



Maryland Situation Update on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

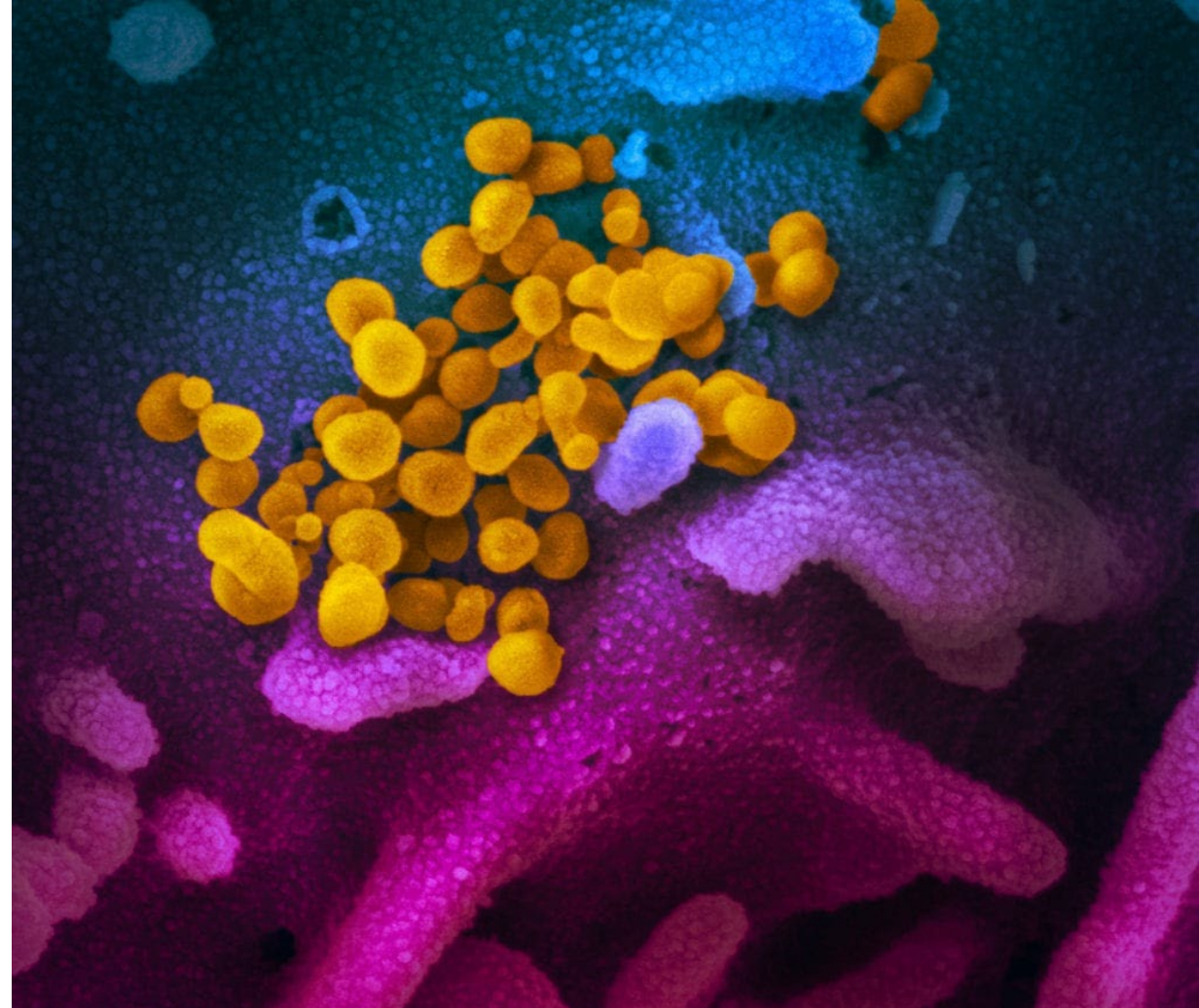
Maryland Department of Health
Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau

February 25th, 2021

Call Agenda

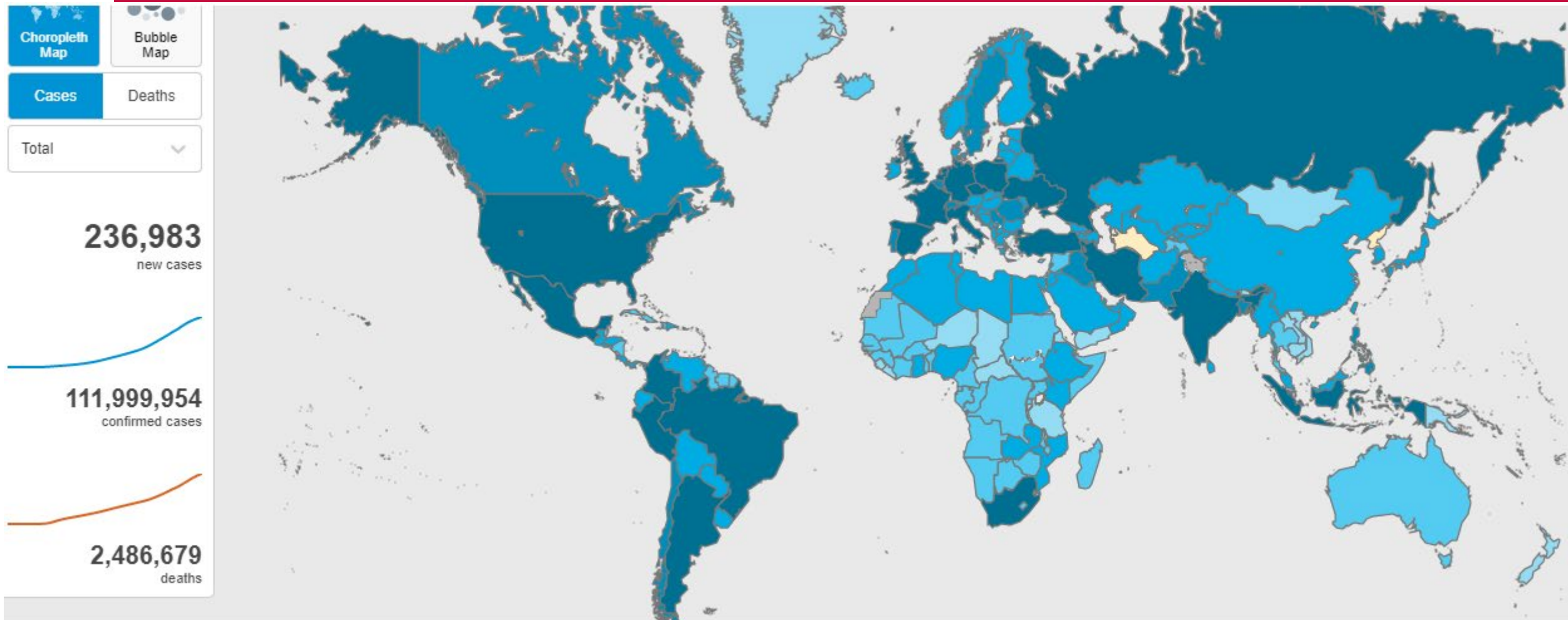
- Maryland Epi Updates
- FDA Updates
- FAQs

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COVID-19 Epi Summary

Worldwide: COVID-19



NEW CDC Resource

The screenshot shows the CDC COVID-19 website. At the top, the CDC logo and name are on the left, and a search bar labeled 'Search COVID-19' is on the right. Below this is a dark teal header with 'COVID-19' on the left and 'ACT NOW!' on the right. The 'ACT NOW!' section includes icons for 'WEAR A MASK', 'STAY 6 FEET APART', and 'AVOID CROWDS'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: 'Your Health', 'Vaccines', 'Cases & Data' (which is highlighted), 'Work & School', 'Healthcare Workers', 'Health Depts', and 'More'. On the left side of the main content area, there is a sidebar with a 'Cases, Data & Surveillance' section containing links for 'US Cases & Deaths', 'Cases & Deaths by County', and 'Testing Data in the US'. The main content area features a red line graph and the title 'COVID DATA TRACKER WEEKLY REVIEW'. Below the title, it says 'Updated Feb. 19, 2021' and 'Print'. At the bottom of the main content area, there is a link to the 'Interpretative Summary for February 19, 2021' and a 'Subscribe to the Weekly Review' button. A large yellow arrow points to the 'Subscribe to the Weekly Review' button.

