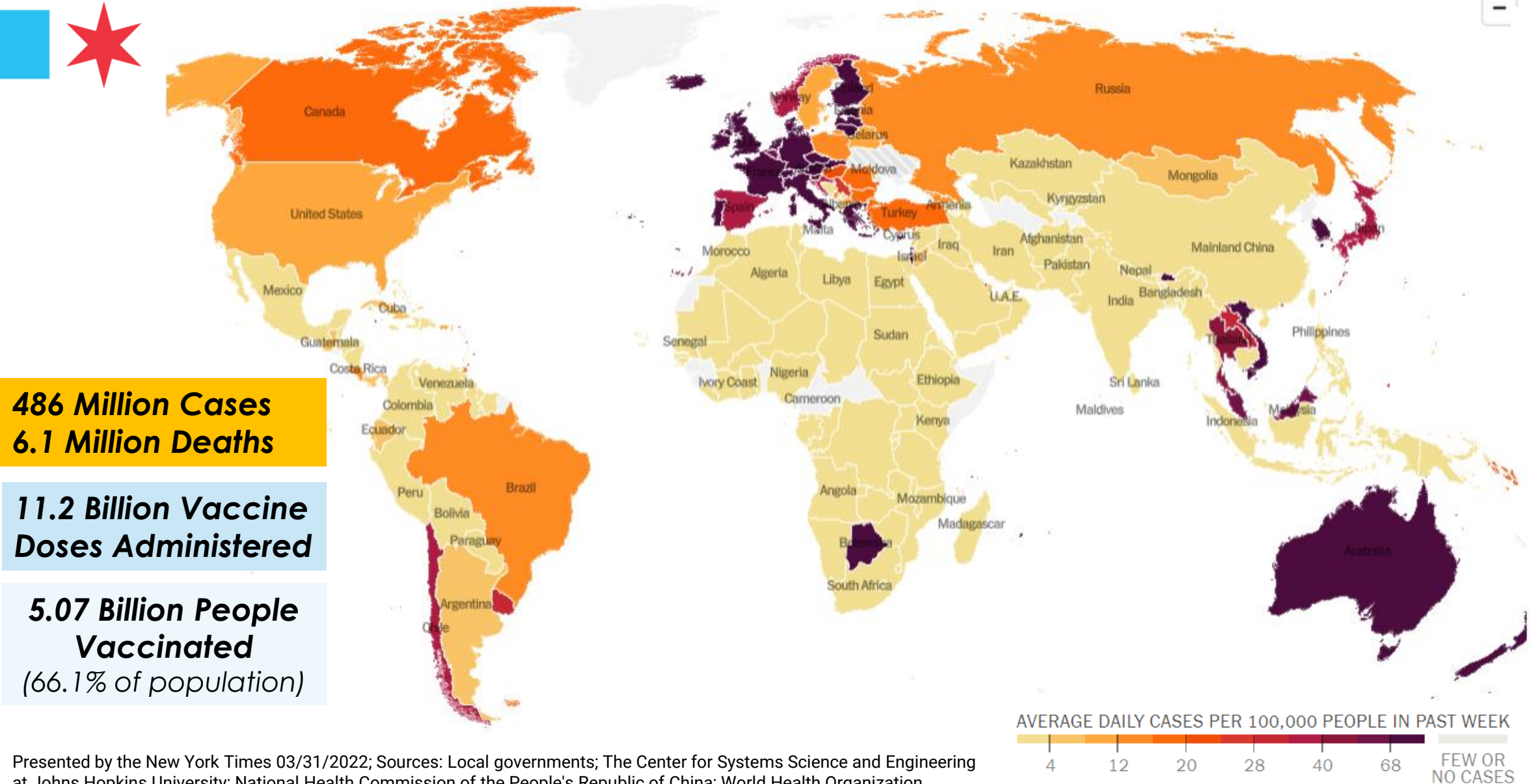


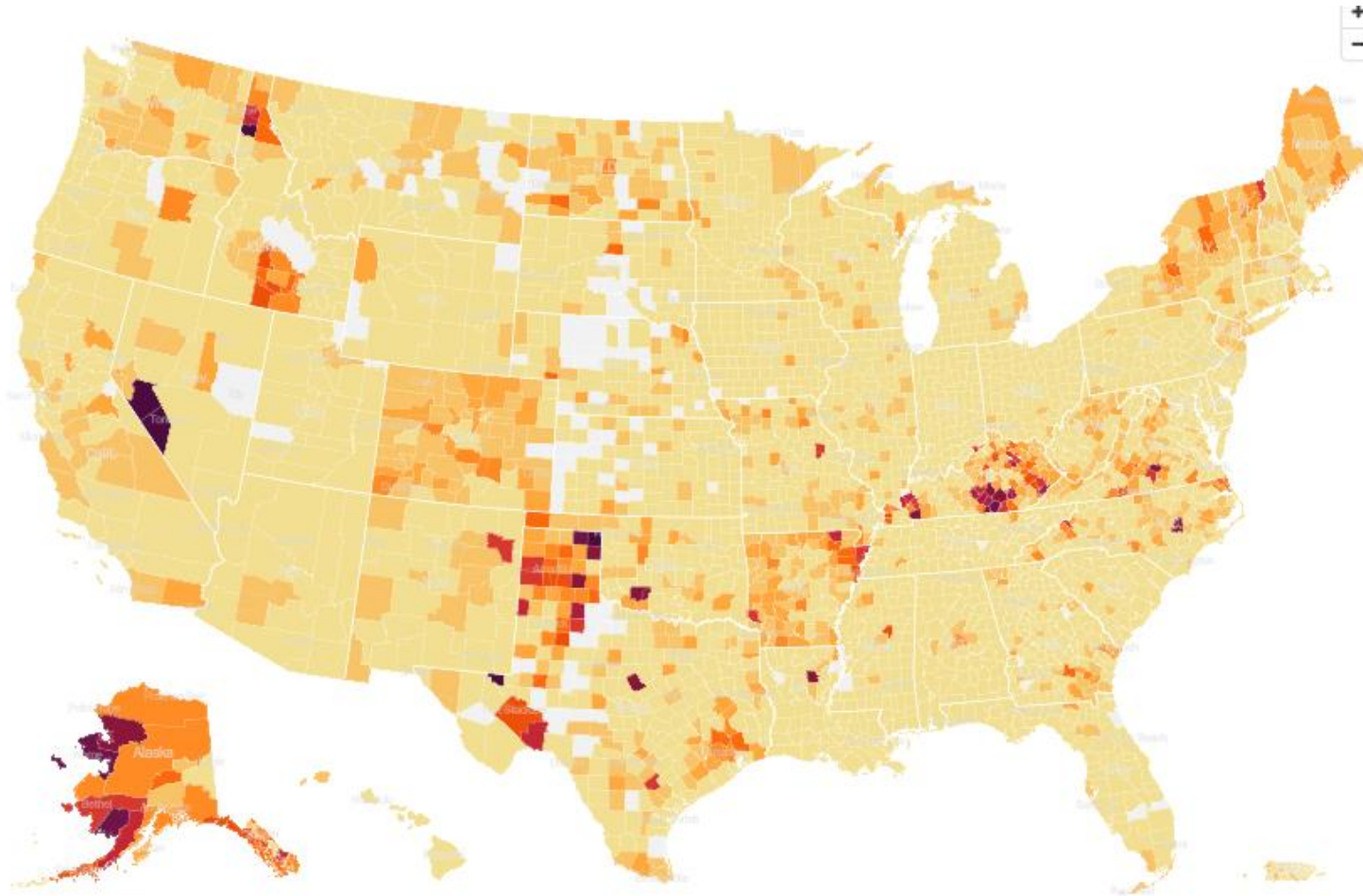
Ask Dr. Arwady

March 31, 2022

Average daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population



Average daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population



79.9 Million Cumulative Cases
978,387 Cumulative Deaths

AVERAGE DAILY CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE IN PAST WEEK

10 30 50 70 100 250 FEW OR NO CASES

	AT LEAST ONE DOSE	FULLY VACCINATED
All ages	77%	65%
5 and up	82%	70%
65 and up	95%	89%

National currently:

8 diagnosed daily cases per 100,000 people

Illinois currently:

10 diagnosed daily cases per 100,000 people

