WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT

DECEMBER 19, 2022

COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

On August 11, 2022, the CDC streamlined its COVID-19 guidance. The updated recommendations for community prevention and management of COVID-19 apply both nationally and locally to Inyo County, which continues to follow the CDC's guidance for COVID-19 case investigation, contact tracing, testing, and masking.

In its new guidelines for COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing, the CDC recommends that community contact tracing be directed to high-risk group-living settings, like nursing homes and hospitals.

Inyo County strives to report the most up-to-date and complete information on local COVID-19 case numbers, regardless of risk status. Due to underreporting of at-home COVID-19 tests, the actual number of COVID-19 cases in Inyo County may not be reflected in the following case counts and Community Level data.

COVID-19 PREVENTION

COVID-19 Testing, Quarantine, and Isolation Recommendations	Masking Recommendations
Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 but are not infected should no longer quarantine, however, testing for symptomatic individuals and their close contacts should continue. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate at home for five days and wear a mask for ten days when around others in private and public settings.	Actions for prevention and management of COVID-19 utilize the CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels criterion introduced in February 2022, recommending that **universal masking occur in areas where the COVID-19 Community Level is High** and that **immunocompromised individuals wear a mask in areas where the COVID-19 Community Level is Medium**.
Individuals with moderate to severe COVID-19 should isolate for 10 days and those who are immunocompromised should consult with a physician about ending isolation following a COVID-19 infection.	

WEEKLY COVID-19 QUICK FACTS

- Current COVID-19 Community Transmission Level: **MEDIUM**

- Local Recommendations for COVID-19 Prevention:

  1. **All vaccine-eligible residents should complete their primary COVID-19 vaccine series and receive a booster dose** (**To find a local vaccine provider, please visit** www.inyocounty.us/vaccine-clinics**)**

  2. **Those at high-risk for severe illness should take additional precautions including avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public spaces where exposure could occur**

- There are currently **NO** Inyo County **COVID-19 related mandates** in place.

ABOUT COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL

Low	Medium	High
• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms	• If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms	• Wear a mask indoors in public • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms • Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are recommended in indoor public transportation settings and may be required in other places by local or state authorities.

The COVID-19 Community Index was developed by the CDC to help communities guide local COVID-19 prevention measures.
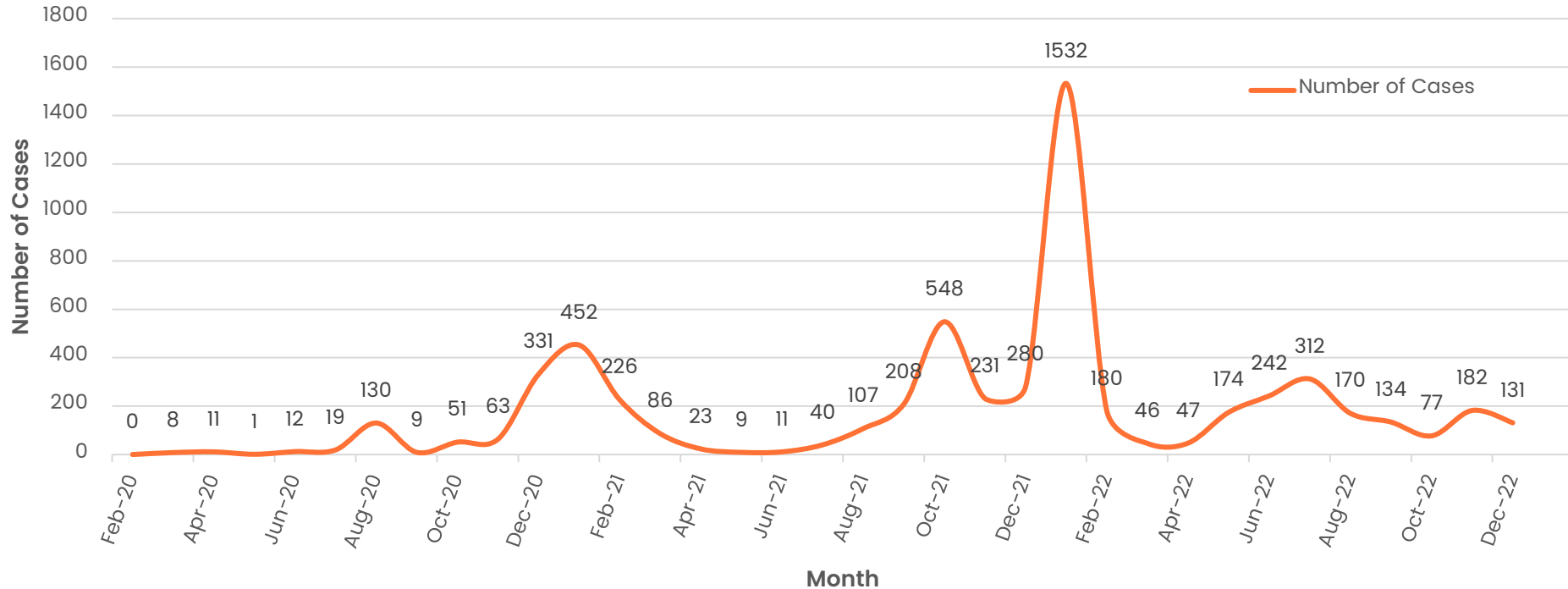
Levels are based on factors like new COVID-19 hospital admissions, the percentage of inpatient hospital beds occupied by patients with COVID-19, and the number of new COVID-19 cases over the past 7 days.

