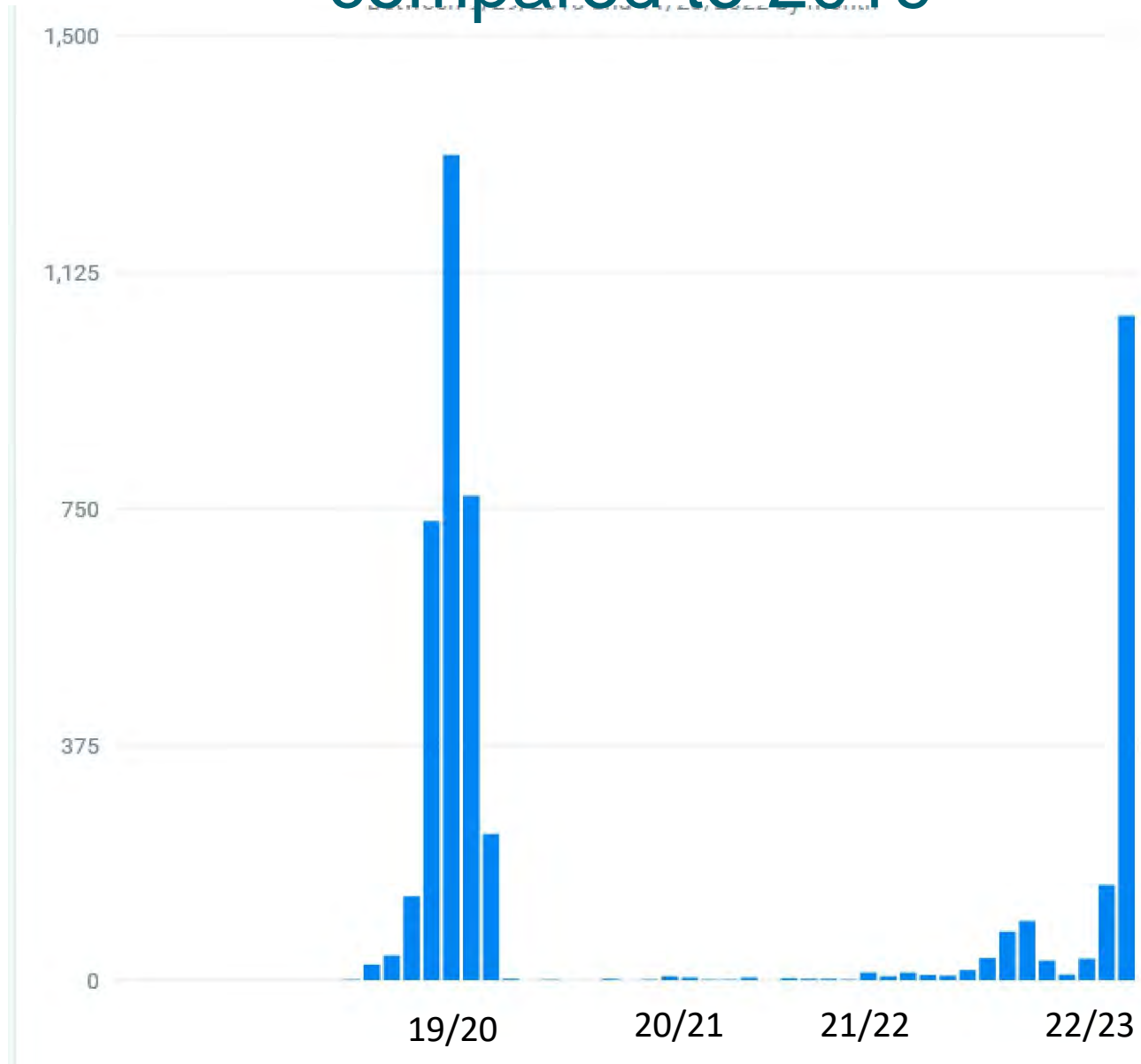
Percentage of Emergency Department Encounters Classified as Related to Influenza-Like Illness by Age October 2019 – October 2022



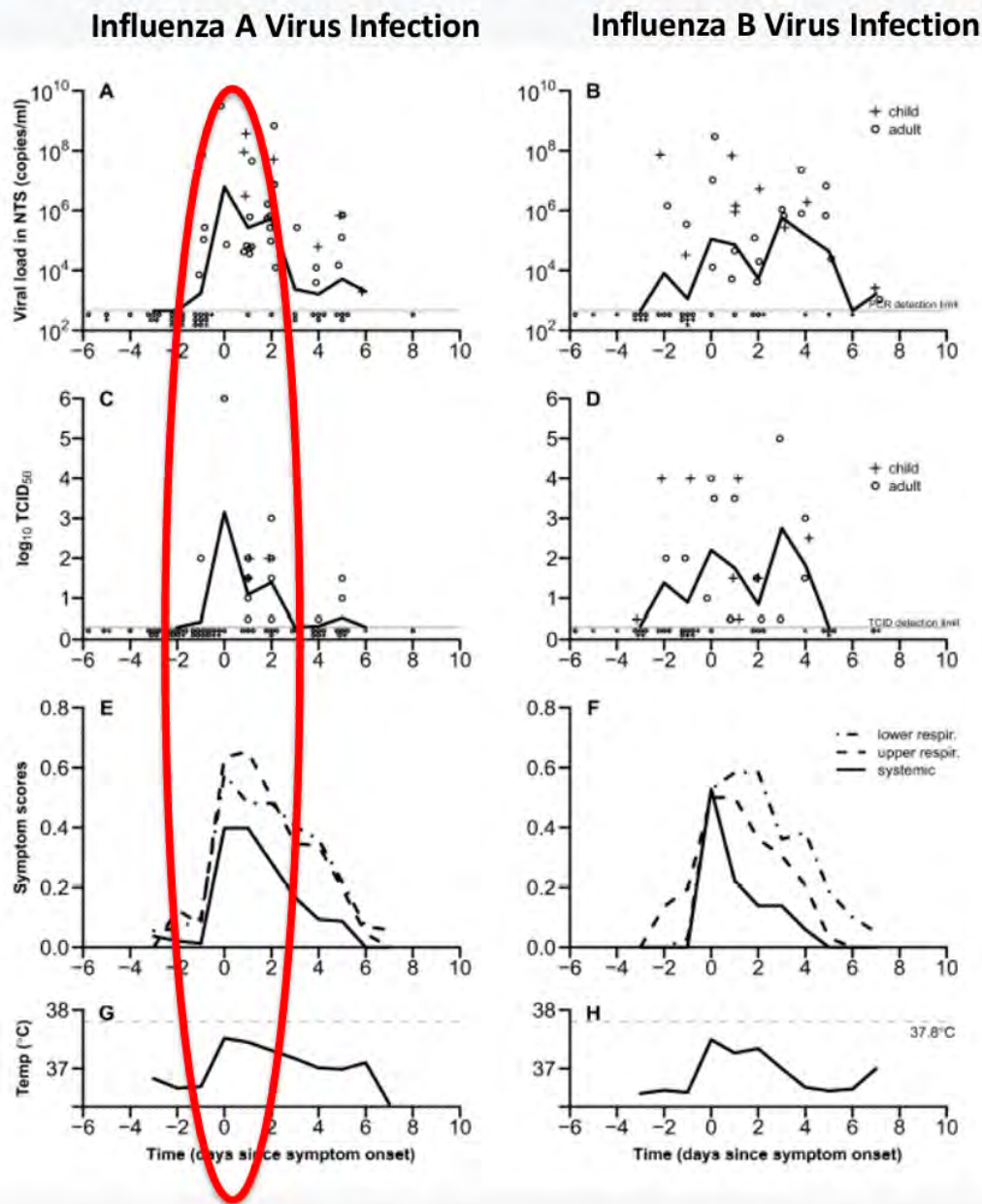
covid19.lacounty.gov

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+Rapid Flu Tests at AltaMed, starting 1 month earlier compared to 2019



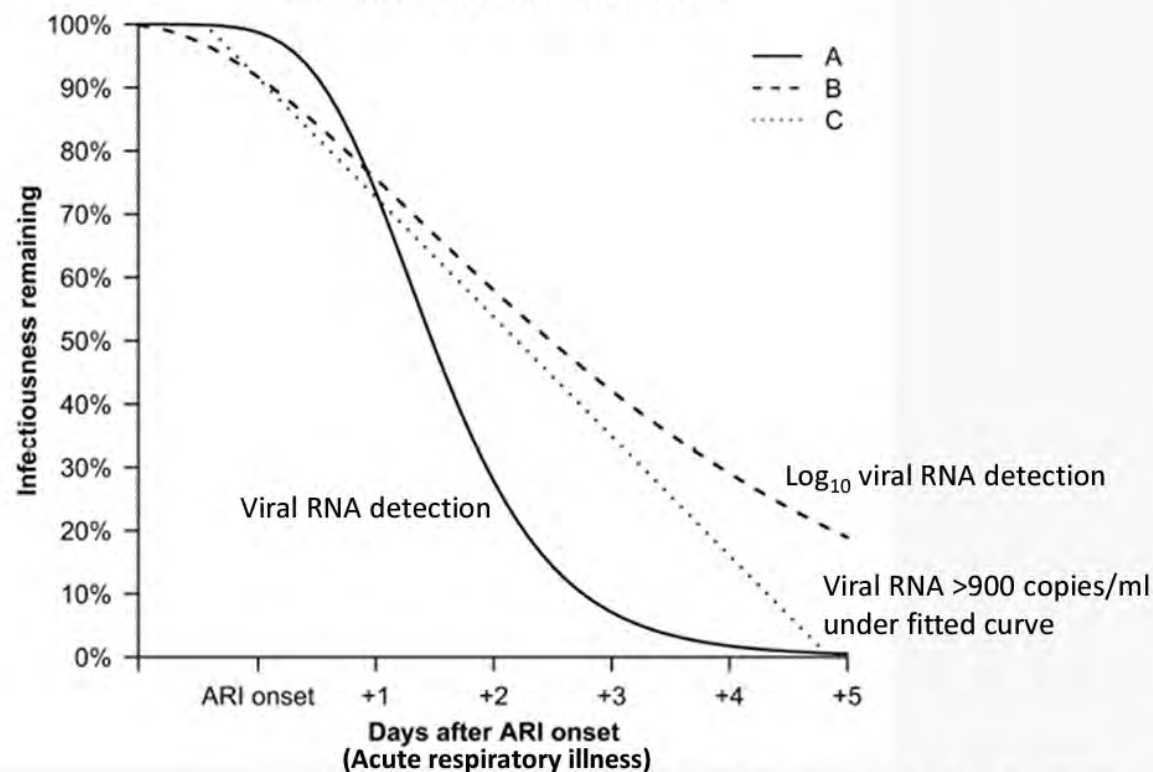
Influenza Viral Shedding Typically Peaks Within 24 Hours of Illness Onset



