

# Ottawa County COVID-19 Epidemiology

December 8, 2022

*Data as of December 3, 2022, unless otherwise indicated.*

# Executive Summary

- **Weekly reported cases in the US and in Michigan are stable and relatively low**
- **Ottawa County transmission signals are stable, but showing some possible increases**
  - Last week positivity **increased** to 11.7%, from 9.6% two weeks ago.
  - Weekly case counts **increased** 61% (-17% two weeks ago), from 115 two weeks ago to 185 last week.
  - Cases among children **decreased** 7% (+27% two weeks ago), from 14 two weeks ago to 13 last week.
  - COVID-19 wastewater signals in Ottawa County **are mixed; stable** in Holland/Zeeland, **elevated but plateauing** in Grand Haven/Spring Lake and **decreasing after a substantial increase** in Allendale.
  - Based on national data, a variety of Omicron subvariants are likely circulating.
  - Ottawa's CDC Community Level is **LOW**.
  - Ottawa's CDC Transmission Level is **HIGH** as of December 8, 2022.
- **Ottawa-area and regional hospitals have adequate capacity**
  - In Ottawa County, 3% 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.
  - Regional pediatric bed occupancy and pediatric ICU occupancy have declined modestly, possibly following the [modest decline in RSV activity](#).
- **Of Ottawa County residents aged 6 months and older, 61.3% have received their primary vaccine 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.

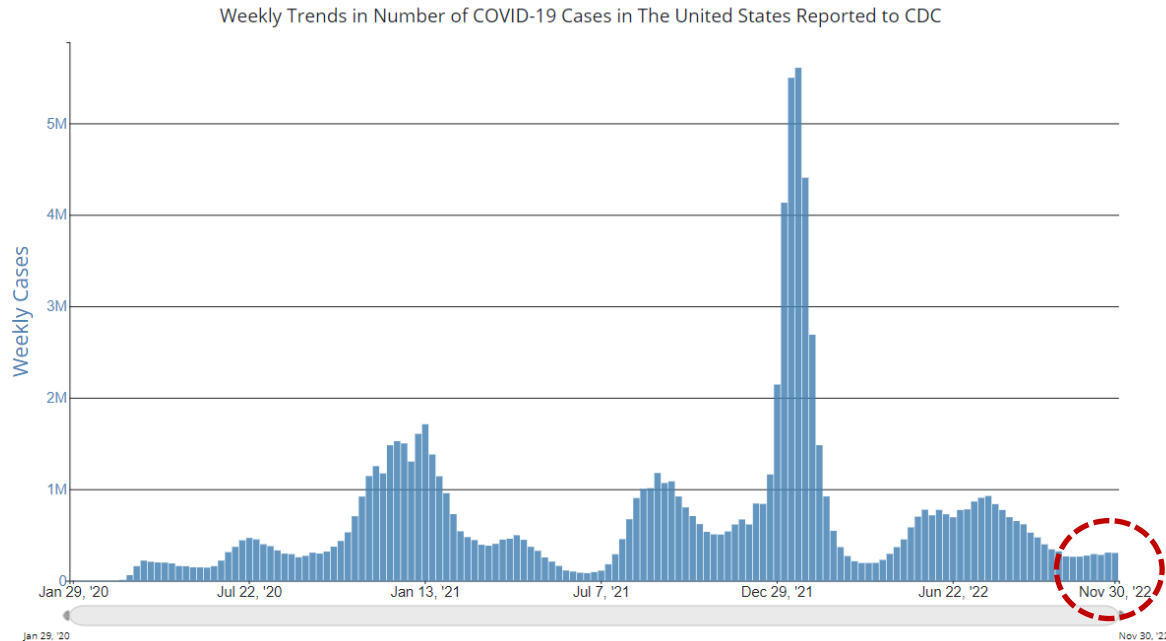
# Ottawa County Metrics by Week

Metric	Goal	Week Ending				
		5-Nov-22	12-Nov-22	19-Nov-22	26-Nov-22	3-Dec-22
Positivity (All Ages)	NA	10.7%	8.1%	9.8%	9.6%	11.7%
Weekly Cases (All Ages)	<592	199	148	139	115	185
Weekly Cases in Children (0-17 years of age)	NA	16	12	11	14	13
Total Deaths (All Ages)	0	4	0	2	3	1
CDC COVID-19 Community Level (New)	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

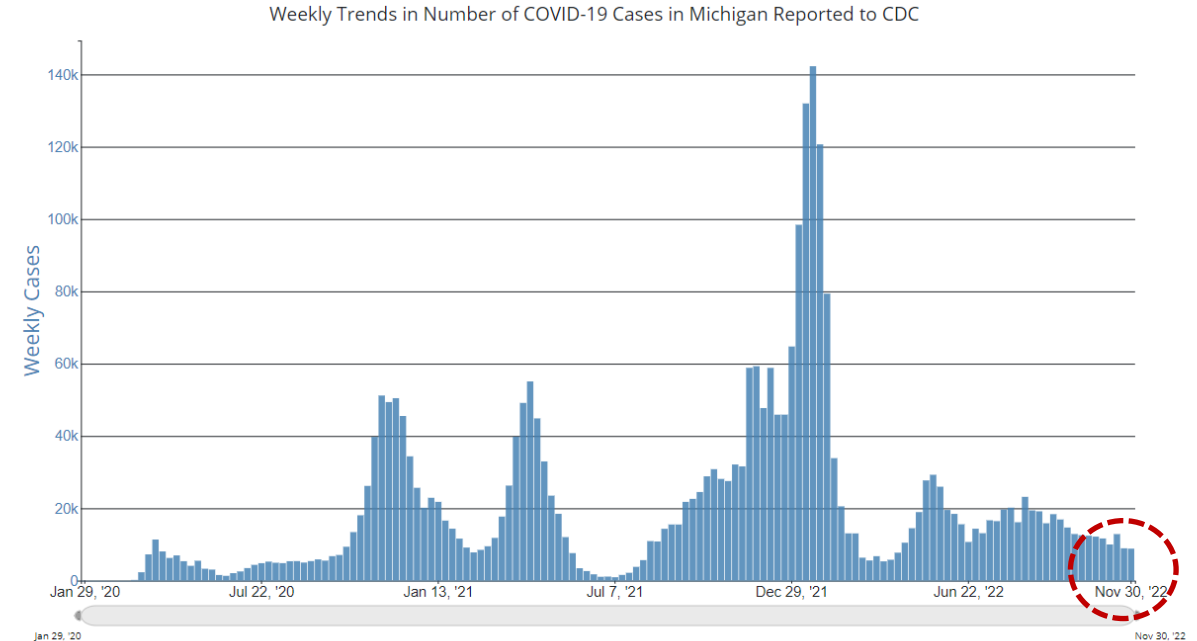
Please note that with updated CDC Community Levels, metrics and/or metric thresholds/goals may change.

# Weekly Case Trends in the USA and Michigan

## USA



## Michigan



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](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailycases)

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USA & MI

Spread

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Risk Levels

Other

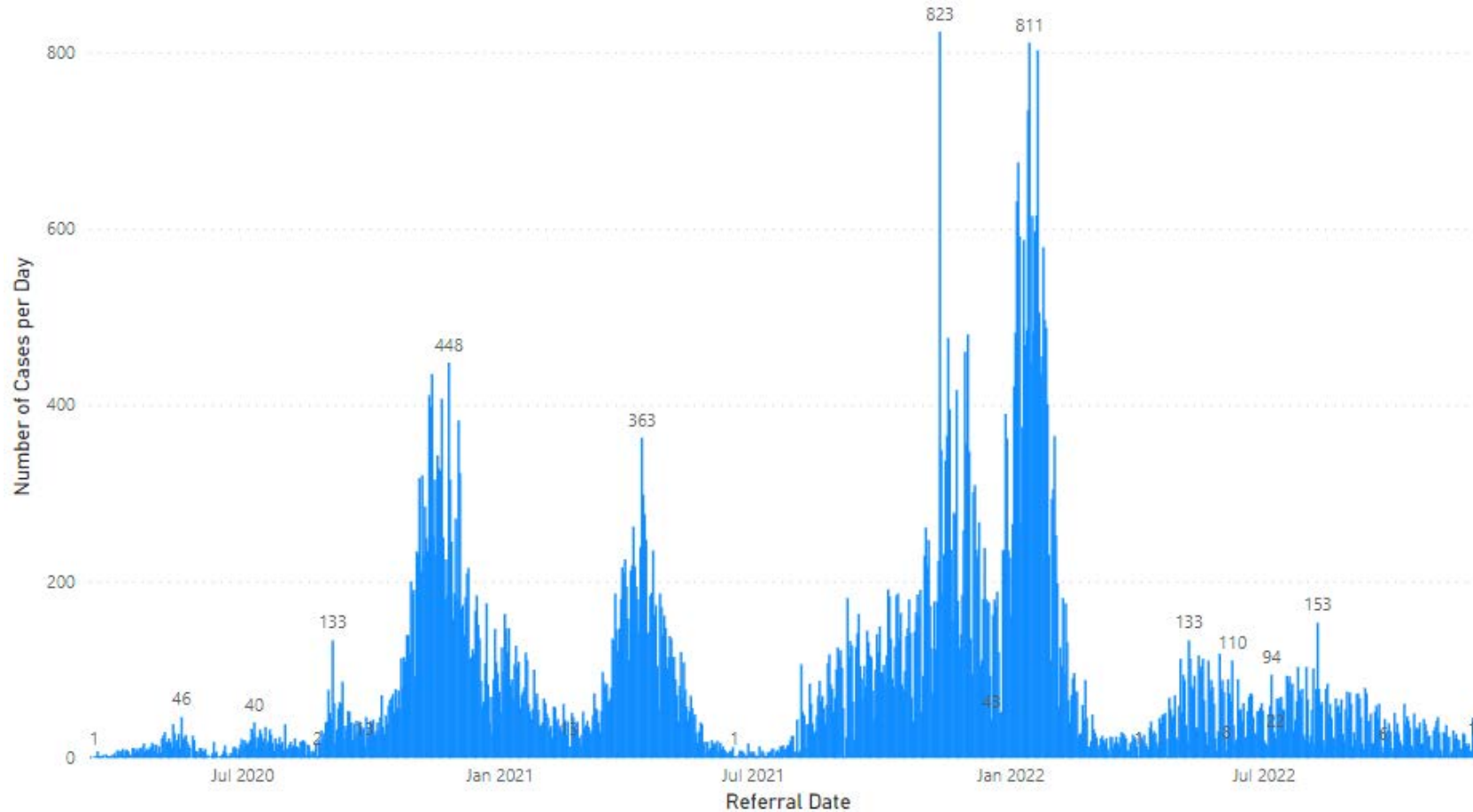
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# Case Trends in Ottawa County

COVID-19 Cases by Day, Ottawa County, March 15, 2020 – December 7, 2022

Epidemiological Curve



Total Number of Cases

**85,803**

Currently, the 7-day average is approximately **26 cases per day**, an increase from the approximately **18 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

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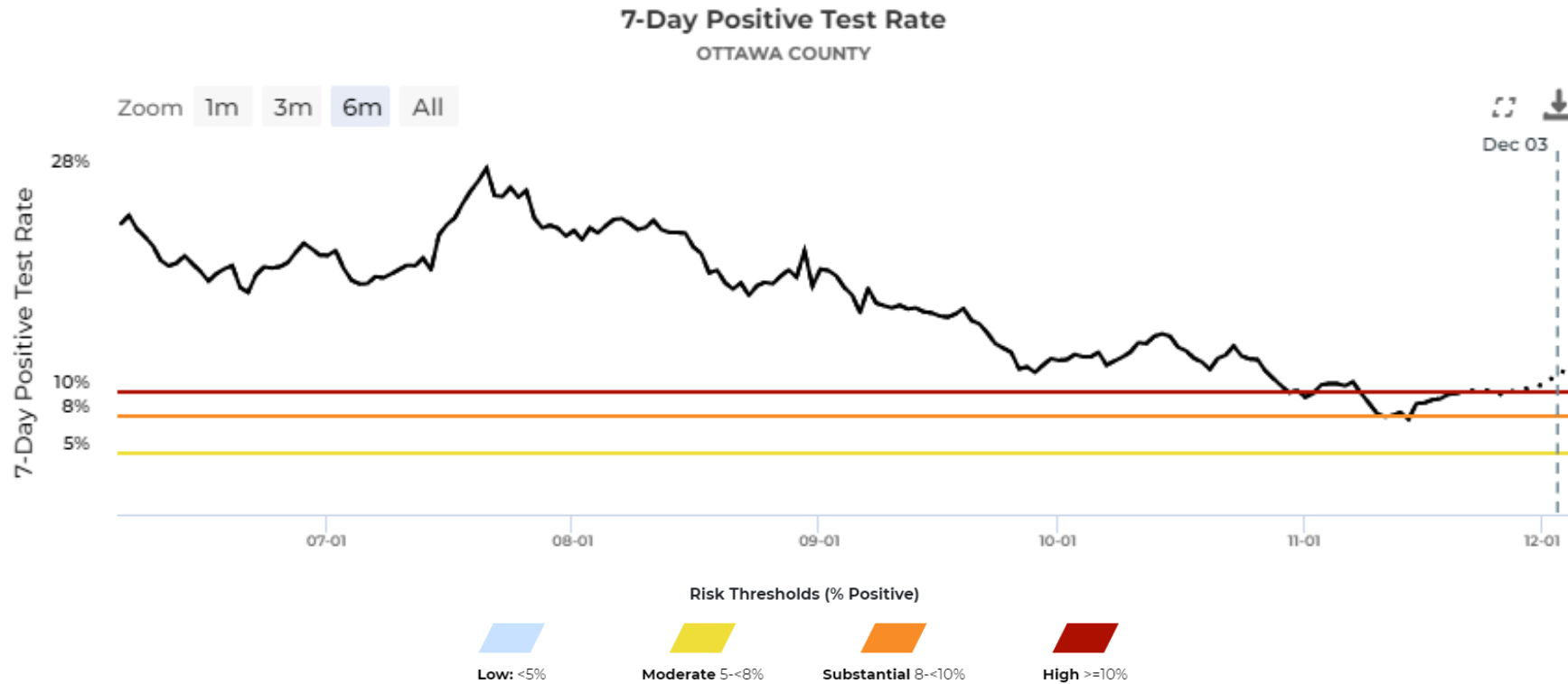
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# Test Positivity in Ottawa County