U.S.: COVID-19

United States COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by State

Maps, charts, and data provided by the CDC, updated daily by 8 pm ET[†]

TOTAL CASES

28,065,327

+69,563 New Cases

AVERAGE DAILY CASES PER 100K IN

LAST 7 DAYS

19.7

TOTAL DEATHS

501,181

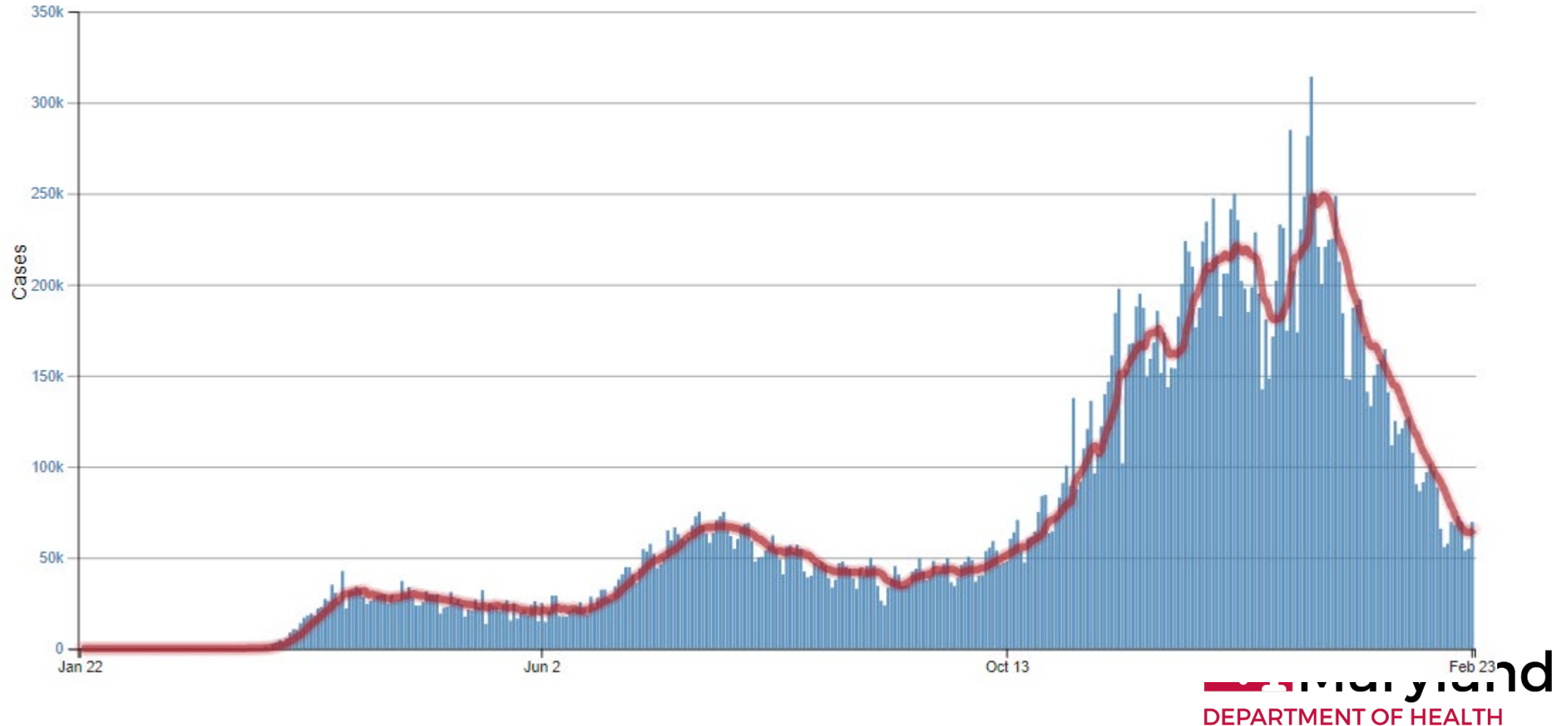
+2,130 New Deaths

CDC | Updated: Feb 24 2021 2:44PM

Source: CDC, https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days,
accessed February 25, 2021

Daily US Trends in COVID-19 Cases

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in the United States Reported to CDC



Source: CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#trends>, accessed February 25, 2021

US: COVID-19 Vaccinations

Total Vaccine Doses

Delivered 88,669,035

Administered 66,464,947

Learn more about the distribution of vaccines.

People Vaccinated

Receiving 1 or More
Doses

Receiving 2 Doses

Total	45,237,143	20,607,261
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% of Total Population	13.6%	6.2%
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Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	44,116,020	20,132,153
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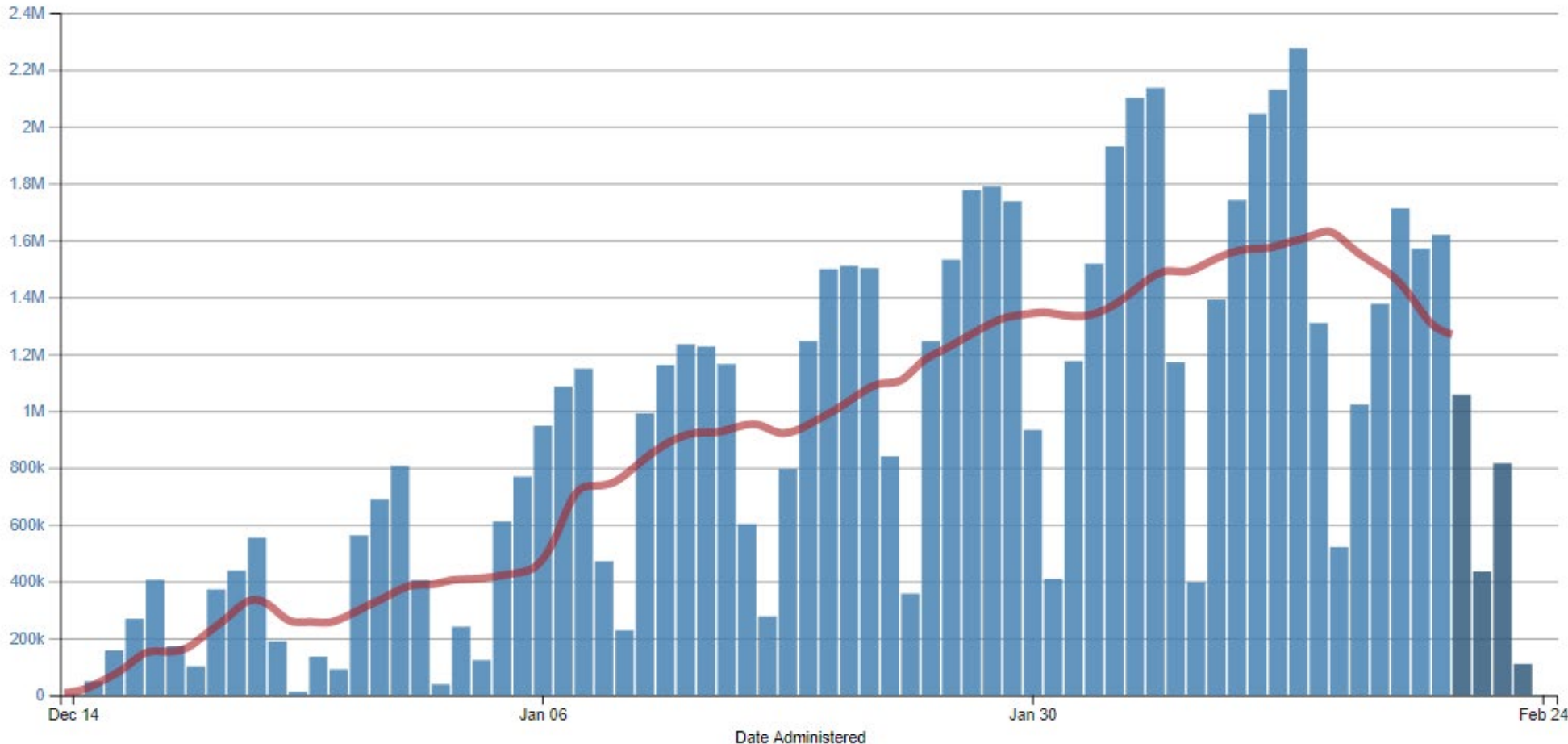
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	17.3%	7.9%
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Read more about how these data are reported.

