STATE PROFILE REPORT
03.05.2021

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This week's State Profile Report makes data for each state available in the same format that has been provided to state officials in previous weeks. The weekly State Profile Reports are currently under review. The format and content may change in coming reports.

Effective March 5, 2021, data incorporated in the State Profile Reports are now being finalized on Fridays. Data for this week's report is therefore current as of March 5, 2021.

The purpose of this report is to develop a shared understanding of the current status of the pandemic at the national, regional, state, and local levels. We recognize that data at the state level may differ from that available at the federal level. Our objective is to use consistent data sources and methods that allow for comparisons to be made across localities. We appreciate your continued support in identifying data discrepancies and improving data completeness and sharing across systems. We look forward to your feedback. All inquiries and requests for information should be directed to COVID-Data-RFI@hhs.gov.

COVID-19

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	STATE	STATE, % CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	FEMA/HHS REGION	UNITED STATES
NEW COVID-19 CASES (RATE PER 100,000)	15,075 (144)	-23%	104,732 (157)	430,448 (130)
VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TEST POSITIVITY RATE	5.1%	-0.9%*	6.9%	4.5%
TOTAL VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TESTS (TESTS PER 100,000)	239,150** (2,280**)	-7%**	1,184,534** (1,770**)	7,502,061** (2,260**)
COVID-19 DEATHS (RATE PER 100,000)	262 (2.5)	-29%	2,523 (3.8)	12,081 (3.6)
SNFs WITH ≥1 NEW RESIDENT COVID-19 CASE	7%†	-1%*	6%	6%
SNFs WITH ≥1 NEW STAFF COVID-19 CASE	17%†	+0%*	14%	11%
SNFs WITH ≥1 NEW RESIDENT COVID-19 DEATH	6%†	+0%*	3%	3%
CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (RATE PER 100 BEDS)	2,040 (9)	-8% (-8%)	15,085 (10)	76,849 (11)
CONFIRMED NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (RATE PER 100 BEDS)	909 (4)	-13% (-12%)	9,374 (6)	37,356 (5)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH SUPPLY SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	3 (3%)	+50%	54 (6%)	360 (7%)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH STAFF SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	4 (3%)	+0%	95 (10%)	653 (12%)

COVID-19 VACCINE SUMMARY AS OF 3/5/2021	DOSES DELIVERED		1ST DOSE ADMINISTERED		2ND DOSE ADMINISTERED	
	TOTAL	RATE PER 100,000	TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION
	3,529,525	33,652	1,706,016	16.3%	936,887	8.9%

* Indicates absolute change in percentage points.
** Due to delayed reporting, this figure may underestimate total diagnostic tests and week-on-week changes in diagnostic tests.
† 95% of facilities reported during the most current week.

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Cases and Deaths: State values are aggregated data provided by the states to the CDC. Data is through 3/4/2021; previous week is from 2/19 to 2/25.
Testing: CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data through 3/2/2021. Previous week is from 2/17 to 2/23.
SNFs: Skilled nursing facilities. National Healthcare Safety Network. Data is through 2/28/2021, previous week is from 2/15 to 2/21.
Admissions: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. Data is through 3/3, previous week is from 2/18 to 2/24.
Shortages: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. Values presented show the latest reports from hospitals in the week ending 3/3/2021 for staffing and the week ending 3/3/2021 for supplies.
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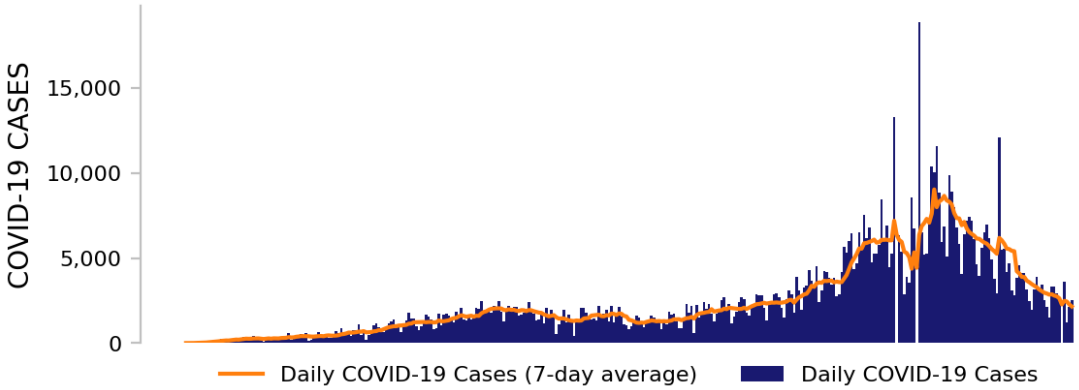

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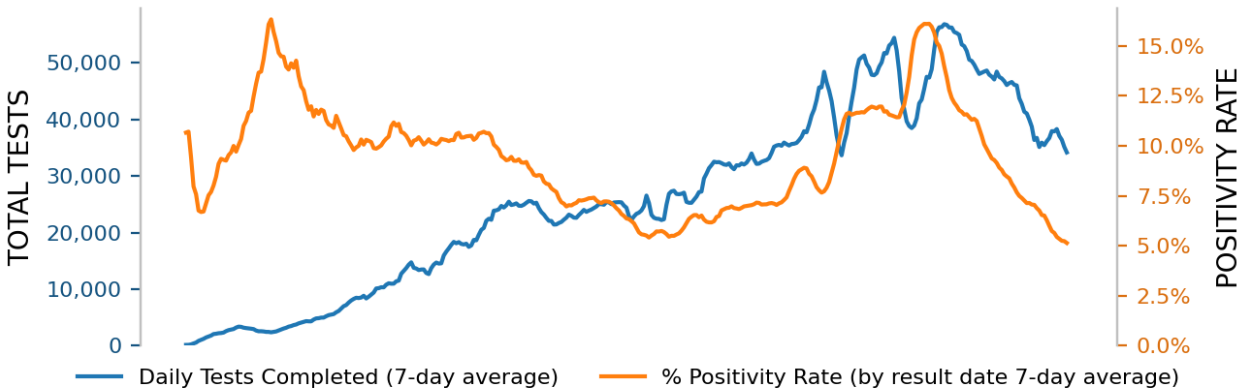

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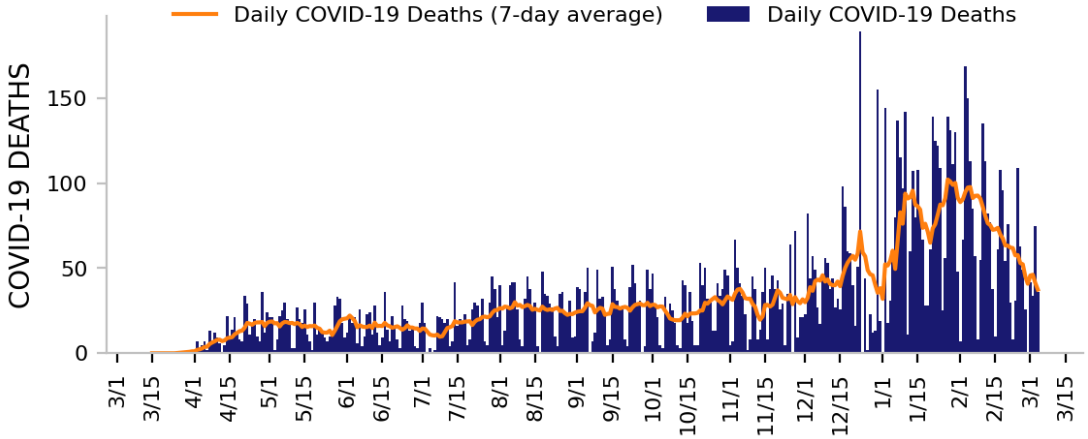

