

# COVID-19 Modeling

## February 2, 2021

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# National COVID-19 Cases Sustained & Significant Decrease

**42% Decrease in Cases  
Since January 11, 2021\***

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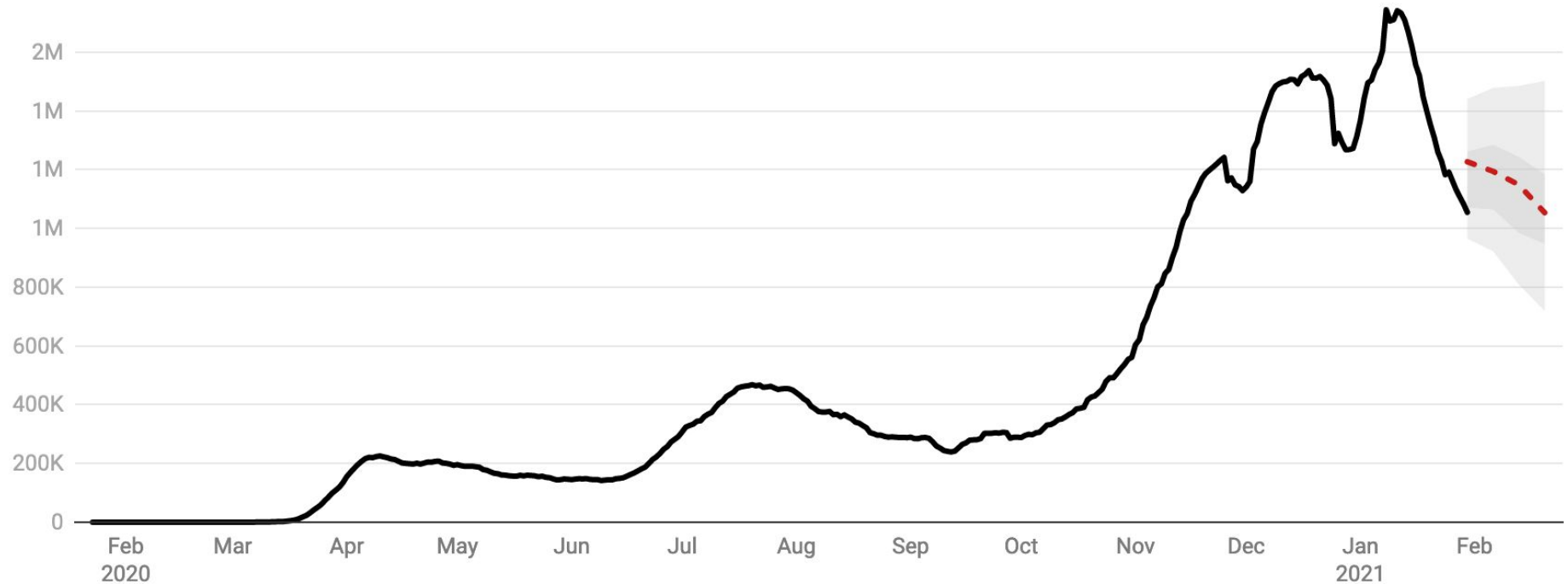
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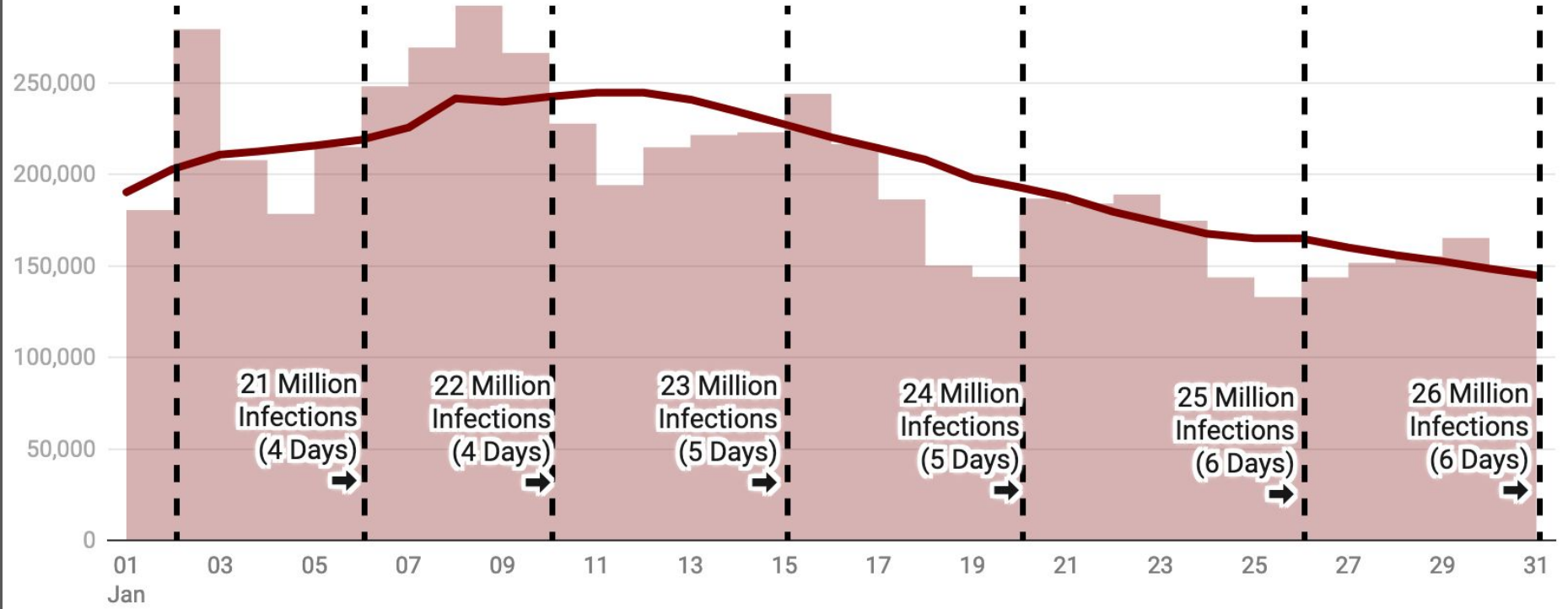
■ Daily Covid Cases — 7 Day Avg. Daily Covid Cases