Influenza virus infection

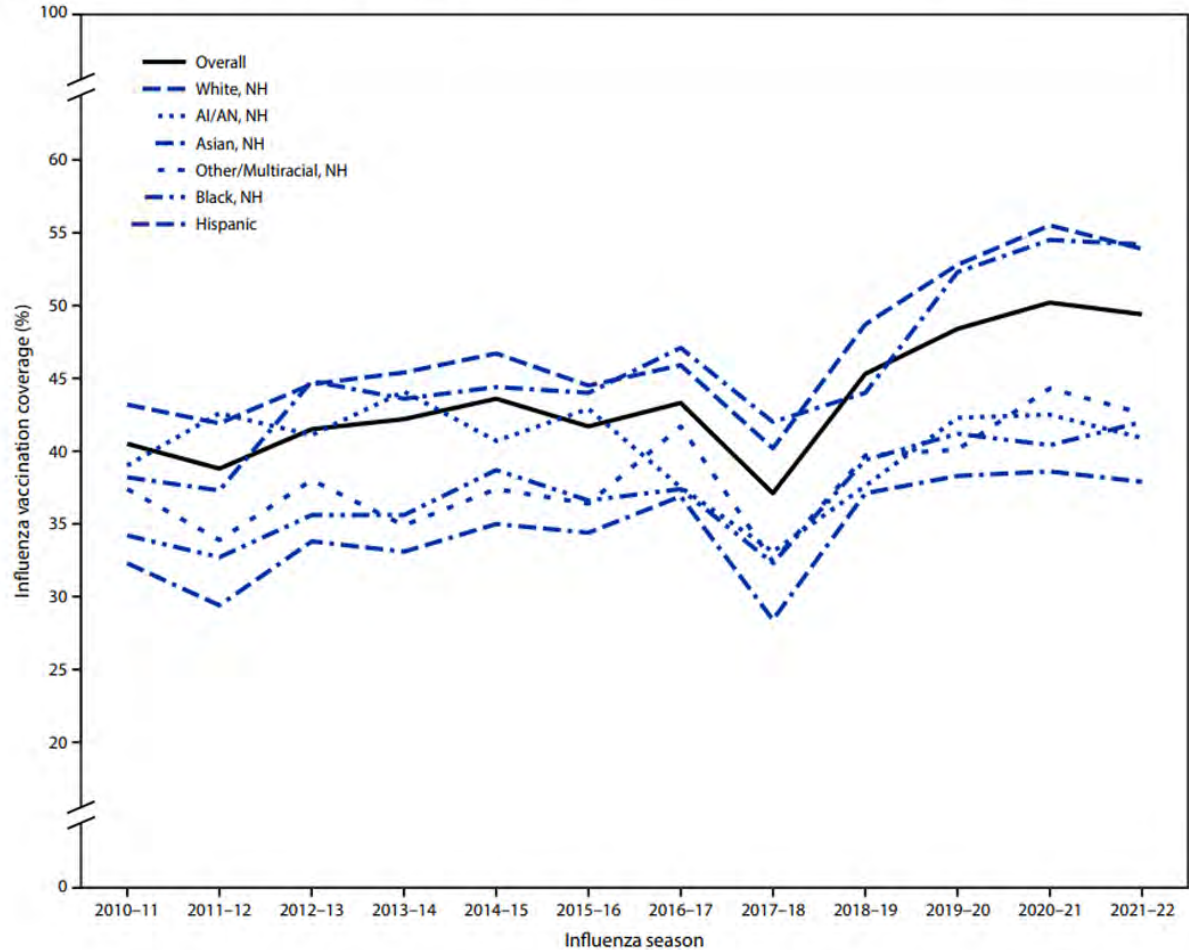
- Virus can be detected the day before illness onset, virus levels peak within 24 hours after onset
 - Highest infectious period is within 3 days after symptom onset
- Young children can be infectious for longer periods
- Critically ill patients might have longer influenza viral replication in the lower respiratory tract
- Severely immunocompromised persons can be infectious for weeks to months

Influenza viral RNA detection



Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Adult Influenza Vaccination Coverage, U.S.

FIGURE 3. Influenza vaccination coverage among adults aged ≥ 18 years, by race and ethnicity and influenza season — Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, United States, 2010–11 through 2021–22



Abbreviations: AI/AN = American Indian or Alaska Native; NH = non-Hispanic.

Black CL et al., MMWR October 28, 2022

Influenza Vaccination Coverage 2022-2023

- Influenza activity continues to increase while vaccine uptake is lagging according to CDC's FluVaxView.
 - So far this season, influenza vaccination coverage in adults and pregnant people is significantly lower compared to this time last season.
 - While influenza vaccination among children is similar to this time last season, coverage among children is down 6 percentage points from two years ago.
- The number of doses of influenza vaccine given in pharmacies and retail locations is similar to last season, but doses given in doctor's offices are down steeply.

Everyone 6 months and older should get the flu shot

Group below should definitely get the flu shot and treatment when needed

- Adults 65 years and older
- Children younger than 2 years old¹
- Asthma
- Neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions
- Blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease)
- Chronic lung disease (such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD] and cystic fibrosis)
- Endocrine disorders (such as diabetes mellitus)
- Heart disease (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)
- Kidney diseases
- Liver disorders
- Metabolic disorders (such as inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders)
- People who are obese with a body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher
- People younger than 19 years old on long-term aspirin- or salicylate-containing medications.
- People with a weakened immune system (HIV, chemo, chronic immune suppressing medications)
- People who have had a stroke
- Pregnant people and people up to 2 weeks after the end of pregnancy
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People from certain racial and ethnic minority groups are at increased risk for hospitalization with influenza, including non-Hispanic Black persons, Hispanic or Latino persons, and American Indian or Alaska Native persons

Influenza Testing and Specimen Source

- **Upper respiratory tract**
 - **Influenza viruses are generally detectable for 3-4 days by antigen detection; and 5-6 days by nucleic acid detection in uncomplicated disease, longer in infants and immunosuppressed**
 - ***Highest yield: Nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs (ideally collected within 3-4 days of illness onset)***
 - Other acceptable specimens: nasal swabs, NP aspirates, nasal aspirates, combined nasal and throat swabs
 - **Slower clearance of influenza viruses in severe disease**
 - **Influenza viral replication and RNA detection may be prolonged with corticosteroids, immunosuppression**
- **Lower respiratory tract**
 - **Higher, prolonged viral replication in severe lower respiratory tract (LRT) disease**
 - **Influenza viruses may be detectable in LRT specimens when cleared from the upper respiratory tract**
 - RT-PCR was negative in 10-19% of patients in upper respiratory tract specimens versus lower respiratory tract (BAL specimens) for influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viral RNA

Rello J et al., Crit Care 2009; Fleury H et al., Eurosurveillance 2009; Blyth CB et al., NEJM 2009

Influenza Testing Recommendations: Outpatients*

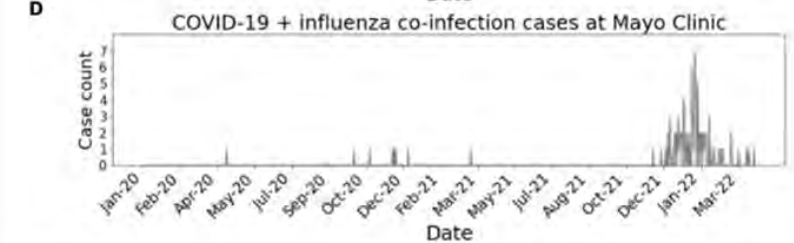
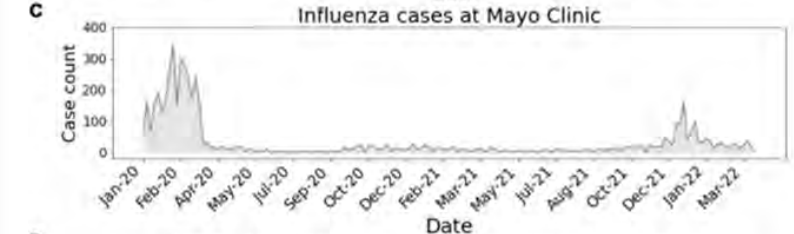
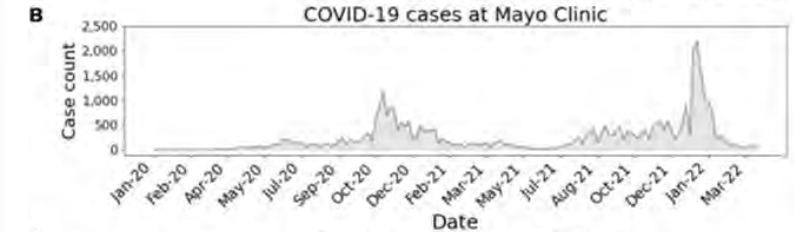
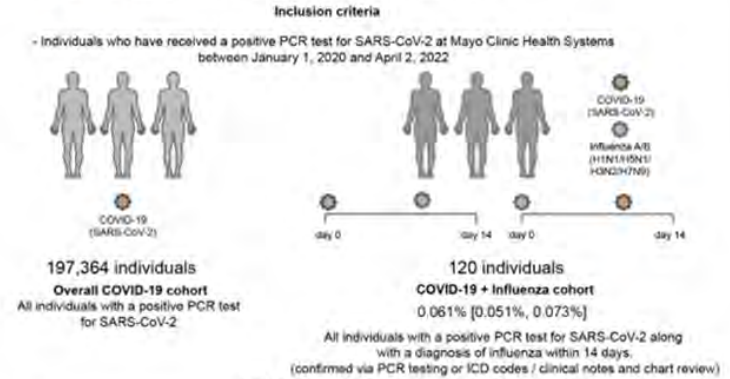
- **Which outpatients should be tested for influenza during influenza season?**
(Test if the results will influence clinical management)
 - **High-risk persons with influenza-like illness, pneumonia, non-specific acute respiratory illness**
 - **Patients with acute onset of respiratory symptoms and exacerbation of chronic medical conditions** (e.g. asthma, COPD, heart failure) or known influenza complications
 - **Consider testing for:**
 - **Persons not at high-risk for complications of influenza who present with acute respiratory illness** (*ILI, pneumonia, ARI without fever*) *if the results might change clinical management (support antiviral treatment, reduce unnecessary antibiotic use, reduce more diagnostic testing or time in the emergency department)*