For additional information on the CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels Tool, please visit: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html
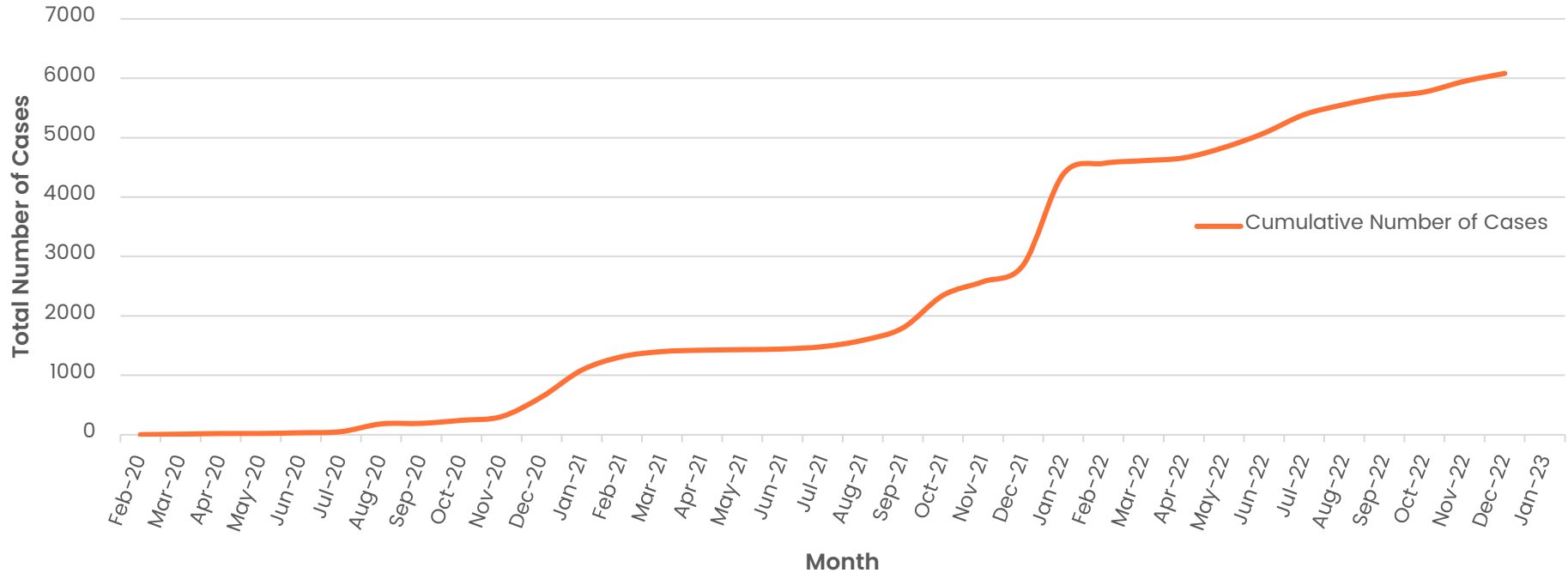
Total All-Time COVID-19 Cases
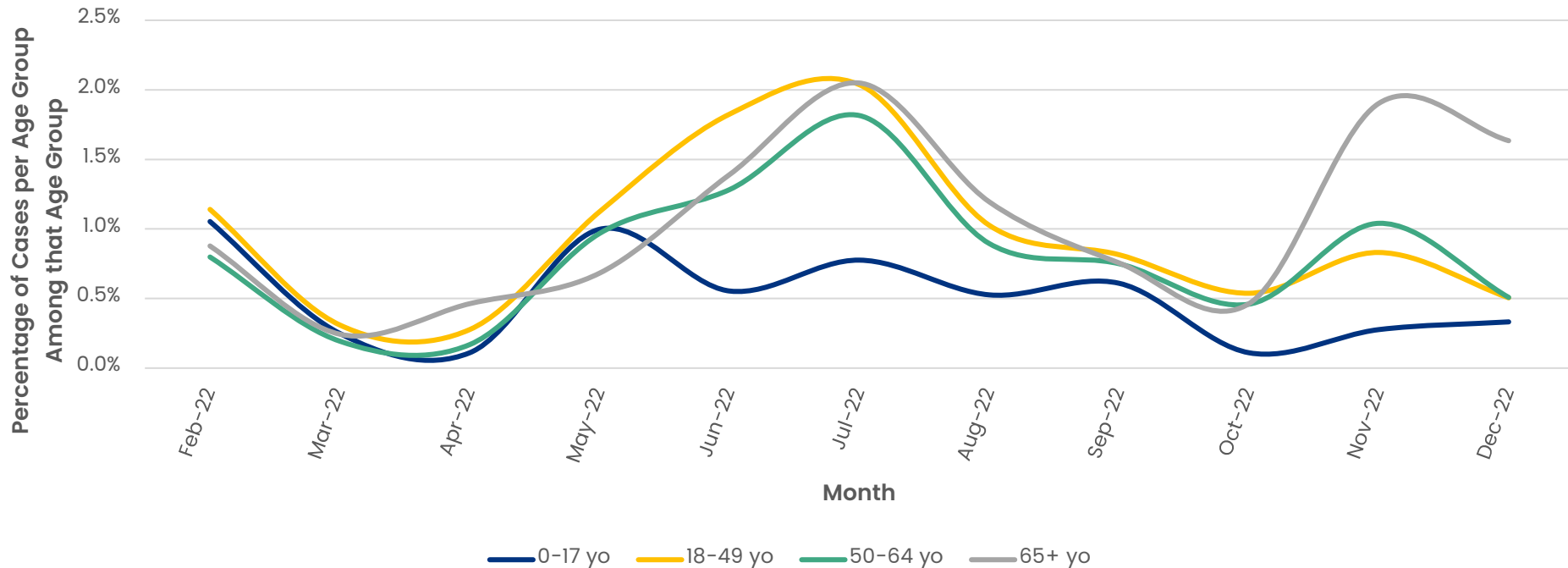## February 2020 − December 2022 | 35-Month Period