COVID-19 Cases by Day, Ottawa County, April 1, 2022 – December 3, 2022



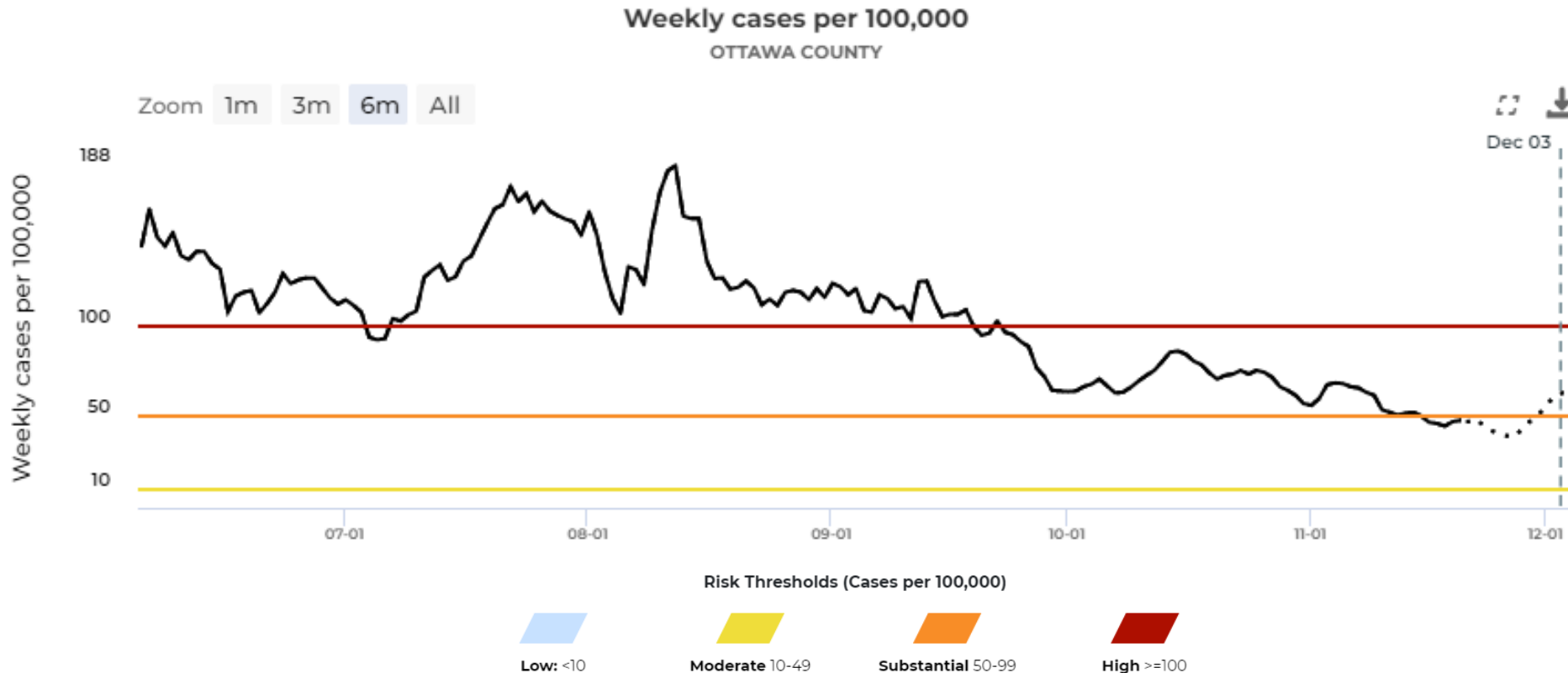
This visualization may change as CDC Community Transmission levels, metrics and/or metric thresholds/goals change.

**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 – December 3, 2022



Case rates trended at 63.1 cases per week per 100,000 population (**higher than the 39.4** the week prior).

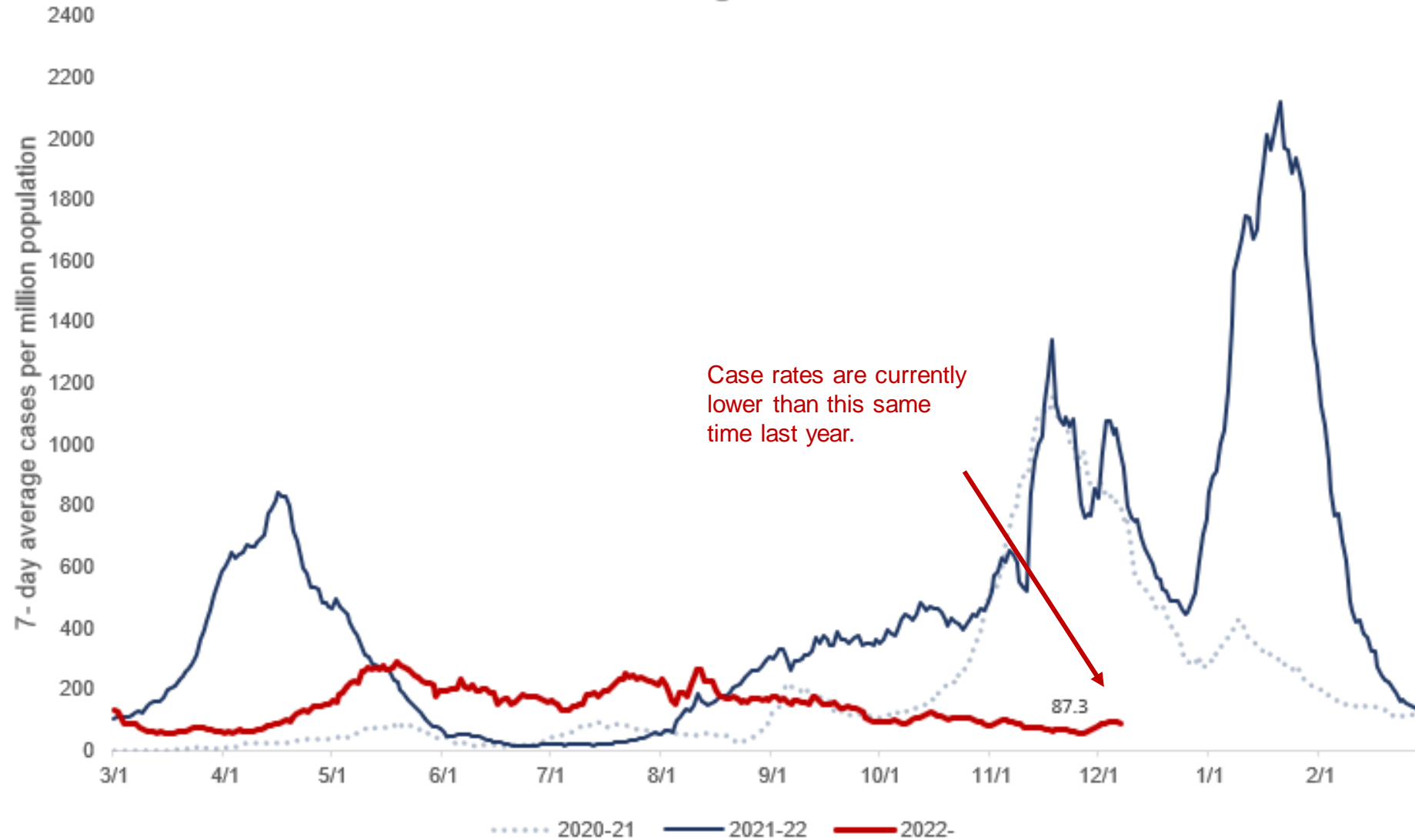
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**Source:** [MI Safe Start Map-Ottawa County](#)



# Ottawa County Trends – Comparison of Case Rates by Year



Case rates are currently lower than this same time last year.

87.3

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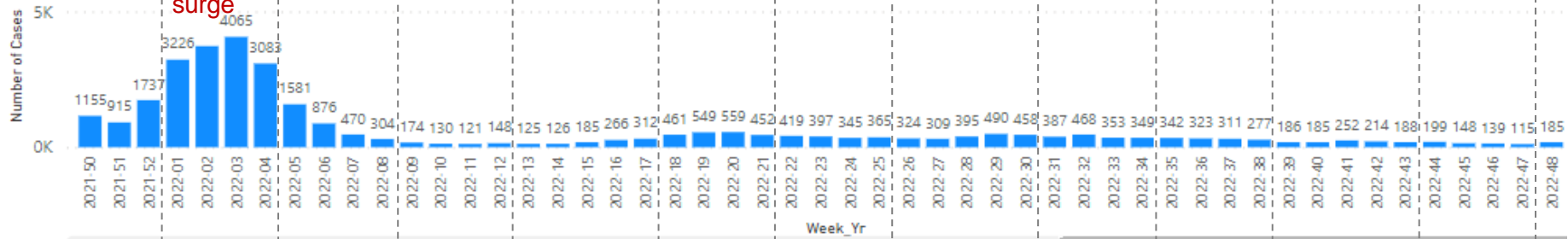
**Source:** Internal Data

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

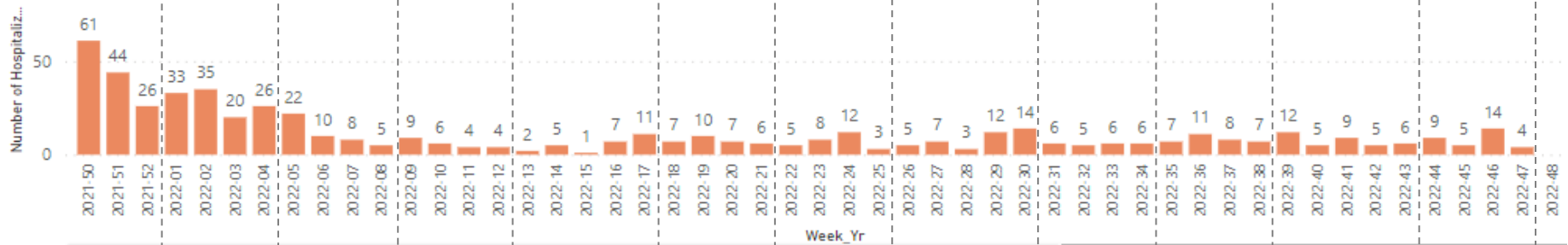
New Cases By Week of Referral

Omicron variant surge



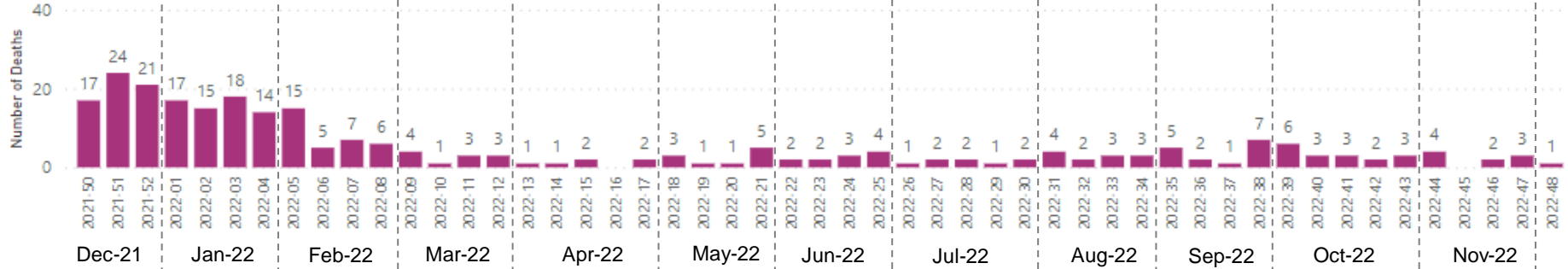
The weekly number of cases increased 61% from week 47 to week 48.

New Hospitalizations by Week of Admission



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.

New Deaths by Week of Death



Weekly COVID-19 deaths remain low. The current weekly average number of deaths over the last 4 weeks is about 2 deaths per week.