*History of influenza vaccination does not exclude influenza

Co-circulation of Influenza Viruses and SARS-CoV-2

- **Co-infection with influenza A or B viruses and SARS-CoV-2 occurs**
 - Documented in case reports, case series
 - Frequency, severity, and risk factors unknown but frequency appears to be uncommon (may result in more severe disease)
- **Overlapping signs, symptoms, some differences**
 - Incubation period is usually shorter for influenza (1-3 days) than COVID-19 (2-5 days)
 - Viral shedding, period of viral RNA detection is generally shorter for influenza
 - Ageusia/dysgeusia, anosmia are more common with COVID-19 than influenza
 - Diarrhea can occur in young children with influenza; at any age with COVID-19
 - Onset of complications/severe disease is earlier with influenza
- **High-risk groups for influenza and COVID-19 are similar**
 - In addition, young children are at increased risk for influenza complications
- **Testing for influenza A/B and SARS-CoV-2 can help guide antiviral treatment in persons at high risk for complications and identify co-infections**

A Defining cohorts of COVID-19 and COVID-19 + Influenza cohorts



Beltran-Corellini A et al., *Eur J Neurology* 2020; Zayet S et al., *Microbes and Infect* 2020; Stowe J et al., *Int J Epidemiology* 2021; Pawlowski C et al., *PNAS Nexus* 2022

CDC Antiviral Treatment Recommendations

- Focused on prompt treatment of persons with severe disease and those at increased risk of influenza complications
- Antiviral treatment is **recommended as soon as possible** for any patient with confirmed or suspected influenza who is:
 - Hospitalized (without waiting for testing results)
 - Outpatients with complicated or progressive illness of any duration
 - Outpatients who are at high risk for influenza complications
- Antiviral treatment can be considered for any previously healthy, non-high-risk outpatient with confirmed or suspected influenza (e.g. with influenza-like illness) on the basis of clinical judgment, if treatment can be initiated within 48 hours of illness onset; including empiric treatment (e.g. in-person visit or via telemedicine)

Flu Prevention, Testing and Treatment

• Flu Prevention

- Get your flu shot—everybody get their flu shot (give the gift of herd protection)
- Wear a mask when indoors
- Wash your hands, especially after touching communal surfaces or shaking hands
- Avoid shaking hands with people, hugging and kissing
- Oseltamivir 75qday for prophylaxis of high risk patients w/in 48hrs

• Flu Testing

- Fever, sudden fatigue, headache, bad cough, muscle aches, malaise, sore throat, sometimes GI sx or earache
- Rapid testing available in clinic for Flu A and B

• Flu Treatment

- Oseltamivir wt based for kids, 75mg po bid for adults
- Kids <2 and people at high risk of severe flu disease should get treated
- Ideally within 48 hours of sx but for people below give ASAP:
 - <2, >65, chronic lung, heart, metabolic conditions, immune compromised, pregnant and within 2 wks post partum
- They need to isolate like COVID



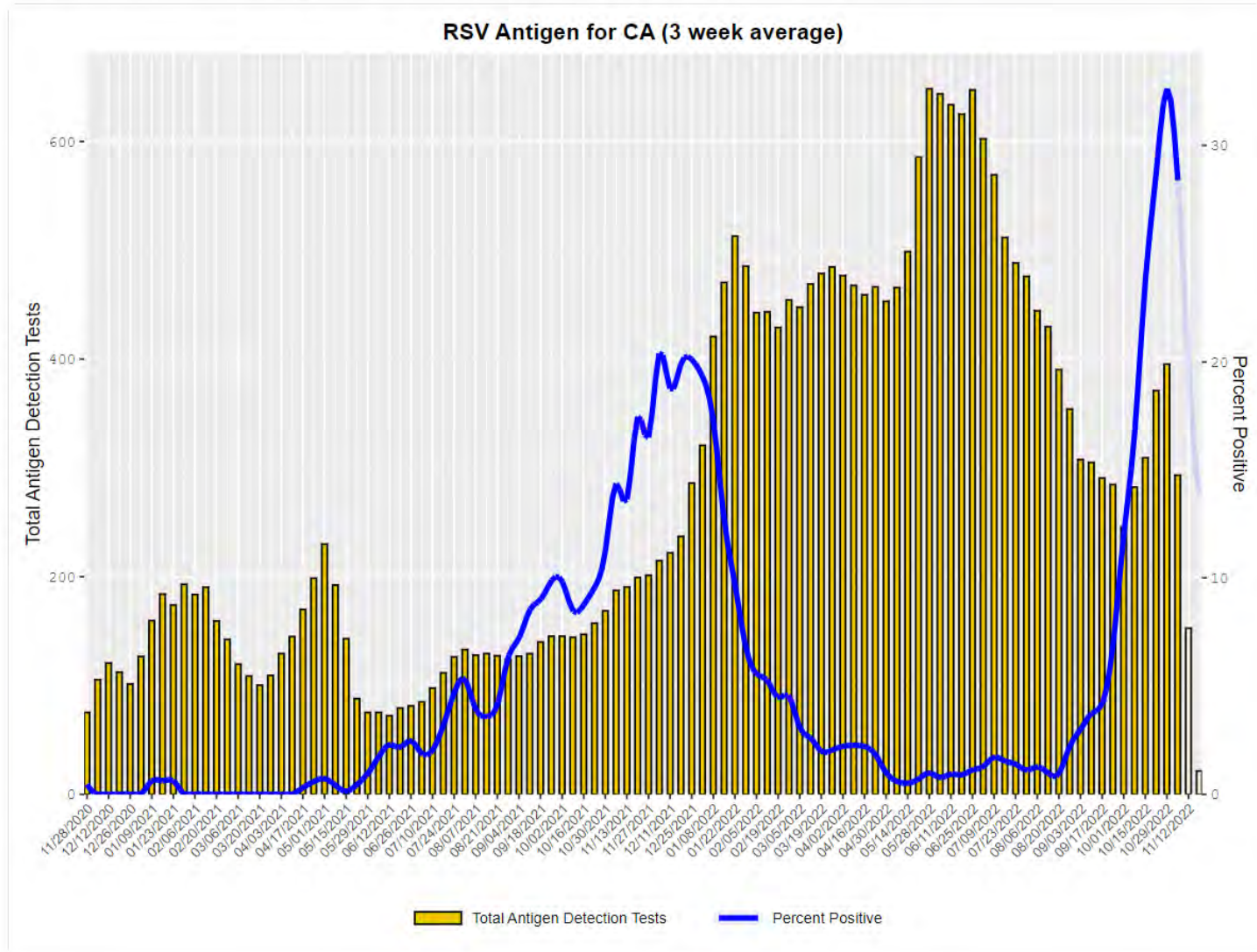
RSV



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RSV Testing

Total Antigen Tests



CAHAN Advisory on RSV

The California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) has issued a health advisory on early Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) activity and the use of palivizumab.

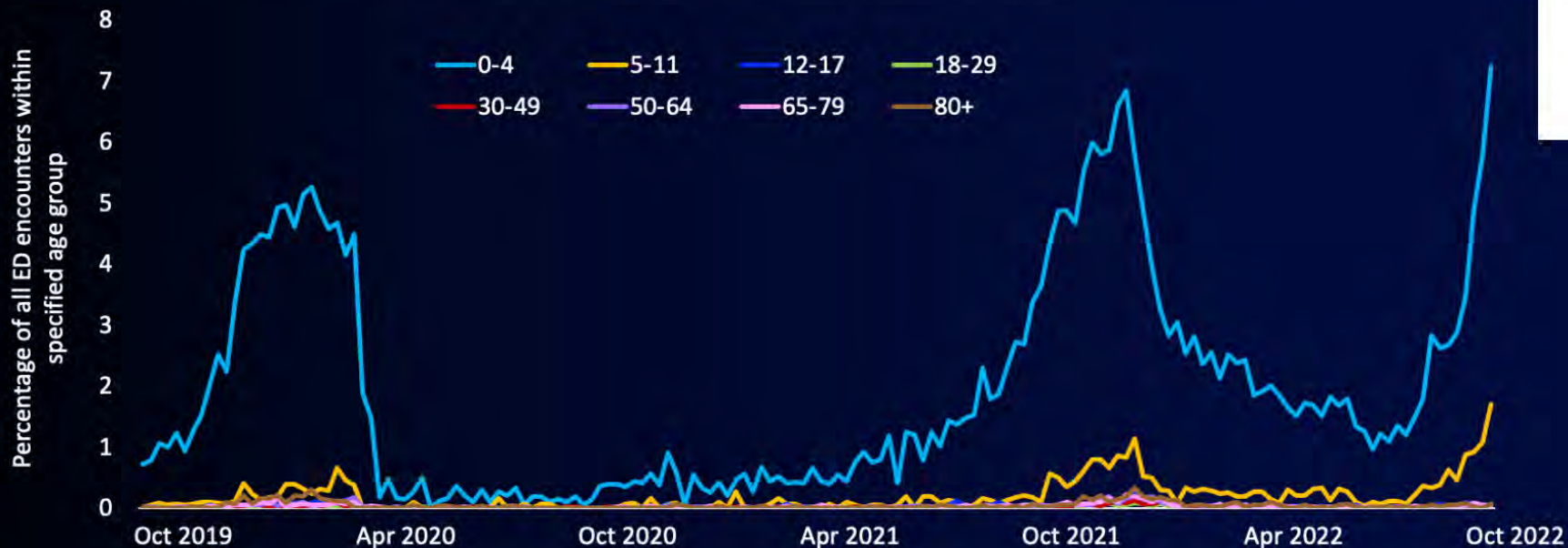
Key messages:

- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity is increasing in California.
- Consider testing for additional respiratory pathogens besides SARS-CoV-2, including RSV.
- Administer prophylactic palivizumab to high-risk infants and young children per AAP guidance.
- Encourage parents and caregivers to keep young children with acute respiratory illnesses out of childcare, even if they have tested negative for SARS-CoV-2.
- Discourage health care personnel, childcare providers, and staff of long-term care facilities from working while acutely ill, even if they have tested negative for SARS-CoV-2.
- Encourage patients to receive influenza and COVID-19 vaccines this fall to protect themselves against those respiratory viruses this season.