CDC | Data as of: Feb 24 2021 6:00am ET | Posted: Feb 24 2021 2:44PM ET

US COVID-19 Vaccinations

Daily Count of Total Doses Administered and Reported to the CDC by Date Administered, United States



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Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program Data

Overall US COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration; Maps, charts, and data provided by the CDC, updated daily by 8 pm ET^T

Total Number of Doses Administered in Long-Term Care Facilities

6,724,310

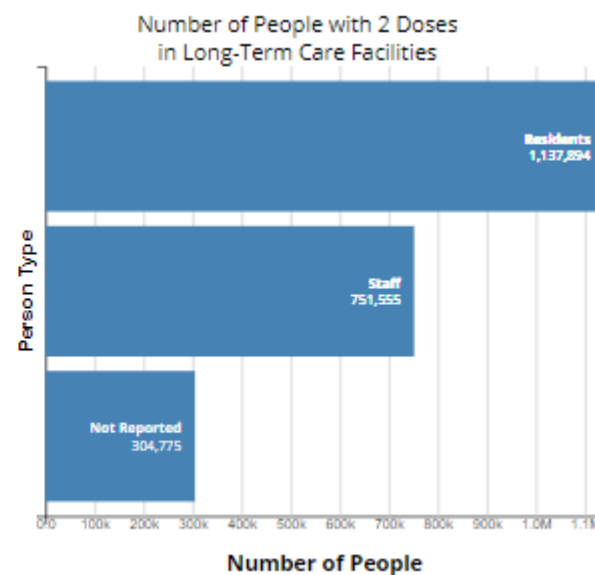
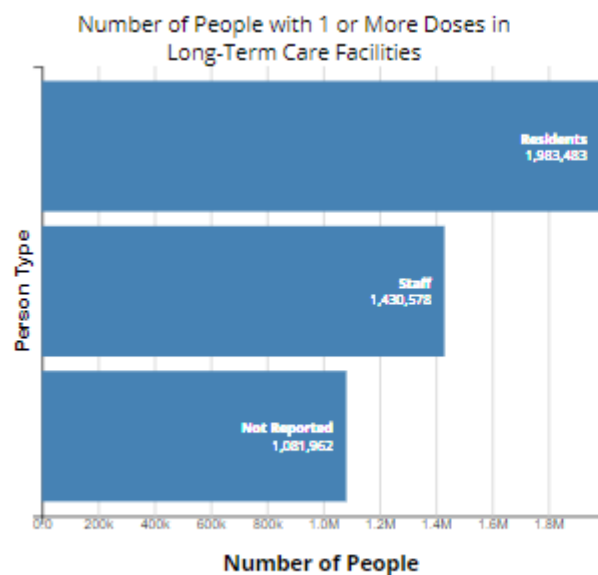
Number of People with 1 or More Doses in Long-Term Care Facilities

4,496,023

Number of People with 2 Doses in Long-Term Care Facilities

2,194,224

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Maryland: COVID-19

Confirmed Cases

379,466

24hr Change: +976

Persons Tested Negative

2,979,131

24hr Change: +6,531

Testing Volume

7,755,974

24hr Change: +37,734

Testing % Positive

3.74%

24hr Change: -0.06

Confirmed Deaths

7,623

24hr Change: +16

Currently Hospitalized

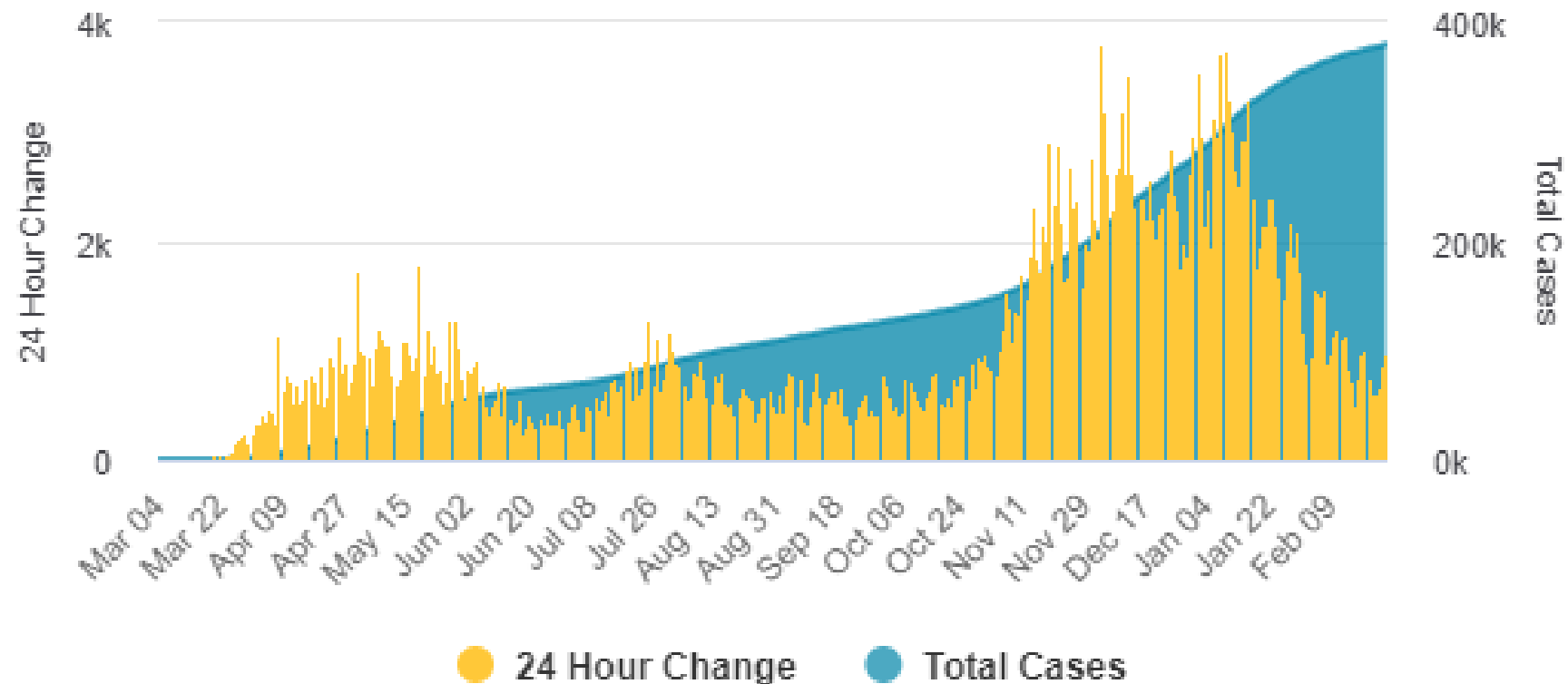
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24hr Change: -8

Source: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>,
accessed February 25, 2021