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

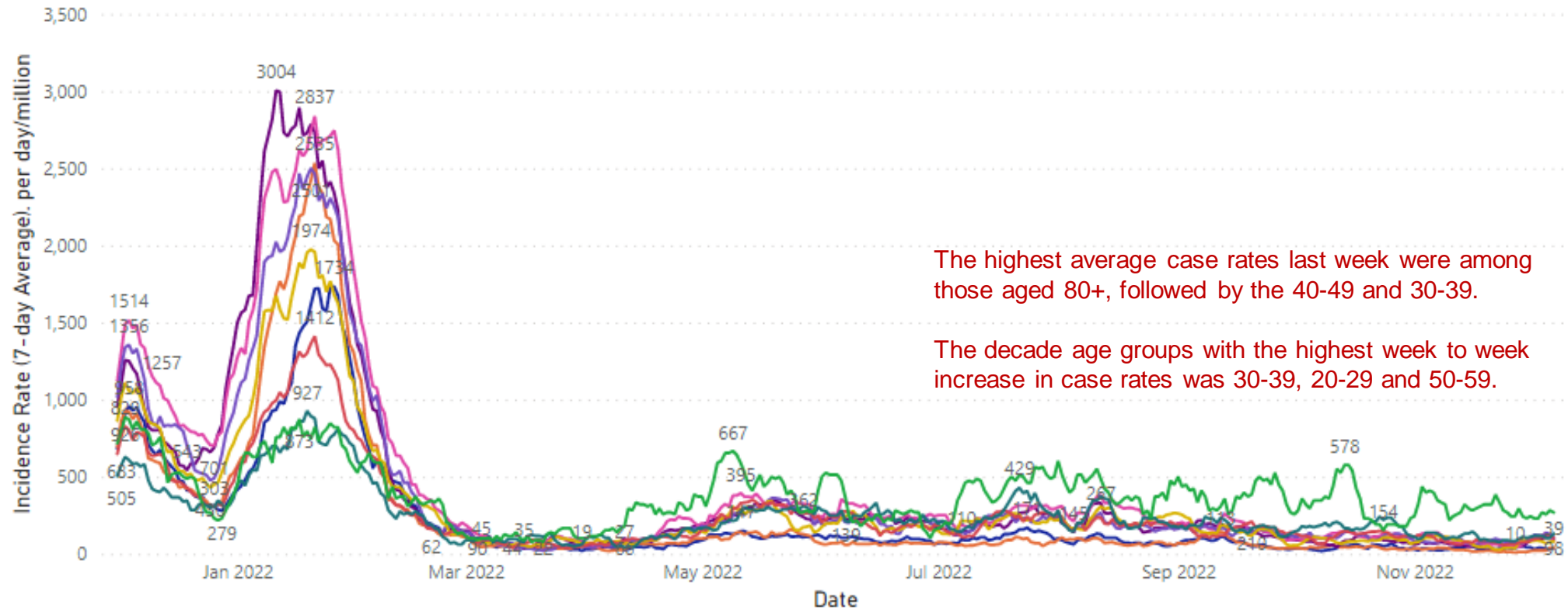
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# Ottawa County Case Rate Trends by Age Decade

COVID-19 Case Rates by Age, December 2021 – December 7, 2022

## Incidence Rate (7-day Average)

rategroup ● 0-9 ● 10-19 ● 20-29 ● 30-39 ● 40-49 ● 50-59 ● 60-69 ● 70-79 ● 80+



The highest average case rates last week were among those aged 80+, followed by the 40-49 and 30-39.

The decade age groups with the highest week to week increase in case rates was 30-39, 20-29 and 50-59.

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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 48 (November 27, 2022 – December 3, 2022)

Age Decade (Years)	Average Daily Cases	Average Daily Case Rate	One Week % Rate Change
0-9	1.4	38.8	0%
10-19	1.0	22.6	75%
20-29	4.4	98.0	122%
30-39	4.3	119.7	131%
40-49	4.0	120.5	75%
50-59	2.9	82.0	100%
60-69	3.3	101.0	54%
70-79	2.4	117.7	42%
80+	2.6	230.9	-5%

**Age groups with highest average case rates last week:**

1. 80+
2. 40-49
3. 30-39

**Age groups with largest week-over-week increase in case rates:**

1. 30-39
2. 20-29
3. 50-59

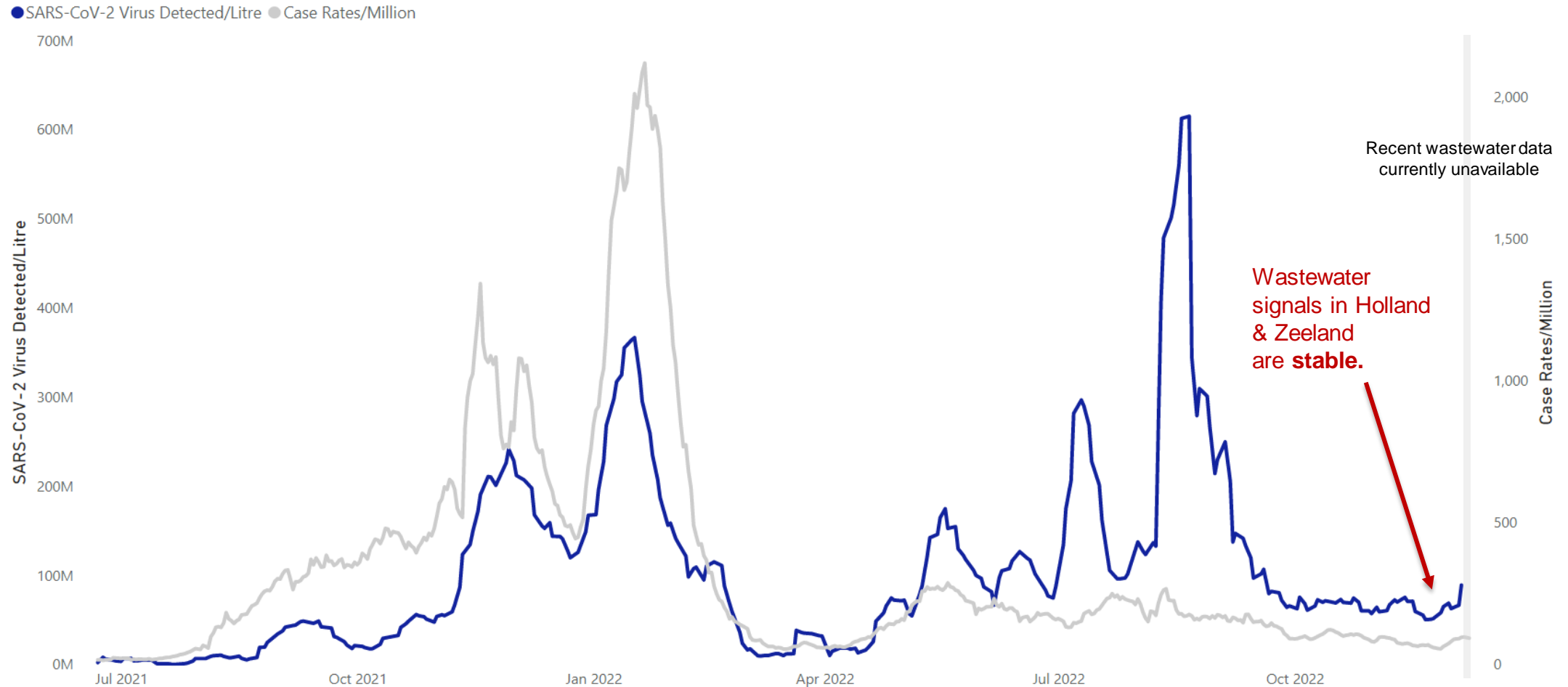
**Notes:** Average daily cases is calculated by summing the weekly total number of cases and dividing by seven. Cases counted in weeks of interest reflect referral date. Use of at home tests since late 2021 likely reduces the number of positive tests reported to Public Health, resulting in artificially 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

SARS-CoV-2 Virus Detected/Litre by Sample Date With COVID-19 Case Rates/Million by Referral Date (7-Day Averages)



**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](mailto:best@hope.edu))

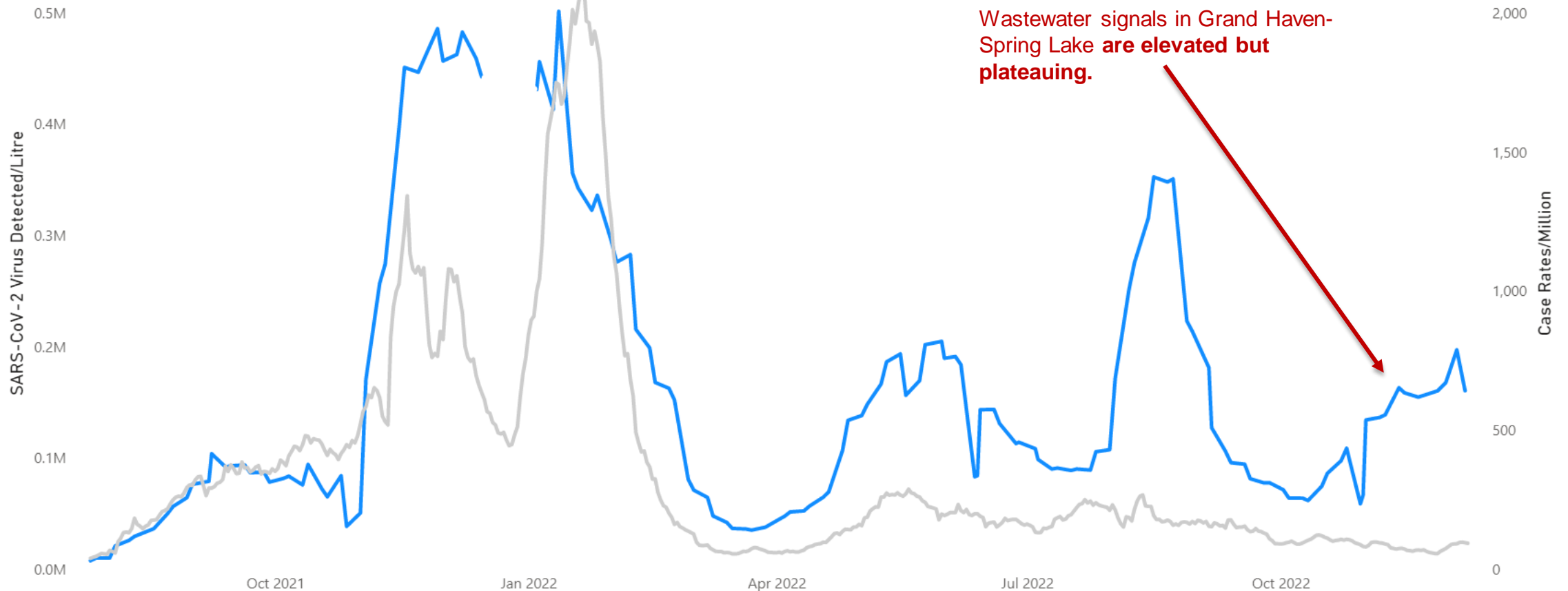
**Additional Information:** [Michigan COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Pilot Project \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com), [Coronavirus - Sentinel Wastewater Epidemiology Evaluation Project \(SWEEP\) \(michigan.gov\)](https://michigan.gov)

Data through December 5, 2022

# Grand Haven-Spring Lake Wastewater Surveillance

SARS-CoV-2 Virus Detected/Litre by Sample Date With COVID-19 Case Rates/Million by Referral Date (7-Day Averages)

● SARS-CoV-2 Virus Detected/Litre ● Case Rates/Million



**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 Grand Haven-Spring Lake. 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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**Source:** Grand Valley State University Annis Water Resources Institute as part of the MDHHS SEWER-Network, Richard Rediske, Ph.D. ([redisker@gvsu.edu](mailto:redisker@gvsu.edu))

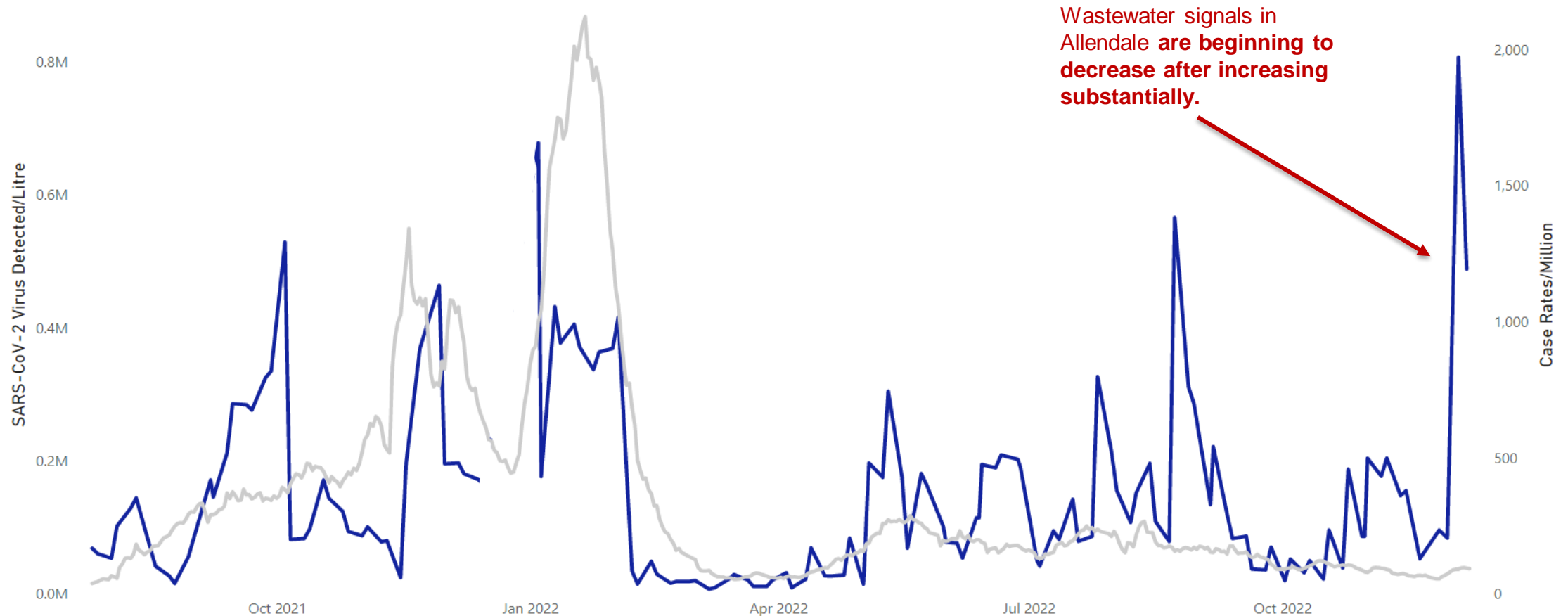
**Additional Information:** [Michigan COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Pilot Project \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com), [Coronavirus - Sentinel Wastewater Epidemiology Evaluation Project \(SWEEP\) \(michigan.gov\)](https://michigan.gov)