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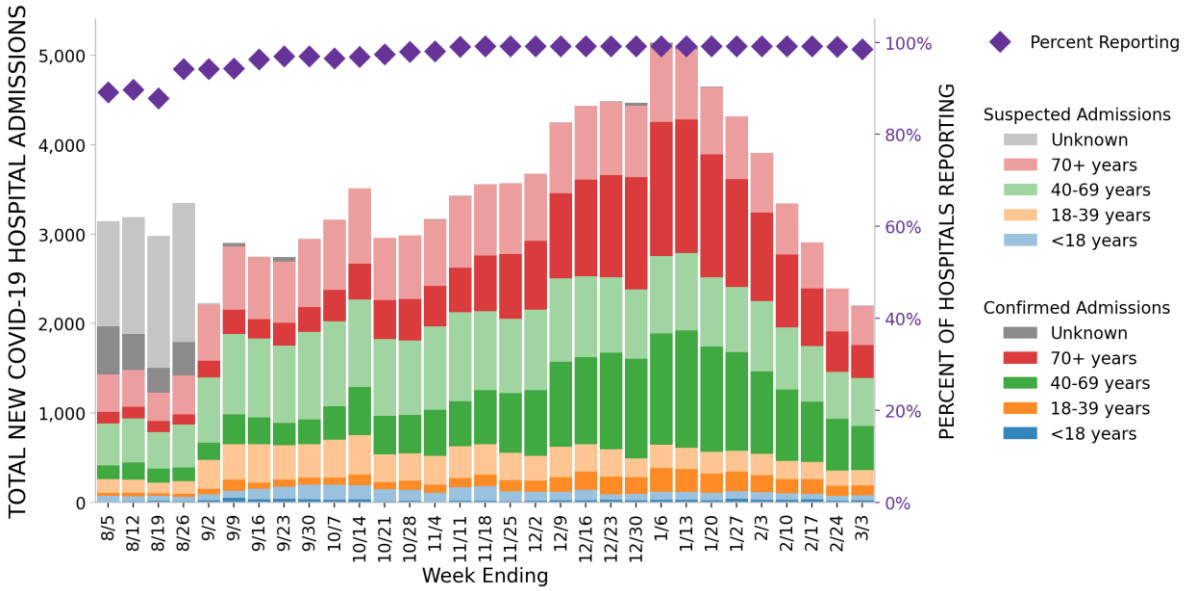
117 hospitals are expected to report in North Carolina

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS



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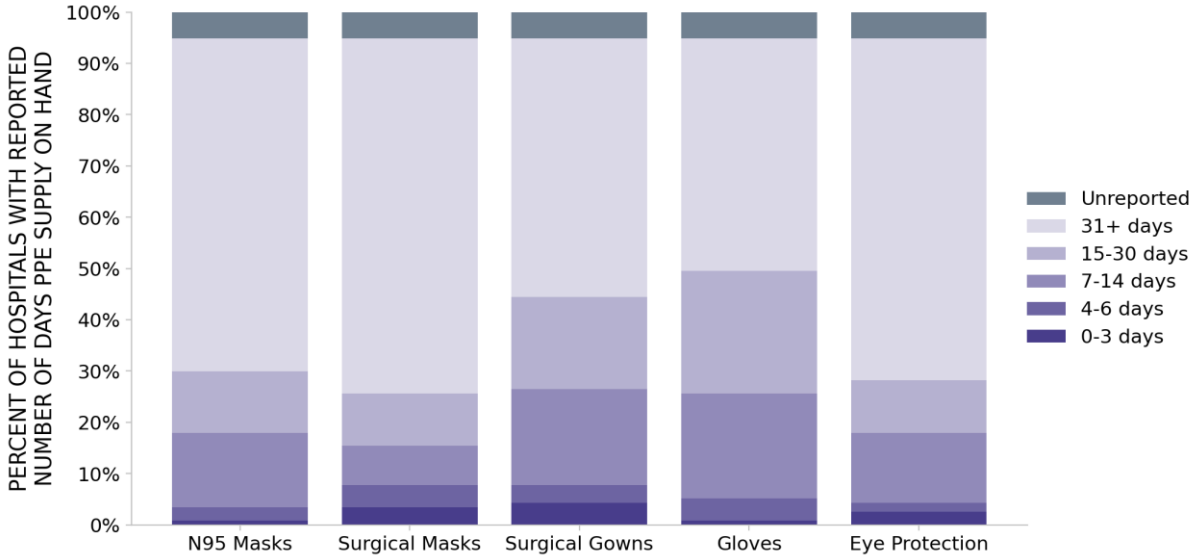

DATA SOURCES

Hospitalizations: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure. Data is through 3/3/2021.

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COVID-19 COUNTY AND METRO ALERTS*

Based on new cases and test positivity in the last week, top 12 shown in table (full lists below)

	METRO AREA (CBSA)		COUNTIES	
LOCALITIES IN RED ZONE	**0** ▼ (-6)	N/A	**6** ▼ (-5)	Cumberland Sampson Franklin Hoke Perquimans Camden
LOCALITIES IN ORANGE ZONE	**5** ▲ (+1)	Fayetteville Pinehurst-Southern Pines Henderson Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News Cullowhee	**10** ▼ (-7)	Iredell Randolph Moore Columbus Vance Pender Jackson Bladen Bertie Swain
LOCALITIES IN YELLOW ZONE	**23** ▲ (+1)	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia Raleigh-Cary Greensboro-High Point Wilmington Lumberton Greenville Rocky Mount Burlington New Bern Jacksonville Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach Shelby	**47** ■ (+0)	Mecklenburg Union Gaston Johnston Robeson Cabarrus Pitt Alamance Rowan Catawba Harnett Onslow

Change from previous week's alerts: ▲ Increase ■ Stable ▼ Decrease

All Yellow CBSAs: Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, Raleigh-Cary, Greensboro-High Point, Wilmington, Lumberton, Greenville, Rocky Mount, Burlington, New Bern, Jacksonville, Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach, Shelby, Wilson, Albemarle, Mount Airy, Sanford, Boone, Roanoke Rapids, Elizabeth City, North Wilkesboro, Rockingham, Laurinburg, Brevard

All Yellow Counties: Mecklenburg, Union, Gaston, Johnston, Robeson, Cabarrus, Pitt, Alamance, Rowan, Catawba, Harnett, Onslow, Davidson, Nash, Cleveland, Craven, Henderson, Wilson, Stanly, Lincoln, Surry, Edgecombe, Caldwell, Lee, Watauga, Wilkes, Richmond, Person, Stokes, Davie, Alexander, Montgomery, Yadkin, Scotland, Transylvania, Cherokee, Macon, Anson, Caswell, Ashe, Washington, Northampton, Warren, Chowan, Jones, Madison, Avery

*** Localities with fewer than 10 cases last week have been excluded from these alerts.**

Note: Lists of red, orange, and yellow localities are sorted by the number of new cases in the last 3 weeks, from highest to lowest. Some dates may have incomplete data due to delays in reporting. Data may be backfilled over time, resulting in week-to-week changes.

DATA SOURCES

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Testing: CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data through 3/2/2021.