Maryland: COVID-19

Confirmed Cases, Total over Time

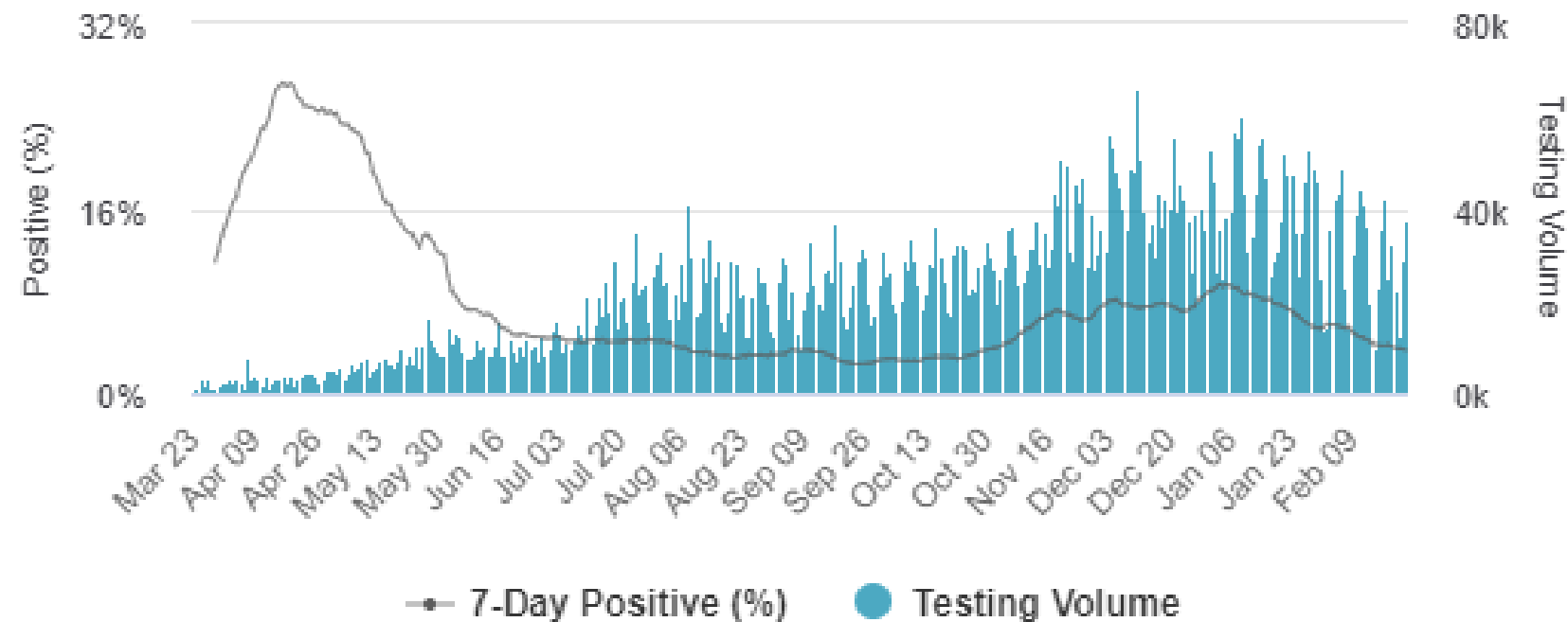


Cases, Total Reported

Maryland: COVID-19

Testing Volume, Tests per Day and Percent Positive Rate (7-Day Avg)

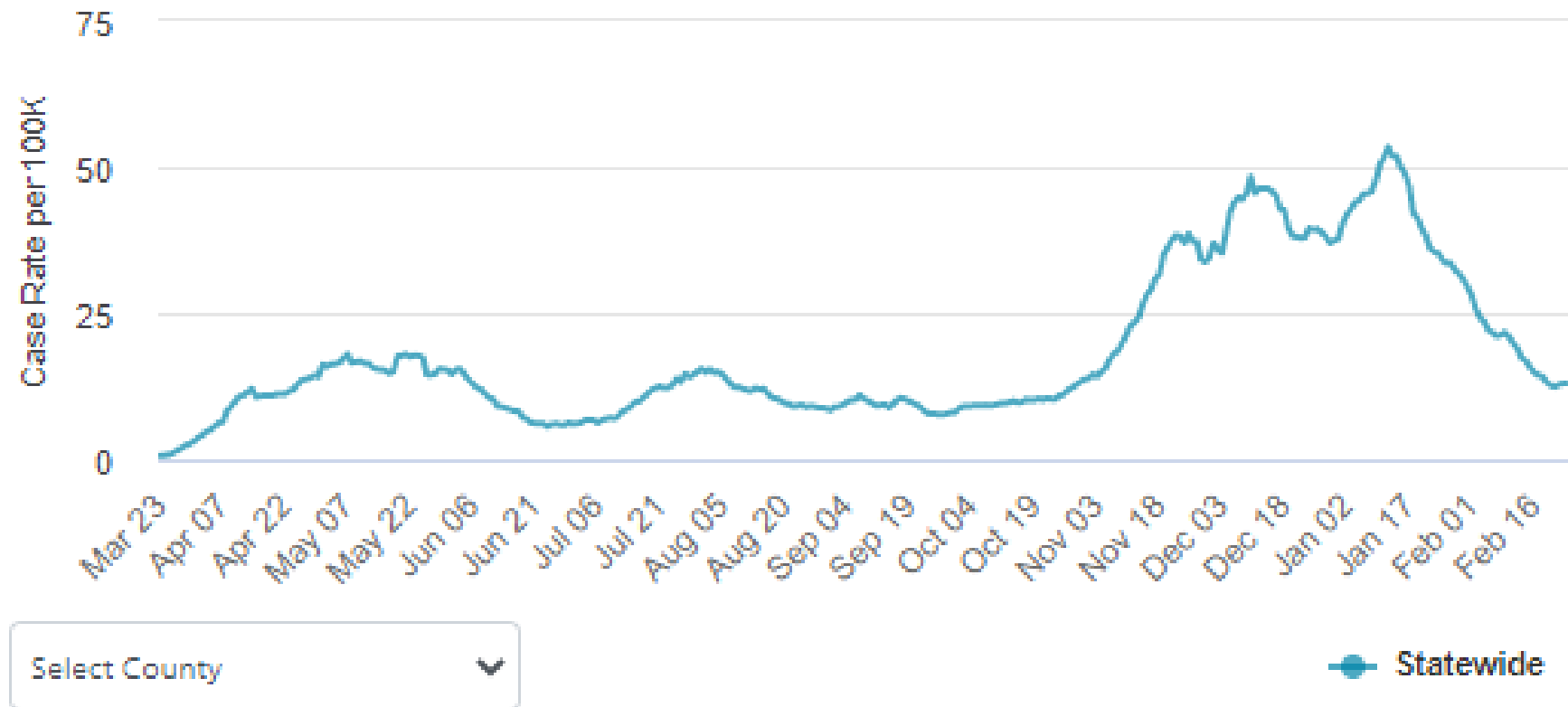
- [Methodology](#)



Source: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>, accessed February 25, 2021

Maryland: COVID-19

7 Day Moving Average Case Rate per 100K by Jurisdiction - [Full Screen View](#)



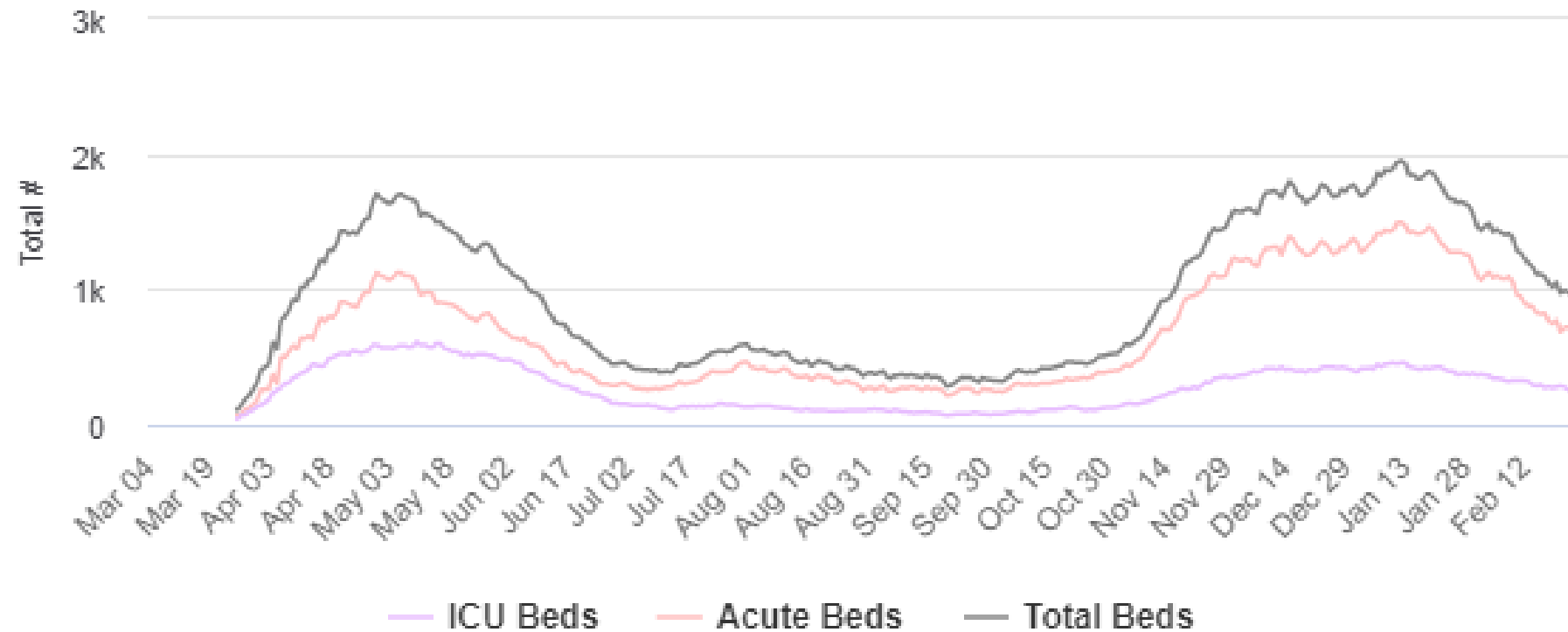
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Case Rate per 100K