# National Weekly COVID-19 Infections Forecast

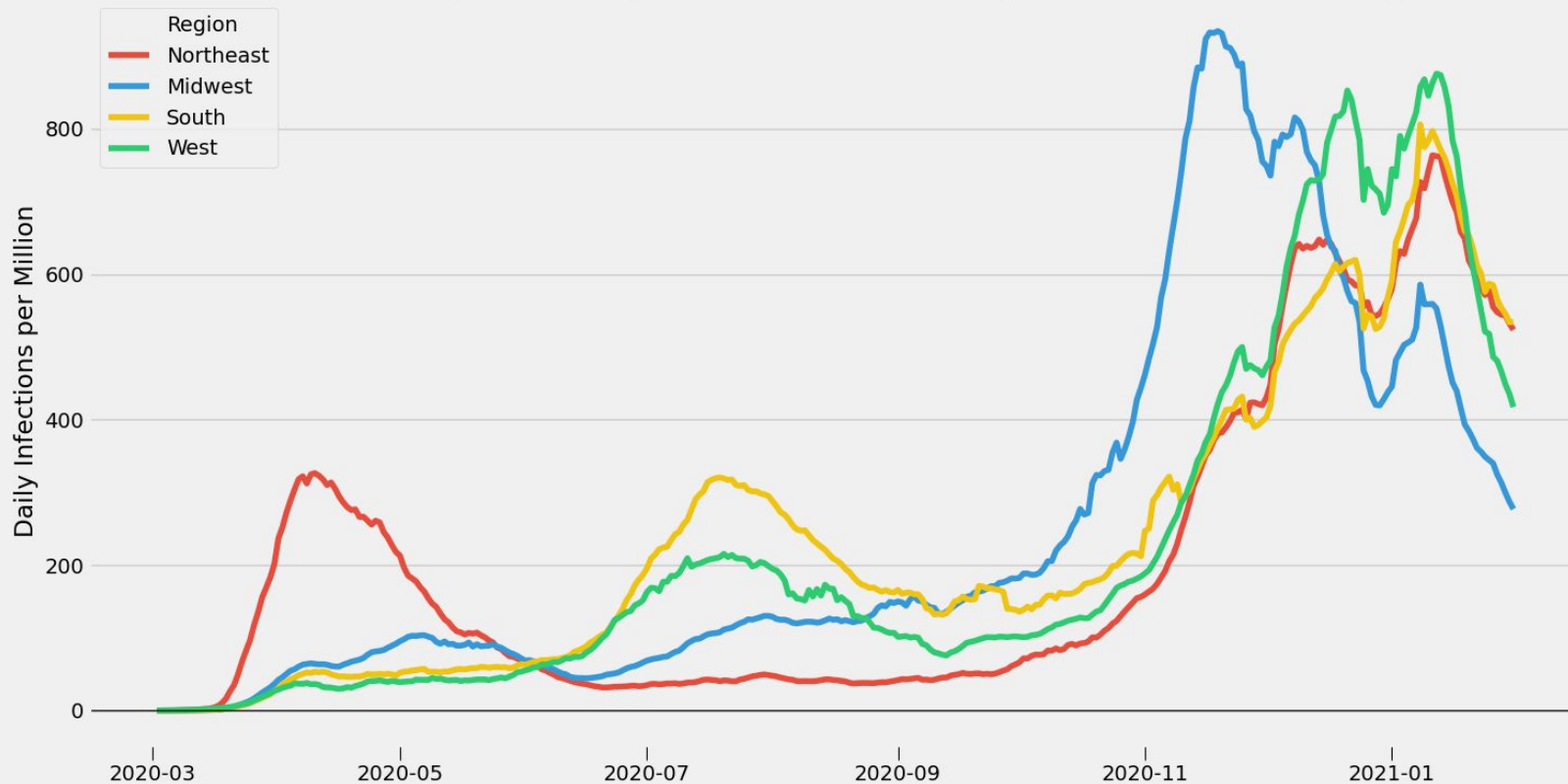
Calculated as the 7-day sum of new infections. Gray bands represent 50% and 95% confidence intervals. Since projections are only released once a week, the actual number may appear to over or undershoot the forecast.



# National COVID-19 Infections



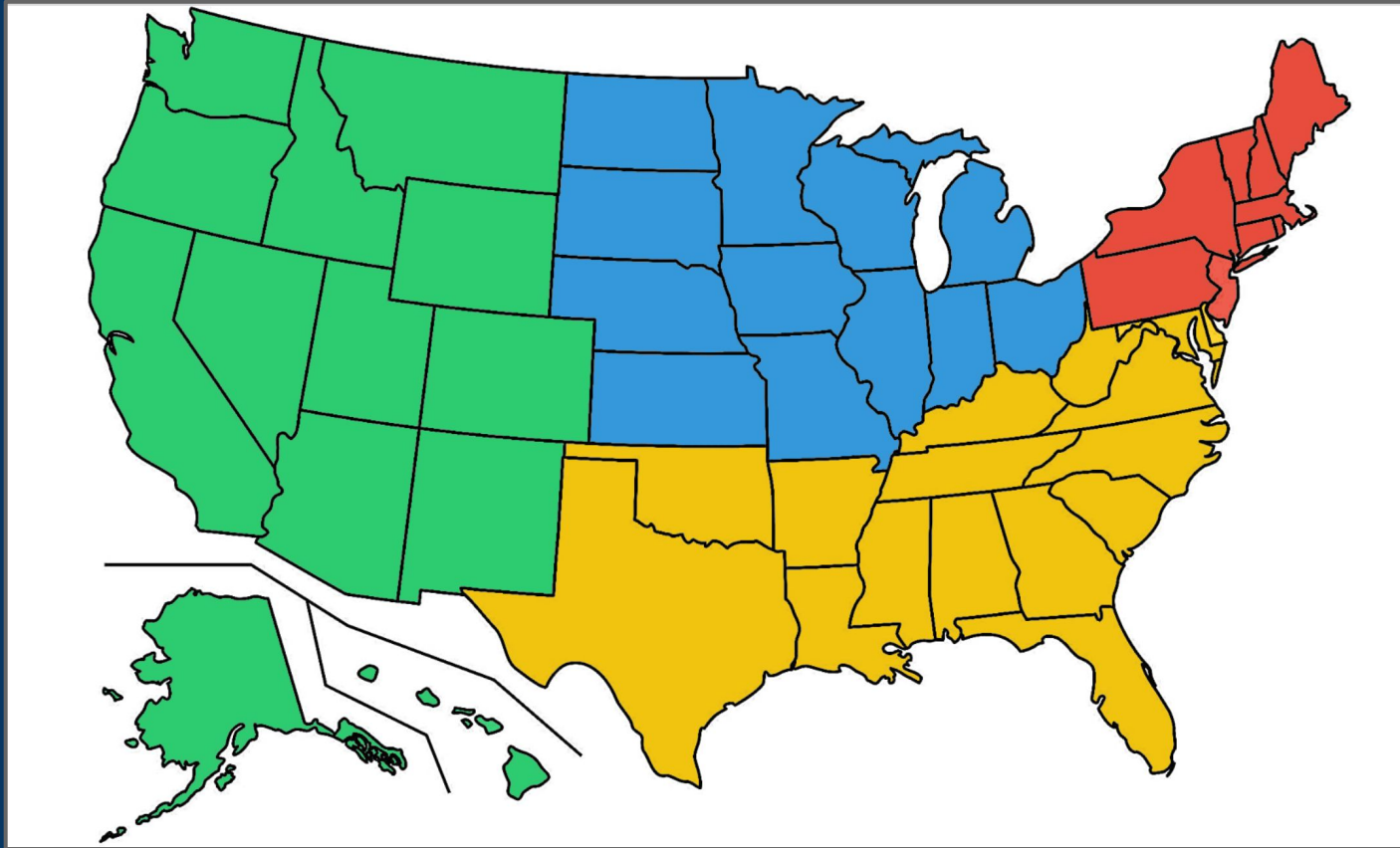
## COVID-19 Daily Infections per Million by Census Region (7-Day Moving Average)