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Cases as of: December 18, 2022

Cumulative COVID-19 Cases, Inyo County
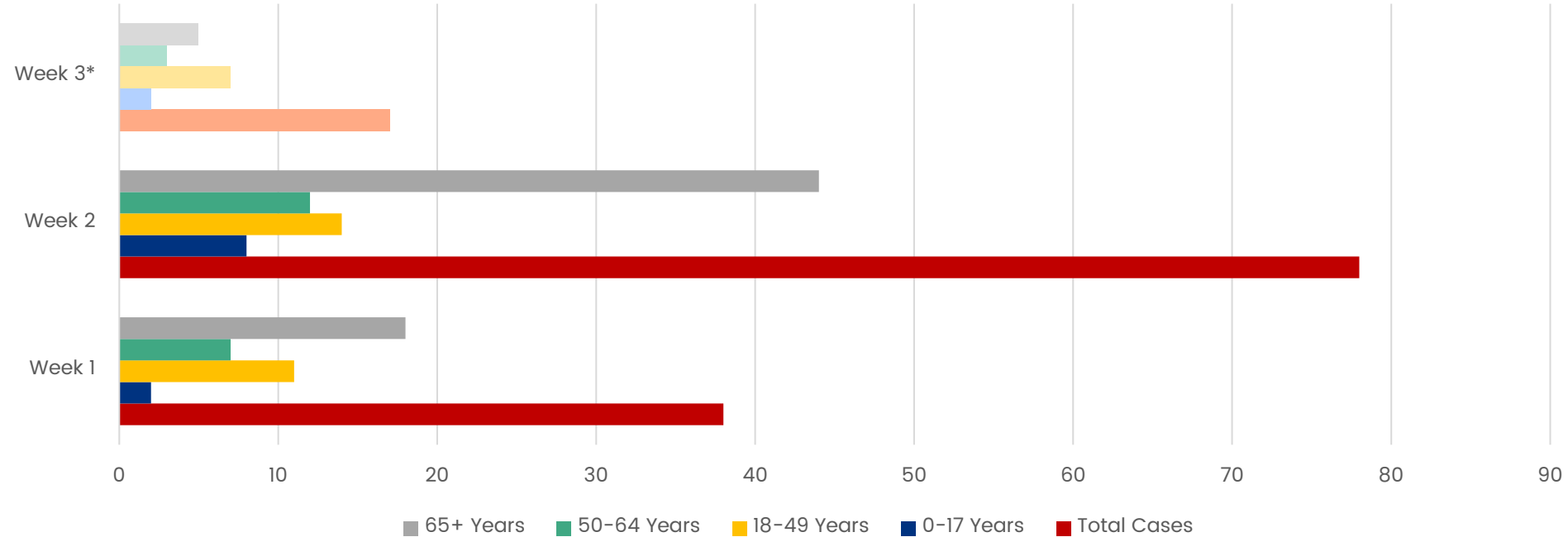## *February 2020 – December 2022 | 35-Month Period*