For more information:

- See the [CAHAN health advisory on RSV](#) for more details.
- [Updated Guidance: Use of Palivizumab Prophylaxis to Prevent Hospitalization From Severe Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection During the 2022-2023 RSV Season \(aap.org\)](#)
- [RSV \(Respiratory Syncytial Virus\) | CDC](#)

Percentage of Emergency Department Encounters Classified as Related to RSV or Acute Bronchiolitis by Age October 2019 – October 2022



RSV Prevention, Testing And Treatment

- **RSV spread by droplets and contact**
 - Masks and hand hygiene can work well
 - Avoid kissing and hugging, avoid sharing beverages/food
 - Palivixumab (Synagis) FDA approved for prophylaxis is high risk infants (premature or heart lung conditions)
 - Monthly injections in the clinic, BPA alert to help providers order
 - Protect those babies and older individuals
- **Rapid RSV testing in clinic**
 - Consider testing to change management (such as closer monitoring)
 - Most sensitive in young children less than 6, standing order for those 6mo-2yrs
 - Infants less than 6mo and kids with difficulty clearing their airway are at the highest risk of complications/morbidity/mortality
- **Treatment for RSV**
 - Typically children are sick enough to need admission
 - Ribavirin or Paliviximab inpatient
 - Infected need to isolate similar to COVID

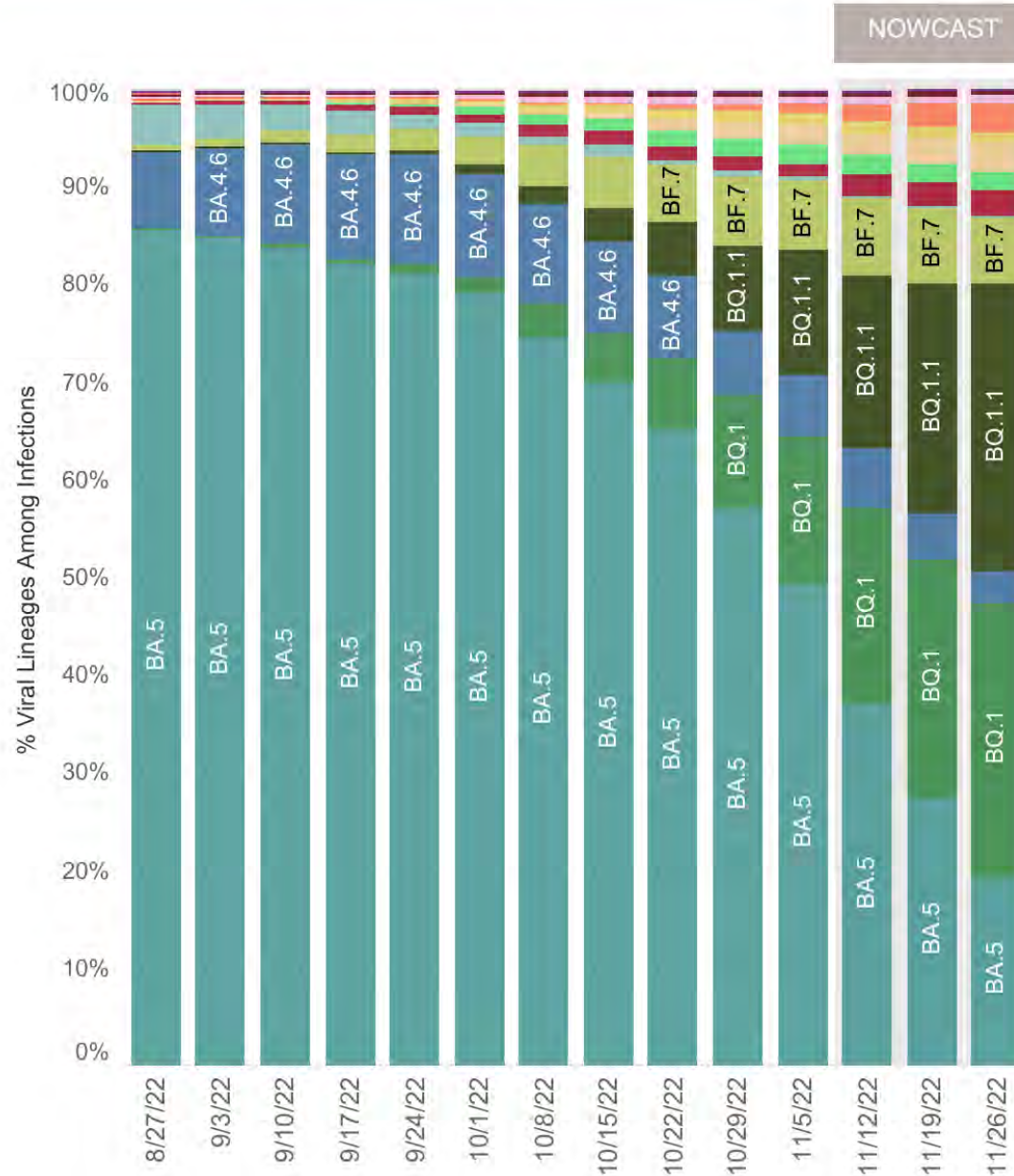
COVID-19



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United States: 8/21/2022 – 11/26/2022

United States: 11/20/2022 – 11/26/2022 NOWCAST



USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	BQ.1.1	VOC	29.4%	27.0-31.9%
	BQ.1	VOC	27.9%	25.5-30.5%
	BA.5	VOC	19.4%	17.1-21.9%
	BF.7	VOC	7.0%	6.2-8.0%
	BA.4.6	VOC	3.3%	2.9-3.8%
	XBB	VOC	3.1%	1.5-6.0%
	BN.1	VOC	2.9%	2.3-3.8%
	BA.2.75	VOC	2.6%	2.0-3.5%
	BA.5.2.6	VOC	1.8%	1.5-2.2%
	BF.11	VOC	1.1%	0.8-1.4%
	BA.2	VOC	0.8%	0.5-1.1%
	BA.2.75.2	VOC	0.6%	0.4-0.7%
	BA.4	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.1%
	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%	
Delta	B.1.617.2	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.1%	0.0-0.1%

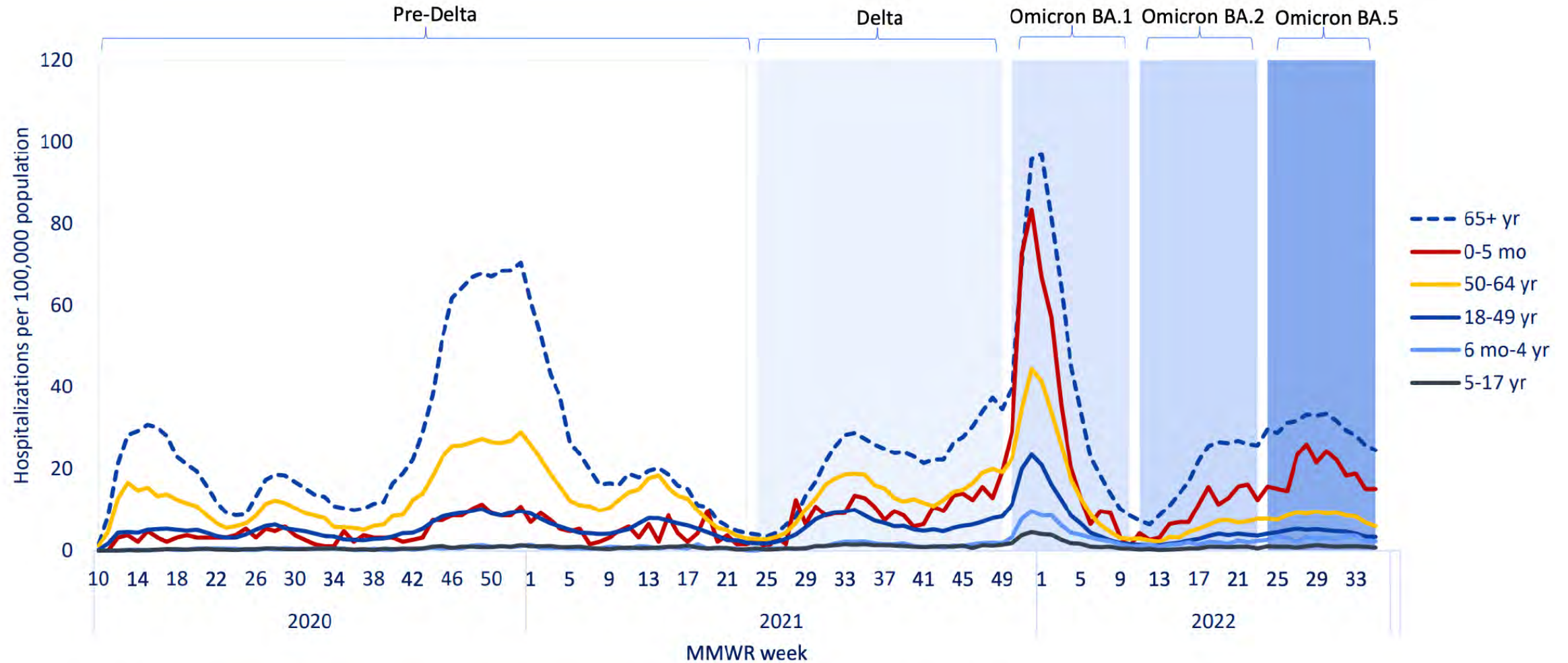
* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.

** 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, BN.1, XBB and their sublineages, BA.2 sublineages are aggregated with BA.2. Except BA.4.6, sublineages of BA.4 are



COVID-19-associated hospitalizations by age group, COVID-NET, March 1, 2020 – September 10, 2022



Source: COVID-NET, https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19_3.html. Accessed October 1, 2022.

COVID-NET hospitalization data are preliminary and subject to change as more data become available.

Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to COVID-19 per 100K November 24, 2022

		Mortality Rate
Los Angeles County Total		311
Race/Ethnicity	Asian	212
	Black/African American	333
	Hispanic/Latino	473
	White	196
Area Poverty	<10% area poverty	186
	10% to <20% area poverty	321
	20% to <30% area poverty	414
	30% to 100% area poverty	551

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COVID Test Results – Patient Dashboard