Source: Johns Hopkins University

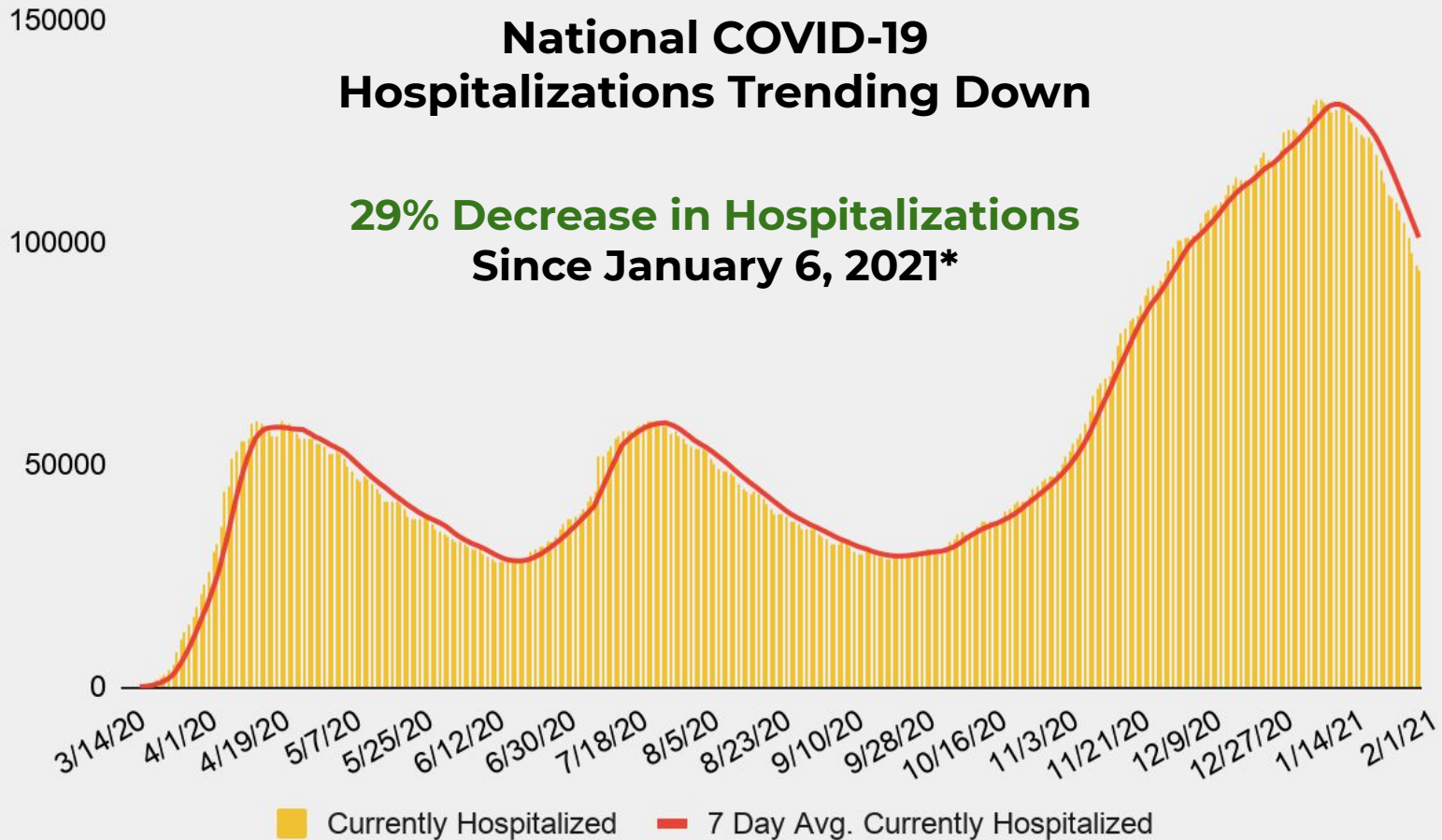
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# Census Regions