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Top 12 counties based on number of new cases in the last 3 weeks

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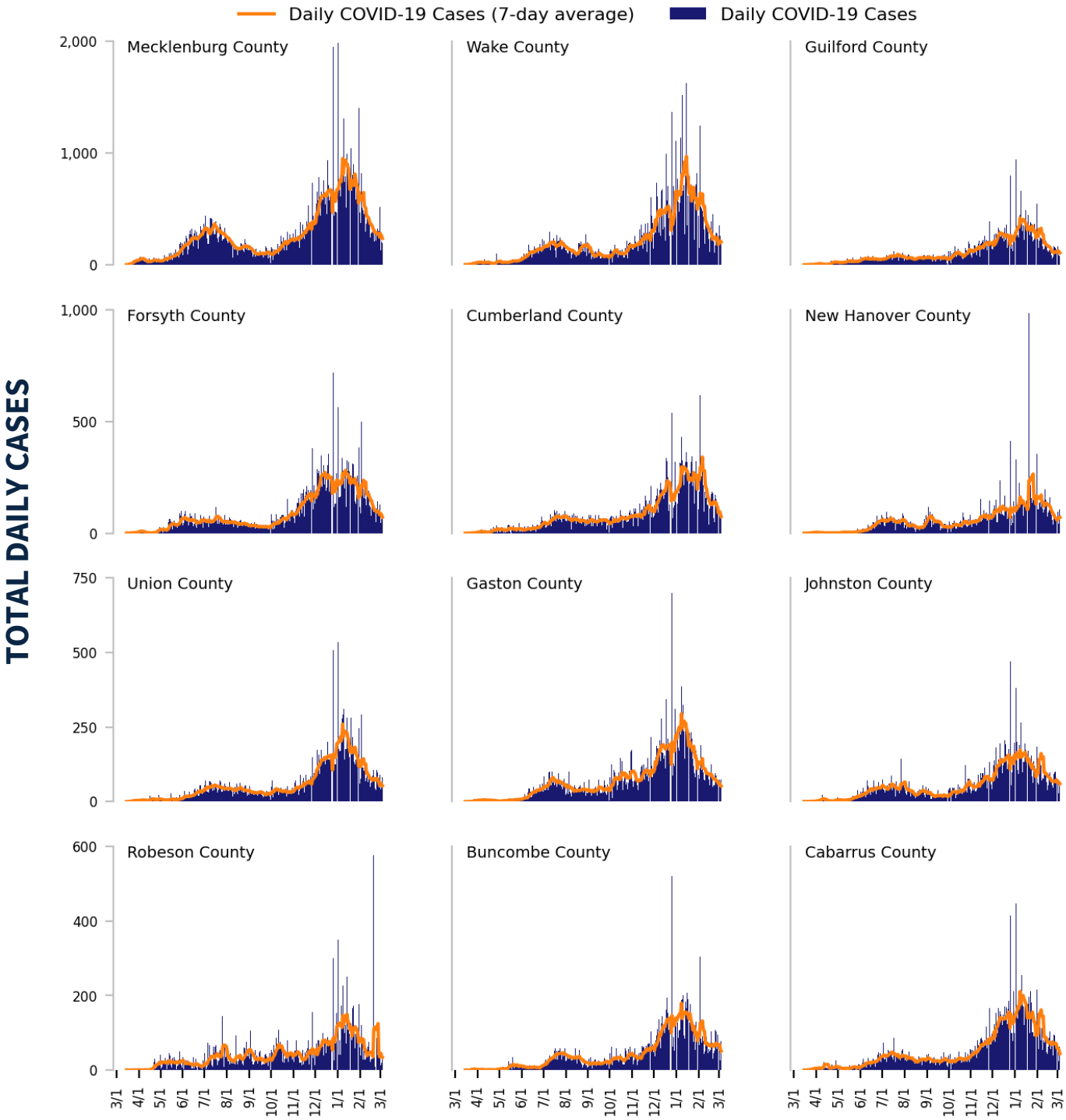

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DATA SOURCES

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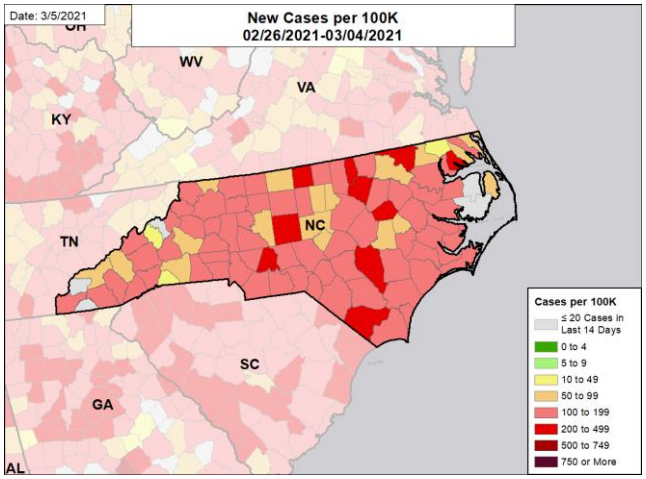
CASE RATES AND VIRAL LAB TEST POSITIVITY

NEW CASES PER 100,000



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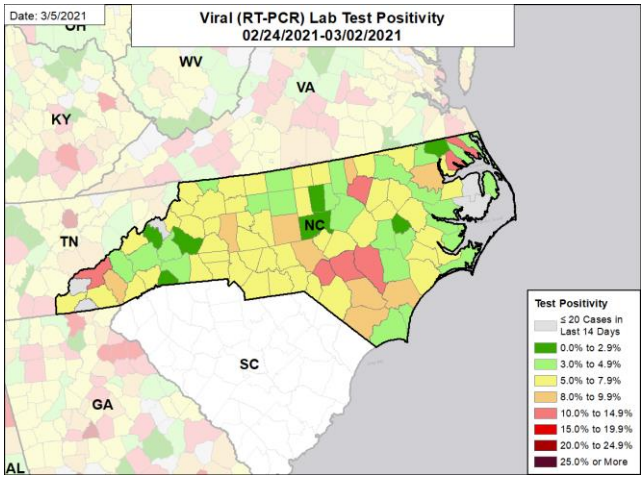
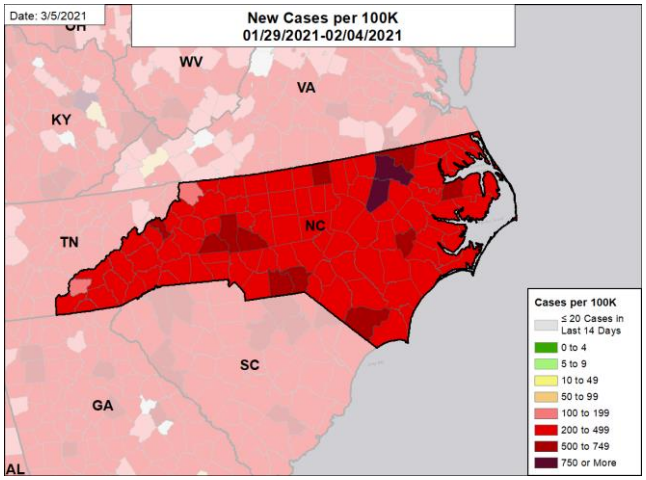


NEW CASES PER 100,000 ONE MONTH BEFORE



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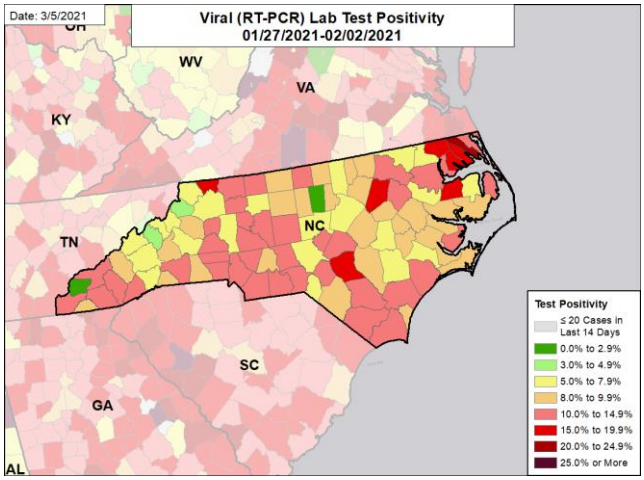