Data through December 7, 2022

# Allendale Wastewater Surveillance

SARS-CoV-2 Virus Detected/Litre by Sample Date With COVID-19 Case Rates/Million by Referral Date (7-Day Averages)

● SARS-CoV-2 Virus Detected/Litre ● Case Rates/Million



**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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# Ottawa County Weekly Case Counts and % Change, by Age

Week Ending	Adults (18+)		Children (0-17 years)		Total	
	Number	% Change from Previous Week	Number	% Change from Previous Week	Number	% Change from Previous Week
24-Sep-22	262	-5%	15	-57%	277	-11%
1-Oct-22	170	-35%	16	7%	186	-33%
8-Oct-22	172	1%	13	-19%	185	-1%
15-Oct-22	226	31%	26	100%	252	36%
22-Oct-22	191	-15%	23	-12%	214	-15%
29-Oct-22	171	-10%	17	-26%	188	-12%
5-Nov-22	183	7%	16	-6%	199	6%
12-Nov-22	136	-26%	12	-25%	148	-26%
19-Nov-22	128	-6%	11	-8%	139	-6%
20-Nov-22	101	-21%	14	27%	115	-17%
21-Nov-22	172	70%	13	-7%	185	61%

Adults

Children

Weekly case counts among **children** decreased **7%** last week, and cases in **adults** increased **70%**.

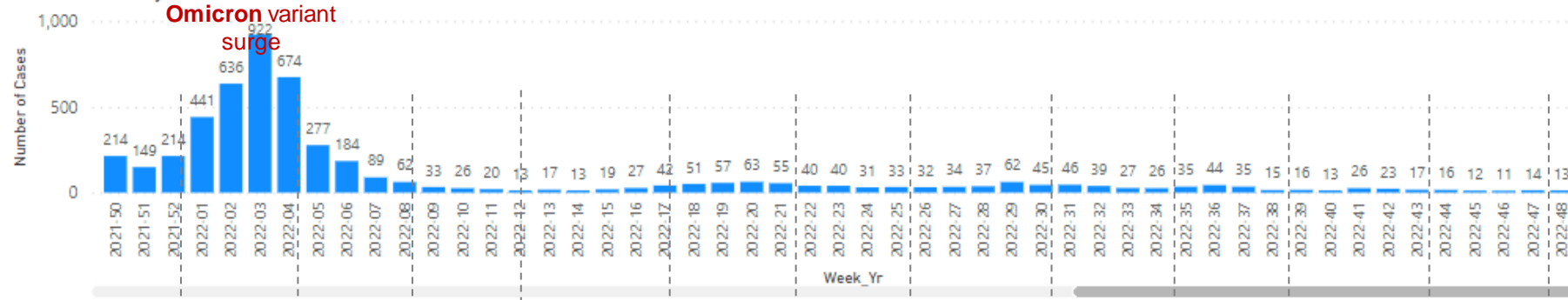
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**Source:** Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Disease Surveillance System



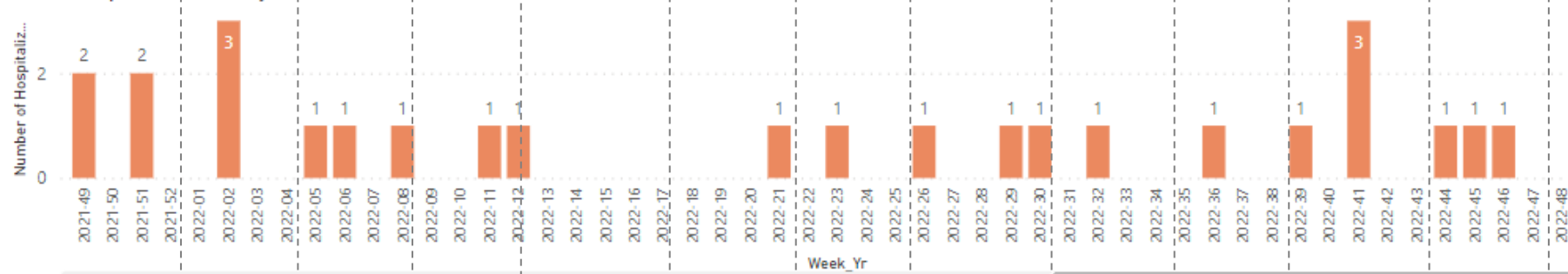
# Ottawa County – Cases, Hospitalizations, & Deaths by Week Among Children (0-17 years)

New Cases By Week of Referral

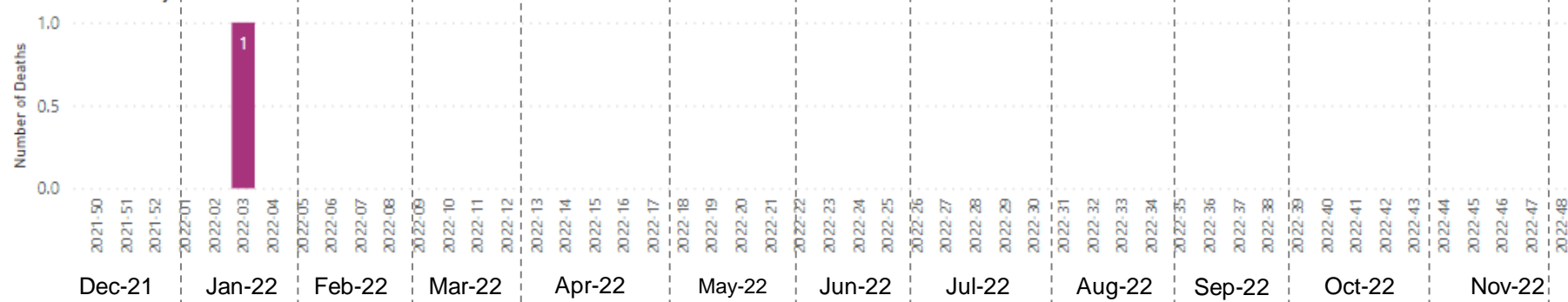


The weekly number of cases among children **decreased 7%** from week 47 to week 48.

New Hospitalizations by Week of Admission



New Deaths by Week of Death



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

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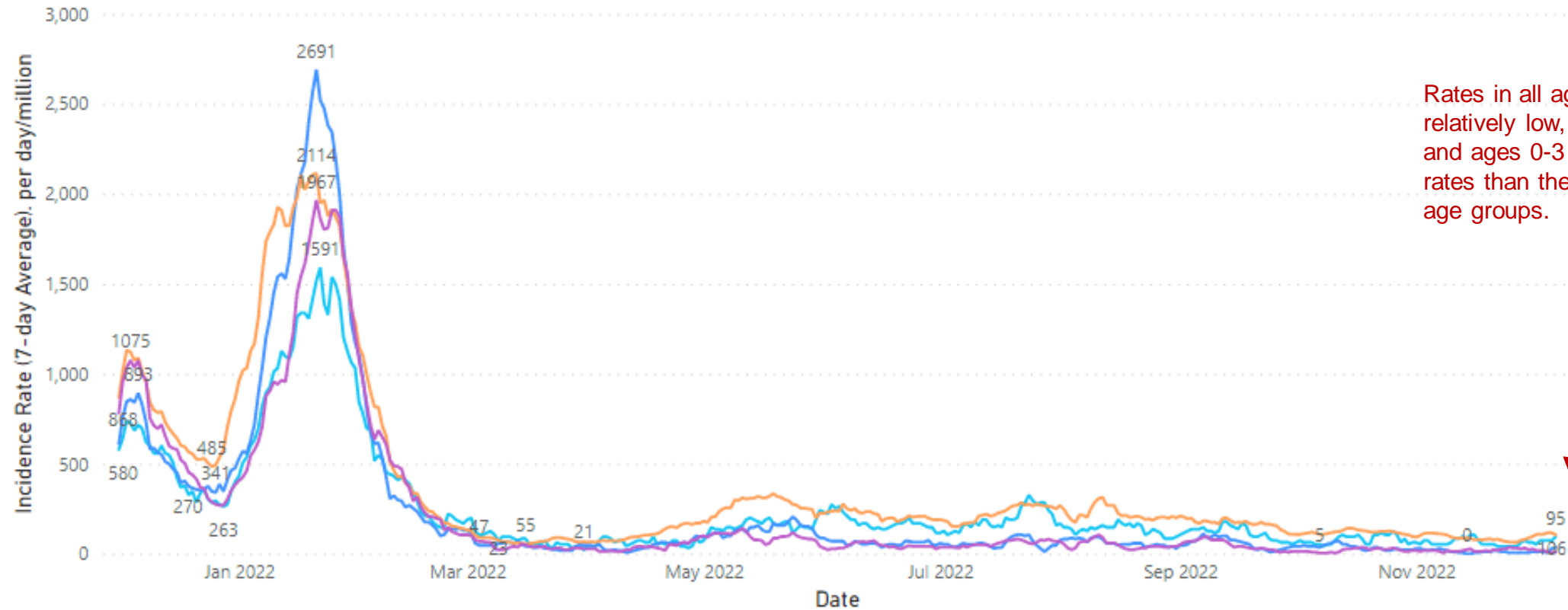
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# Ottawa County – Case Rate Trends by Age

COVID-19 Case Rates by Age, includes School-Aged, December 2021 – December 7, 2022

Incidence Rate (7-day Average)

rategroup ● 0-3 ● 12-17 ● 18+ ● 4-11



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.



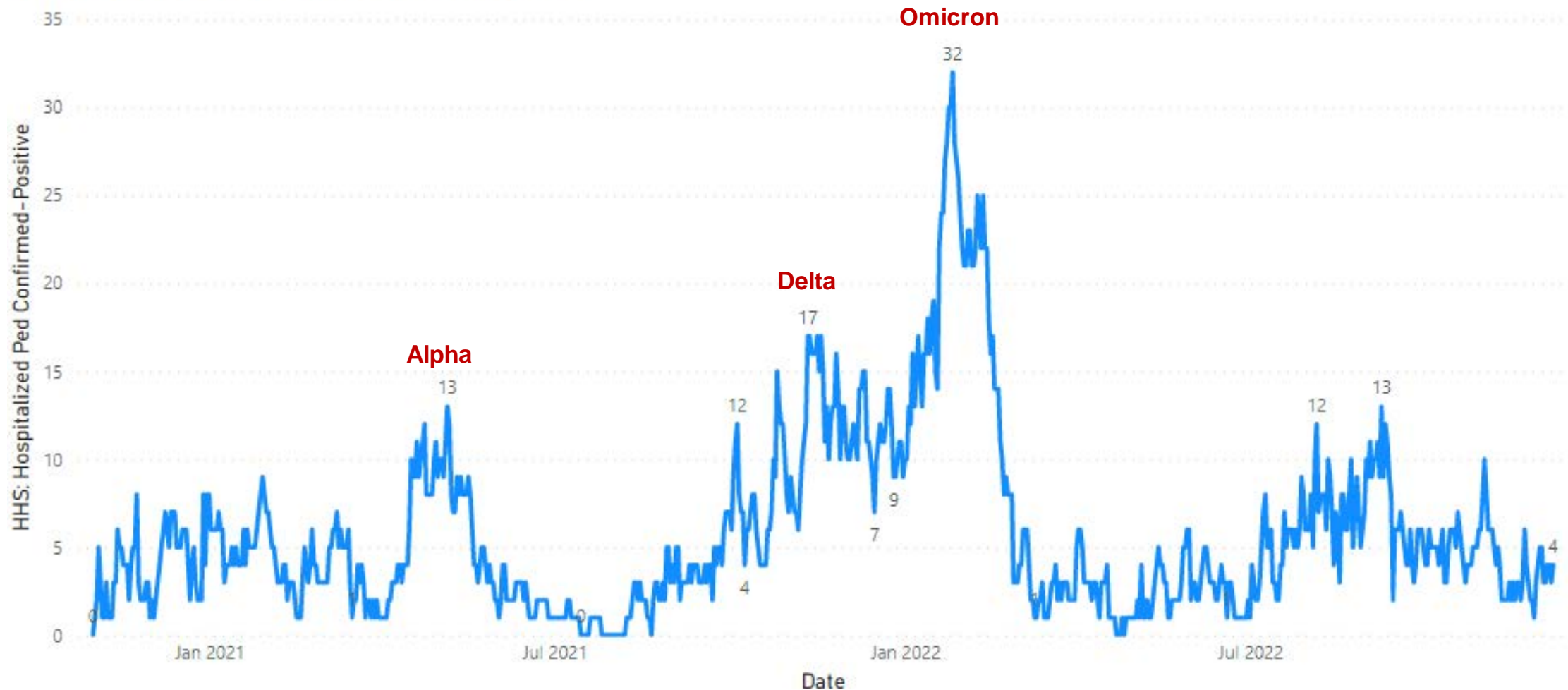
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# Daily Hospital Pediatric Census – West Michigan