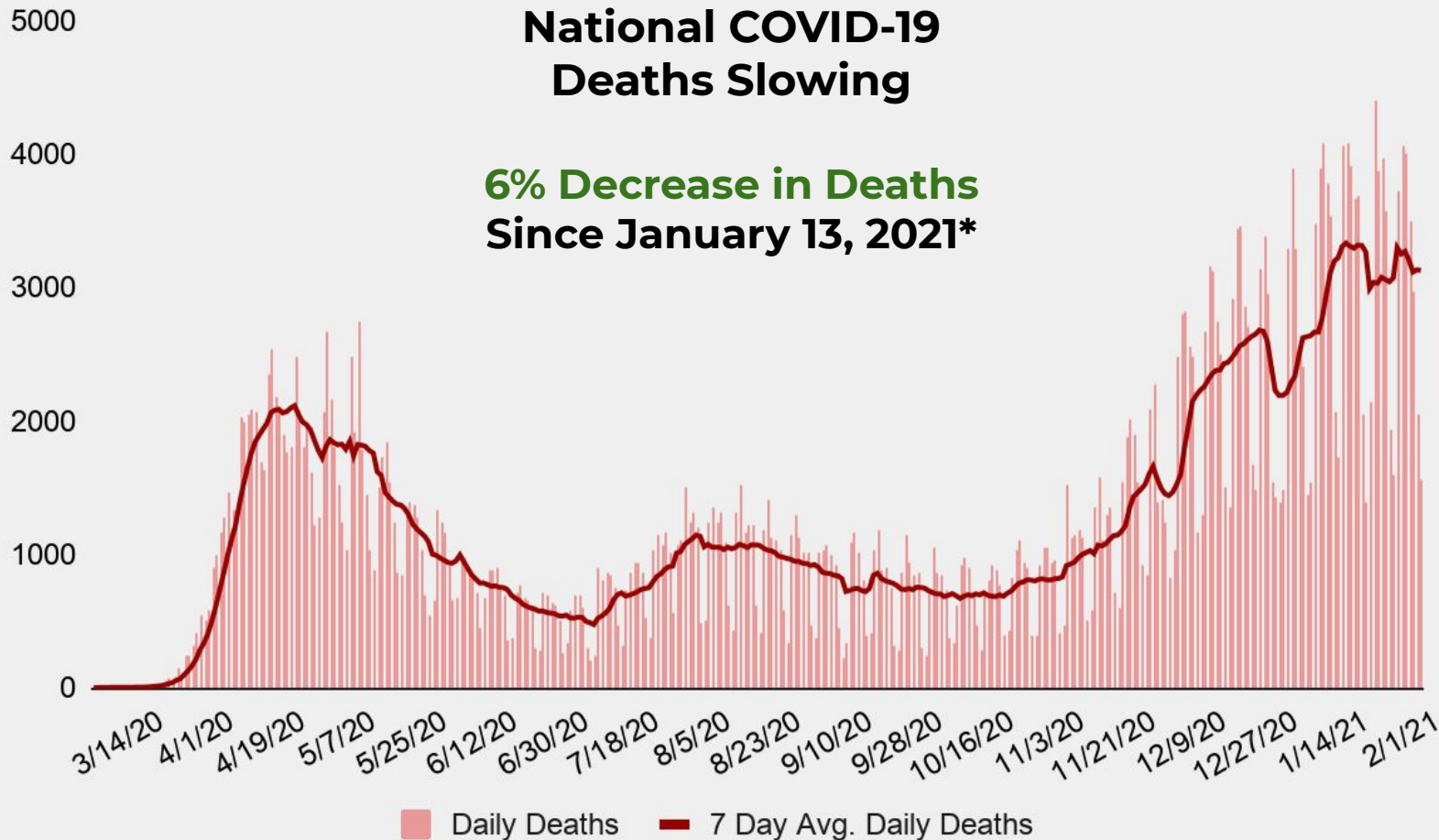
# National COVID-19 Hospitalizations Trending Down