Chicago currently:

8.7 diagnosed daily cases per 100,000 people

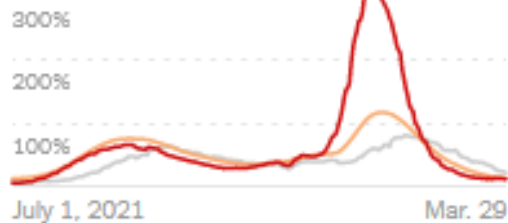


Seeing slight uptake in other areas of the U.S., but nothing to be too alarmed about just yet

■ Cases ■ Hospitalizations ■ Deaths

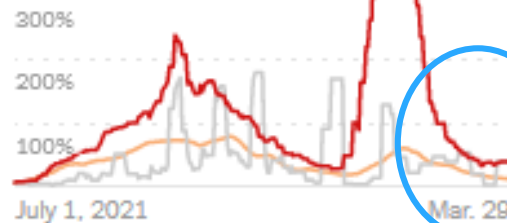
United States

400% of last winter's peak



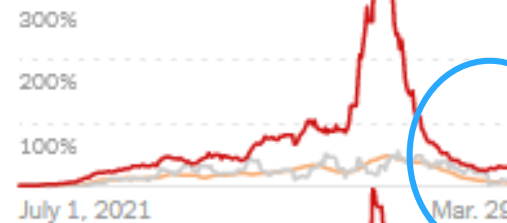
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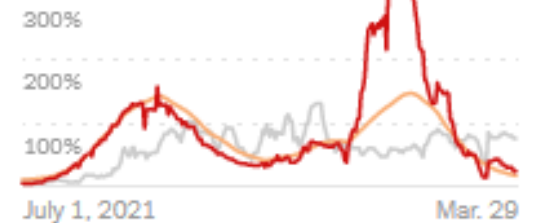
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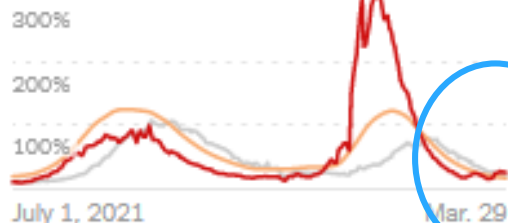
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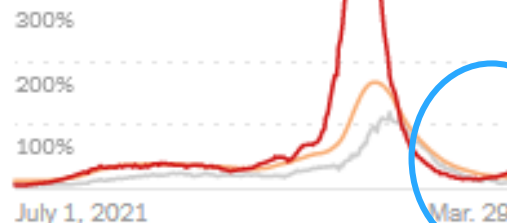
Texas