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Proportion of New COVID-19 Cases by Age* and Month
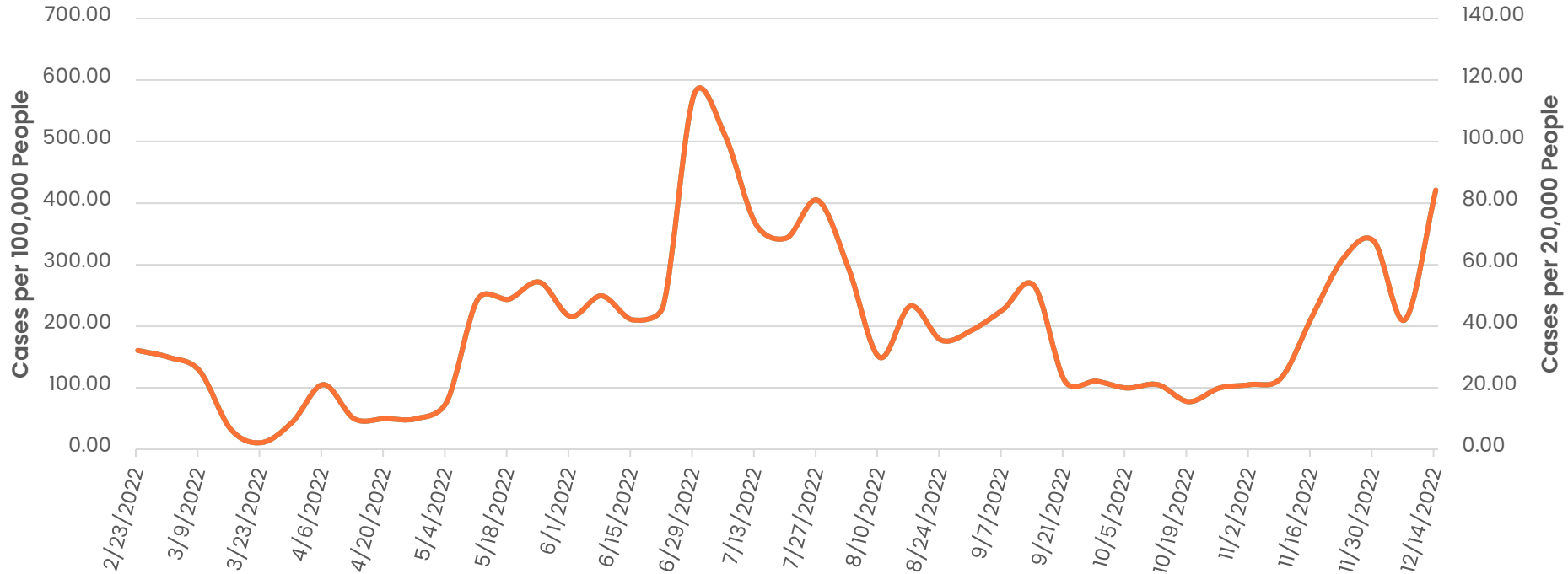## *February 2022 – December 2022 | 11-Month Period*

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* Population estimates by age group are based on the 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Share of COVID-19 Cases by Age Group
First Three Weeks of Month