**29% Decrease in Hospitalizations Since January 6, 2021\***



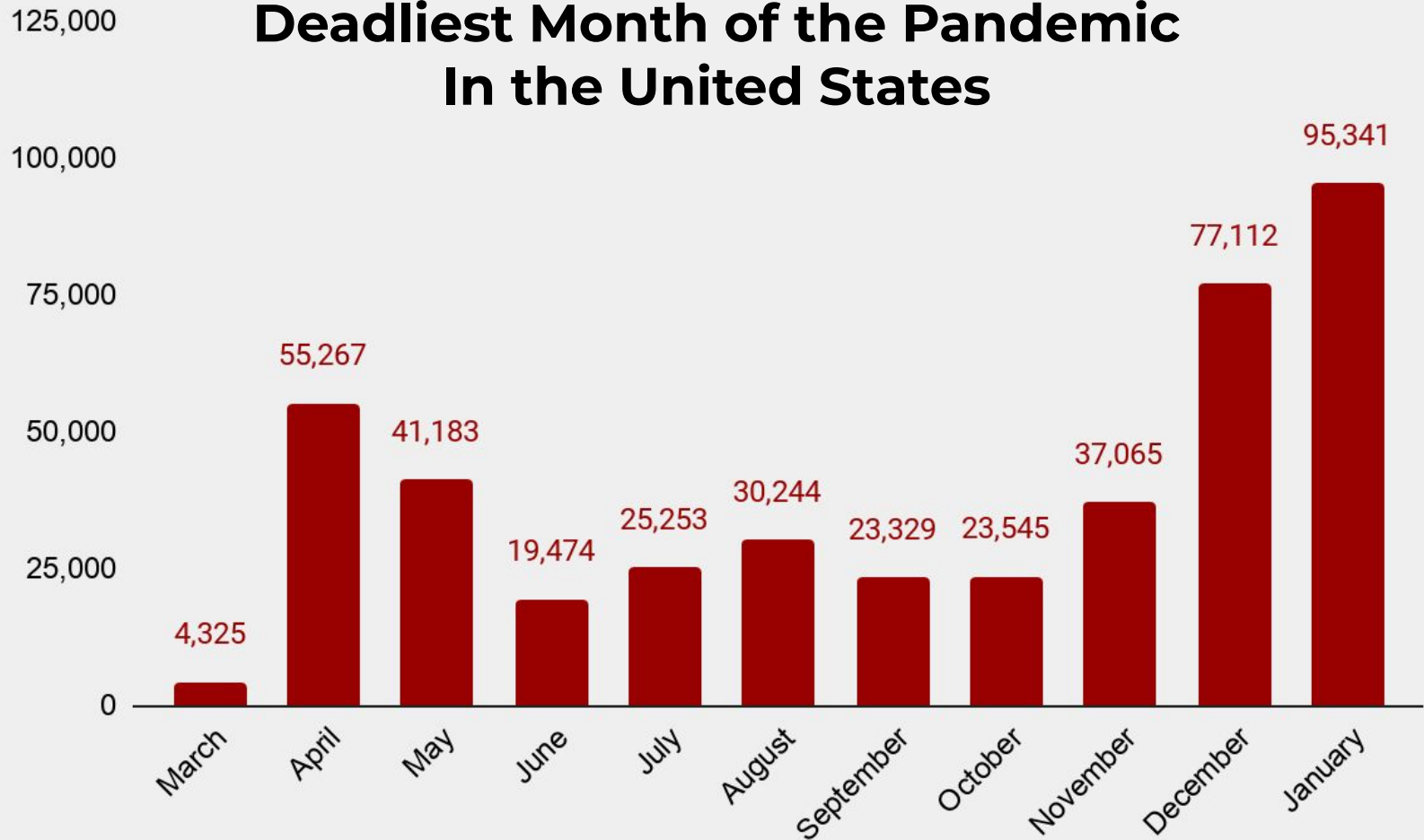
# National COVID-19 Deaths Slowing

**6% Decrease in Deaths  
Since January 13, 2021\***





# Deadliest Month of the Pandemic In the United States

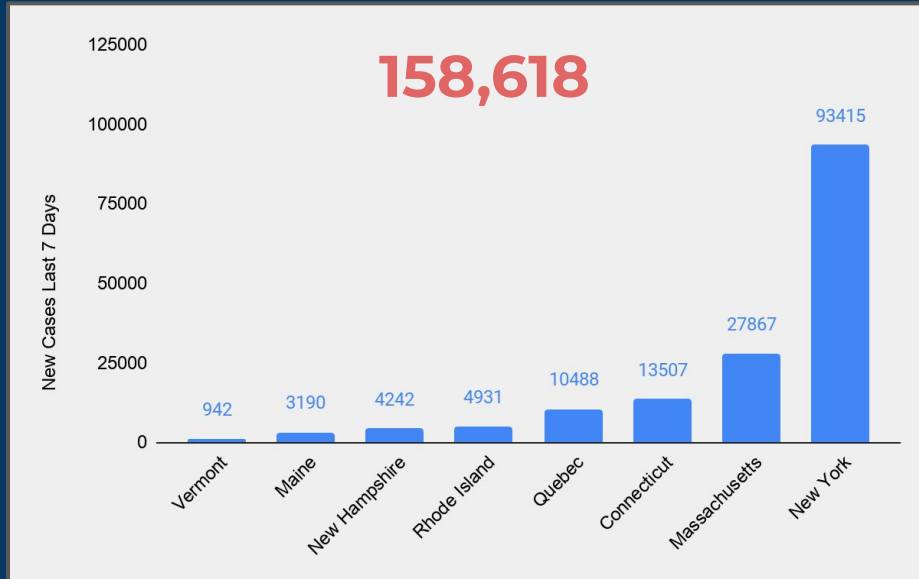


Source: Covid Tracking Project — February 1, 2021