Positivity Rate Increasing AND high demand for testing

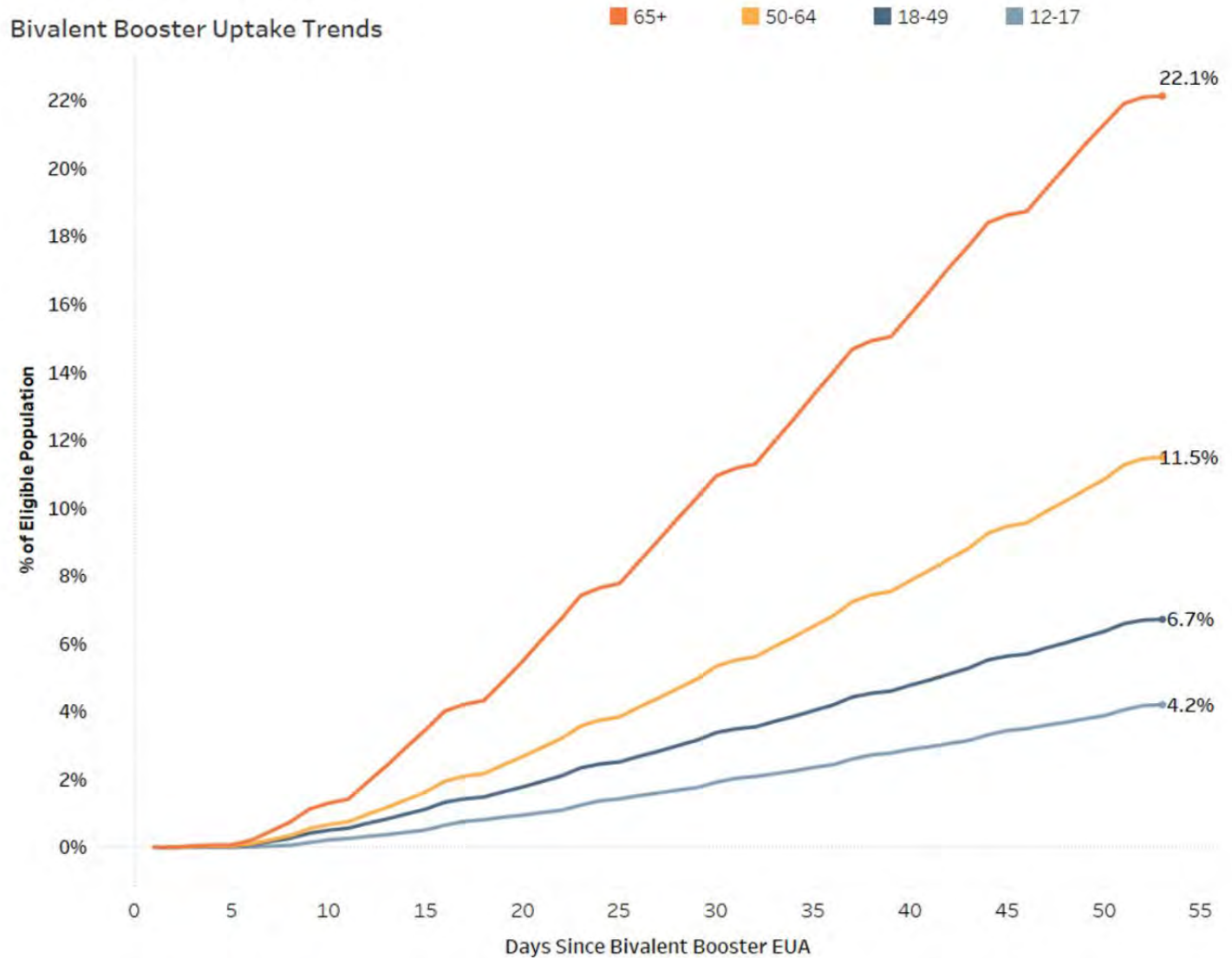


Boosters Uptake Trends

as of October 24, 2022

- Faster uptake among eligible 65+ population compared to other age groups
- Of all bivalent booster doses, 67% have gone to 50+ population

Bivalent Booster Uptake Trends



COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULES

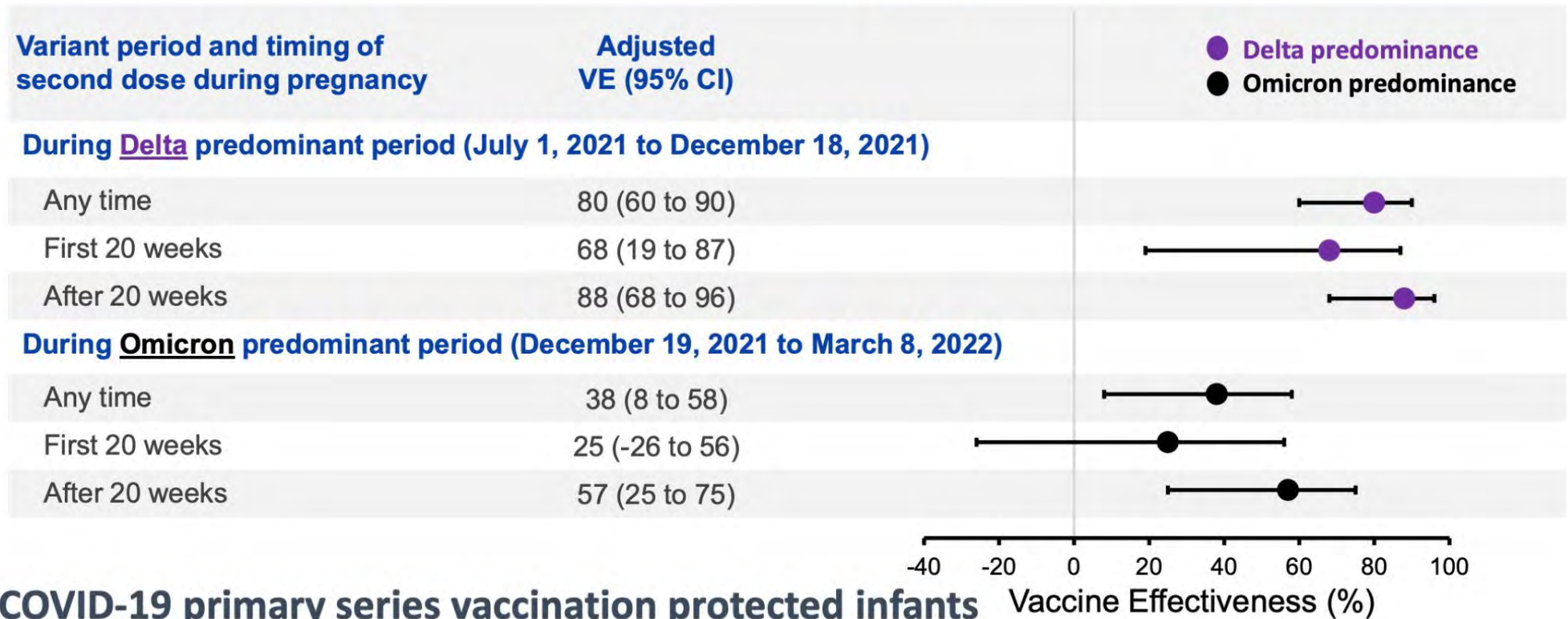
Immunocompromised Children Ages 6 months – 11 years

Age	Vaccine	Primary Series	Updated Booster
6 months - 4 years	Pfizer		Booster not currently recommended
6 months - 4 years	Moderna		Booster not currently recommended
5-11 years	Pfizer		<p>Children age 5 get the Pfizer booster. Children ages 6+ get either Moderna or Pfizer booster.</p>
5-11 years	Moderna		

*The updated booster is recommended at least 2 months after the last COVID-19 vaccine (either the final primary series dose or last booster).

- **COVID vaccine dosage is based on age on the day of vaccination, not on size or weight.** Children ages 11 and under get a lower dose of vaccine than teens and adults. For more information, see the CDC webpage, [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters](#).
- **COVID-19 vaccines and other routine childhood vaccines can be given at the same visit.**
- **If your child already had COVID-19, they should still get vaccinated.** Wait until they have recovered (if they had symptoms) and finished isolation to get any vaccine, including a COVID-19 vaccine dose. If they recently had COVID-19, you may consider delaying a COVID-19 vaccine dose (primary series or booster) by 3 months from when their symptoms started or when they first had a positive test (if they didn't have any symptoms).
- **For more information,** see the CDC webpage, [COVID-19 Vaccines for People who are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised](#).

Overcoming COVID-19: Effectiveness of maternal monovalent mRNA primary series in prevention of hospitalization among infants ages 0-5 months by variant period and timing of vaccination during pregnancy



- Maternal COVID-19 primary series vaccination protected infants ages 0-5 months from hospitalization for COVID-19
- Protection was lower during Omicron than Delta predominance

Halasa et al. Maternal Vaccination and Risk of Hospitalization for Covid-19 among Infants. N Engl J Med. 2022 Jul 14;387(2):109-119. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2204399. Epub 2022 Jun 22. PMID: 35731008; PMCID: PMC9242588

COVID vaccine during pregnancy

- COVID-19 can cause severe disease in pregnant people and infants.
- COVID-19 vaccination of pregnant people is safe for pregnant people and infants.
- Maternal monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccination protects pregnant people and infants ages 0-5 months from COVID-19, including from severe disease and hospitalization.
- Monovalent vaccine effectiveness was lower during Omicron predominance, when there was mismatch between the vaccine and predominant circulating variant.
- Everyone, including people who are pregnant, trying to become pregnant, may become pregnant, and who are breastfeeding, should stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get the recommended updated (bivalent) booster, when eligible

Small molecule antivirals anticipated to be active against new variants

	1) Nirmatrelvir/r	2) Remdesivir	3) Molnupiravir
Efficacy (prevention hospitalization or death)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relative risk reduction: 88% • Absolute risk: 6.3%→0.8% • NNT: 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relative risk reduction: 87% • Absolute risk: 5.3%→0.7% • NNT: 22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relative risk reduction: 30% • Absolute risk: 9.7%→6.8% • NNT: 35
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly efficacious • Oral regimen • Ritonavir studied (safe) in pregnancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly efficacious • Studied in pregnancy • Few/no drug interactions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral regimen • Not anticipated to have drug interactions
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug drug interactions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires IV infusion on 3 consecutive days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower efficacy • Concern: mutagenicity • Not recommended in pregnancy/children