400% of last winter's peak



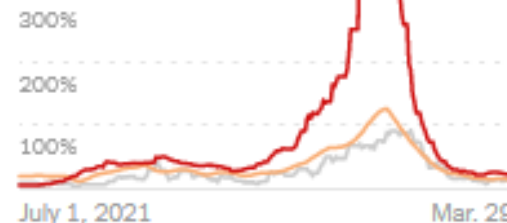
New York

400%



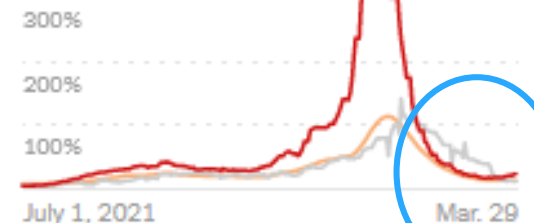
Rhode Island

400%



Massachusetts

400%





CHICAGO'S COVID-19

WEEKLY ROUND-UP



CASE & TESTING DATA

New COVID-19 cases and test positivity are on a slight increase in Chicago although both remain well below previous pandemic surges.

As of March 29:

223

**7-day
average**
daily case rate

+34% FROM PREVIOUS WEEK

1.3%

**Positivity
rate**
(based on avg.
20,016 tests)

0.9% PREVIOUS WEEK

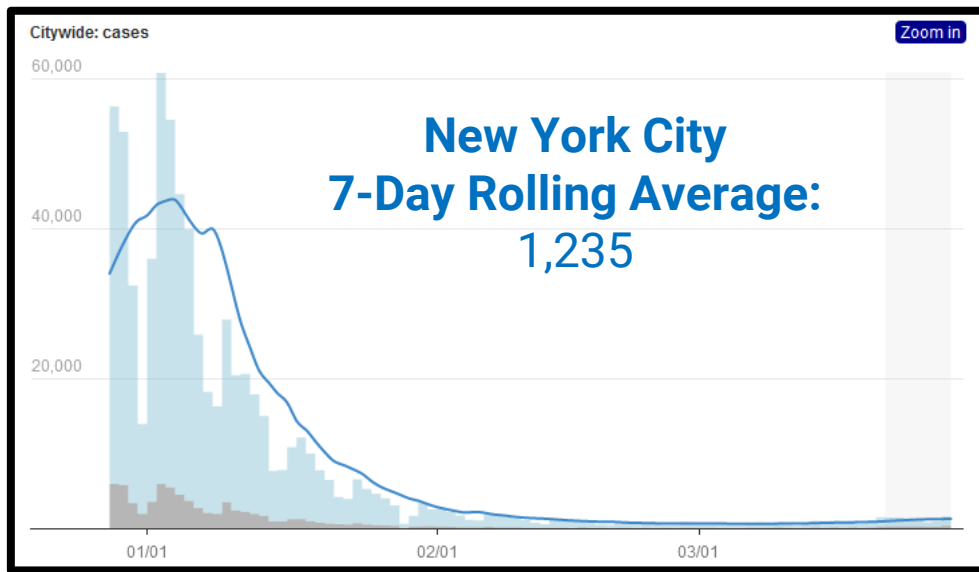
Chicago COVID-19 Community Transmission and Risk Matrix



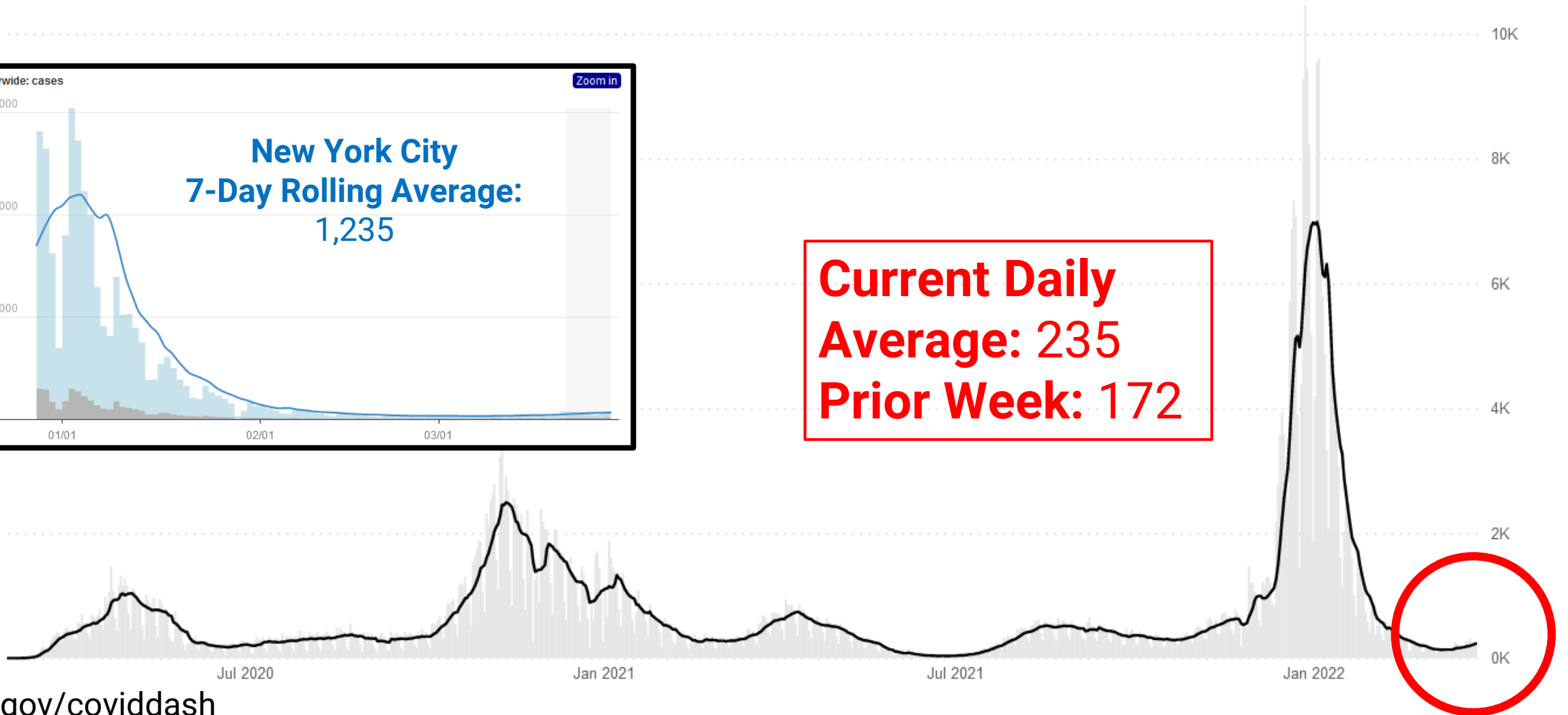
	VERY HIGH TRANSMISSION	HIGH TRANSMISSION	SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION	LOWER TRANSMISSION	LOW TRANSMISSION
COVID-19 CASES DIAGNOSED PER DAY Chicago residents - 7-day rolling daily average	800+	400 – 799	200 – 399 Current: 235 Increasing	20 – 199	≤20
COVID-19 TEST POSITIVITY Chicago residents - 7-day rolling daily average	10%+	6.6 – 9.9%	5.0 – 6.5%	2 – 4.9%	≤2% Current: 1.4% Increasing
HOSPITAL BEDS (NON-ICU) OCCUPIED BY COVID PATIENTS Chicago hospitals - 7-day rolling daily average	1250+	750 – 1249	250 – 749	100 – 249 Current: 109 Decreasing	≤100
ICU BEDS OCCUPIED BY COVID PATIENTS Chicago hospitals - 7-day rolling daily average	400+	300 – 399	100 – 299	20 – 99 Current: 25 Stable	≤20