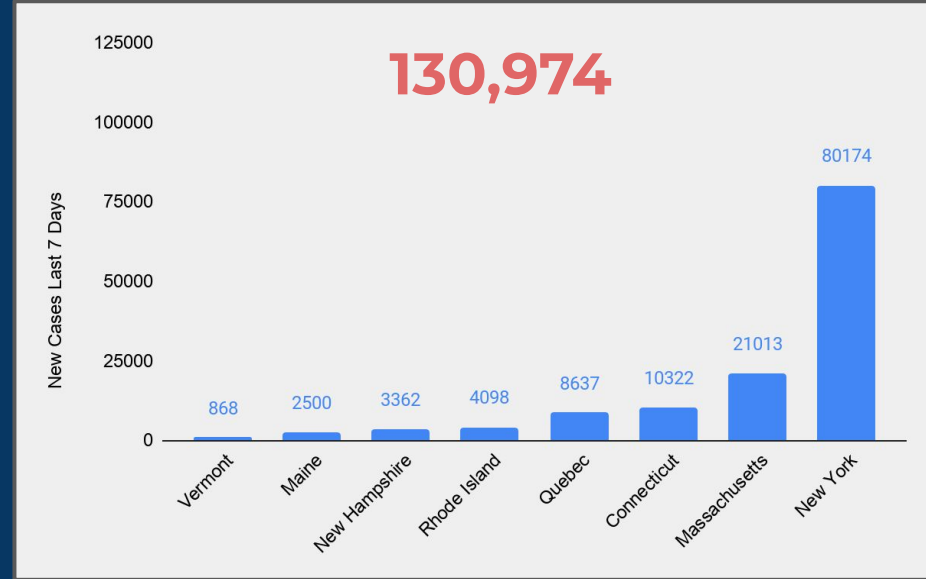
# Regional Case Growth

17.43% Decrease in New Cases

New Cases Jan 19th to Jan. 25th

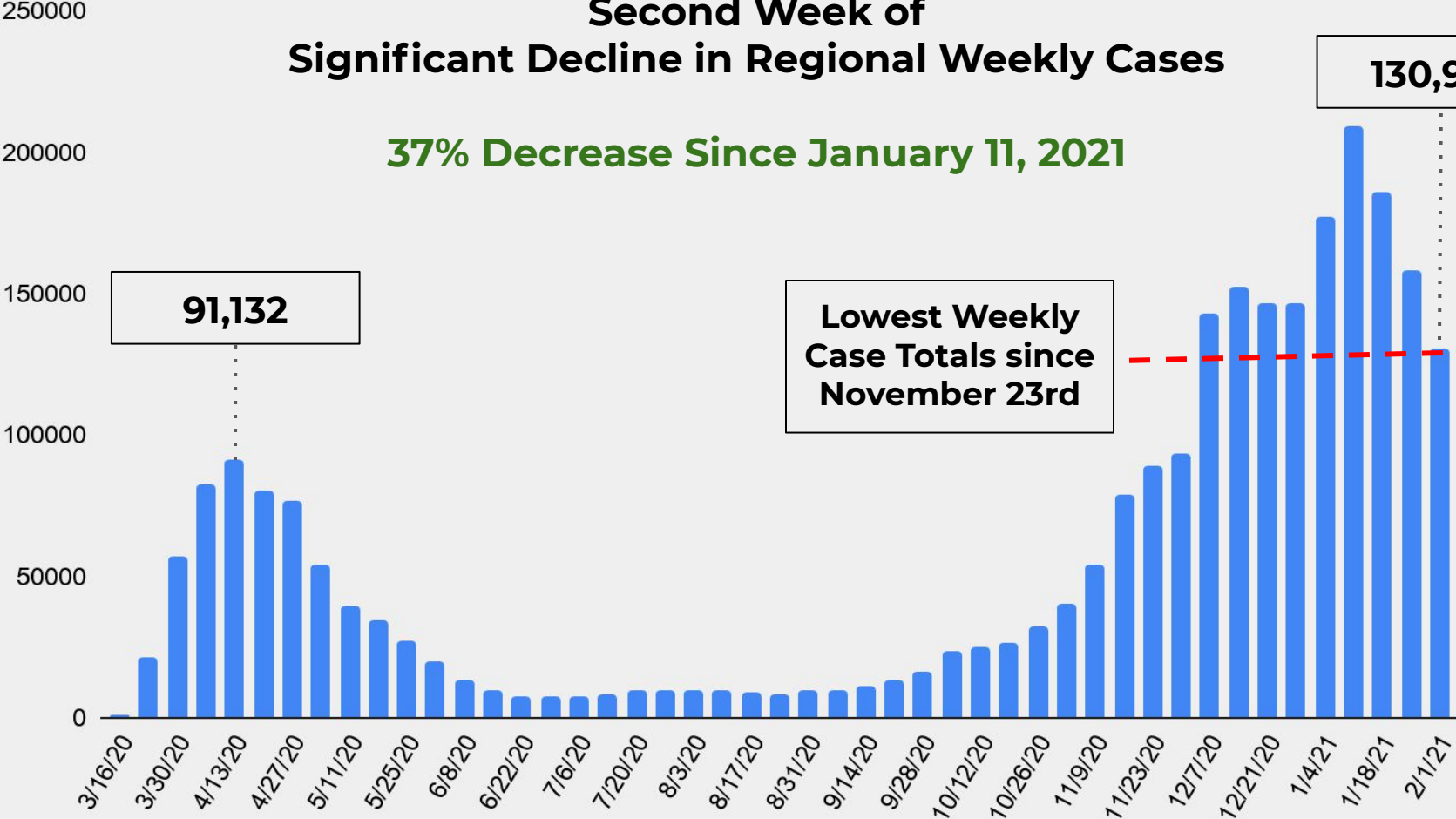


New Cases Jan 26th to Feb. 1st



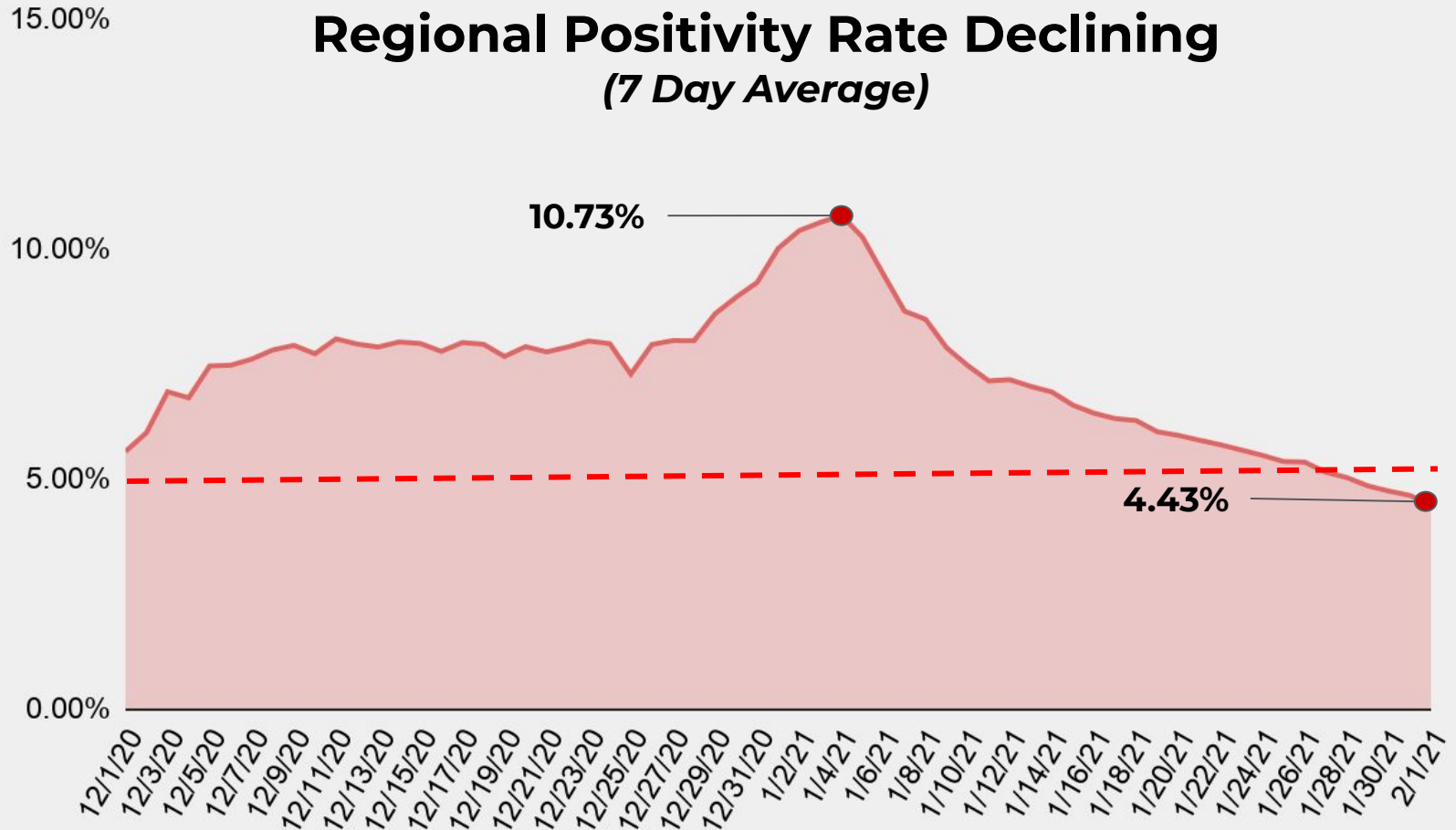
# Second Week of Significant Decline in Regional Weekly Cases