Modified from Table in Gandhi RT, Malani P, del Rio C, JAMA, Jan 14, 2022

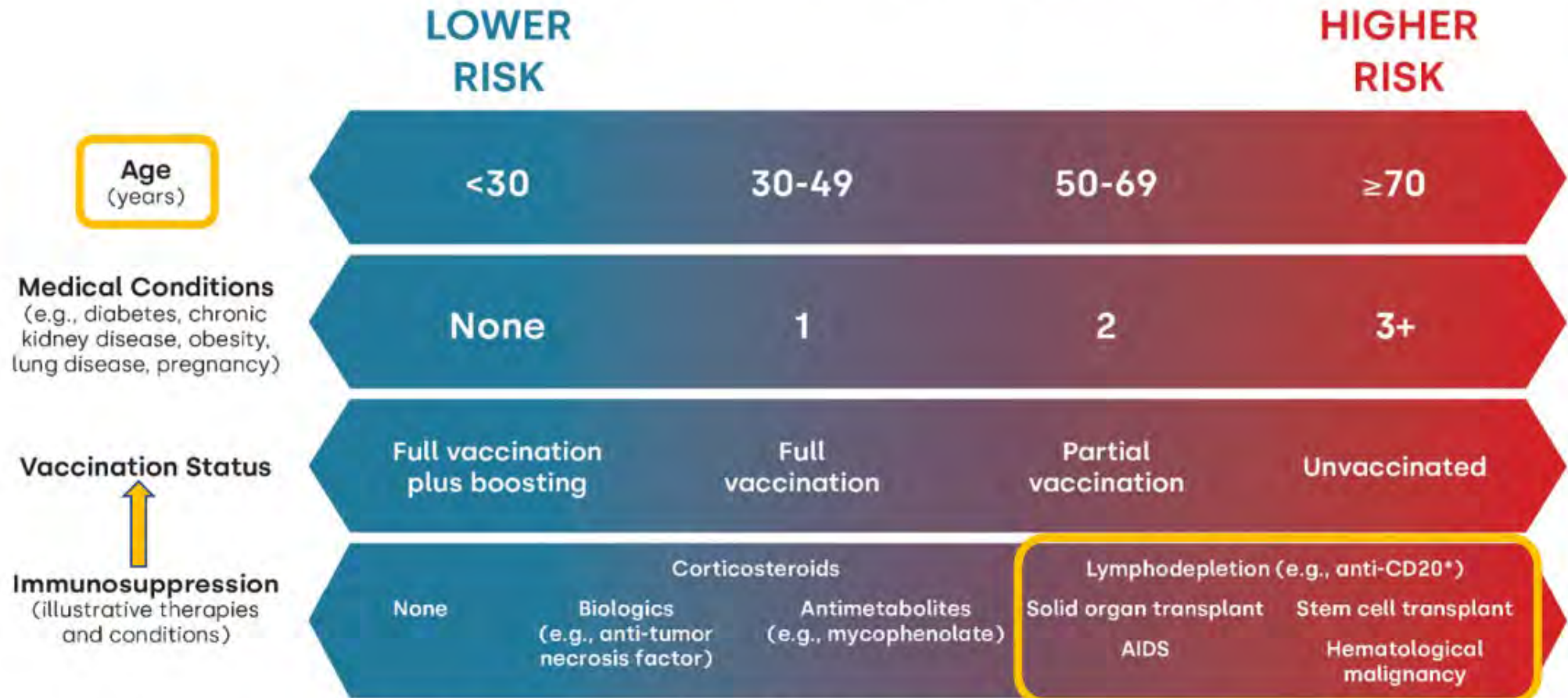
Choosing the Right Antiviral

FDA Fact Sheets
 NIH Treatment Guidelines
 Solera et al., AJT 2022
 Hedvat et al., AJT 2022
 Radcliffe et al., AJT 2022

	Route	Effectiveness*	Patient Considerations	Major Issues	Other Notes
Remdesivir (Veklury®)	IV 3 days, daily	+++	Mild-mod transaminase ↑ common (inpt 5- 10 dy course)	Logistics	FDA-approved, inc for infants >28 days ≤7 days of sx onset
Nirmatrelvir/ Ritonavir (Paxlovid™)	Oral 5 days, twice daily	+++	Not recommended for Child C liver disease or GFR<30	Drug-drug interactions	½ dose N if GFR 30-59 ≤5 days of sx onset GI AE, rebound?
Molnupiravir (Lagevrio™)	Oral 5 days, twice daily	+	No dose change for renal or liver disease	Lower effectiveness	?Mutagenicity ≠<18yr; + contraception ≤5 days of sx onset

*Effectiveness data in immunocompromised persons consist primarily of case series

COVID-19 Risk Continuum



Sociodemographic factors and non-pharmaceutical interventions affect exposure risk

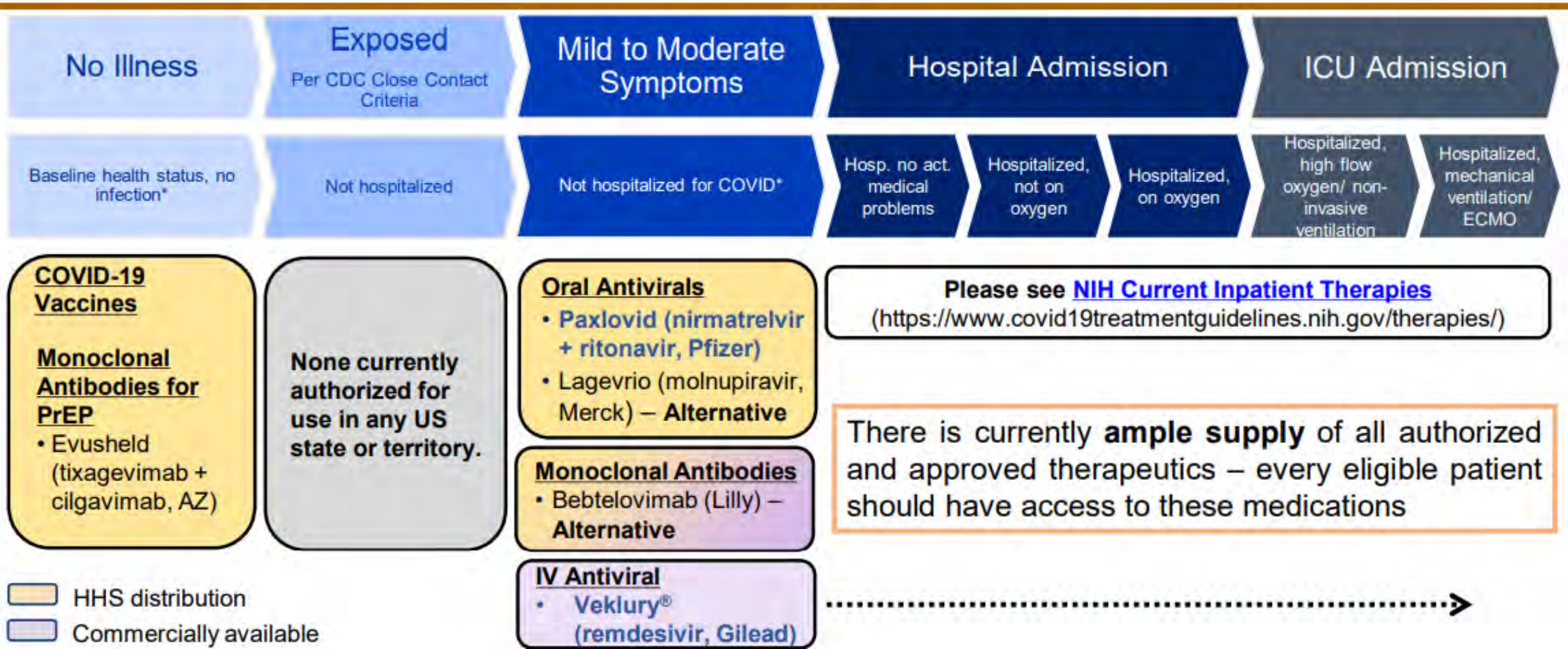
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Summary of COVID-19 Preventative Agents & Outpatient Treatments



COVID-19

- **COVID-19 Prevention**

- Up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccine
- Masking indoors and in crowded spaces
- Wash hands frequently, avoid kissing, hugging, shaking hands, sharing food
- Increase ventilation/filtration
- Evushield not recommended at this time due to variants circulating and resistance.

- **COVID-19 Testing**

- Have antigen tests at home
- Repeated Tests if any symptoms or if exposed to COVID-19, prior to gatherings and post crowded gatherings
- Rapid tests available at AltaMed, automatically reported +
- PCR tests available at AltaMed, no need to report + unless hospitalized or death from COVID-19

- **COVID-19 Treatment**

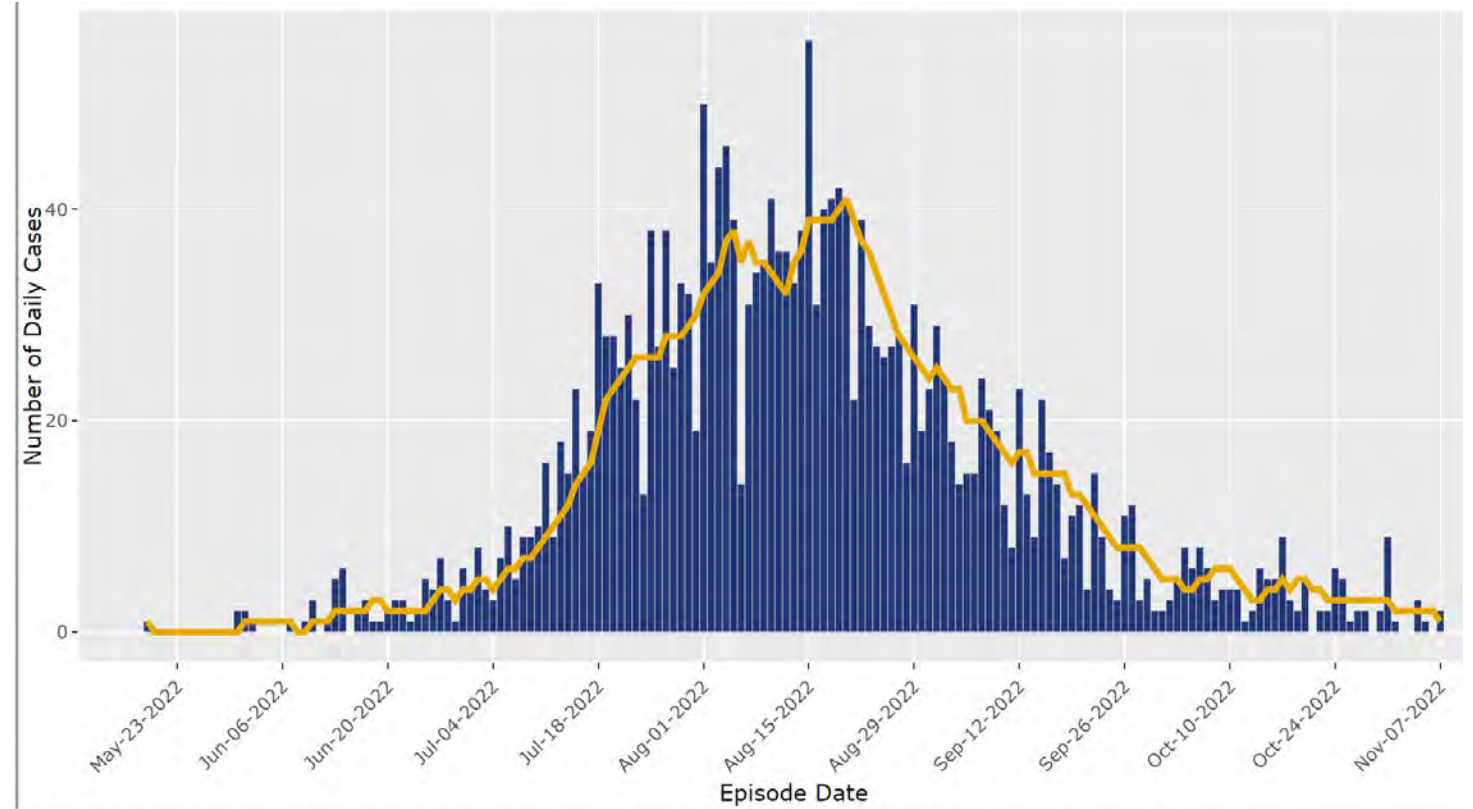
- Paxlovid #1 treatment, must be given within 5 days of treatment
- Everyone should have a treatment plan
- Making Test to Treat Program even more robust this year

MPOX



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- MPOX cases have declined since Mid Aug 2022
- New cases including clinically severe cases continue to occur
- 96% of overall cases identify as male, 76% reported identifying as gay, lesbian or bisexual
- TpoX resistance has been rarely reported in 2 patients with prolonged severe disease and treatment
- Only about 50% of patient that rec'd their 1st MPOX vaccine have rec'd their second dose



Episode date is defined as the earliest existing value of: Date of Onset, Date of Diagnosis, Date of Death, Date Received, Specimen Collection Date.