Legend: 65+ Years | 50-64 Years | 18-49 Years | 0-17 Years | Total Cases
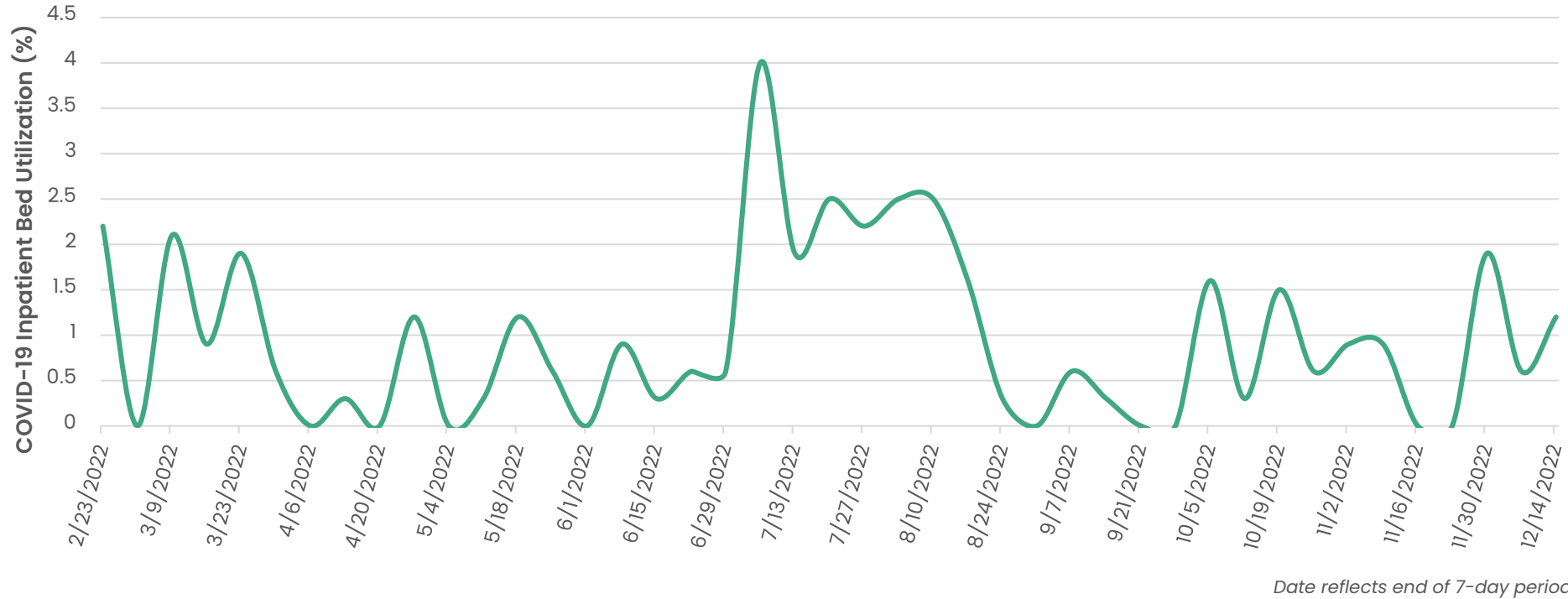
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COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 (20,000) People, Inyo County (7-day average)
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Percent of Staffed Inpatient Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Patients, Inyo County (7-day average)