Source: Chicago Department of Public Health, data current as of March 30, 2022. These metrics represent general community COVID transmission and should not be applied to individual settings that have mitigation practices in place.

★ Chicago: COVID-19 Cases



**Current Daily
Average: 235
Prior Week: 172**



WHAT'S A COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL?

- It's a new tool to help communities decide what prevention measures to take based on the latest data
- Every community in the United States is classified as:

Chicago is HERE

Low

Limited impact on healthcare system, low levels of severe illness

Medium

Some impact on healthcare system, more people with severe illness

High

High potential for healthcare system strain; high level of severe illness



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→ COVID TRAVEL ADVISORY



AS OF MARCH 25TH

8.9% (or 286) of the 3,220
counties in the U.S.
and Puerto Rico

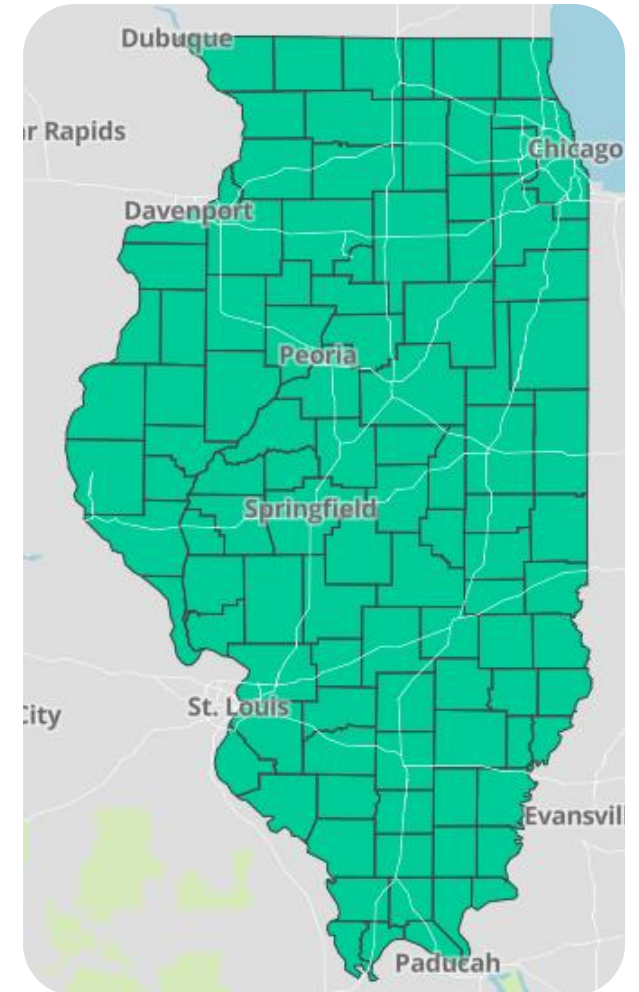
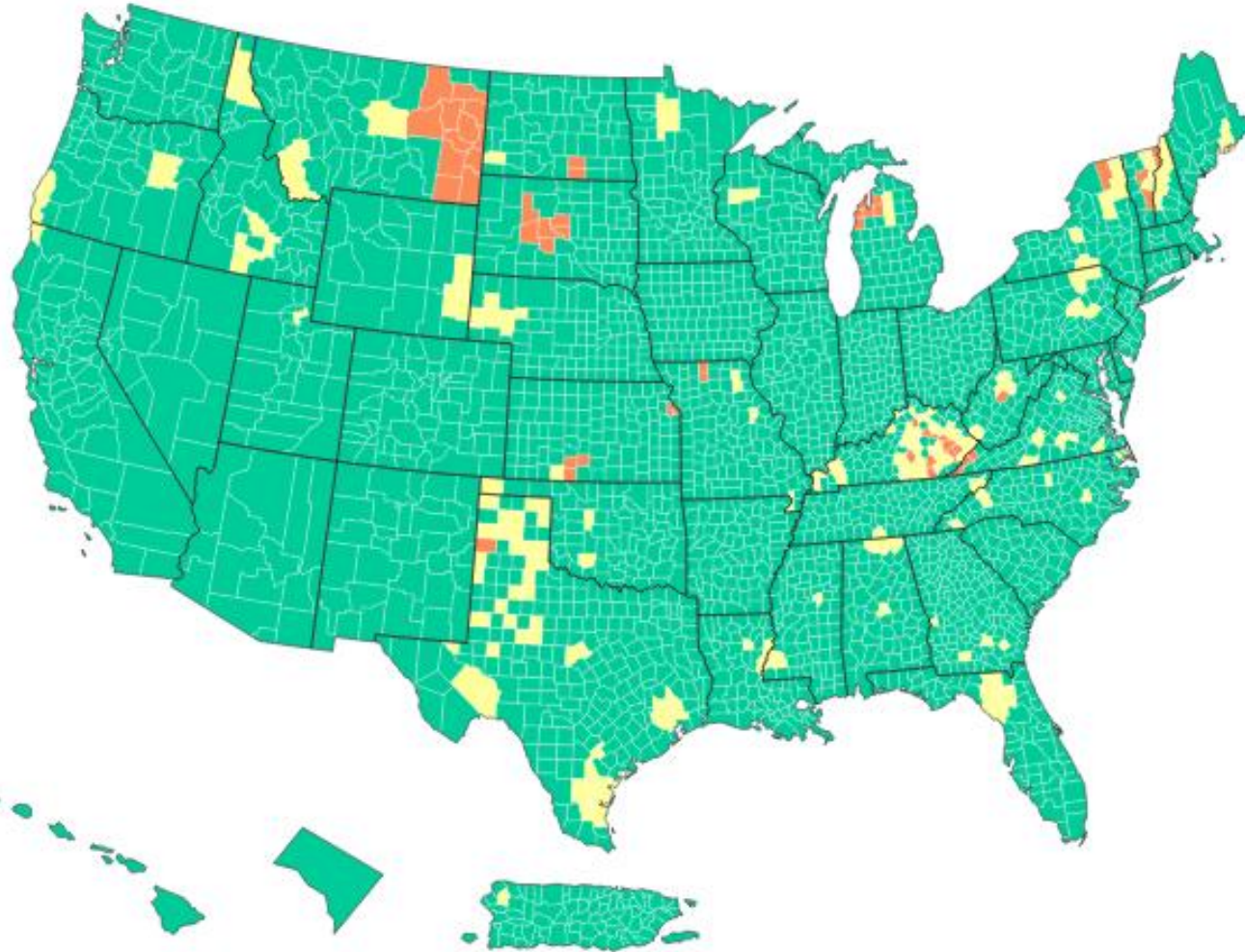
had COVID-19 levels that
are **“medium”** to **“high.”**

CDPH advises anyone traveling to these areas to consult the CDC’s map to determine the risk level and precautions to take. Cook County and every other county in Illinois are low.