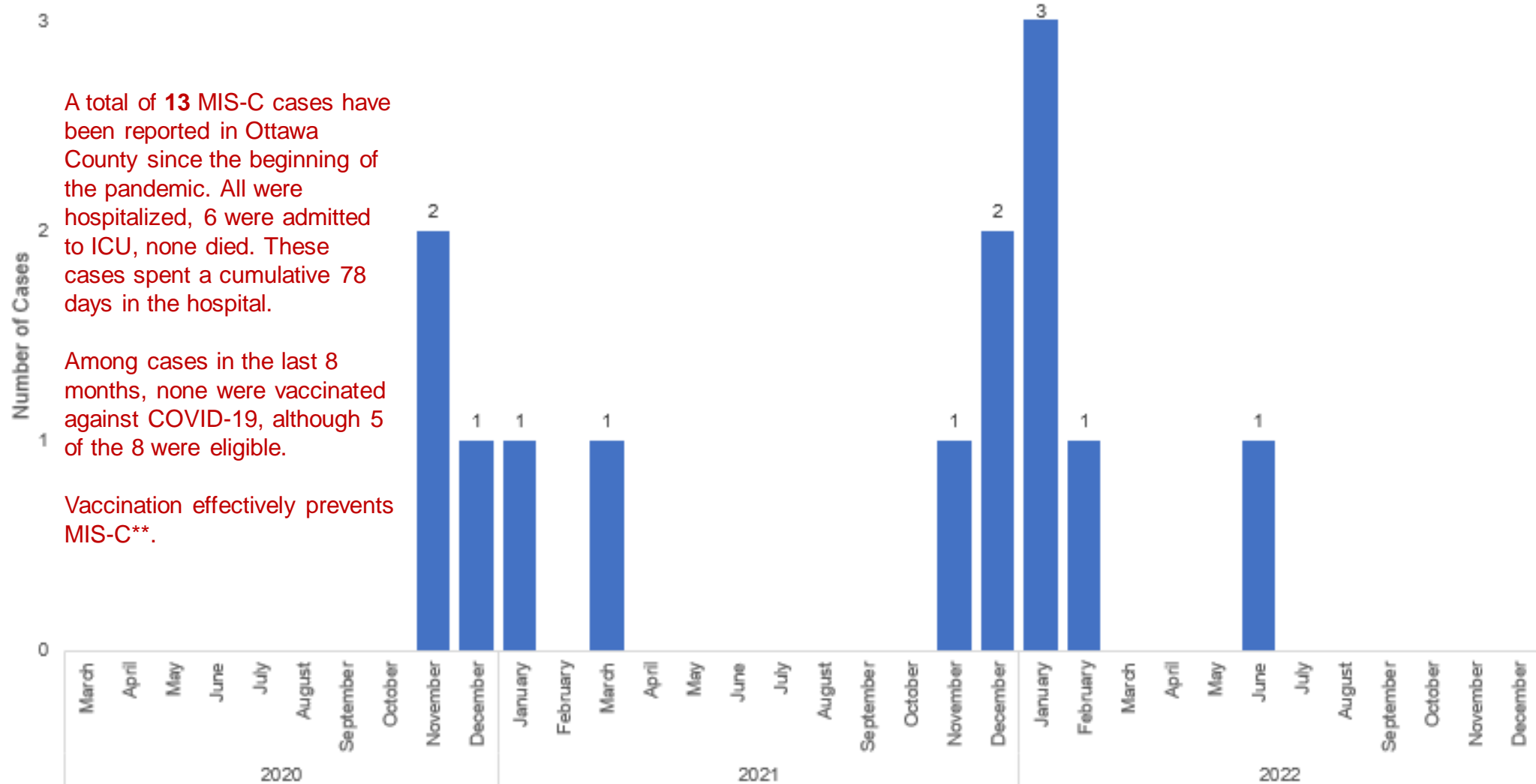
HHS: Hospitalized Ped Confirmed-Positive by Date



**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.

Data through December 7, 2022

# 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>

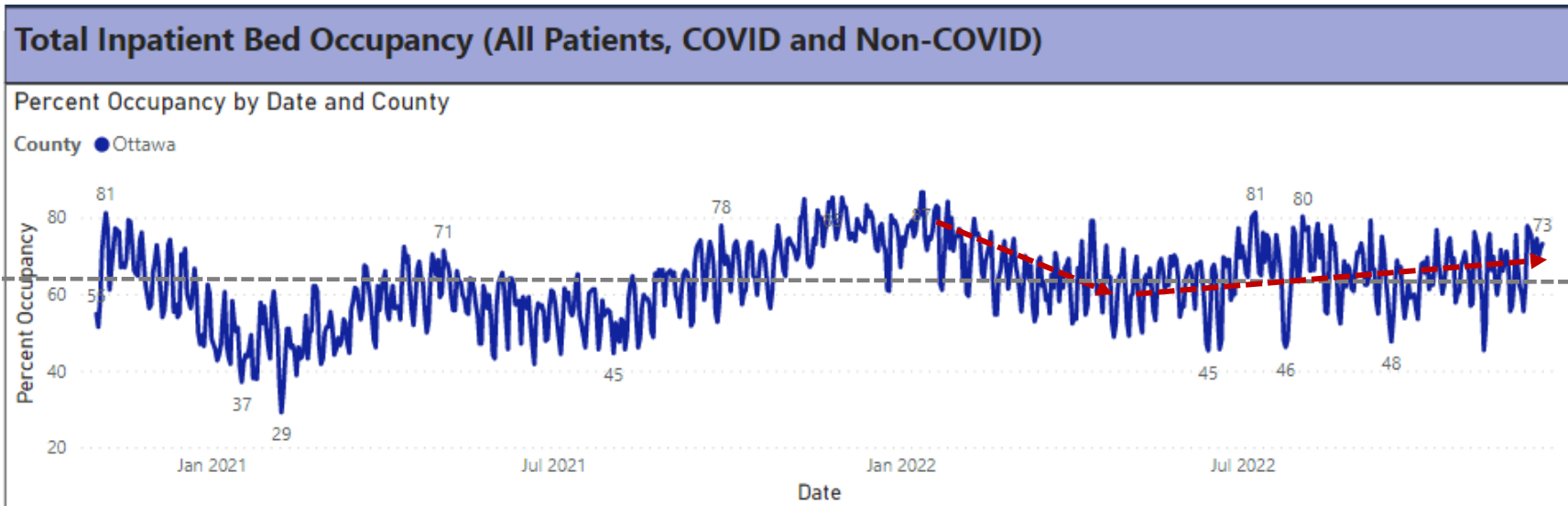
\*\*Sources: [MMWR](#) & [The Lancet](#)

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# Ottawa County Hospital Capacity – All Beds

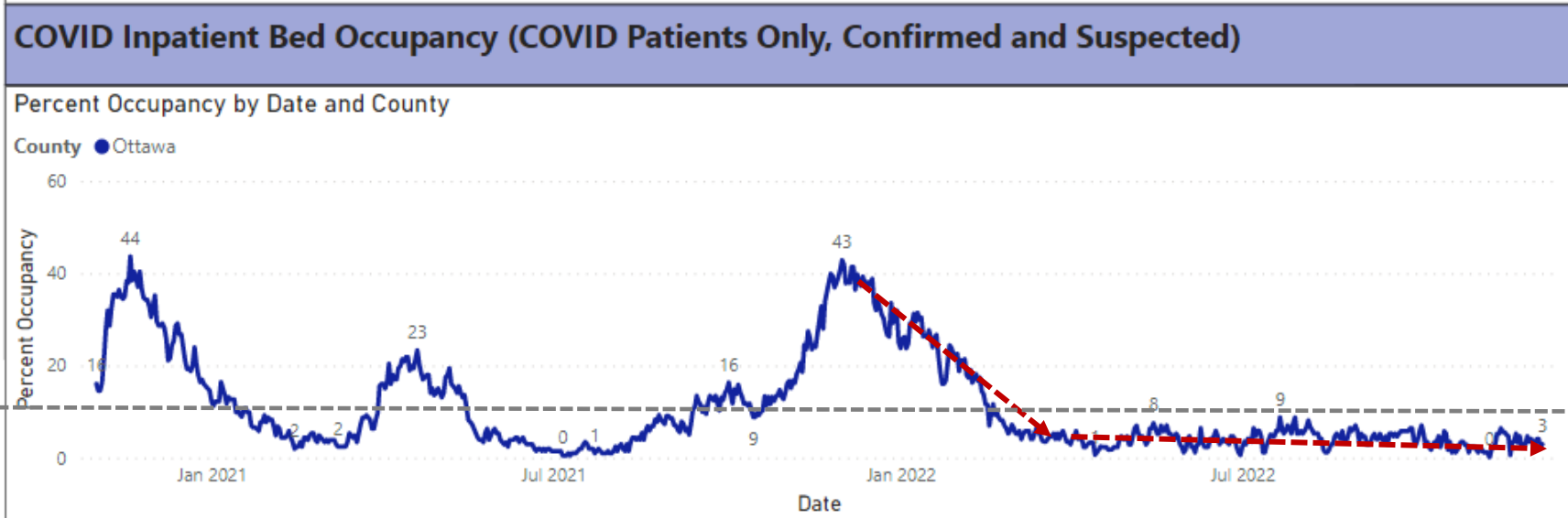
Pandemic Average

63%



Total hospital bed occupancy is currently above the pandemic average.

11%



Currently 3% of all inpatient beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients.

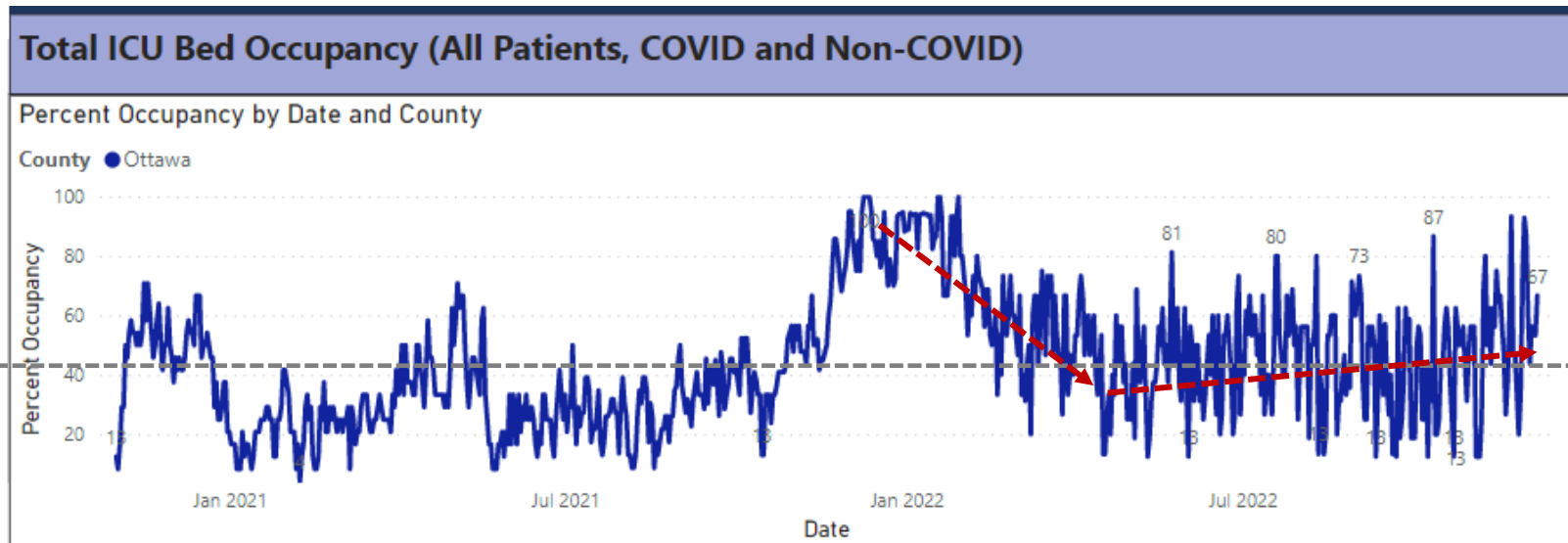
Source: EMResources

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# Ottawa County Hospital Capacity – ICU Beds