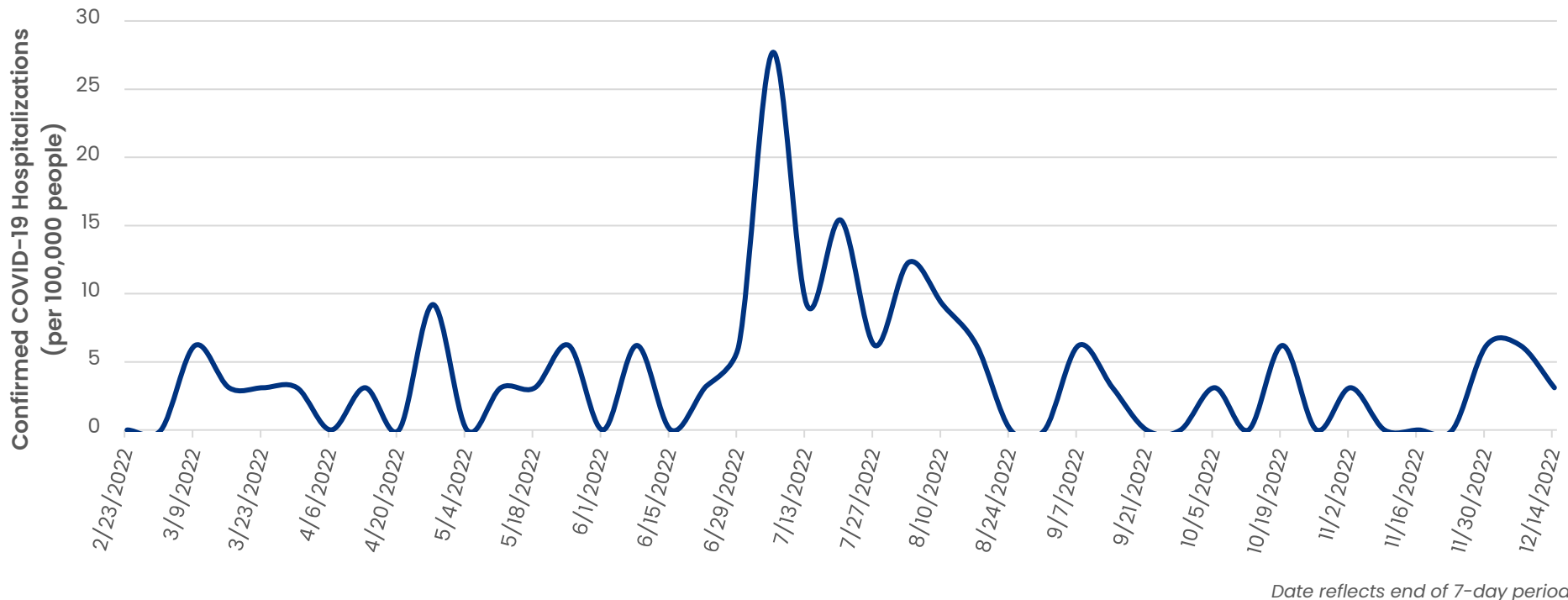
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Number of Hospitalized COVID-19 Confirmed Patients Per 100,000 People, Inyo County (7-day average)
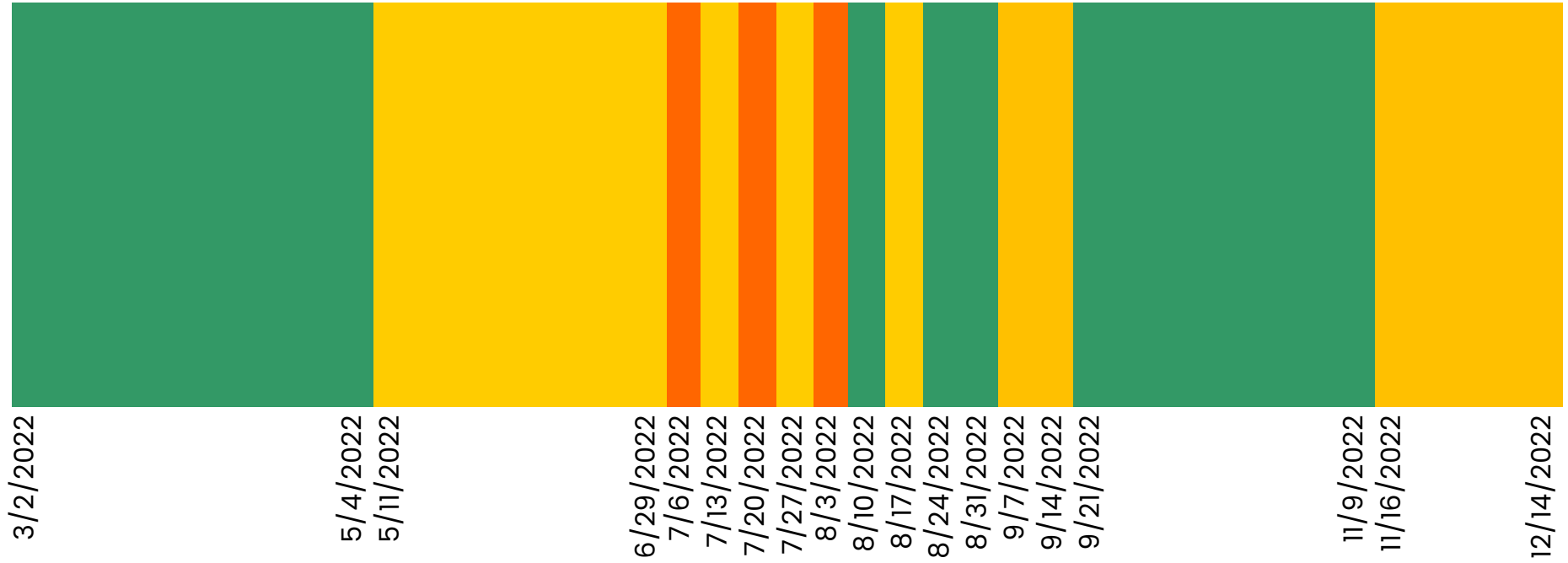
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COVID-19 Community Transmission Level
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Questions?

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