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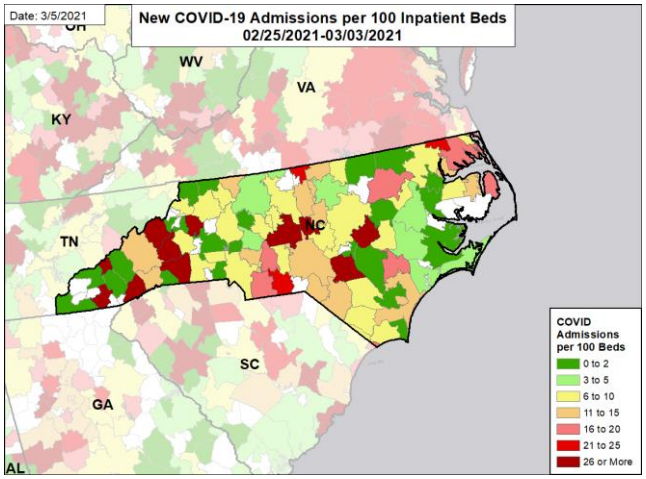
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DEATH RATES

CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS



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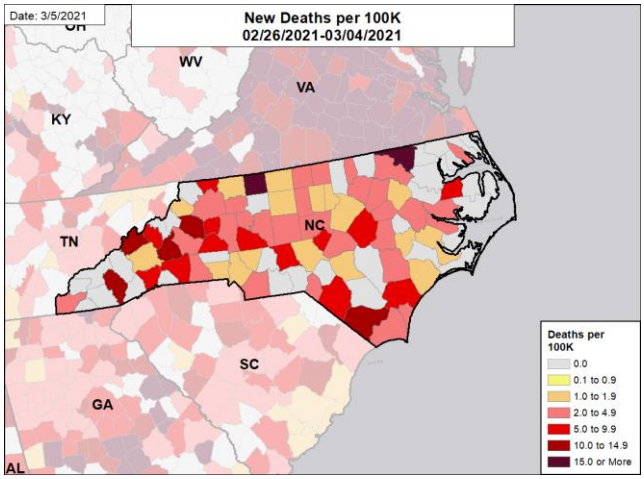

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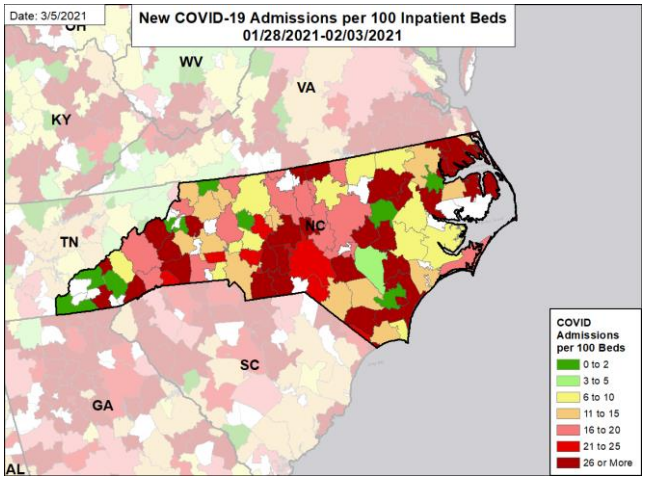

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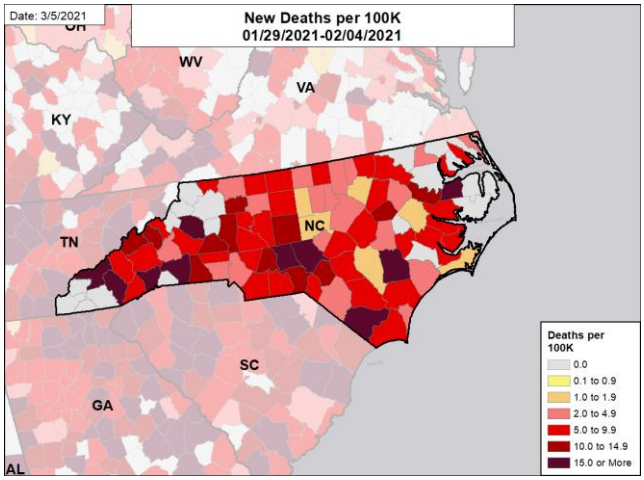

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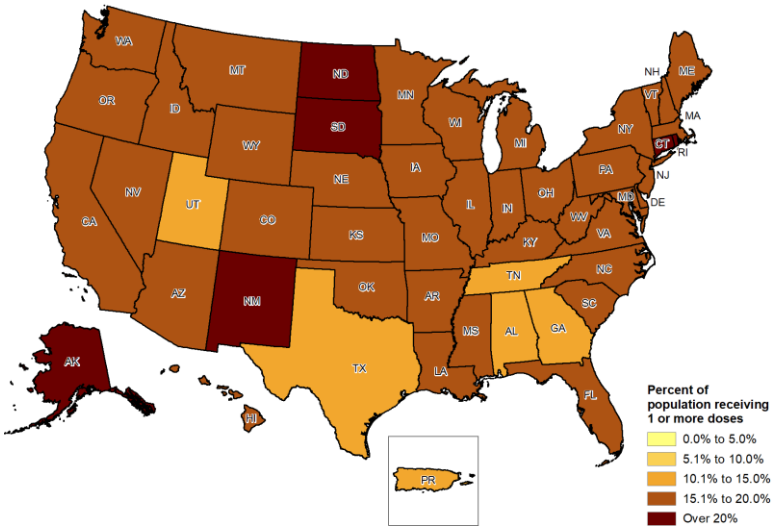
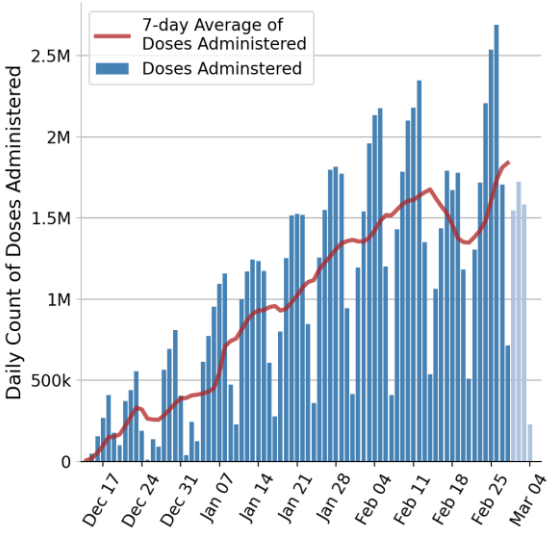
National Picture