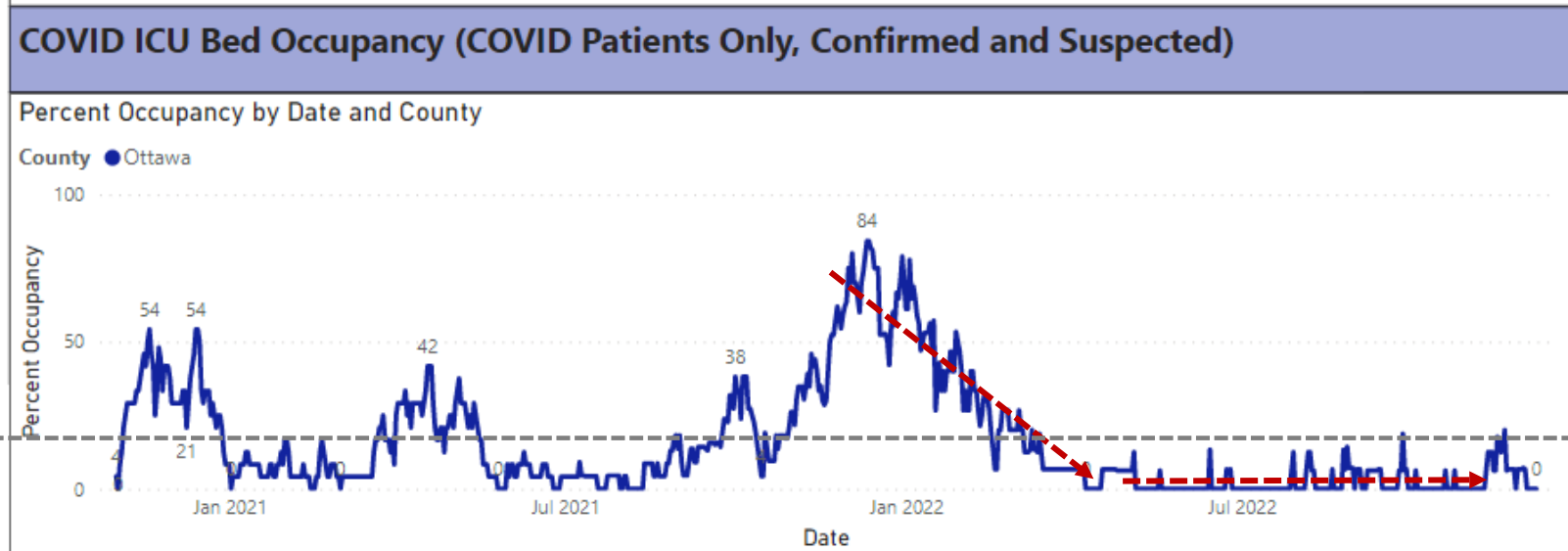
Pandemic Average

42%



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

16%

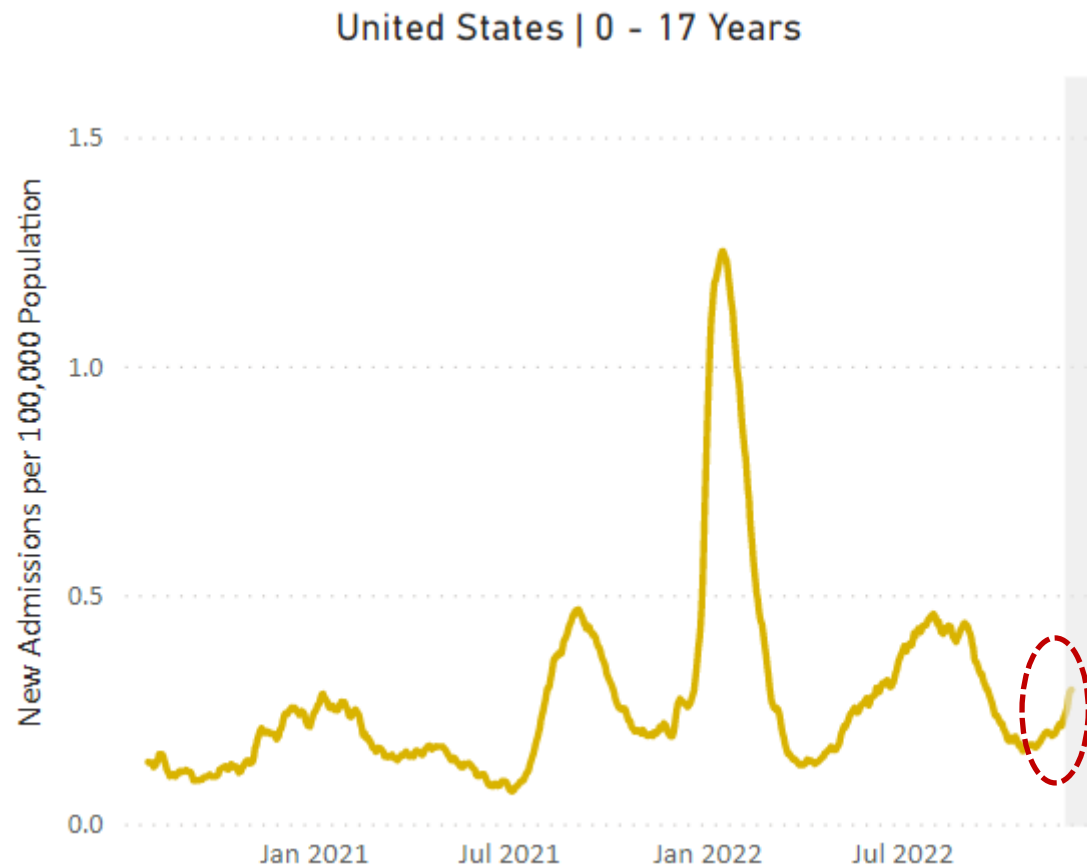


The proportion of ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients is **below the pandemic average**. Currently, **0%** of ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients.

Source: EMResources

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# Pediatric Hospitalization Rates – USA, Michigan



Pediatric COVID-19 hospitalization rates across the US and Michigan are showing a recent **increase**.

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

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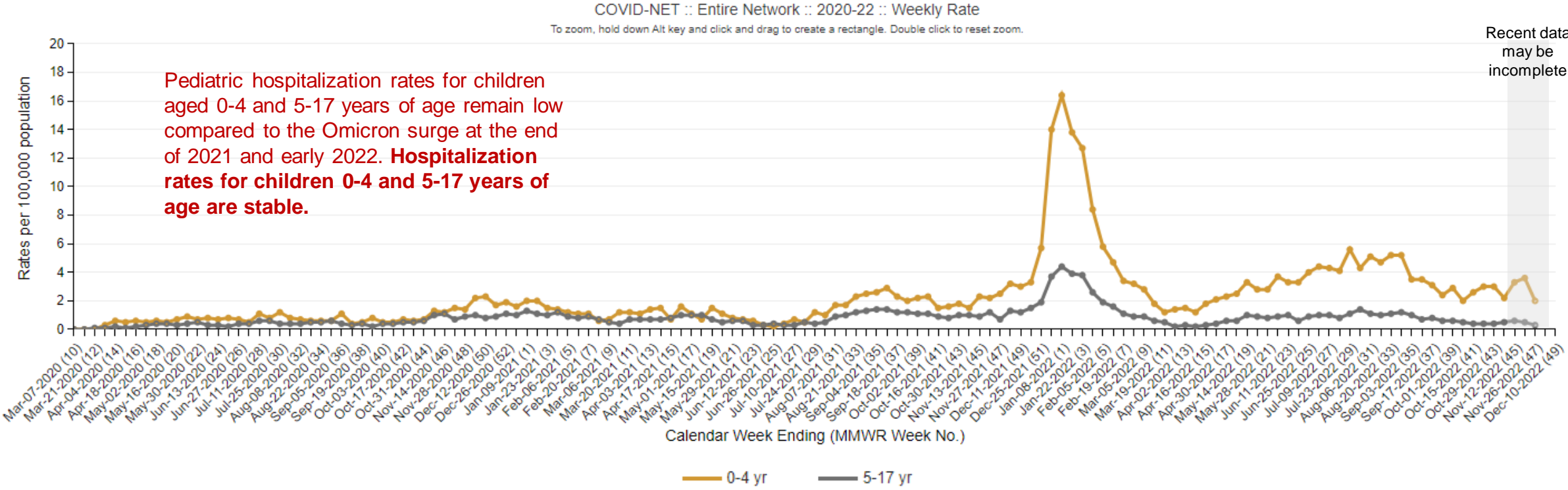
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# Pediatric Hospitalization Rates by Age Group – USA



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.

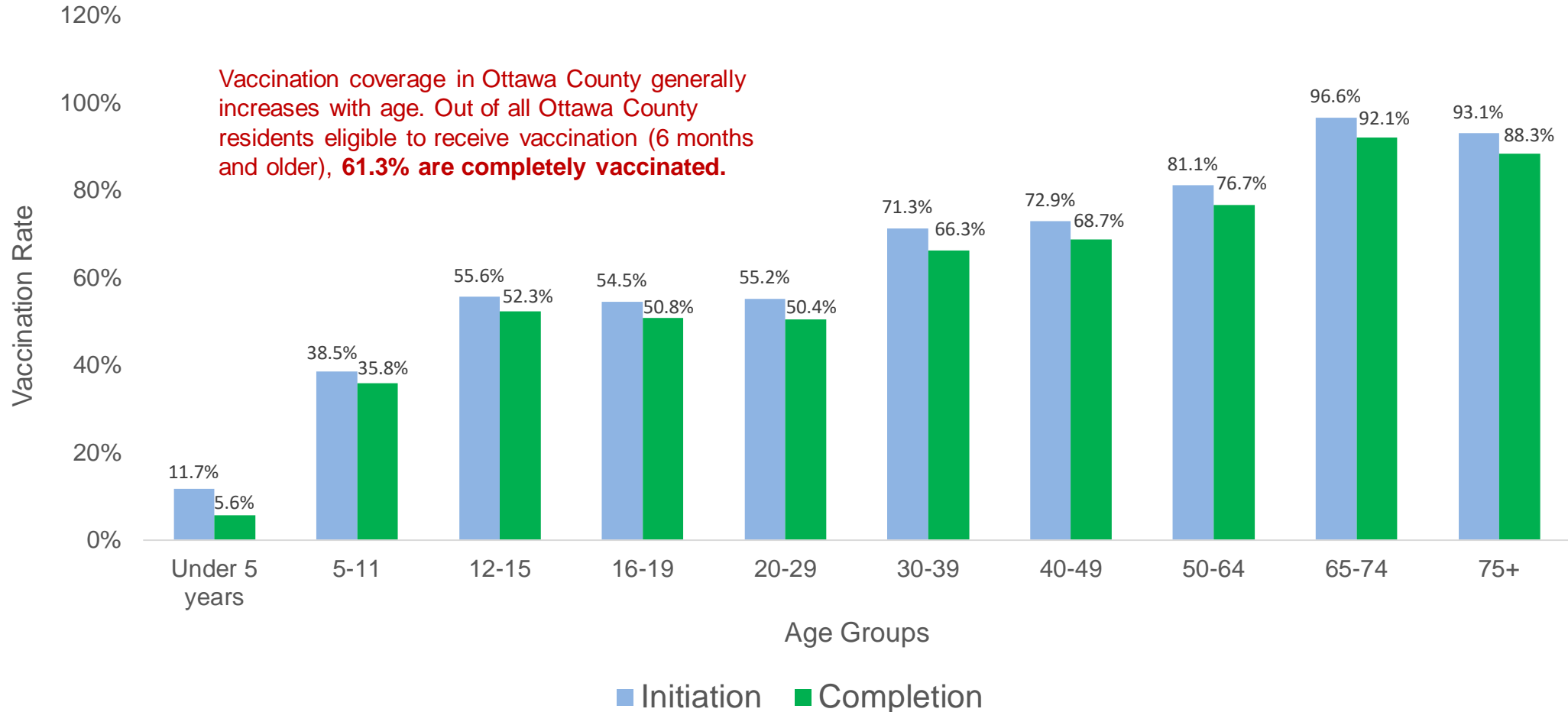
Starting MMWR week 48, MD data are temporarily removed from weekly rate calculations.

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

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# Vaccination Coverage by Age (Primary Series Only)



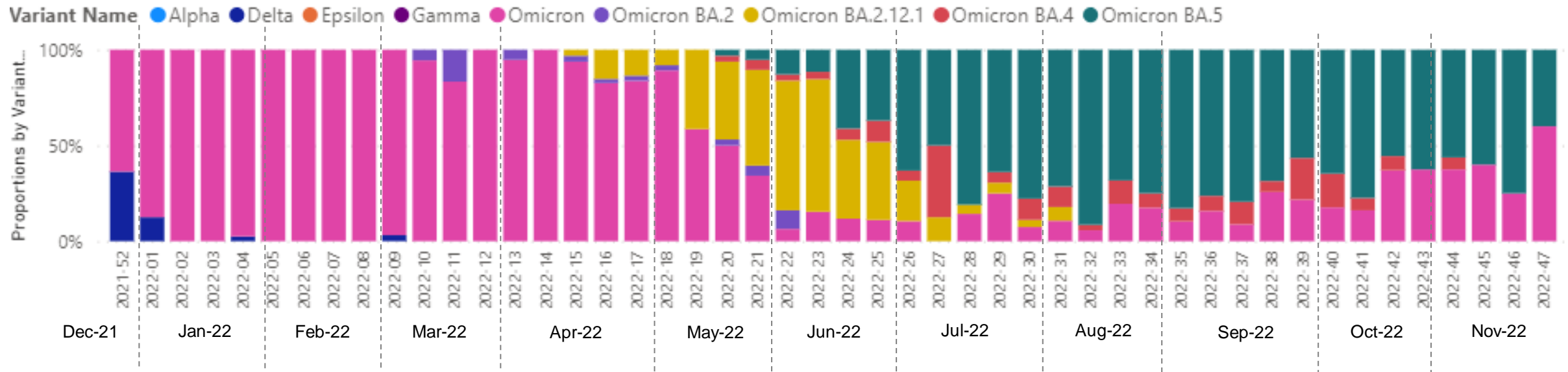
**Notes:** Completion is the percentage of people receiving at least 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna or 1 dose of J&J. NovaVax doses are not included here.