**37% Decrease Since January 11, 2021**

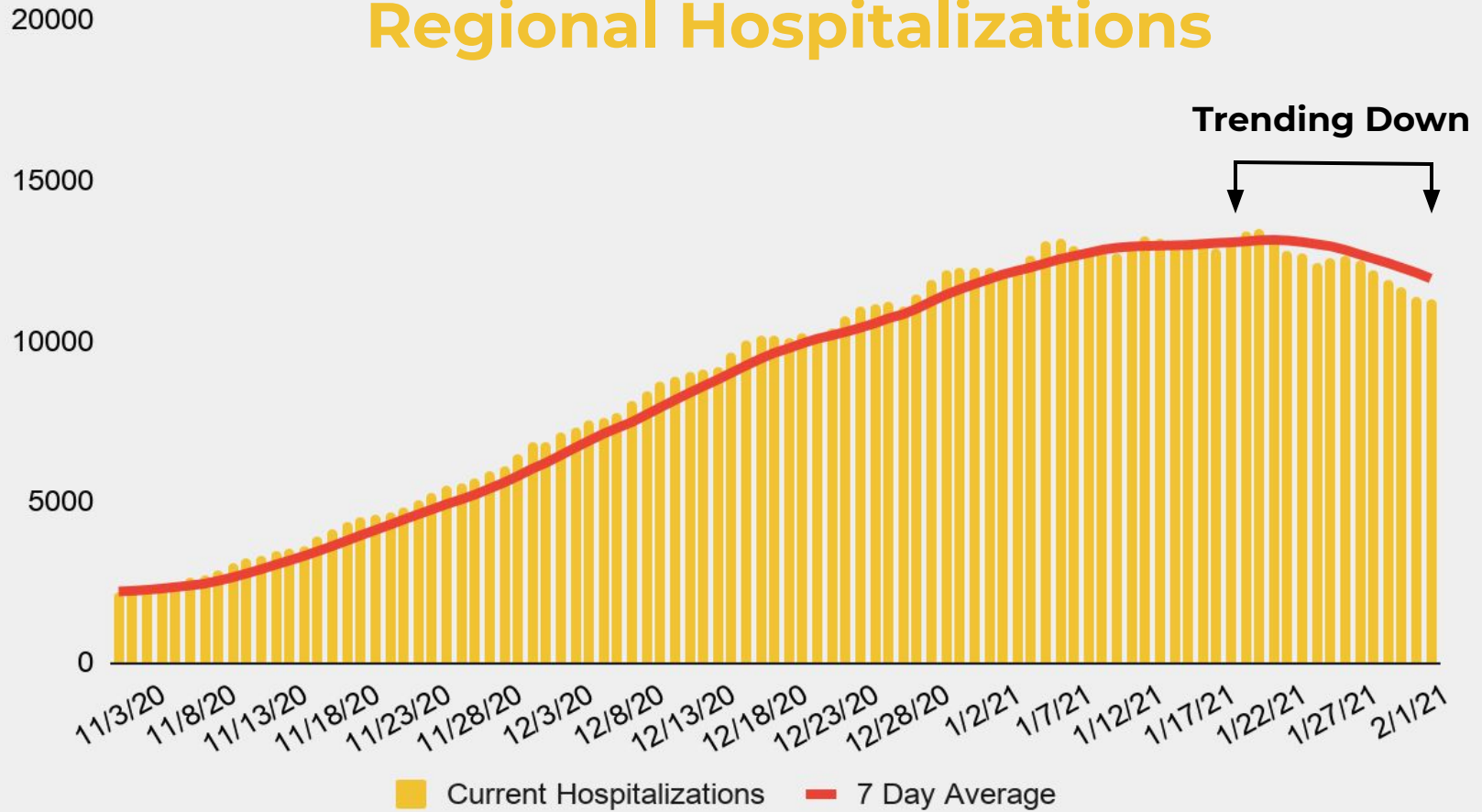


Sources: State Health Departments & CTV National News (Quebec) (includes: CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, QC, RI & VT)