U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels *by County* Map

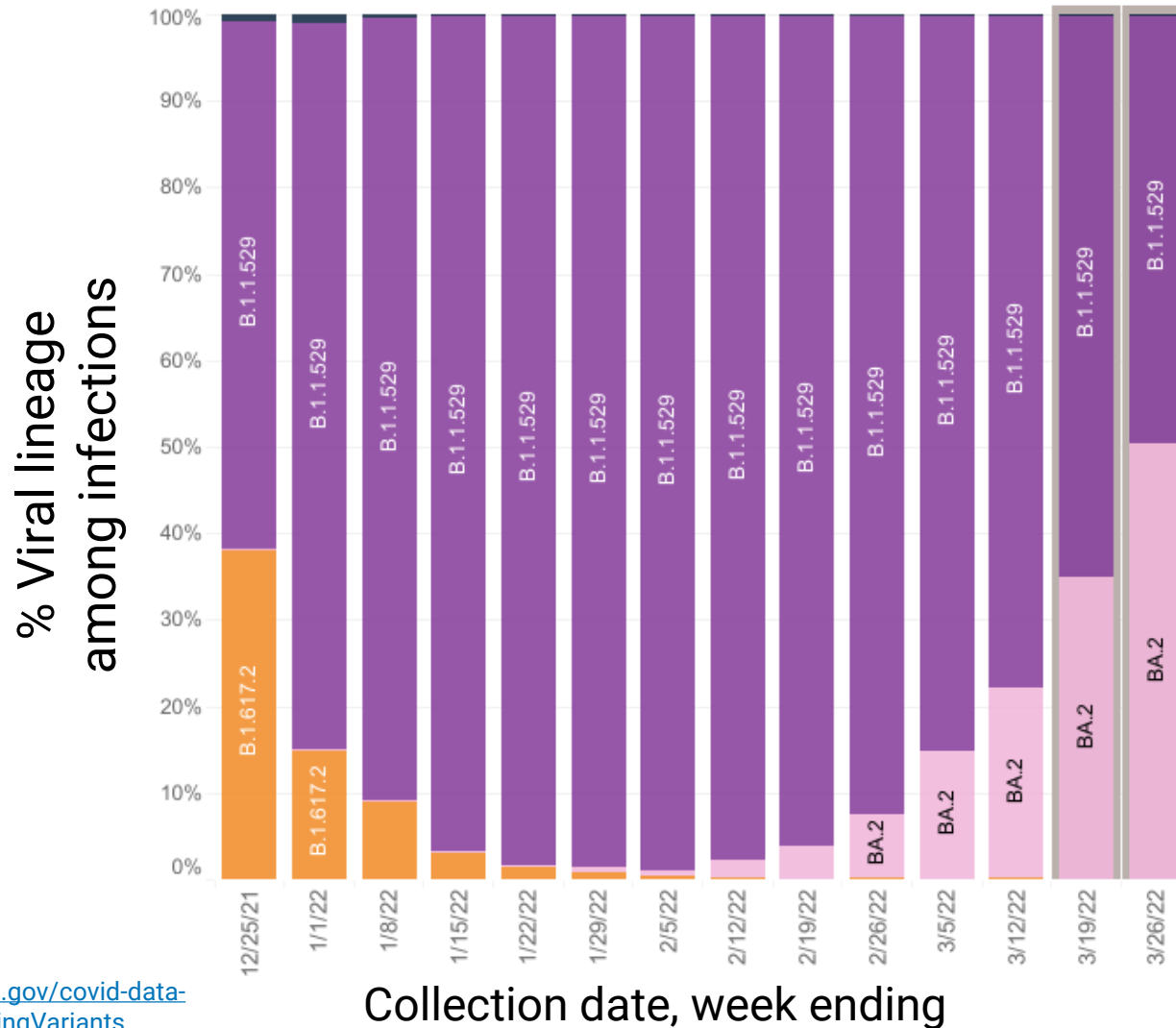


Low Medium High N/A



SARS-CoV-2 Variant Surveillance, Midwest Region.

★ Omicron BA.2 doubling about every 7 days; now dominant strain in Midwest Region and entire U.S.



Omicron B.1.1 (49.6%)

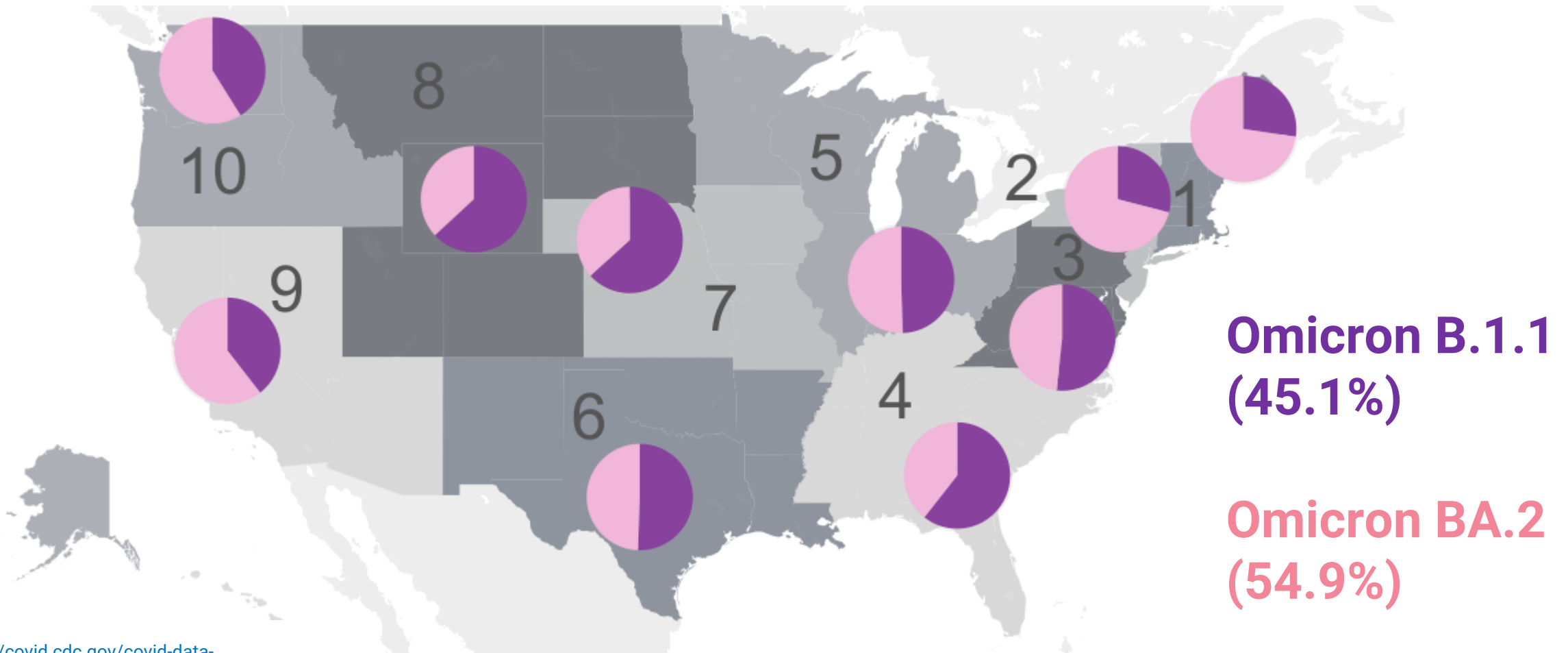
Omicron BA.2 (50.4%)