**Source:** <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/resources/covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-dashboard>

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# Variants – Clinical Samples from Ottawa County Residents

Variant Proportions by Week



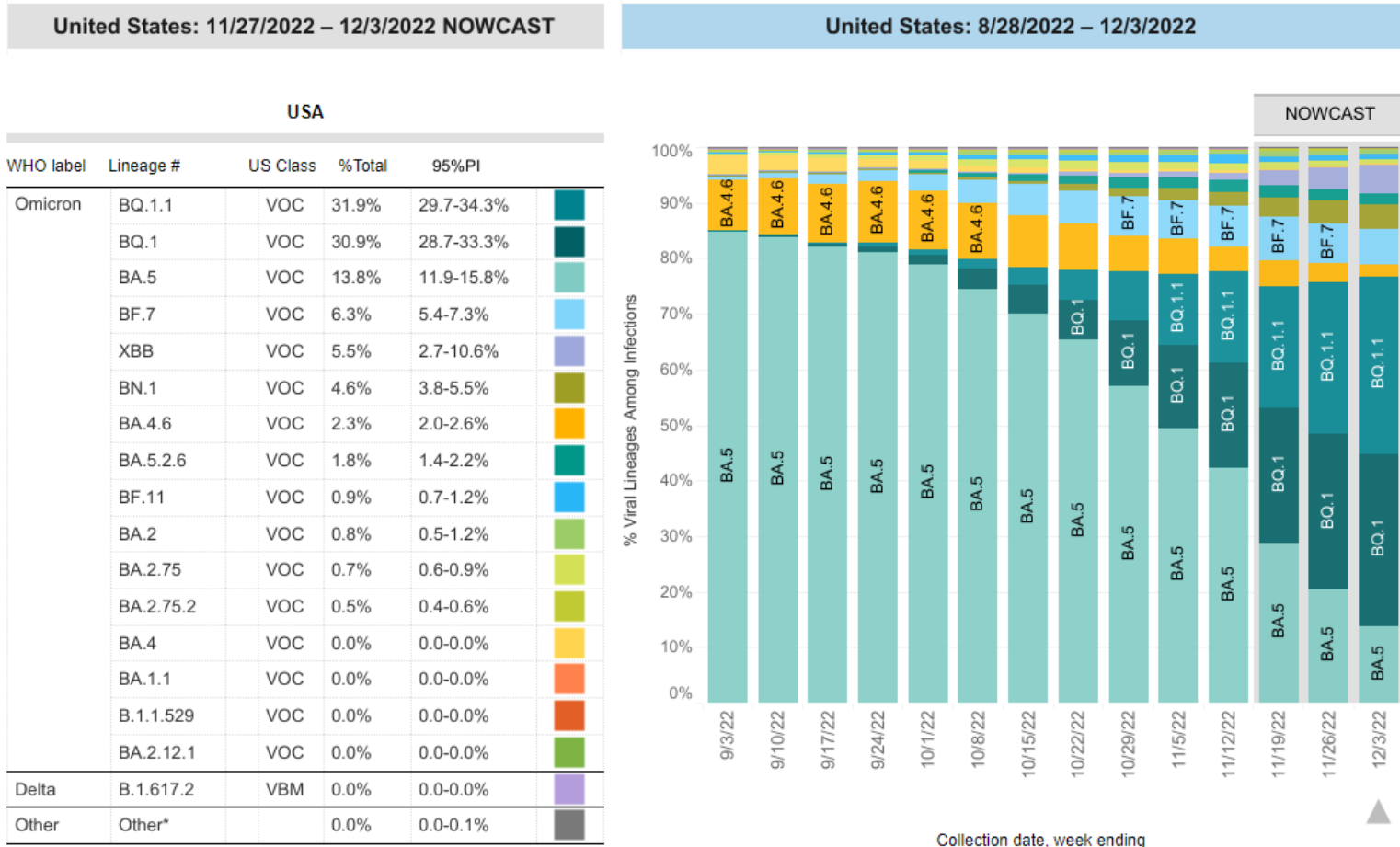
By the end of July 2021 through early December 2021, all clinical samples\* tested were identified as the **Delta** variant.

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). Additional **Omicron subvariants** are expected to be detected in clinical samples in the months ahead.

\* 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



The **Omicron** variant and its subvariants are estimated to account for more than 99% of all clinical samples collected in the United States the week ending December 3, 2022.

The BA.5 subvariant has been supplanted by other Omicron subvariants such as BQ.1.1, BQ.1, BF.7, and others.

\* 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 aggregated to BA.4. Except BF.7, BF.11, 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, XBB was aggregated with other. Lineages BA.2.75.2, XBB, BN.1, BA.4.6, BF.7, BF.11, BA.5.2.6 and BQ.1.1 contain the spike substitution R346T.

# COVID-19 Community Levels

TABLE 1. COVID-19 Community Levels, Indicators, and Thresholds

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%

Please note that the Community Levels indicators for hospital admission and occupancy shown here apply to COVID-19 patients only.

While Ottawa County COVID-19 admissions and hospital occupancy have remained <10% for many months, reducing infections and preventing hospitalizations for/with COVID-19 is important to ensure capacity in local hospitals that may be facing substantial occupancy challenges from RSV, influenza, and other conditions.

The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the *new admissions* and *inpatient beds occupied* 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>

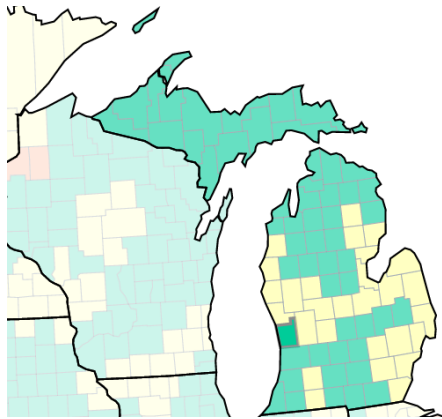
# CDC Community Levels – Ottawa County

- Current Community Level in Ottawa – **LOW**
  - Ottawa and Michigan's CDC Community Levels can be viewed on the [CDC website](#) and on the [MI Safe Start Map](#).

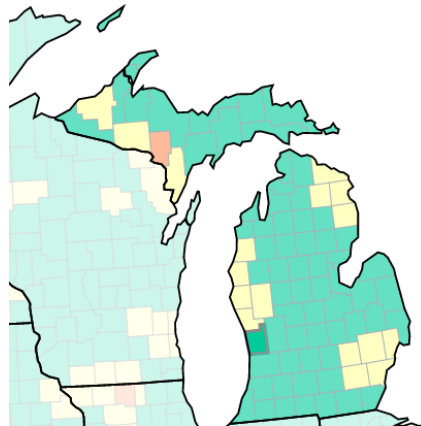
Current Data:

- New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions (per 100K pop 7-day total) = **2.9**
- Percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with COVID-19 (7-day average) = **3.9%**

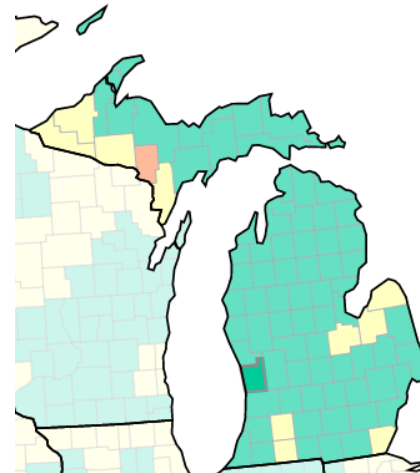
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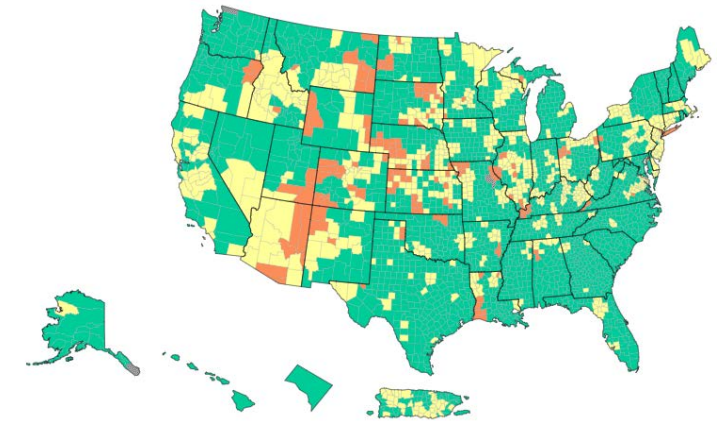
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● Low ● Medium ● High ● No Data

# COVID-19 Community Transmission Levels

## Determining Transmission Risk

If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected



	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days*	<10	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥ 100
Percentage of positive NAATs tests during the past 7 days**	<5%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥ 10.0%

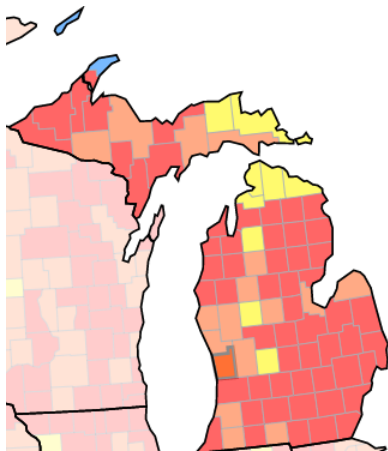
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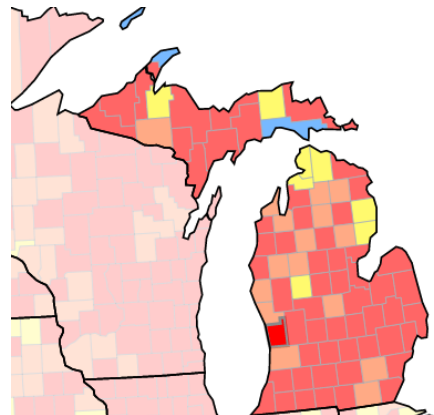
# CDC Community Transmission Levels – Ottawa County

- Current Community Transmission Level in Ottawa – **HIGH**
  - Ottawa and Michigan’s CDC Community Transmission Levels can be viewed on [CDC’s website](#) and on the MI Safe Start Map.
- Current Data:
  - Case Rate (per 100k pop 7-day total) = **44.89**
  - Percent Test Positivity (last 7 days) = **12.44%**

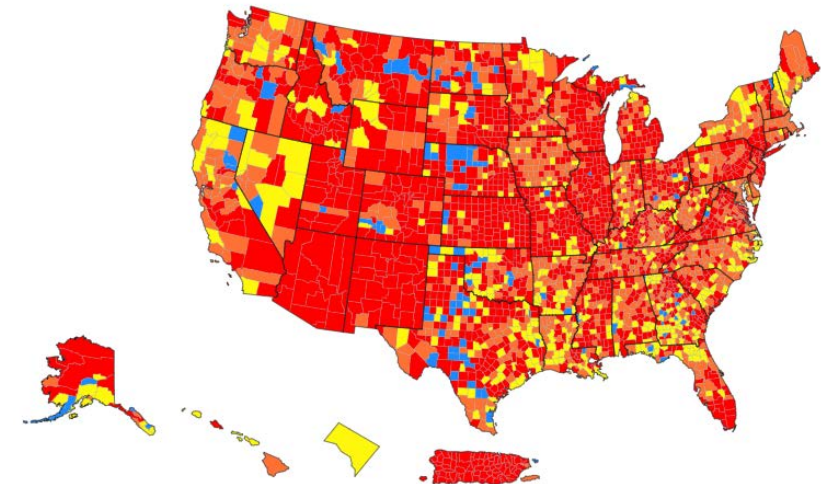
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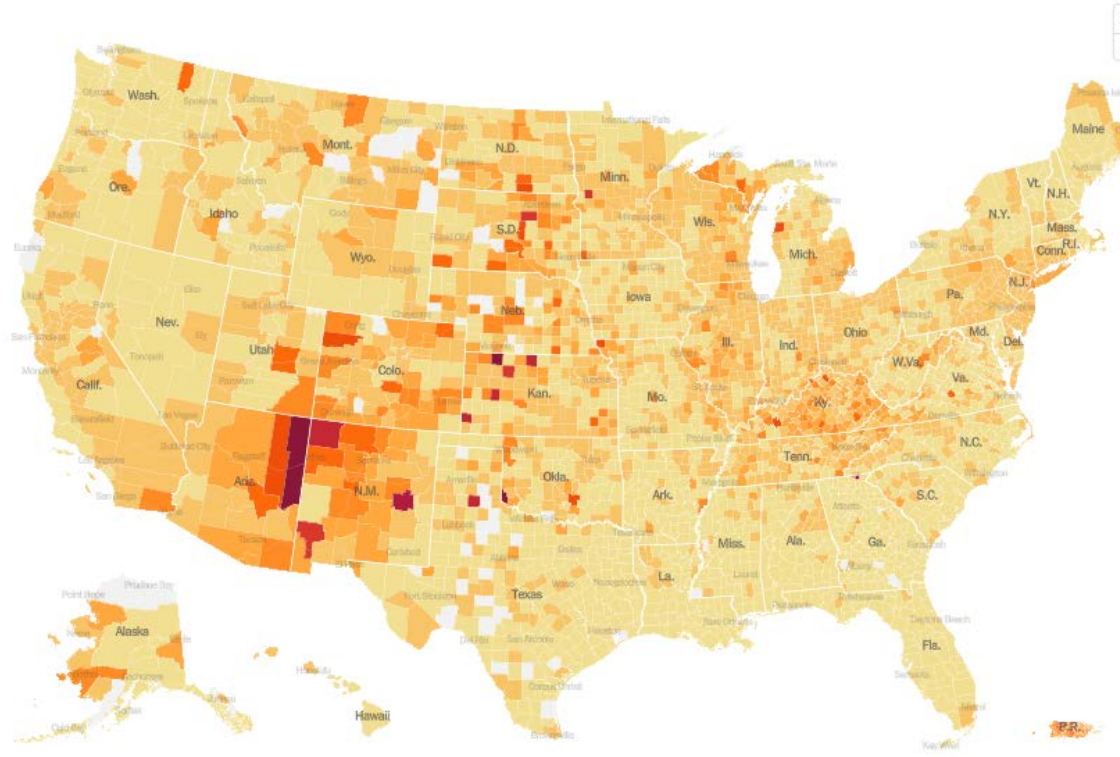