Maryland: COVID-19

ICU and Acute Hospital Beds for COVID-19, Currently in Use

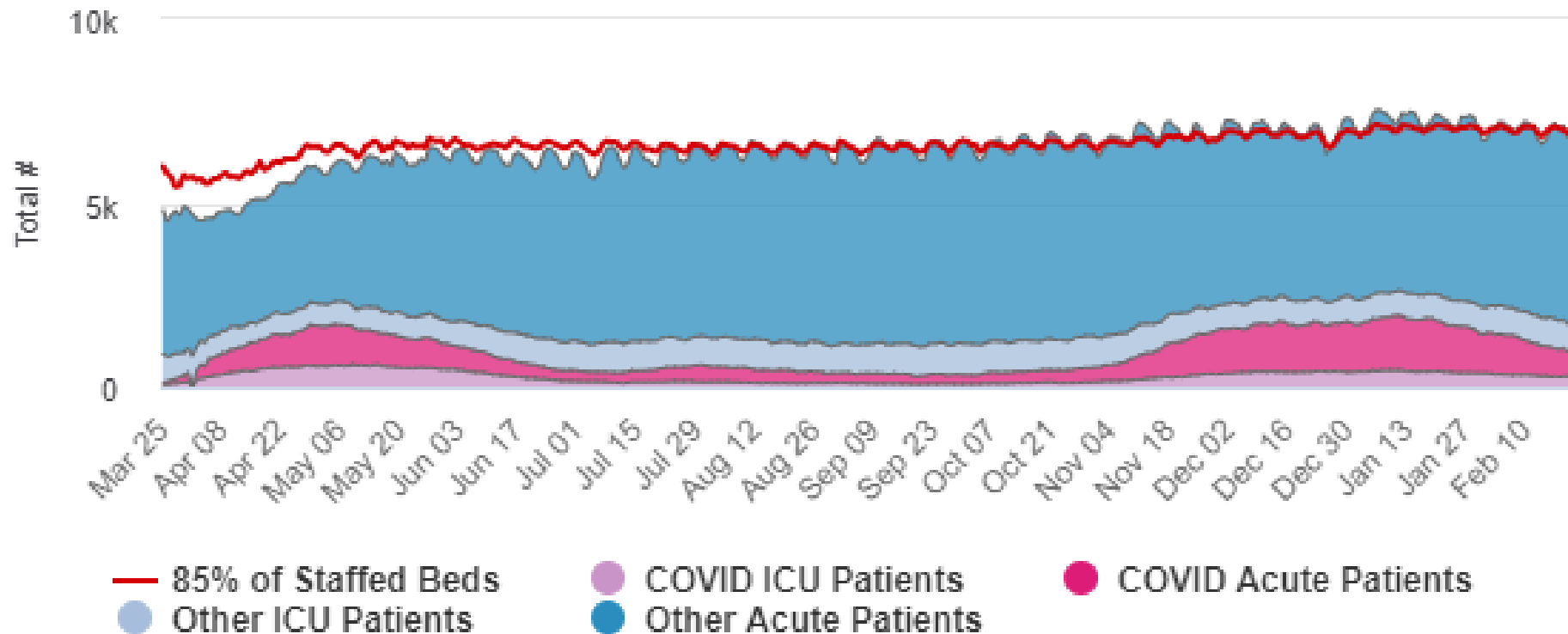


Hospitalizations, Current

Source: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>, accessed February 25, 2021