Updated Vaccine Eligibility

Updated: October 28, 2022

MPOX vaccine will be available to residents who self-attest to being in the following groups:

- (UPDATE) Any man or transgender person who has sex with men or transgender persons
- (UPDATE) Persons of any gender or sexual orientation who engage in commercial and/or transactional sex or have sex in association with a large public event
- Persons living with HIV, especially persons with uncontrolled or advanced HIV disease
- Persons who had skin-to-skin or intimate contact with someone with suspected or confirmed MPOX, including those who have not yet been confirmed by Public Health
- Sexual partners of people in any of the above groups
- People who anticipate being in any of the above groups

NOTE: When self-attesting to eligibility, you **do not** have to disclose which group(s) you are attesting to being part of.

Update Regarding MPOX Vaccine Admin

- **Patients may opt to receive vaccine subQ instead of intradermal if they are concerned for keloid or excessive scarring**
- **Need to continue to keep track of vaccines administered and wasted to report to DPH**

Remember to Protect Yourself and Patients

- **Any patients coming in with rash, STD concerns, concerns for MPOX, rectal pain, fever, flu like illness, stomach flu, diarrhea needs to be isolated**
- **All staff need to wear a face shield and mask with every patient (anyone in isolation you should wear an N95 mask, gown and gloves)**
- **When rooming a patient protect your skin and clothes from touching patients skin (wear gloves)**
- **If a patient discloses any concerning URI/Flu/Rash Like Symptoms, excuse yourself and put on gown, gloves in addition to face shield and N95 mask**
- **Per CDC and CDPH, we shouldn't be unroofing skin lesions for samples as it increases risk of exposure**

MPOX Workflow For Diagnosis

Patient Presents

- Isolation Precautions (may be presenting with proctitis or STD sx)
- Contact Infection Prevention Dr. Brown or Darlene Dickens-Jeffers
- MPOX Testing

Positive Test

- Contact patient go over isolation recommendations
- Report to Department of Health
- Report to Infection Prevention Darlene Dickens-Jeffers (email ok with situation/pt info)
- Refer to DVL provider for visit Televideo or F2F (can go through PSC or send message to Rina Lara or Michelle Jaramillo-Chavez) if you think they may need treatment

Treatment*

- SHOULD ONLY PRESCRIBED BY DVL PROVIDER
- DVL will follow the patient if needing treatment
- Any pediatric cases should be immediately reported to Dr. Sherrill Brown and Dr. Yvonne Gutierrez via email or text. They will need to be referred to a pediatric provider that can prescribe Tpoxx.

MPOX Specimen Collection Update

- **The CDC published an update regarding specimen collection, for the MPOX specimens from the CDC, on September 20, 2022.**
- **The guidance states wet or dry specimens are acceptable, depending on the laboratory.**
- **Quest Diagnostics has updated the specimen collection guidelines, which allow a wet specimen to be submitted.**
- **For Quest, VCM tubes can be used and the specimen swab tip shall be placed in the medium. Please follow specimen storage guidelines.**
- **No longer recommending unroofing lesions for testing. Just vigorous swabbing.**

Responding to a Positive Test

- **Document the call from quest in the EMR.**
- **Ideally same day televisit will be added to the ordering provider**
If not the ordering provider, same day visit for available provider and that visit provider should complete the below workflow
- **Provider call to notify the patient and go over isolation instructions for staying at home.**
Public Health Instructions: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/MPOX/resources.htm#reduce>
- **Patients must continue to isolate until all lesions have fallen off and healthy pink skin shows underneath. May be hypopigmented**
- **Let them know that public health will call them and to answer phone**
- **Get additional details about patient's infection, severity, how many lesions and locations, possible exposures to other family members. Note how they could have been exposed**

Responding to a Positive Test Part 2

- **Notify public health (LA county online form, other counties call them)**

Info for LA County or Pasadena

<https://dphredcap.ph.lacounty.gov/surveys/?s=DMRYFCC3TM>

Info for Orange County

<https://www.ochealthinfo.com/MPOX>

Info for Long Beach

[Confidential Morbidity Report](#) (CMR) and fax with laboratory results to 562.570.4374 or send by secure email to LBEpi@longbeach.gov.

- **If you are not the ordering provider, send a secure message via EPIC to the ordering provider so they are aware. Notify Darlene Dickens-Jeffers in infection prevention, this can be in an email with all the pertinent details, patients name and MRN.**

She will conduct exposure investigation.

- **Have the patient scheduled for a follow up televideo visit 3-5 days later to check in with DVL Commerce or Anaheim if treatment may be indicated.**

Unless the patient is having severe symptoms then schedule an immediate tele visit with next available DVL provider. Rina Lara and Michelle Jaramillo-Chavez DVL Front Office can assist with getting patient scheduled. Secure message them with info and they will call to schedule patient.

Putting It All Together



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Putting it Together for Holiday Gatherings

- **Avoid getting sick at baseline**
 - Get vaccinated (flu vaccine, updated COVID booster, Tdap, Pneumococcal vaccine, be up-to-date)
 - Wear your mask indoors & outside of your home (also kids while indoors at school)
 - Wash your hands for the full 20 seconds, carry hand sanitizer
 - Avoid shaking hands, kissing and hugging (elbow bumps)
- **Test before you go**
 - Test (at a minimum) the day of your event, consider also 2 days ahead as well
 - Stay home if you are feeling ill (Buy your Secret Santa gift early just in case, FaceTime in, binge watch a cool show)
 - No COVID or flu but can't get out of gathering, wear a mask around everyone and don't hug, kiss or shake hands
- **Protect those at risk**
 - Babies, especially <6months old. Keep them at home and or away from hugging kissing relatives
 - Older adults, recommend mask usage, vaccines, hand hygiene
 - Improve ventilation/filtration, decrease crowding indoors
 - If someone gets sick, have a plan for testing and treatment ASAP

Thank you.

Sherrill Brown, MD

Medical Director of Infection Prevention

Darlene Dickens-Jeffers, MSN-Ed, RN, PHN, IP, CIC

Director of Infection Prevention



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Appendix



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COVID-19 Vaccine Update November 2022

COVID-19 Pediatric Bivalent Boosters (5-11 years of age)



On October 12th the FDA approved EAUs for pediatric bivalent boosters and the CDC quickly followed with approval and recommendations for use of:

- Pfizer for 5-11 years of age (dose 0.2ml)
- Moderna for 6-11 years of age (dose 0.25ml)

Bivalent Boosters aka Updated Boosters



*People ages 5 years and older are recommended to receive 1 age-appropriate bivalent mRNA booster dose after completion of any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series or previously received monovalent booster dose(s). This means mixing and matching of bivalent boosters is permitted for patients ages 6+. *Patient's 5 years of age, prior to 6th birthday can ONLY receive Pfizer(5-11yo) booster **

- Can be administered at least 2 months after either completion of the primary series or last monovalent booster dose.
- This new booster recommendation replaces all prior booster recommendations for this age group.
- Monovalent mRNA vaccines are no longer authorized as a booster dose for people ages 5 years and older.
- Only monovalent vaccines are approved or authorized for primary series doses.

COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Available at AltaMed Health Services Clinic

Primary Series Vaccines:

- Pfizer Orange Cap Monovalent Pediatric Vaccines for Patients 5-11 years of age
- Pfizer Gray Cap Monovalent Vaccines for Patients 12 years and older

- Moderna Magenta Border Monovalent Vaccines for patients 6 months to 5 years
- Moderna Purple Border Monovalent Vaccines for patients 6-11 years
- Moderna (Red Cap) Light Blue Border Monovalent Vaccines for patients 18 years and older.
***** Due to the increased risk of Myocarditis and Pericarditis, we are not administering Moderna Vaccines to patients 12-17 years of age.

- Novavax Royal Blue Cap Vaccine for patients 12 years and older

COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Available at AltaMed Health Services Clinic

Bivalent Booster Vaccines:

- ❖ Pfizer Bivalent Booster Vaccine for patients 5-11 years of age.
- ❖ Pfizer Bivalent Booster Vaccine for patients 12 years and older
- ❖ Moderna Bivalent Booster Vaccine for patients 6 years and older (One vial for all age groups/dose varies by age). ***** Due to the increased risk of Myocarditis and Pericarditis we are not administering Moderna Bivalent Booster Vaccines to patients 12-17 years of age.

Important Reminders/Information:

- Patients 5 years old (up to their 6th birthday) may only receive the Pfizer Bivalent booster.
- Mixing and matching is approved for patients 6 years and older for the bivalent boosters. As a result most clinics will only have the Moderna Bivalent Boosters available but we have Pfizer Peds Bivalent doses available at Corporate if you have a demand for it.
- Pfizer Peds Bivalent Boosters will be available at **CHLA, Westlake Peds, Anaheim and Goodrich.**

Where are Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccines Available?

The following clinics are administering Pfizer 5-11 year old monovalent vaccines (2nd and 3rd doses only), Moderna 6 months- 5 years monovalent vaccines, Moderna 6-11 years monovalent vaccines and Moderna Bivalent Boosters for 6-11 year olds.

CHLA	First Street
Westlake Peds	Boyle Heights
SouthGate	West Covina
Goodrich	Pico Slauson
Anaheim	El Monte-Valley

Our goal is to move towards all Moderna COVID-19 pediatric vaccines by the end of 2022, so we are only using Moderna for patients starting their primary series. In addition, we will continue to expand these vaccines to the rest of our Health Services Clinics.

Where are Adult COVID-19 Vaccines Available?

Novavax monovalent primary series are available at Anaheim and Goodrich

Anaheim on Wednesdays from 12-6PM

Goodrich on Tuesdays from 1:30-2PM and 3-6:30PM and Fridays from 10AM-12:30 and 2-3PM

* **Novavax Booster** dose has been approved for patients:

- At least 18 years of age **AND**
- Completed a primary COVID-19 vaccine series with any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent COVID-19 vaccine **AND**
- Has not received any booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine **AND**
- Unable (e.g., mRNA vaccine contraindicated or not available) or unwilling to receive an mRNA vaccine; would otherwise not receive a COVID-19 booster dose.

Timing

Administer a booster dose of Monovalent Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine at least 6 months after completion of a primary series.