Source: [CDC COVID Data Tracker: Community Transmission](#)

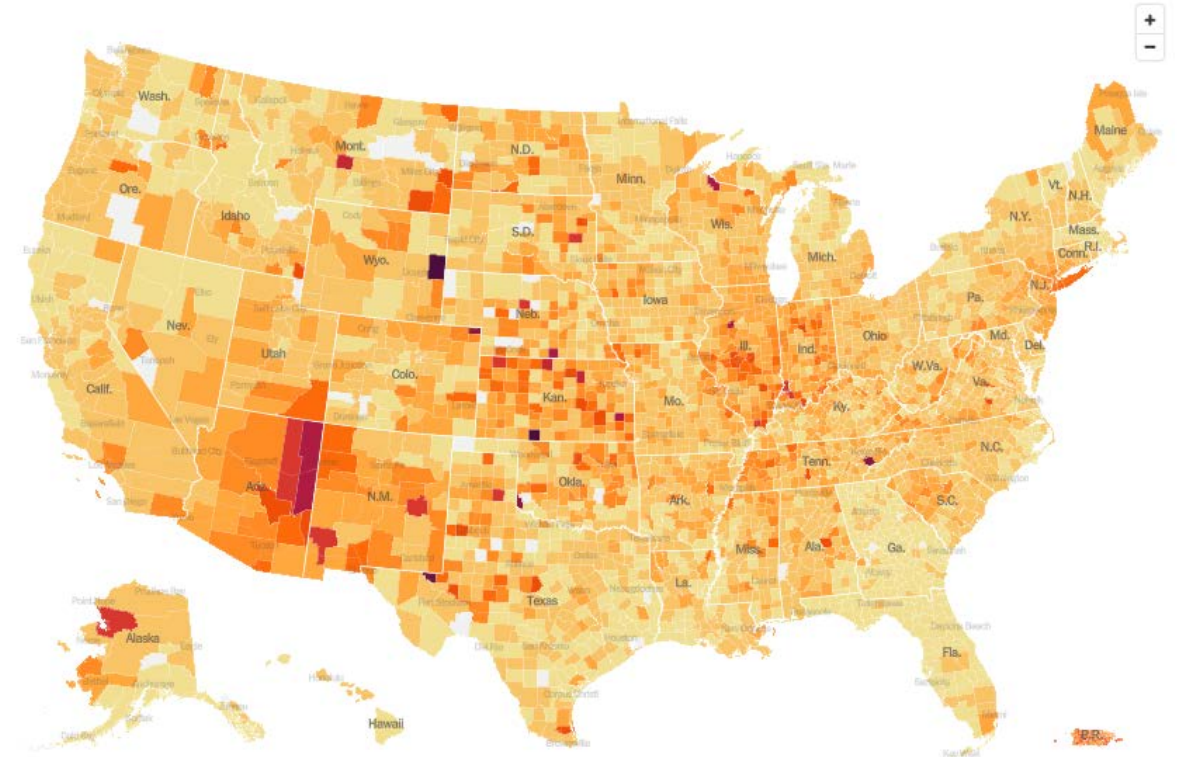
Data updated by CDC on December 8, 2022

# COVID-19 Case Rates by County Across the US

Two Weeks Ago



This Week



Case rates across the nation may be increasing.

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

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# COVID-19 Hospitalization Rates by County Across the US

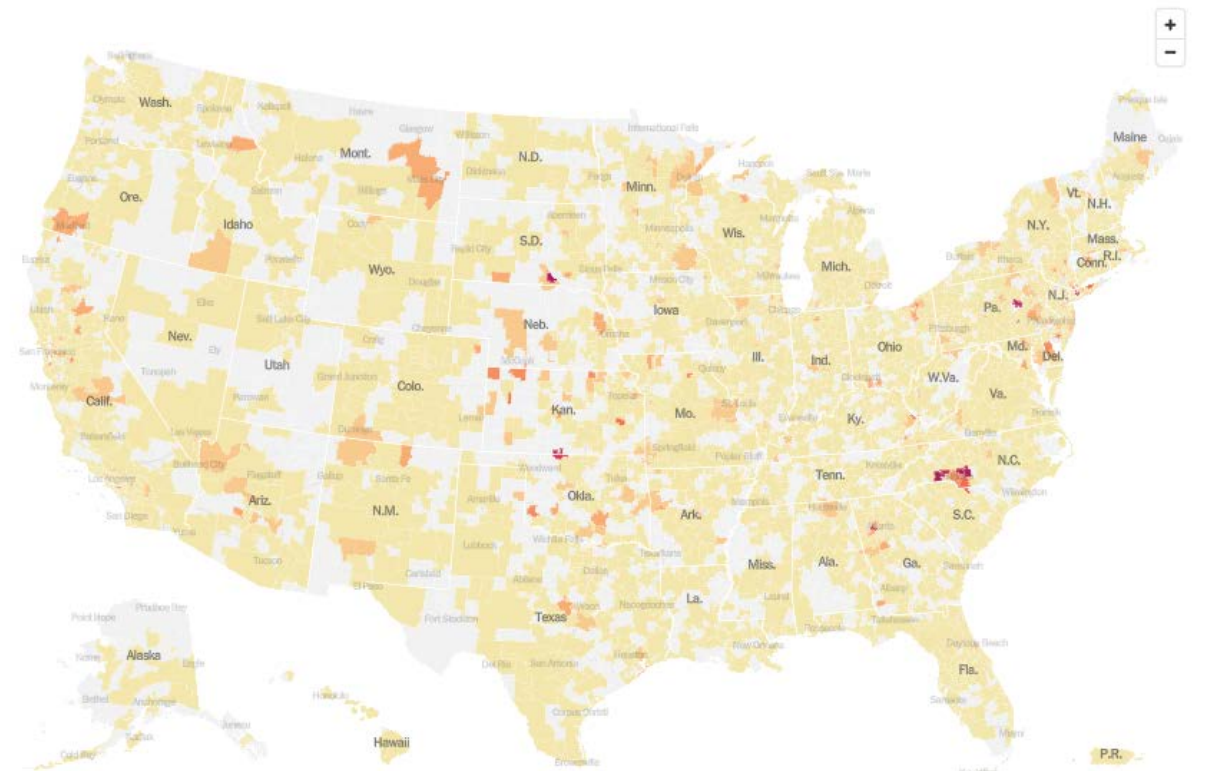
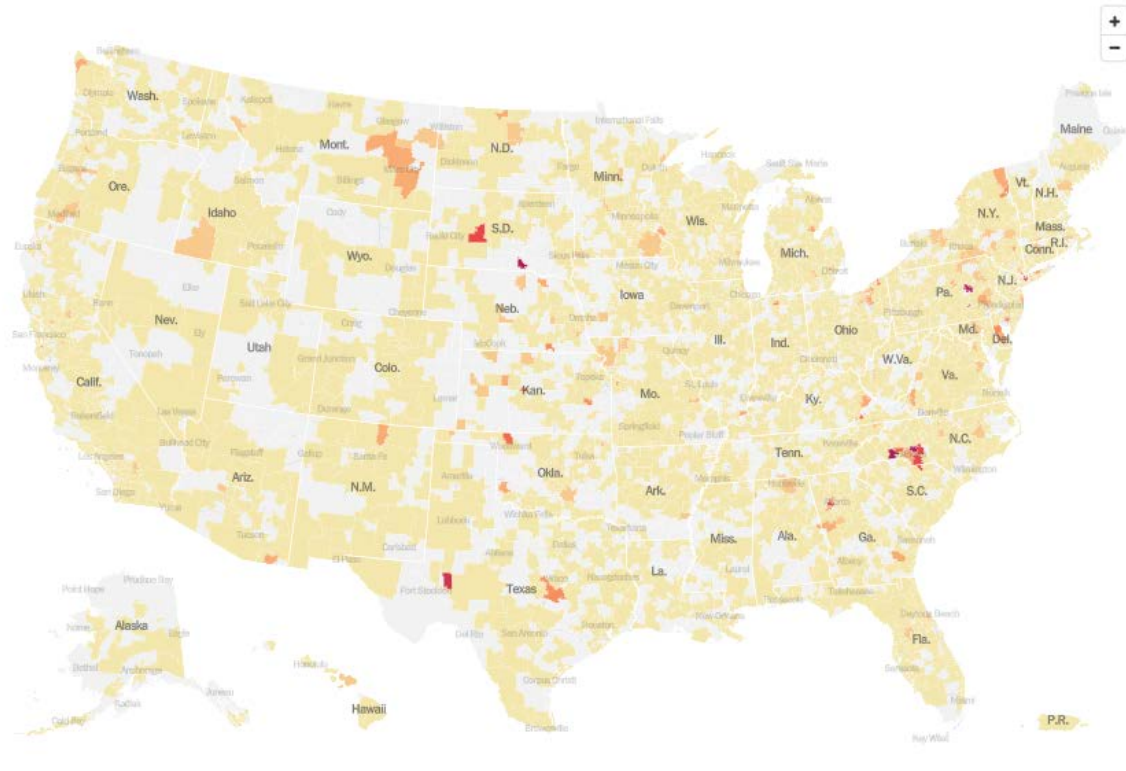
Two Weeks Ago

Current hospitalizations



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Current hospitalizations



Hospitalization rates remain relatively low across most of the nation, but may be increasing in some areas.

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

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# COVID-19 News Headlines

Michigan reports 8,831 COVID cases, 113 new deaths

<https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2022/11/michigan-reports-8831-covid-cases-113-new-deaths.html> -

11 Michigan counties at medium or high COVID level this week, CDC says

<https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2022/12/11-michigan-counties-at-medium-or-high-covid-level-this-week-cdc-says.html>

60% of nursing home residents in Michigan are not boosted against COVID

<https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2022/12/60-of-nursing-home-residents-in-michigan-are-not-boosted-against-covid.html>

Free COVID-19 treatment available through new Washtenaw County program

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2022/11/free-covid-19-treatment-available-through-new-washtenaw-county-program.html>

# Science Roundup

Prevalence and severity of symptoms 3 months after infection with SARS-CoV-2 compared to test-negative and population controls in the Netherlands

[The Journal of Infectious Diseases](#)



This study, which looked at a population infected predominantly with the delta variant, found that almost half of the participants reported still having at least one symptom three months after SARS-CoV-2 infection. This study also found that among participants, vaccination prior to infection protected against loss of smell or taste, but not for other long-term symptoms.

Incidence of Viral Rebound After Treatment With Nirmatrelvir-Ritonavir and Molnupiravir

[JAMA Network](#)



This study found viral rebound to be uncommon among study participants taking Molnupiravir or Nirmatrelvir-Ritonavir and was not associated with an increased risk of mortality, suggesting novel oral antivirals should be considered as a treatment for COVID-19 in the early phases of infection.

SARS-CoV-2 Serology and Self-Reported Infection Among Adults – National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, United States, August 2021-May 2022

[CDC MMWR](#)



This study found that among study participants, 41.6% of adults had SARS-CoV-2 antibodies indicating previous infection, vaccination or both. Younger study participants, Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black or African American adults, and participants with less than high school education had a lower prevalence of serologic patterns consistent with vaccination without infection.

Post COVID-19 condition diagnosis: A population-based cohort study of occurrence, associated factors, and healthcare use by severity of acute infection

[Journal of Internal Medicine.](#)



This study found that among study participants, the diagnosis of post COVID-19 condition (PCC) was associated with severity of infection, female sex, comorbidities, and previous healthcare use. In addition, the findings of this study show a substantial increase in outpatient healthcare usage after infection compared to before, persisting up to 12 months and consisting mostly of care attributable to PCC.