Delta (0.0%)

Other (0.0%)

★ SARS-CoV-2 Variant Surveillance, United States

United States: 3/20/2022 – 3/26/2022 NOWCAST





VACCINE INCENTIVE UPDATE ←

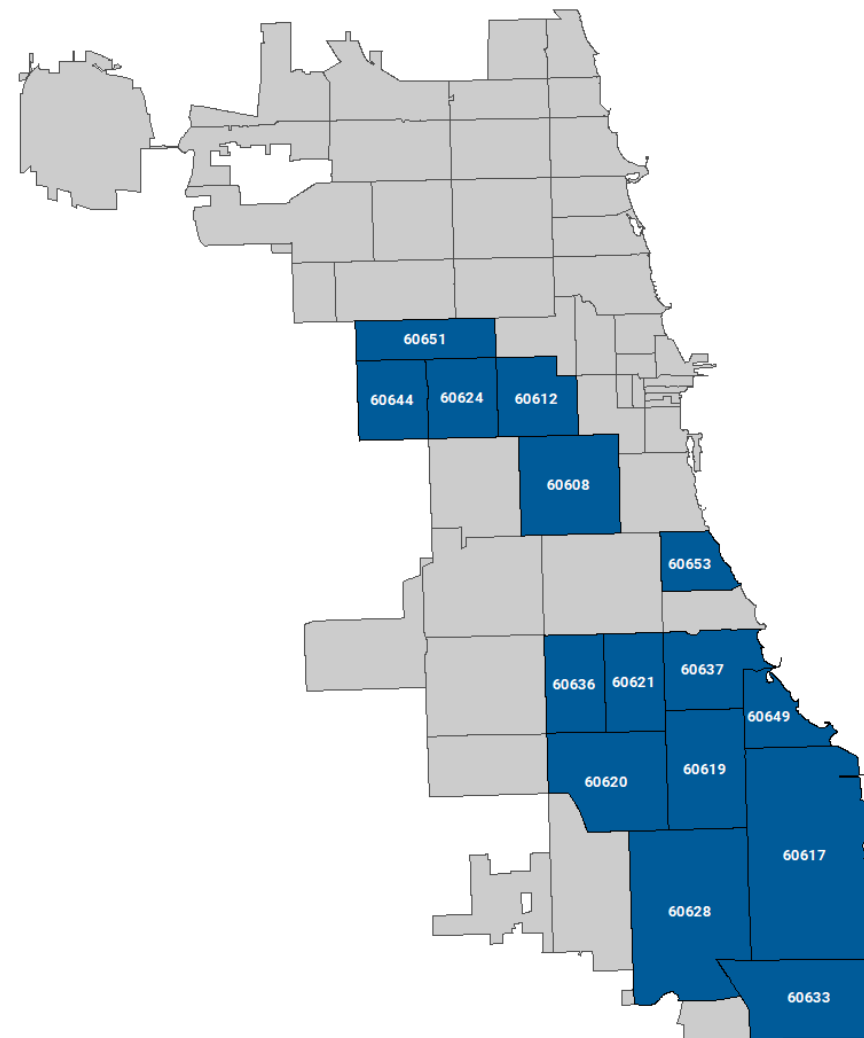
STARTING APRIL 1ST

The vaccination incentive program will focus on a hyperlocal strategy to improve vaccination rates for residents in zip codes with less than 70 percent of residents fully vaccinated. Only patients who live in eligible zip codes will receive gift cards.

ELIGIBLE ZIP CODES

60608, 60612, 60617, 60619, 60620
60621, 60624, 60628, 60633, 60636
60637, 60644, 60649, 60651, 60653

Zip Codes Eligible for Incentives



GET VAXXED AT HOME



- Anyone age 5+ can get a vaccine at home
- Pfizer pediatric, adult and boosters doses available
- Up to 10 people can get vaccinated at the same time
- Appointments:
Saturday-Tuesday,
8:00 am to 6:30 pm

To schedule your appointment:

CALL **312.746.4835**
OR VISIT **chicago.gov/athome**

- **As of 4/1**, the Protect Chicago At Home program (across all regions) will be going to a **4 day a week schedule**
 - **Saturday through Tuesday, 8:00 am to 6:30 pm**
- **Reminder-Recall Project:** Call center staff are engaging and scheduling patients for vaccinations who have not completed the series or booster dose
 - 100+ appointments made thus far



WHEN SHOULD I GET MY COVID-19 BOOSTER?

Anyone 12y+ should get boosted:

5 months

After your initial Pfizer (12+)
or Moderna (18+) series

2 months

After your initial
J&J (18+) vaccination



But what about a **SECOND** Booster dose?

- After receiving authorization from the FDA, the [CDC has expanded eligibility](#) for a second booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. Evidence suggests that a second booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine improves protection against severe COVID-19 and is not associated with new safety concerns.
- The following groups may choose to receive a **second mRNA booster** 4 months after their first booster dose:
 - Individuals 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
 - Any adult 50 years and older
 - People 18-49 who are not moderately or severely immunocompromised who received the Janssen vaccine for both primary and booster doses