Maryland Hospital Capacity

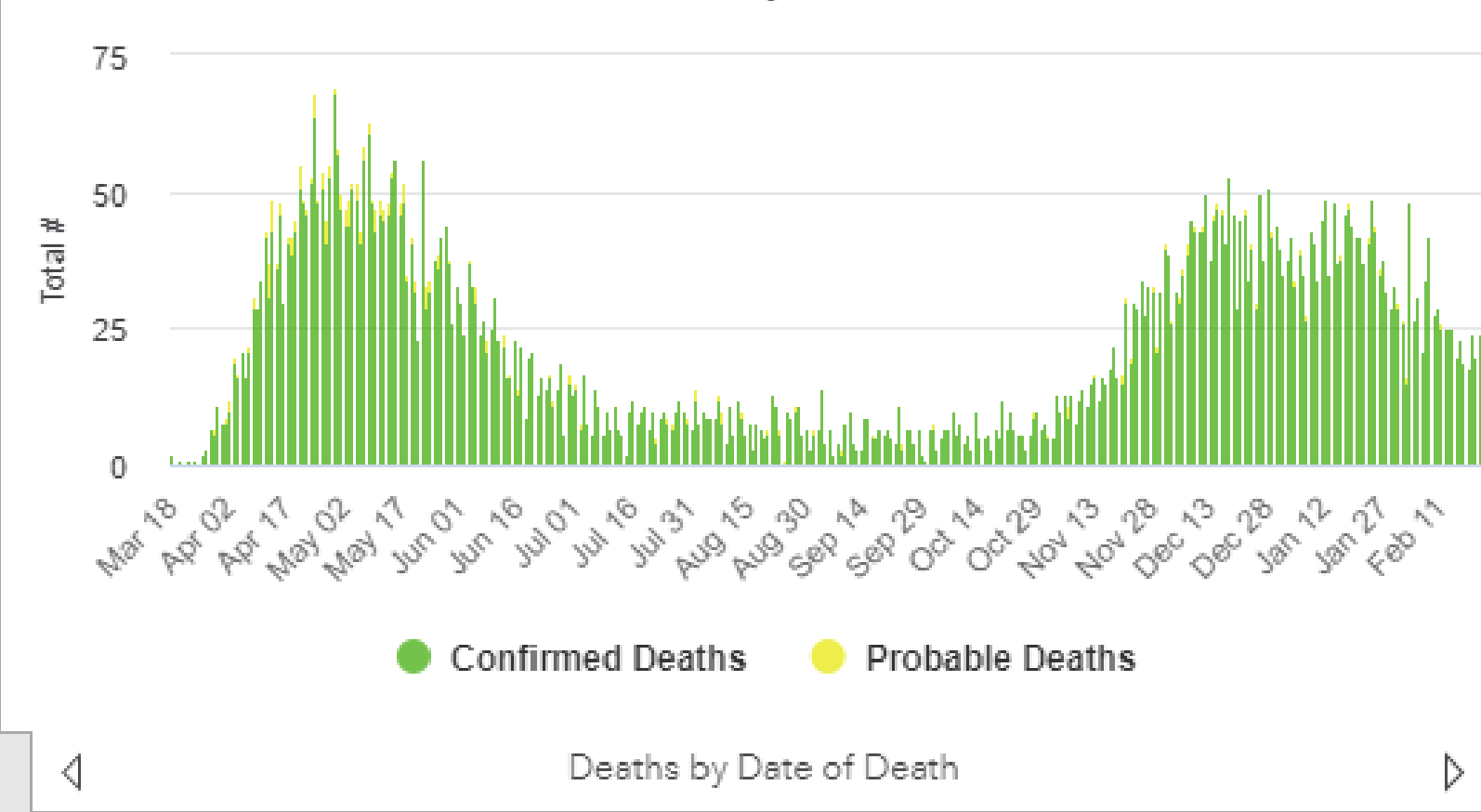
COVID-19 Hospital Patients and Capacity



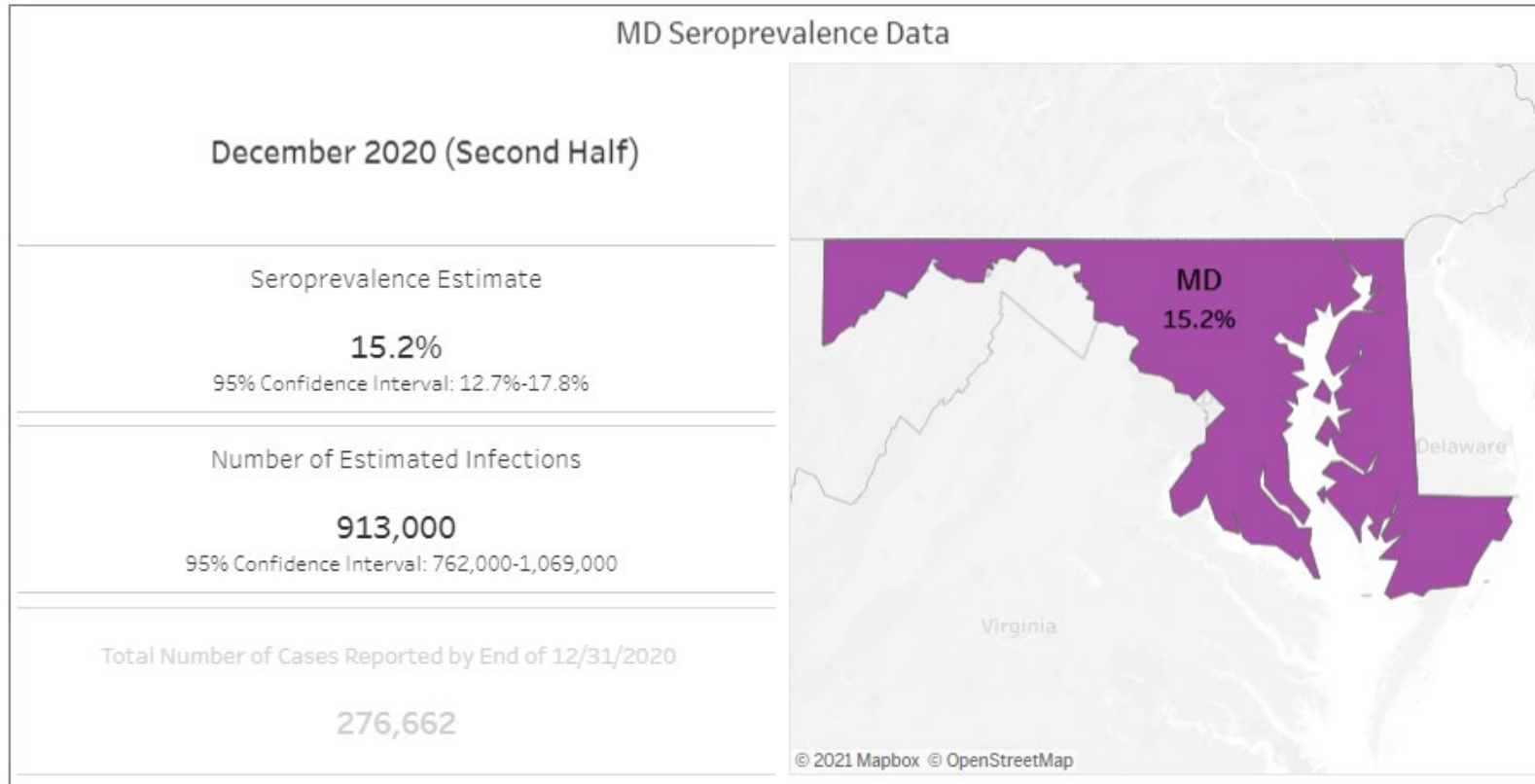
Hospital Capacity

Maryland: COVID-19

Confirmed and Probable Deaths, Totals by Date of Death

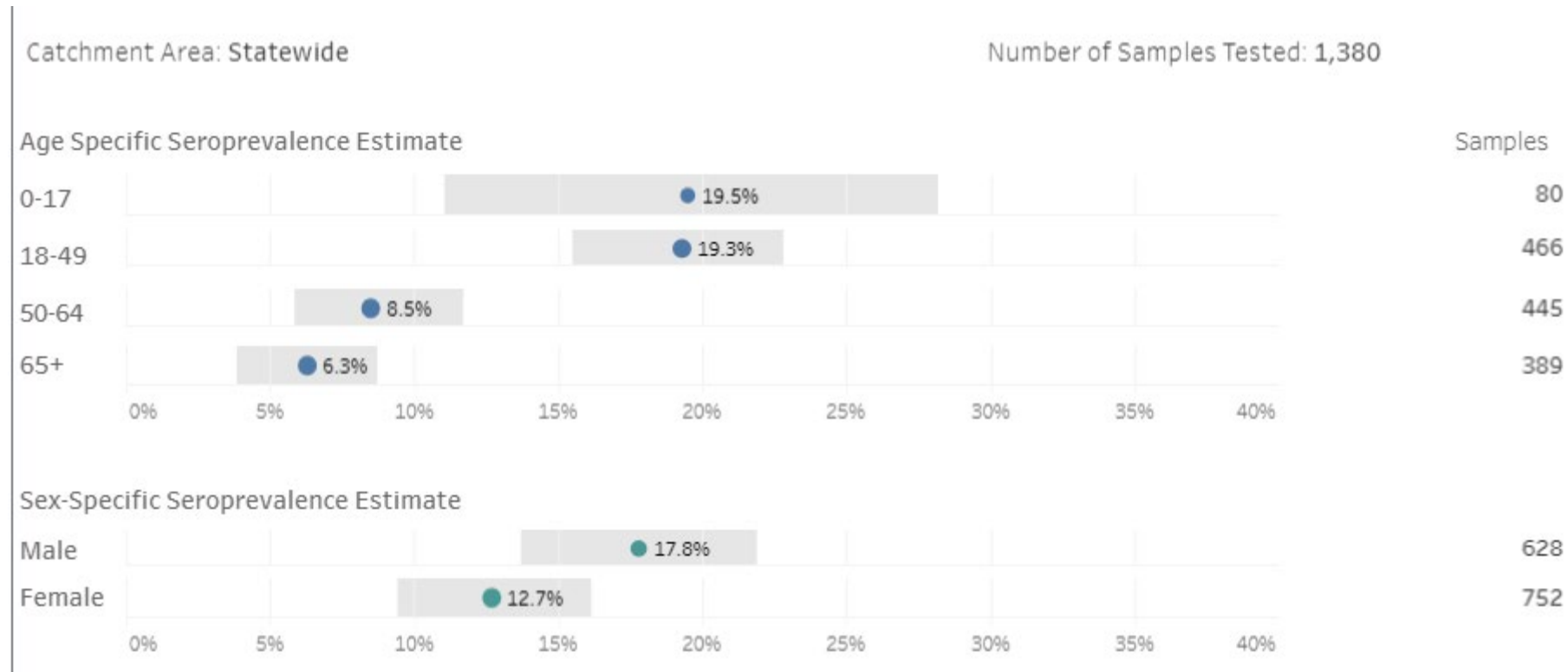


Maryland: COVID-19 Seroprevalence



<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#national-lab>,
Accessed 2/23/21

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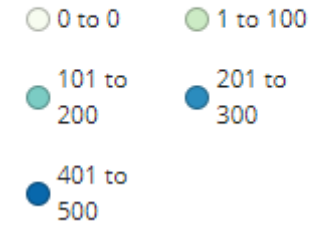
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Variant Virus

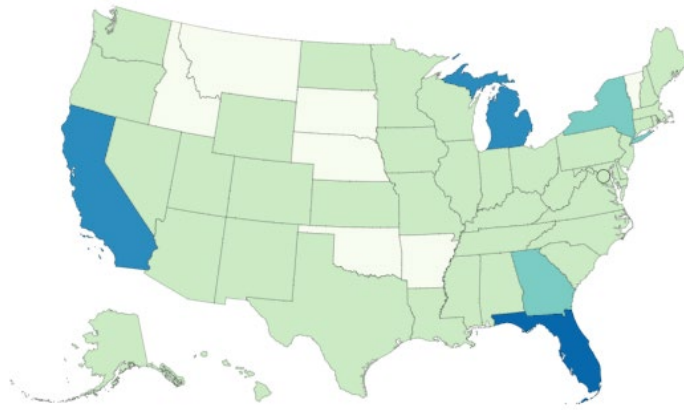
U.S.: COVID-19 Variant Cases

Emerging Variant Cases in the United States*†

Number of Cases

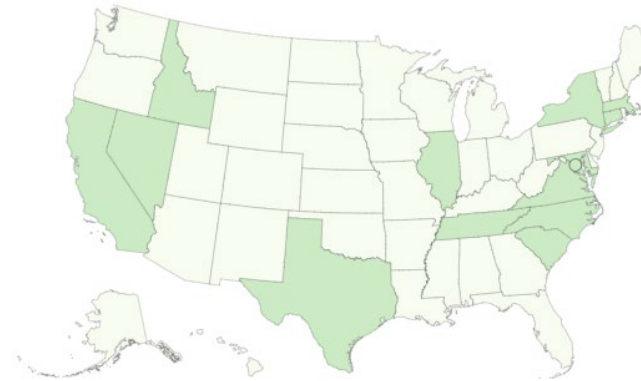


B.1.1.7



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B.1.351



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P.1



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U.S.: COVID-19 Variant Cases