PERCENT OF POPULATION RECEIVING 1 OR MORE VACCINE DOSES

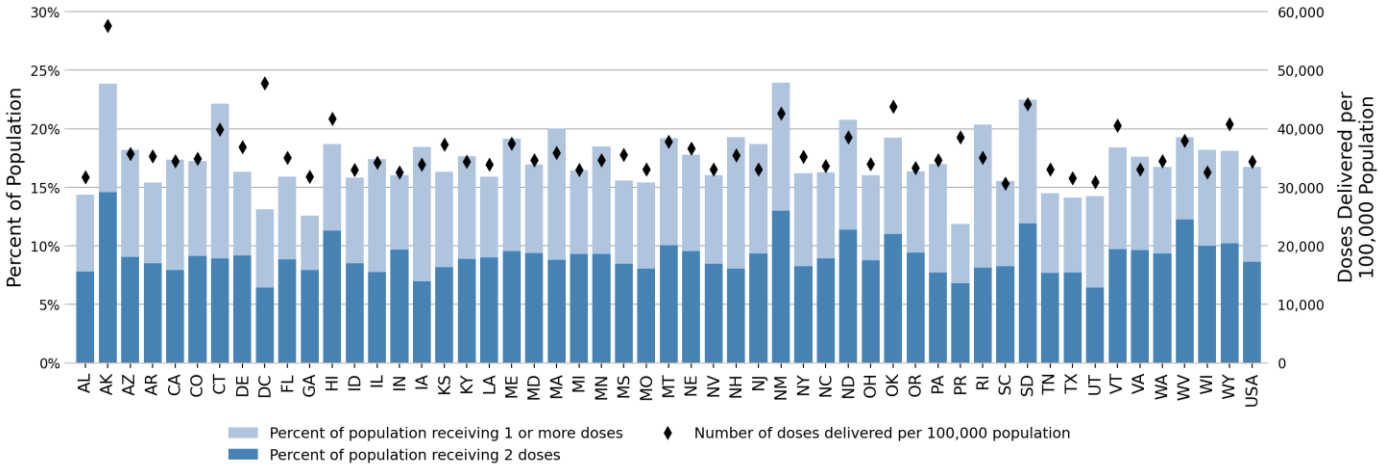


DAILY NATIONAL COUNT OF VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED BY DATE OF ADMINISTRATION



NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINE SUMMARY AS OF 3/5/2021

TOTAL DOSES DELIVERED (RATE PER 100,000)	TOTAL 1ST DOSE ADMINISTERED (PERCENT OF POPULATION)	TOTAL 2ND DOSE ADMINISTERED (PERCENT OF POPULATION)
114,133,115 (34,377)	55,547,697 (16.7%)	28,701,201 (8.6%)



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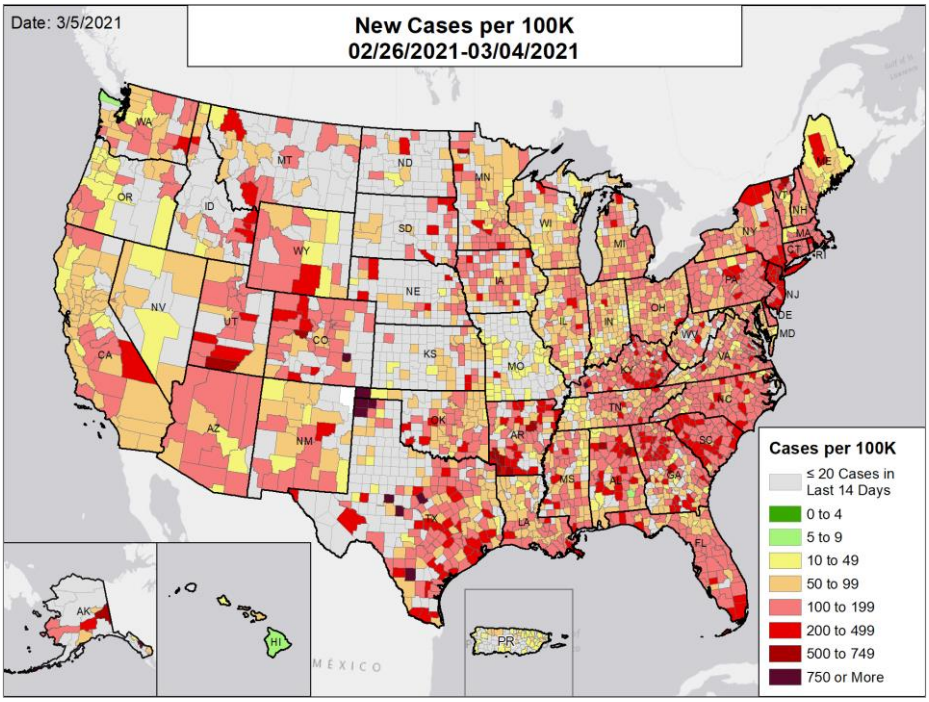
NEW CASES PER 100,000



NATIONAL RANKING OF NEW CASES PER 100,000

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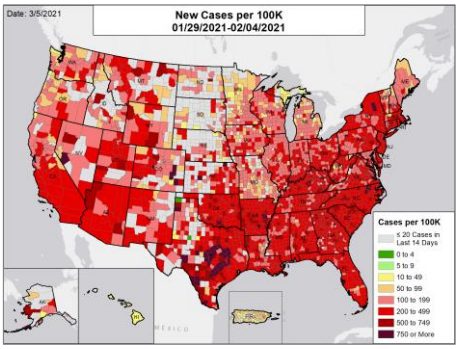
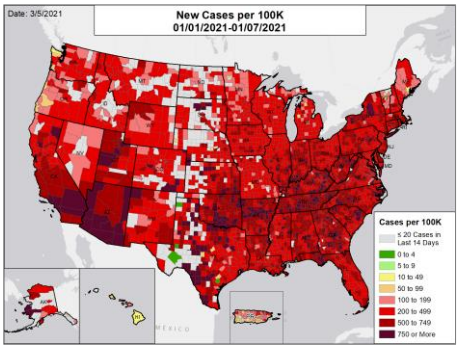
2	NY	28	IA
3	RI	29	OK
4	DE	30	LA
5	GA	31	WV
6	AR	32	OH
7	TX	33	MT
8	FL	34	NM
9	CT	35	NE
10	KY	36	MN
11	CO	37	MI
12	PA	38	IL
13	NC	39	MD
14	AL	40	ME
15	SC	41	WY
16	VT	42	WI
17	MA	43	NV
18	DC	44	IN
19	TN	45	KS
20	SD	46	ND
21	VA	47	WA
22	UT	48	CA
23	NH	49	OR
24	AK	50	MO
25	AZ	51	PR
26	ID	52	HI

NEW CASES PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



TWO MONTHS BEFORE



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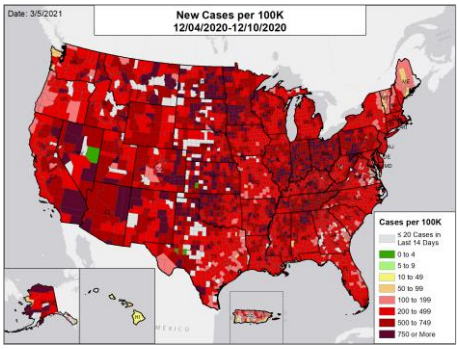

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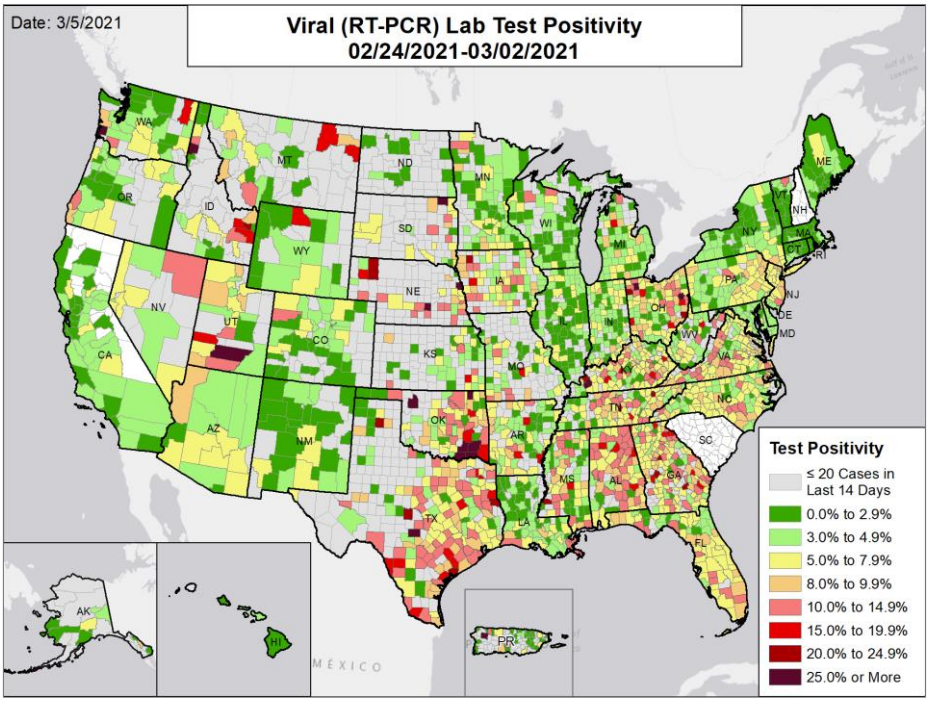
National Picture

VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TEST POSITIVITY



NATIONAL RANKING OF TEST POSITIVITY

National Rank	State	National Rank	State
1	TX	27	MI
2	AL	28	KS
3	FL	29	WA
4	OK	30	MD
5	NJ	31	CO
6	NV	32	LA
7	NE	33	OH
8	GA	34	MN
9	KY	35	IN
10	SD	36	OR
11	TN	37	NM
12	MS	38	IL
13	VA	39	CT
14	IA	40	CA
15	UT	41	DC
16	AZ	42	ME
17	ID	43	WY
18	PA	44	AK
19	NC	45	WI
20	NY	46	RI
21	MT	47	VT
22	WV	48	MA
23	DE	49	ND
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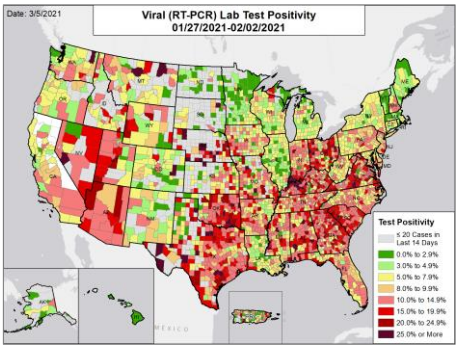
25	MO	--	NH
26	PR	--	SC

VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TEST POSITIVITY IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



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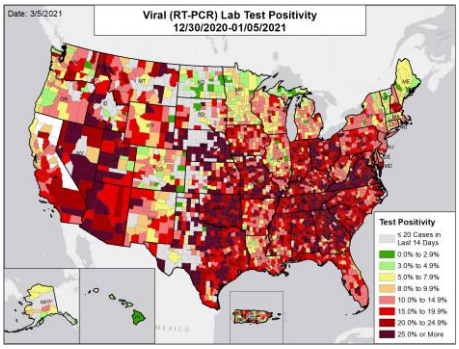

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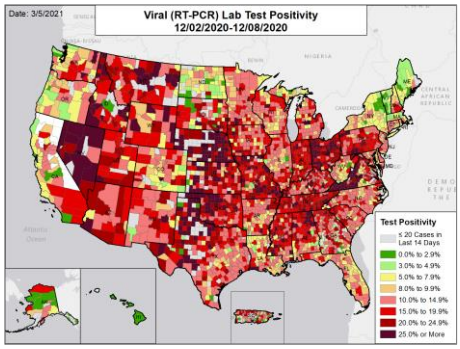

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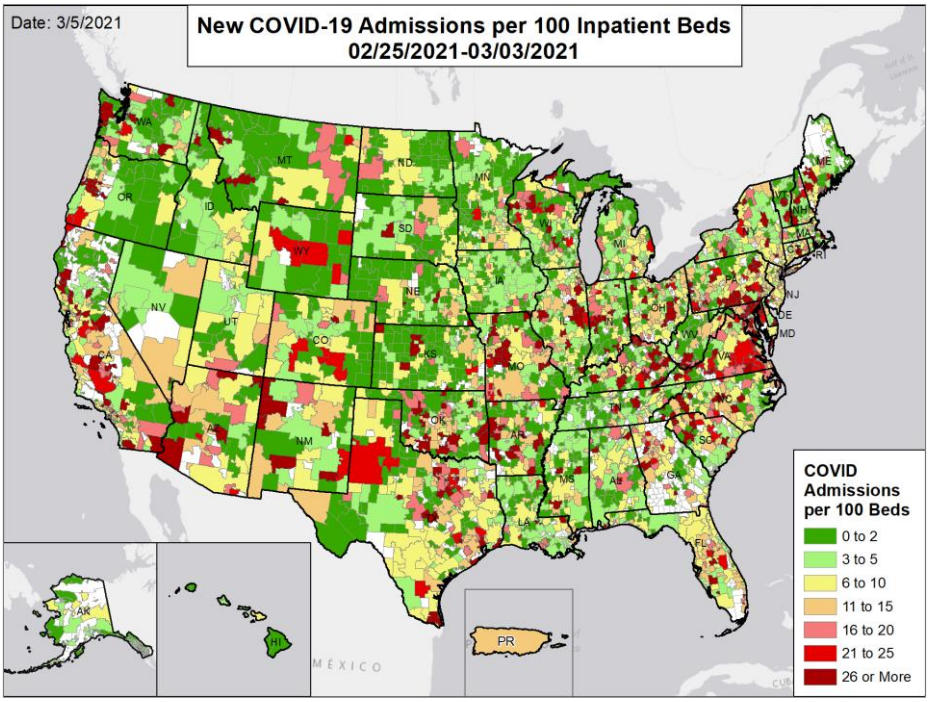
METHODS: Details available on last page of report

National Picture

CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS



NATIONAL RANKING OF CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED ADMISSIONS PER 100 BEDS

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2	MD	28	NM
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4	PA	30	WY
5	PR	31	CO
6	KY	32	MA
7	AZ	33	NH
8	TX	34	WA
9	GA	35	ME
10	NJ	36	MT
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26	AL	52	AK

CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS IN THE WEEK:

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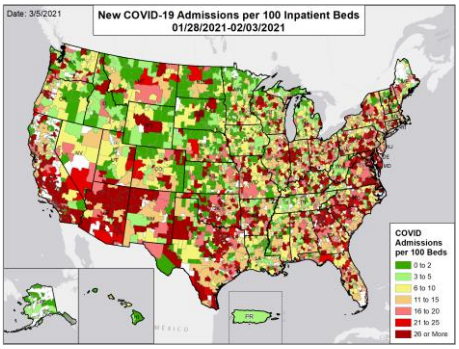

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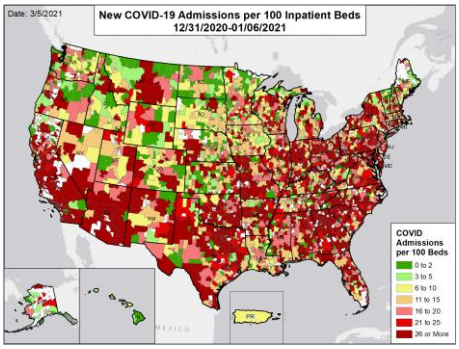

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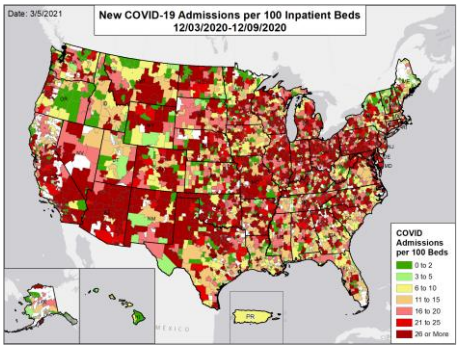