*** We are currently working on updating the Standing Orders and providing education to the staff so these boosters are not being administered yet.

Where are Adult COVID-19 mRNA Monovalent and Bivalent Vaccines Available?

Boyle Heights	Moderna and Pfizer
CHLA	Pfizer (Monovalent) and Moderna (Bivalent Booster only).
Commerce ELA	Moderna
Goodrich	Moderna and Pfizer
El Monte	Pfizer
El Monte (SA)	Moderna
First Street	Pfizer
Huntington Park	Moderna and Pfizer
Pico Passons	Moderna and Pfizer
Pico Slauson	Pfizer

Where are Adult COVID-19 mRNA Monovalent and Bivalent Vaccines Available?

South Gate Moderna and Pfizer

West Covina Moderna and Pfizer

Westlake Adult Moderna and Pfizer

Westlake Peds Moderna and Pfizer (Bivalent boosters only)

*** The plan is to expand COVID-19 vaccines to the remaining 3 clinics (Florence-Firestone, Huntington Park-Rugby and Pasadena) by the end of the year. These clinics will have Moderna products only.

What's Next in COVID-19 Vaccines?

Information provided by the California Department of Health indicates:

- Pfizer Bivalent Boosters for patients 12 years and older will be available in single dose starting the week after Thanksgiving
- Single dose vaccines will be available for the pediatric populations at the end of 2022 or early 2023 (Not confirmed yet).
- Bivalent mRNA vaccines will be used for primary series vaccines starting in early 2023 and monovalent vaccines will no longer be used (not confirmed yet).
- We will likely see these vaccines switch to private sales, VFC already has plans to add the pediatric vaccines to their inventory.

COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide



Check vaccine labels and [EUA fact sheets](#) before use to avoid mix-ups.

EUA fact sheets supersede info on vials and carton. Refer to [CDC Product Guide](#) for more information.

Pfizer					
	Infant/Toddler 6 months– 4 years*	Pediatric Primary Series 5–11 years	Bivalent Booster 5–11 years	Adol/Adult Primary Series 12+ years	Bivalent Booster 12+ years
			"Bivalent" on label		
Packaging	Maroon Cap	Orange Cap	Orange Cap	Gray Cap	Gray Cap
Doses Per Vial	10 doses	10 doses	10 doses	6 doses	6 doses
Carton Size	100 doses	100 doses	100 doses	60 doses	60 doses
Min. Standard Order	100 doses	100 doses	100 doses	300 doses	300 doses
NDC-Unit of Use (vial)	59267-0078-01	59267-1055-01	59267-0565-01	59267-1025-01	59267-0304-01
CVX Code	219	218	301	217	300
Storage Limits Before Puncture: Label vaccine with expiration and use-by dates.					
ULT (-90°C to -60°C)	Until expiration				
Thermal Shipper					
Freezer					
Refrigerator (2–8°C)	Up to 10 weeks (write the date on carton)				
Expiration Date	12 months from manufacture date printed on vial and carton or check product website .				
Administration					
Diluent (supplied)	2.2 mL per vial	1.3 mL per vial	1.3 mL per vial	Do not dilute.	Do not dilute.
Dose Volume– Primary/Additional	0.2 mL [†] (3 mcg dose)	0.2 mL [†] (10 mcg dose)	N/A	0.3 mL (30 mcg dose)	N/A
Dose Volume– Booster	N/A	Do not use for boosters.	0.2 mL [†] (10 mcg dose)	Do not use for boosters.	0.3 mL (30 mcg dose)
Refrigerator Thaw Time (2° to 8°C/ 36°F to 46°F)	Up to 2 hours in carton	Up to 4 hours in carton	Up to 4 hours in carton	Up to 6 hours in carton	Up to 6 hours in carton
(Do not refreeze)					
Room Temp Thaw Time	Vial: 30 minutes at up to 25°C (77°F)				
Total Time at Room Temp (Do not refreeze)	Up to 12 hours (including thaw time) at up to 25°C (77°F)				
Storage Limits After Puncture: Record puncture and use-by time on vial label.					
Use-By Limit (Discard Time After 1st Puncture)	Discard after 12 hours at 2°C to 25°C (35°F to 77°F)				

* Labels for Pfizer 6 months-4 years product may not reflect expanded age ranges. [Refer to Provider Letter.](#)
† Syringes in ancillary kits may require estimating volume between lines, or using private stock.

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Moderna				
	Infant/Toddler 6 months–5 years	Pediatric 6–11 years*	Adol/Adult 12+ years	Bivalent Booster 6+ years
	Magenta Border	Purple Border	Light Blue Border	Gray Border
Packaging	Dark Blue Cap	Dark Blue Cap	Red Cap	Blue Cap
Doses Per Vial	10 doses	5 doses	10-11 doses	5-10 doses
Carton Size	100 doses	50 doses	100 doses	50-100 doses
Min. Standard Order	100 doses	100 doses	100 doses	100 doses
NDC-Unit of Use (vial)	80777-0279-05	80777-0275-05	80777-0273-10	80777-0282-05
CVX Code	228	221	207	229
Storage Limits Before Puncture: Label vaccine with expiration and use-by dates.				
ULT (-90°C to -60°C)				
Thermal Shipper				
Freezer	Until expiration at -50°C to -15°C (-58°F to 5°F)			
Refrigerator	Up to 30 days (write the date on carton) at 2–8°C (36–46°F)			
Expiration Date	Check product website or QR code.			
Administration				
Diluent	Do not dilute.			
Dose Volume– Primary/Additional	0.25 mL [†] (25 mcg dose)	0.5 mL (50 mcg dose)	0.5 mL (100 mcg dose)	N/A
Dose Volume– Booster	N/A	Do not use for boosters, despite label.*	Do not use for boosters.	Ages 12+: 0.5 mL Ages 6–11: 25 mL [†]
Refrigerator Thaw Time (2° to 8°C/ 36°F to 46°F)	2 hours (Let vial stand at room temp for 15 min before administering.)	2 hours (Let vial stand at room temp for 15 min before administering.)	2.5 hours (Let vial stand at room temp for 15 minutes before administering.)	2 hours (Let vial stand at room temp for 15 minutes before administering.)
(Do not refreeze)				
Room Temp Thaw Time	45 minutes at 15° to 25°C (59° to 77°F)	45 minutes at 15° to 25°C (59° to 77°F)	1 hour at 15° to 25°C (59° to 77°F)	45 minutes at 15° to 25°C (59° to 77°F)
Total Time at Room Temp (Do not refreeze)	Store up to 24 hours at 8°C to 25°C (46°F to 77°F)			
Storage Limits After Puncture: Record puncture and use-by time on vial label.				
Use-By Limit (Discard Time After 1st Puncture)	Discard after 12 hours at 2°C to 25°C (36°F to 77°F)			

* Labels for early shipments of Moderna 6-11 years (dark blue cap/purple border) product do not reflect authorized age ranges. [Refer to Provider Letter.](#)

† Syringes in ancillary kits may require estimating volume between lines, or using private stock.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Timing



Routine Schedule

Age*	Vaccine	Primary Doses	Booster Dose
6 months–4 years	Pfizer–Infant/Toddler	1st Dose → 3-8 weeks → 2nd Dose → ≥8 weeks → 3rd Dose	
6 months–5 years	Moderna–Infant/Toddler	1st Dose → 4-8 weeks → 2nd Dose	
5–11 years	Pfizer–Pediatric	1st Dose → 3-8 weeks → 2nd Dose	<p>Bivalent Booster</p> <p>Pfizer: Ages 5-11 Pfizer: Ages 12+</p> <p>Moderna: Ages 6+</p> <p>(For people who previously received a monovalent booster dose(s), the bivalent booster is administered at least 2 months after the last monovalent booster dose.)</p>
6–11 years	Moderna–Pediatric	1st Dose → 4-8 weeks → 2nd Dose	
12+ years	Moderna–Adol/Adult	1st Dose → 4-8 weeks → 2nd Dose	
12+ years	Pfizer/Adol/Adult	1st Dose → 3-8 weeks → 2nd Dose	
12+ years	Novavax	1st Dose → 3-8 weeks → 2nd Dose	
18+ years	Janssen (J&J) Pfizer/Moderna preferred**	1st Dose	

* See schedules for children in transition from a younger to older age group: [Pfizer](#) | [Moderna](#).
 ** Although use of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines is preferred, the Janssen vaccine may be offered in [some situations](#).
 ^ An 8-week interval may be preferable for some people, especially for males 12-39 years.
 View [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) for details. Schedule is subject to change.

COVID-19 Vaccine Timing



Schedule if Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

Age*	Vaccine	Primary Doses	Booster Dose
6 months–4 years	Pfizer–Infant/Toddler	1st Dose → 3 weeks → 2nd Dose → ≥8 weeks → 3rd Dose	
6 months–5 years	Moderna–Infant/Toddler	1st Dose → 4 weeks → 2nd Dose → ≥4 weeks → 3rd Dose	
5–11 years	Pfizer–Pediatric	1st Dose → 3 weeks → 2nd Dose → ≥4 weeks → 3rd Dose	<p>Bivalent Booster</p> <p>Pfizer: Ages 5-11 Pfizer: Ages 12+</p> <p>Moderna: Ages 6+</p> <p>(For people who previously received a monovalent booster dose(s), the bivalent booster is administered at least 2 months after the last monovalent booster dose.)</p>
6–11 years	Moderna–Pediatric	1st Dose → 4 weeks → 2nd Dose → ≥4 weeks → 3rd Dose	
12+ years	Moderna–Adol/Adult	1st Dose → 4 weeks → 2nd Dose → ≥4 weeks → 3rd Dose	
12+ years	Pfizer/Adol/Adult	1st Dose → 3 weeks → 2nd Dose → ≥4 weeks → 3rd Dose	
12+ years	Novavax	1st Dose → 3 weeks → 2nd Dose	
18+ years	Janssen (J&J) Pfizer/Moderna preferred**	1st Dose → 4 weeks → 2nd Dose of Moderna/ Pfizer	

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 ** Although use of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines is preferred, the Janssen vaccine may be offered in [some situations](#).

Co-Administration of Vaccines

- Flu + Any Vaccine= Yes Please
- Flu + Bivalent Booster= Yes Please
- Flu + Monkeypox Vaccine= Yes Please
- **Monkeypox + COVID-19= Ok for All Women and Men >39**
 - 12-39 (risk of myocarditis/pericarditis)
 - Wait 4 wks for now from last vaccine

Question: I didn't get my second Monkeypox vaccine after 4 weeks. Can I get it now?

Yes, they should be scheduled for their 2nd dose+Flu shot.

Question: Can I get the Bi-Valent booster if I've had COVID-19?

Yes, they can. May be worthwhile to wait for 1-3 months post infection.

Thank you.

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