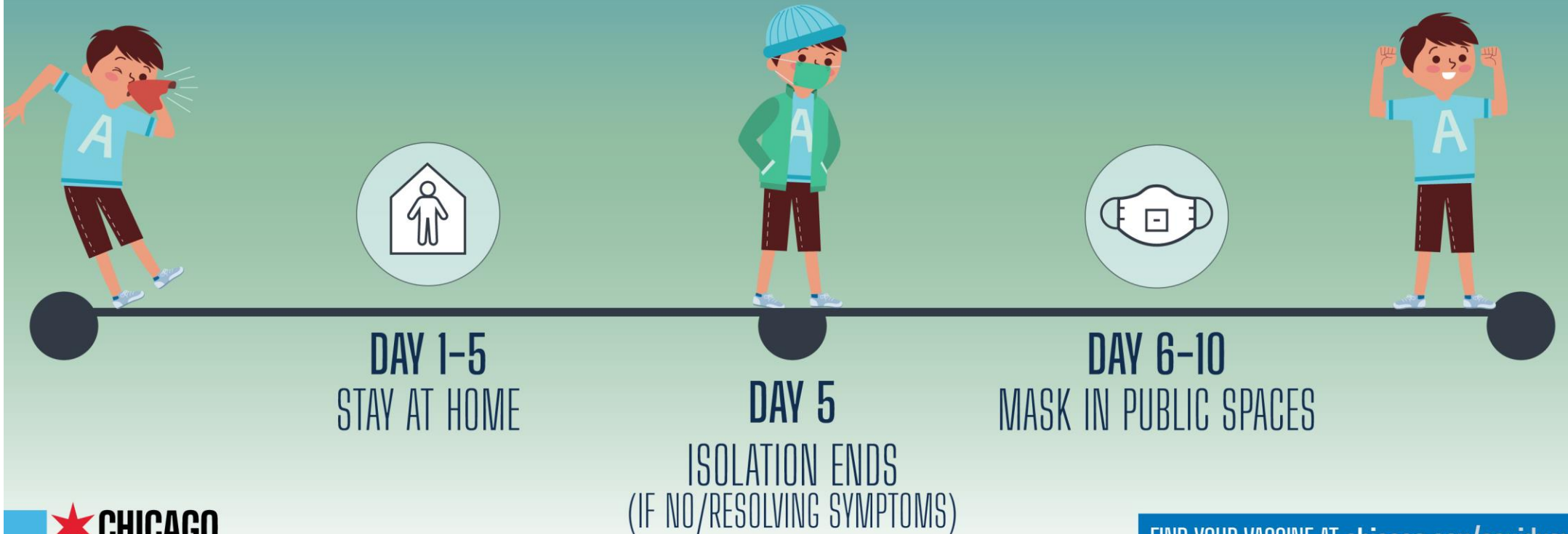
★ Menstrual Irregularities/COVID Vaccine

- <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/covid-19-vaccination-associated-small-temporary-increase-menstrual-cycle-length-suggests-nih-funded-study>
- Women receiving one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine during a single menstrual cycle had an increase in cycle length of nearly one day, compared to unvaccinated women, according to a study funded by the National Institutes of Health.
- The increase in cycle length—a longer time between bleeding—was not associated with any change in the number of days of menses (days of bleeding). The study appears in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.



REMEMBER: IF YOU CATCH COVID-19

Regardless of vaccination status, stay home for 5 days. If your symptoms are resolving or gone by Day 5, you can leave your house but *you must continue to mask* while around others for Days 6-10.





Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 2 sets of 4 free at-home tests.

If you already ordered your first set, order a second today.

How to get your **FREE** at-home COVID-19 tests



VISIT COVIDtests.gov



Enter contact and shipping info



Review and place your order



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EARLY TREATMENTS FOR COVID-19



If you test positive for COVID-19, there are IV and oral medications that can help keep you out of the hospital, but they need to be taken in the first few days of infection.



If you test positive and are 65 years or older or have underlying conditions that put you at a higher risk for hospitalization, ***talk with your healthcare provider immediately to see if they recommend treatments now available.***



Treatments used for COVID-19 can interact with other medication you take and ***must be prescribed*** by your healthcare provider.

- ***Please do not go to a pharmacy or infusion center without a prescription.***



Treatments are available now in Chicago at ***NO COST***, regardless of vaccination status.

Looking for a vaccine?

visit **CHI.GOV/COVIDVAX** or call **312-746-4835**



COVID.gov

New one-stop shop



Your COVID-19 Toolkit

Resources to keep yourself and others safe from COVID-19.

Find COVID-19 guidance for your community



★ Far South HCEZ Highlight – Phalanx Family Services

“Real Men Get Vaxxed” Black Male COVID-19 Vaccination Initiative

- Campaign focusing on African-American males, ages 18-45, who have Chicago's lowest vaccination rates
- Earn a \$50 per person referral bonus
- In collaboration with Northwestern University and the Chicagoland CEAL Program, designed to change that unfortunate statistic and protect an important part of our communities and families – Black Men





Come join City Town Halls about the Community Safety efforts in your region

*Pre-registration
encouraged*

SATURDAY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

March 19

10am-12pm

West Side

Garfield Park Gold Dome Field House

March 23

6pm-8pm

South Side

Chicago State University

April 2

10am-12pm

Youth Focused

Harold Washington Library

April 2

2pm-4pm

City Center

Harold Washington Library

April 4

6pm-8pm

Southwest Side

Daley College

April 5

6pm-8pm

North/Northwest Side

Truman College



Register at: bit.ly/CommunitySafetyTownHalls

  While provider reimbursement programs are changing, no resident should be turned away from receiving, or be asked to pay for, a COVID-19 vaccine

CDPH remains committed as always to ensure everyone in Chicago can access COVID-19 vaccine regardless of insurance, level of income or immigrant status

Need a vaccine or a booster? Have questions?

visit **CHI.GOV/COVIDVAX**

or call **312-746-4835**



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CHICAGO** 