DATA SOURCES
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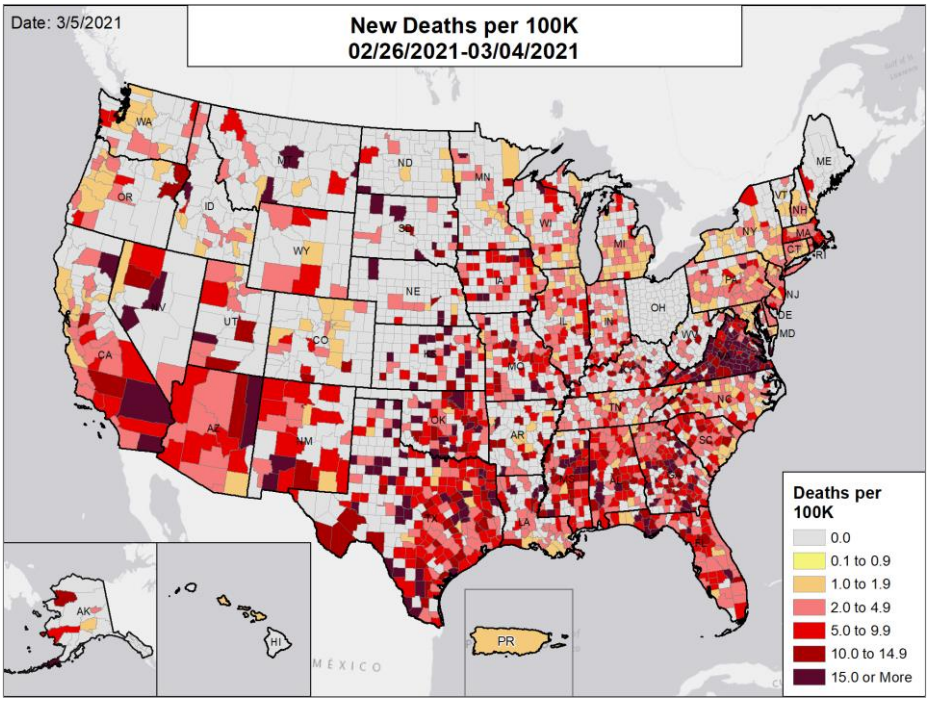
Admissions: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect through 3/3/2021. Totals include confirmed and suspected COVID-19 admissions. The week one month before is from 1/28 to 2/3; the week two months before is from 12/31 to 1/6; the week three months before is from 12/3 to 12/9. Current hospital data for Georgia is incomplete, with several facilities in Georgia unable to report since 2/24/2021 due to data systems issues.
METHODS: Details available on last page of report

National Picture

NEW DEATHS PER 100,000



NATIONAL RANKING OF NEW DEATHS PER 100,000

National Rank	State	National Rank	State
1	VA	27	UT
2	OK	28	MT
3	TX	29	NV
4	AL	30	IL
5	CA	31	CT
6	GA	32	WY
7	AZ	33	OR
8	MS	34	NE
9	NM	35	AK
10	MA	36	MI
11	FL	37	MD
12	RI	38	WI
13	MO	39	ID
14	DE	40	MN
15	NJ	41	WA
16	NY	42	NH
17	KY	43	WV
18	KS	44	PR
19	IA	45	SC
20	PA	46	CO
21	SD	47	ND
22	DC	48	VT
23	LA	49	OH
24	TN	50	HI
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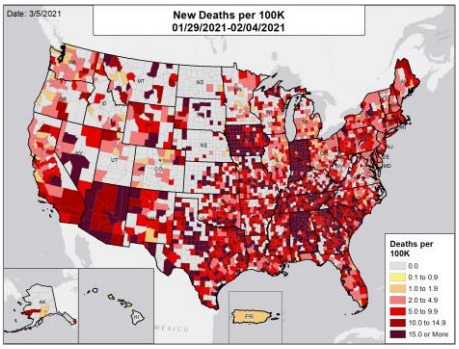
NEW DEATHS PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



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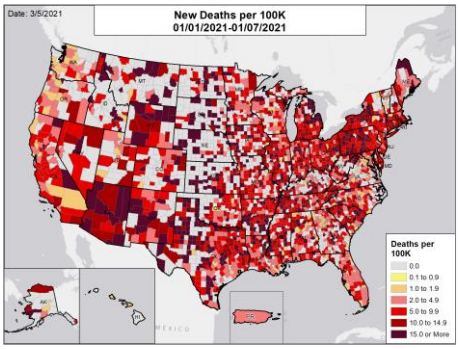

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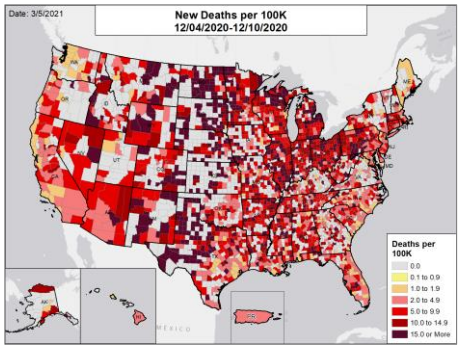

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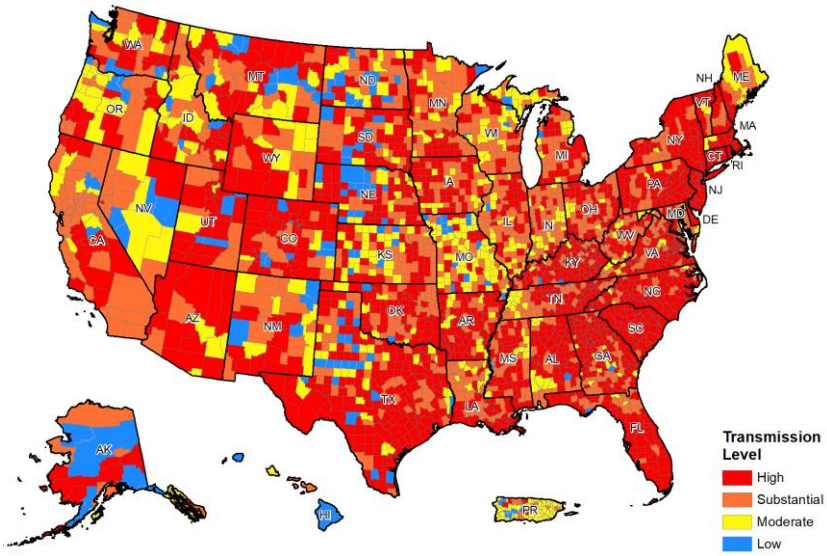
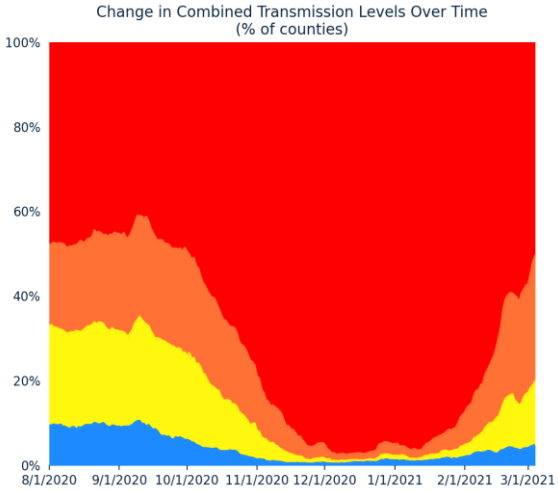
Deaths: County-level data is from a CDC managed aggregate county dataset compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state. State values are aggregated data provided by the states to the CDC. The week one month before is from 1/29 to 2/4; the week two months before is from 1/1 to 1/7; the week three months before is from 12/4 to 12/10. Ohio changed their method of reporting COVID-19 deaths as of 3/2/2021; they will only report twice per week and will report deaths on the day of death, not on the day of report. This will result in an artificially low number of deaths in recent weeks due to delayed reporting. Virginia is currently undergoing an audit of death counts, resulting in an increase in the number of reported deaths starting on 2/19. These will be back-distributed once historical data is provided.
METHODS: Details available on last page of report.