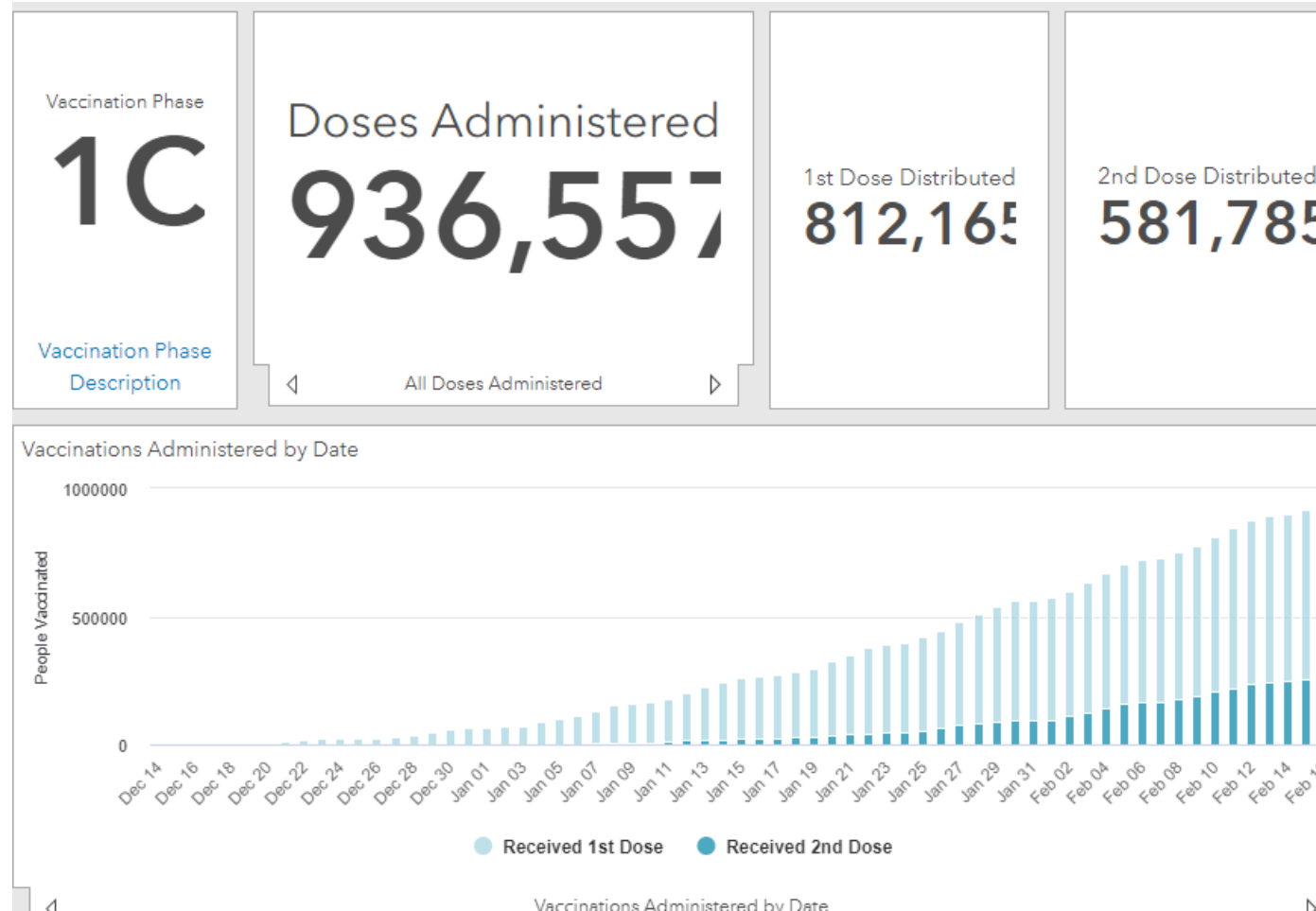
Variant	Reported Cases in US	Number of States Reporting
B.1.1.7	1881	45
B.1.351	46	14
P.1	5	4

Variants of Concern in Maryland

- Data as of 2/23/21
- B.1.1.7: 58 cases
- B.1.351: 9 cases
- P.1: 1 case

Maryland Vaccine Dashboard

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

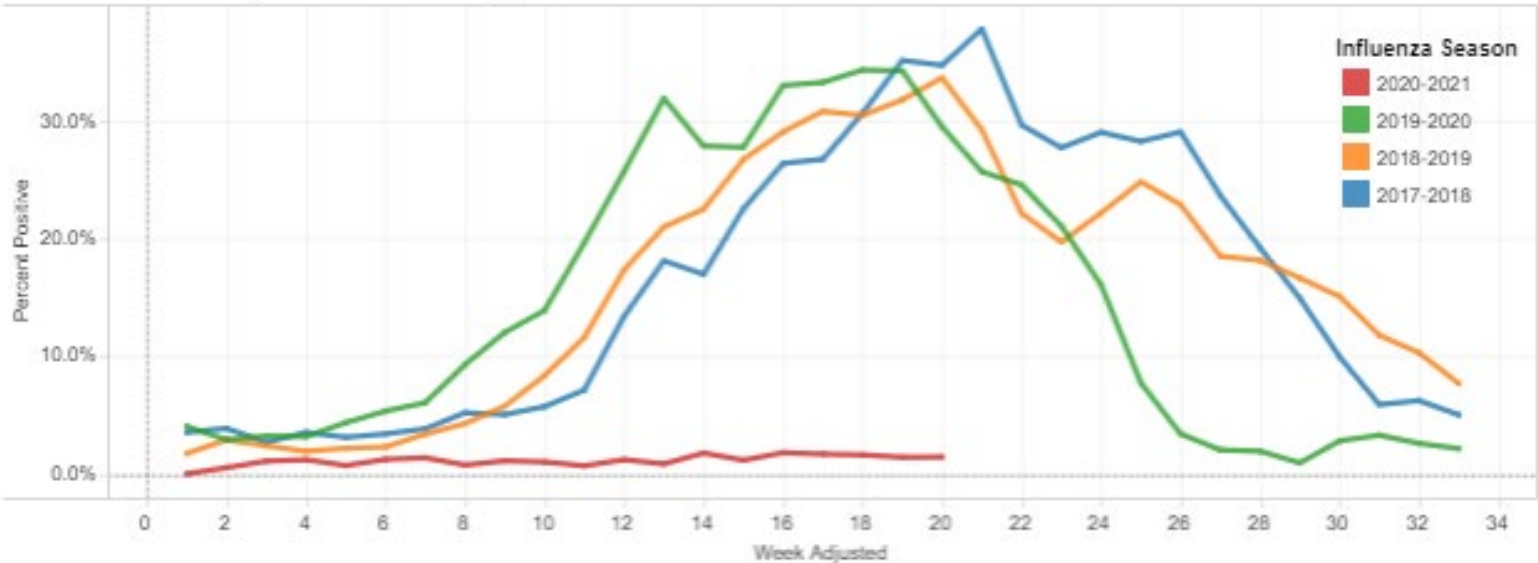


Maryland Influenza Epi Update

Week Ending February 13th, 2021

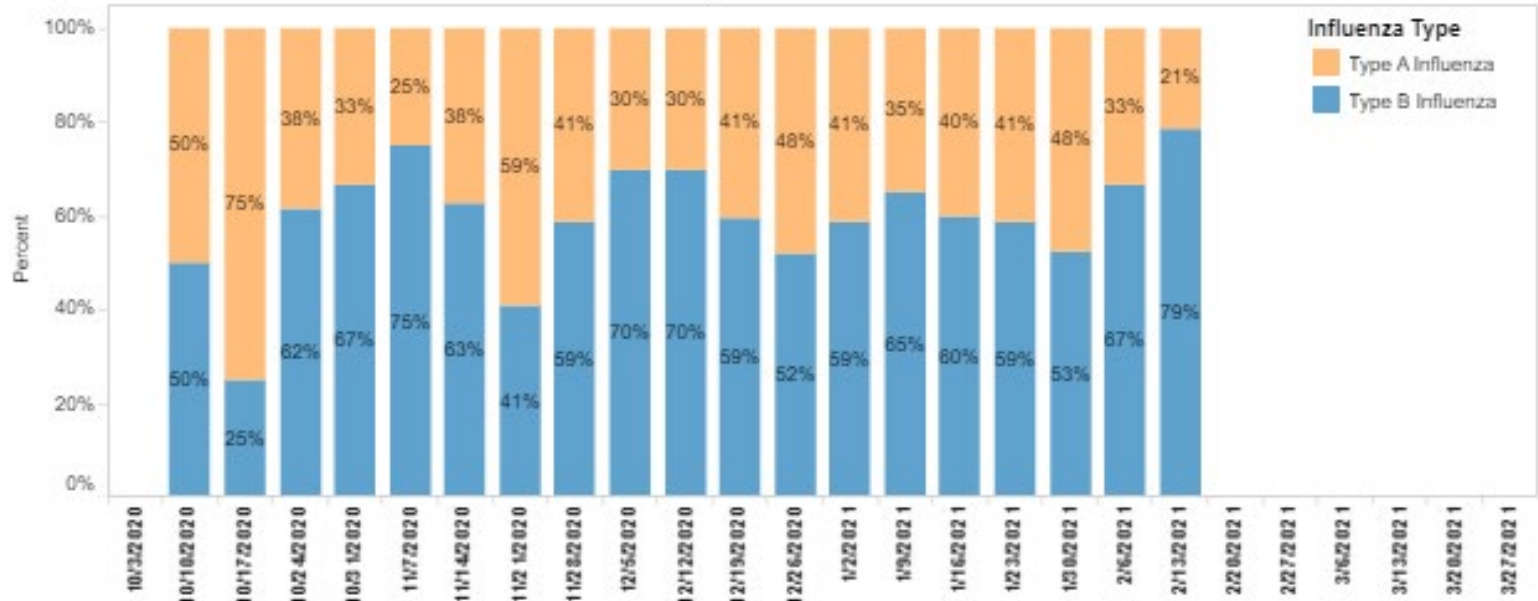
Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity in Maryland was **minimal**

Clinical Laboratory Influenza Testing

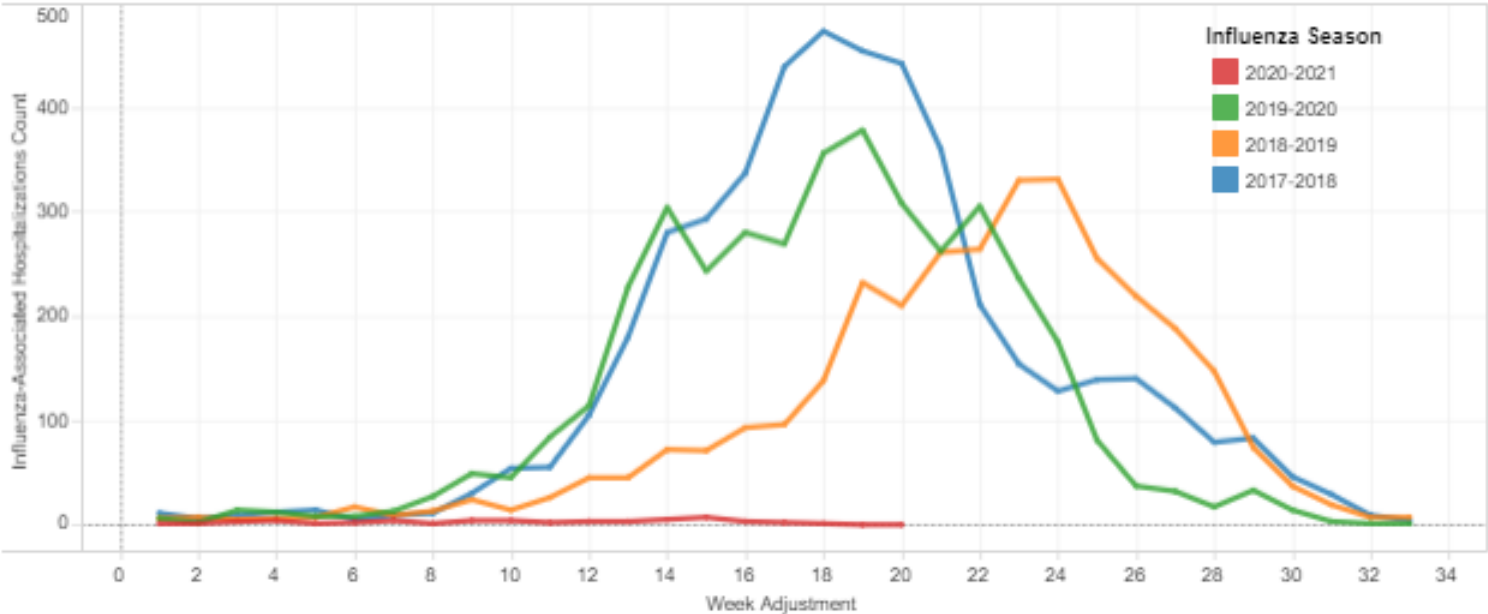


<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/influenza/Pages/flu-dashboard.aspx>

Proportion of Positive Influenza Tests Performed by Clinical Labs



Influenza-associated Hospitalizations



Influenza-Associated Hospitalization by Age Group

Age Group	This Week Number	This Week Percent	Last Week Number	Last Week Percent	This Season Number	This Season Percent
0-4	0		0		2	4%
5-24	0		0		2	4%
25-49	0		0		11	22%
50-64	0		0		10	20%
65+	0		0		26	51%
Grand Total	0		0		51	100%

Influenza-Associated Hospitalization by Gender

Gender	#
Female	29
Male	23

Influenza-Associated Hospitalization by Race

Race	#
African American or Black	21
White	26
Other	5

Influenza-Associated Hospitalization by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	#
Hispanic or Latino	6
Non Hispanic or Latino	46

FDA Update

Janssen Ad26.COVs2.s Vaccine

- Data from ongoing multinational placebo control studies presented to FDA for EUA
- Single dose vaccine
- Vaccine efficacy against lab confirmed, moderate to severe COVID-19 is 66.9%
- No specific safety concerns
 - Most common side effects:
 - Injection site pain 48.6%
 - Headache 38.9%
 - Fatigue 38.2%

FAQs

FAQ # 1 – Now that we have vaccine, when can we change HCP and resident testing, exclusion, isolation, quarantine, cohorting, visitor policy, mask use, group activities, travel, or other infection control policy?

- Vaccinated HCP and residents should continue to follow all [current infection prevention and control recommendations](#) to protect themselves and others from SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Vaccinated healthcare personnel with exposure may be allowed to work as a Contingency strategy to alleviate staffing shortages
- **Vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare settings should continue to [quarantine](#) following an exposure**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/post-vaccine-considerations-healthcare-personnel.html>

FAQ #2 Can facilities host in-person tours for potential new residents and their families?

- A facility tour would count as “visitation”
- According to the MDH Assisted Living Order it is recommended that assisted living facilities follow the CMS guidance for visitation, which includes this guidance for when visitation may be allowed, and guidance for the infection control practices that must be in place for visitation
- Under requirements for indoor visitation, “Facilities should limit movement in the facility. For example, visitors should not walk around different halls of the facility. Rather, they should go directly to the resident’s room or designated visitation area. Visits for residents who share a room should not be conducted in the resident’s room”

FAQ #3 Can AL or SNF residents leave the facility for non-essential purposes- i.e. to visit families?

- It is still not recommended that AL residents leave the facility for non- medically necessary excursions.
- While facilities can't forbid a family from taking someone out, it is with in the facility's rights to quarantine a resident who leaves the facility for a non-medically necessary, and potentially high risk activity (i.e. eating at a restaurant, or going to a family party).

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

FAQ #4- Does staff symptom screening need to be verbal, or can it be a self reported written or electronic checklist?

- Best practice is to have a staff member verbally assessing staff for signs and symptoms
- Self reported signs and symptoms reported on a paper checklist or through an electronic system are acceptable
- Staff should regularly monitor the self reported data so any staff reporting signs or symptoms can be intercepted and excluded from work immediately

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>

FAQ #5- Are healthcare workers exempt from the testing and quarantine requirements after travel? What if they are vaccinated?

- There is no exemption for HCP included in the current travel restriction orders, so HCP should be tested, quarantined, and excluded from work as per the orders
 - Immediately get a COVID-19 test upon arrival in Maryland or within 72 hours before travel to Maryland.
 - Symptomatic travelers shall self-isolate upon arrival or are strongly encouraged to stay at their place of origin. II.
 - Asymptomatic individuals shall self-quarantine while awaiting test results.
 - Individuals are strongly encouraged to get a second COVID-19 test within 72 hours of arrival in Maryland because of the novel coronavirus' incubation period.
 - There is an exemption for individuals who have recovered from COVID but not for vaccinated individuals
- This requirement does not apply to asymptomatic individuals who have tested positive for COVID19 in the previous 90 days and completed isolation in accordance with the CDC guidance. Note: Printed or electronic documentation of a test

<https://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/02112021ExecOrder.pdf>

<https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Traveler-Testing-and-Quarantine-12.17.20.pdf>

Have a question?

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