National Picture

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION BY COUNTY





COUNTIES BY COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION INDICATOR				
CASES PER 100K	0 TO 9	10 TO 49	50 TO 99	100 +
# OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	166 (↑17)	543 (↑137)	1042 (↑148)	1469 (↓302)
% OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	5.2% (↑0.5%)	16.9% (↑4.3%)	32.4% (↑4.6%)	45.6% (↓9.4%)
TEST POSITIVITY	0.0% TO 4.9%	5.0% TO 7.9%	8.0% TO 9.9%	10.0% +
# OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	1693 (↑322)	769 (↑46)	276 (↓70)	482 (↓298)
% OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	52.6% (↑10.0%)	23.9% (↑1.4%)	8.6% (↓2.2%)	15.0% (↓9.3%)

COUNTIES BY COMBINED TRANSMISSION LEVEL				
CATEGORY	**LOW TRANSMISSION BLUE**	**MODERATE TRANSMISSION YELLOW**	**SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION ORANGE**	**HIGH TRANSMISSION RED**
# OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	155 (↑39)	484 (↑144)	956 (↑176)	1625 (↓359)
% OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	4.8% (↑1.2%)	15.0% (↑4.5%)	29.7% (↑5.5%)	50.5% (↓11.1%)

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DATA SOURCES

Maps and figures reflect 7-day average of data from 2/26-3/4 (cases), 2/24-3/2 (tests).

Note: Most recent days may have incomplete reporting.

Cases: County-level data is from a CDC managed aggregate county dataset compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state Data is through 3/4/2021.

Testing: Combination of CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data and HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to Federal Government from public health labs, hospital labs, and commercial labs). Data is through3/2/2021. There are discrepancies between federal and state data on New Hampshire's and South Carolina's test positivity. These differences are being investigated.

County Percentages: Based on a denominator of 3,220 county/county-equivalents, including states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico municipios.

Combined Transmission Level: If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected. See CDC COVID Data Tracker.

METHODS: Details available on last page of report.

METHODS

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Metric	Dark Green	Light Green	Yellow	Orange	Light Red	Red	Dark Red	Darkest Red
*New cases per 100,000 population per week	≤4	5 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 99	100 – 199	200 – 499	500 – 749	≥750
Percent change in new cases per 100,000 population	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% – 10%	11% – 99%	100% – 999%	≥1000%	
*Diagnostic test result positivity rate	≤2.9%	3.0% – 4.9%	5.0% – 7.9%	8.0% – 9.9%	10.0% – 14.9%	15.0% – 19.9%	20.0% – 24.9%	≥25.0%
Change in test positivity	≤-2.1%	-2.0% – -0.6%	-0.5% – 0.0%	0.1% – 0.5%	0.6% – 2.0%		≥2.1%	
Total diagnostic tests resulted per 100,000 population per week	≥5000	3000 – 4999	2000 – 2999	1000 – 1999	500 – 999		≤499	
Percent change in tests per 100,000 population	≥26%	11% – 25%	1% – 10%	-10% – 0%	-25% – -11%		≤-26%	
*COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 population per week	0.0		0.1 – 0.9	1.0 – 1.9	2.0 – 4.9	5.0 – 9.9	10.0 – 14.9	≥15.0
Percent change in deaths per 100,000 population	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% – 10%	11% – 25%		≥26%	
Skilled Nursing Facilities with at least one resident COVID-19 case, death	0%		1% – 5%		≥6%			
Change in SNFs with at least one resident COVID-19 case, death	≤-2%		-1% – 1%		≥2%			
Confirmed and suspected new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100 beds	≤2	3 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	16 – 20	21 – 25	≥26	
Confirmed new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100 beds	≤1	2 – 3	4 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	16 – 20	≥21	
Change in new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100 beds	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% – 10%	11% – 25%		≥26%	
Percent of hospitals with supply/staff shortages	≤9%		10% – 19%	20% – 29%	30% – 39%		≥40%	
Change in percent of hospitals with supply/staff shortages	≤-10%	-9% – -5%	-4% – 0%	1% – 4%	5% – 9%		≥10%	

- *These categories have been aligned with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19.
- Some dates may have incomplete data due to delays and/or differences in state reporting. Data may be backfilled over time, resulting in week-to-week changes. It is critical that states provide as up-to-date data as possible. Figures and values may also differ from state reports due to differing methodologies.
- Color threshold values are rounded before color classification.
- **Cases and Deaths:** County-level data is from a CDC-managed aggregate county dataset compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state. State values are aggregated data provided by the states to the CDC. Data is as of 13:53 EST on 03/05/2021.
- **Testing:** The data presented represent viral COVID-19 laboratory diagnostic and screening test (reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction, RT-PCR) results—not individual people—and exclude antibody and antigen tests, unless stated otherwise. CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data are used to describe county-level viral COVID-19 RT-PCR result totals when information is available on patients' county of residence or healthcare providers' practice location. HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to Federal Government from public health labs, hospital labs, and commercial labs) are used otherwise. Because the data are deidentified, total RT-PCR tests are the number of tests performed, not the number of individuals tested. RT-PCR test positivity rate is the number of positive tests divided by the number of tests performed and resulted. Last week data are from 2/24 to 3/2; previous week data are from 2/17 to 2/23; the week one month before data are from 1/27 to 2/2. HHS Protect data is recent as of 13:08 EST on 03/05/2021. Testing data are inclusive of everything received and processed by the CELR system as of 19:00 EST on 03/04/2021. There are discrepancies between federal and state data on New Hampshire's and South Carolina's test positivity. These differences are being investigated.
- **Hospitalizations:** Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. In addition, hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure. The data presented represents raw data provided; we are working diligently with state liaisons to improve reporting consistency. Data is recent as of 10:10 EST on 03/05/2021.
- **Hospital PPE:** Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. This figure may differ from state data due to differences in hospital lists and reporting between federal and state systems. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure. Data is recent as of 10:39 EST on 03/05/2021.
- **Skilled Nursing Facilities:** National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Data report resident and staff cases independently. Quality checks are performed on data submitted to the NHSN. Data that fail these quality checks or appear inconsistent with surveillance protocols may be excluded from analyses. Data presented in this report are more recent than data publicly posted by CMS. Last week is 2/22-2/28, previous week is 2/15-2/21.
- **County and Metro Area Color Categorizations**
  - **Red Zone:** Those core-based statistical areas (CBSAs) and counties that during the last week reported both new cases at or above 100 per 100,000 population, and a lab test positivity result at or above 10.0%.
  - **Orange Zone:** Those CBSAs and counties that during the last week reported both new cases between 50–99 per 100,000 population, and a lab test positivity result between 8.0–9.9%, or one of those two conditions and one condition qualifying as being in the "Red Zone."
  - **Yellow Zone:** Those CBSAs and counties that during the last week reported both new cases between 10–49 per 100,000 population, and a lab test positivity result between 5.0–7.9%, or one of those two conditions and one condition qualifying as being in the "Orange Zone" or "Red Zone."
- **Shortages:** Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Includes hospitals currently reporting a staffing shortage. Low supply is defined as a hospital reporting they are not able to maintain a 3-day supply of N95s, face masks, gloves, gowns, or eye protection. Data is recent as of 10:39 EST on 03/05/2021.
- **Vaccinations:** CDC COVID Data Tracker. Data includes both the Moderna and Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines and reflects current data available as of 13:20 EST on 03/05/2021. Data last updated 06:00 EST on 03/05/2021. Persons who received one or more doses are currently attributed to the jurisdiction in which they received the vaccine. Allocations are made pro rata (equal based on population) from which jurisdictions are then to order. Because COVID-19 vaccines available in the U.S. are authorized only for persons ≥16 years of age (Pfizer-BioNTech) or ≥18 years of age (Moderna), currently few persons under age 18 are being vaccinated; this group represents ~22% of the U.S. population and the percentage varies by jurisdiction.