# Regional Positivity Rate Declining (7 Day Average)

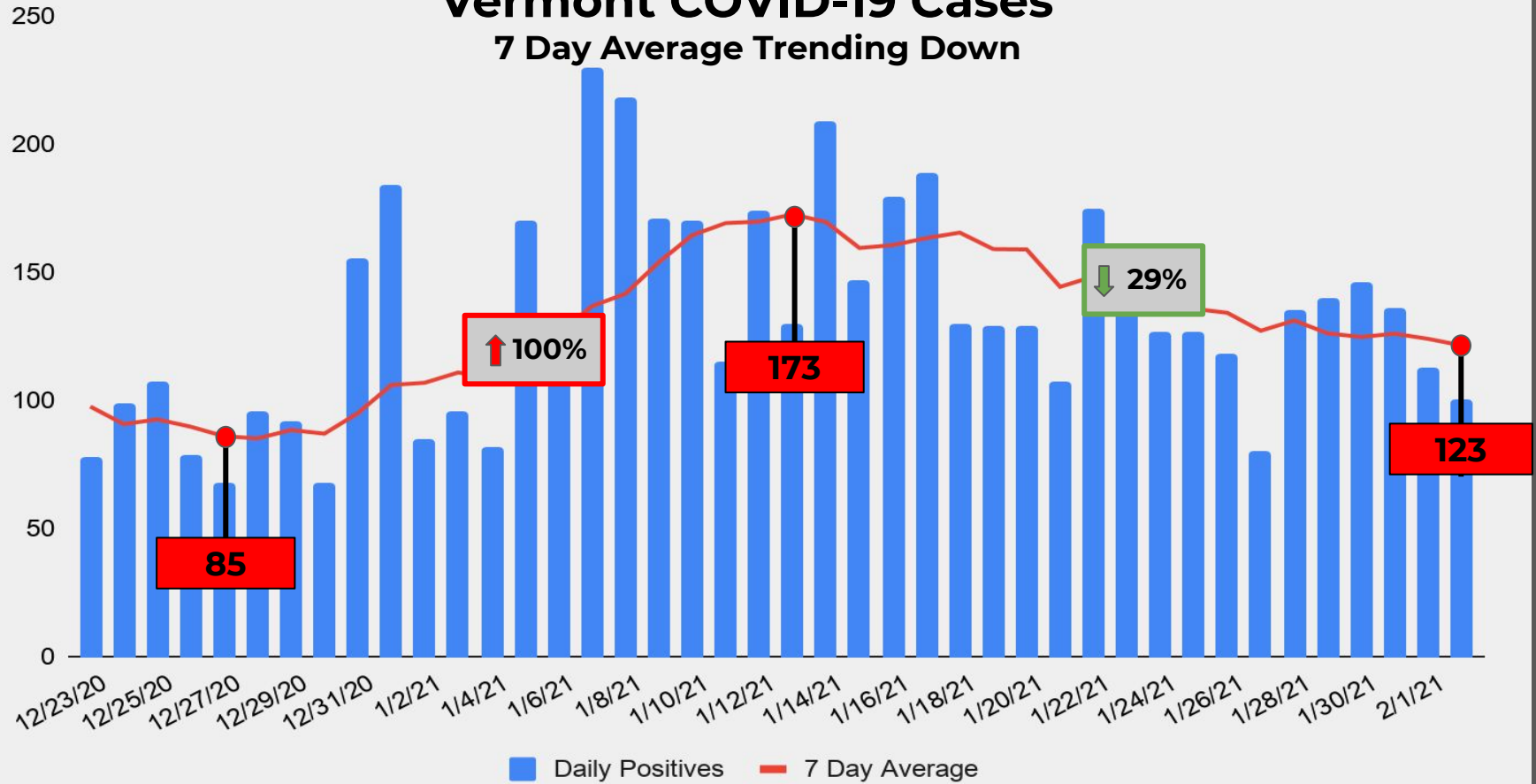


# Regional Hospitalizations



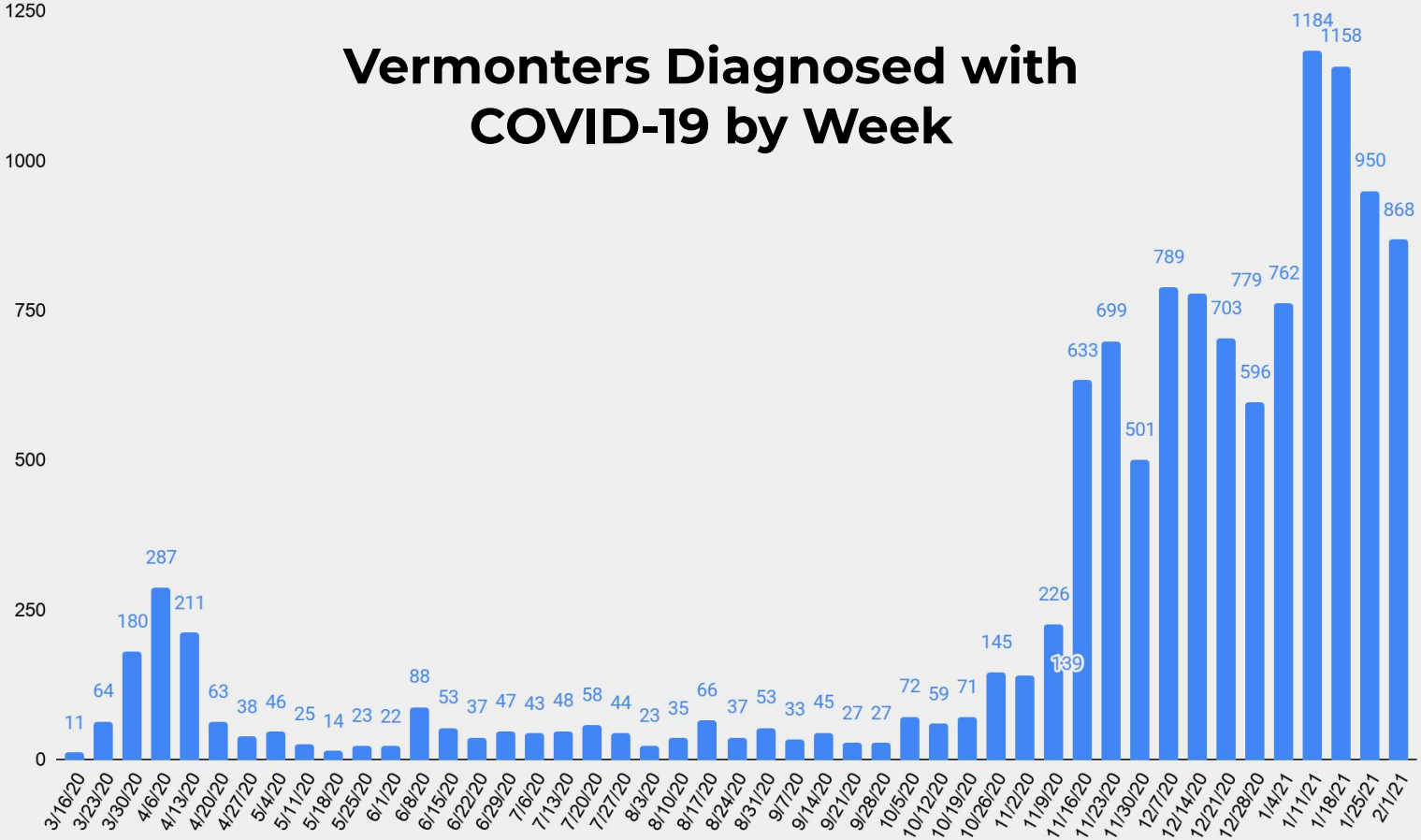
# Vermont COVID-19 Cases

## 7 Day Average Trending Down



Source: Vermont Department of Health— February 1, 2021

# Vermonters Diagnosed with COVID-19 by Week

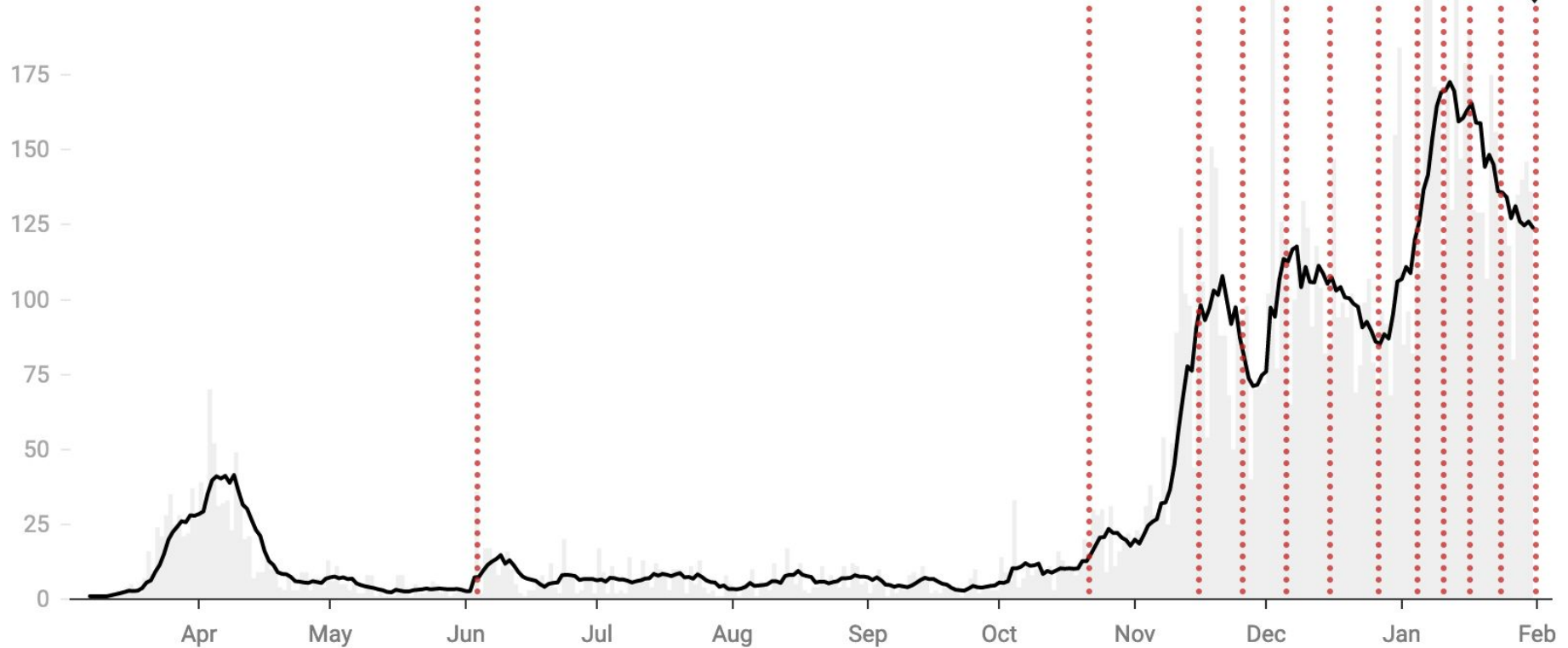


Source: Vermont Department of Health (week calculated as Tuesday to Monday)

# Daily COVID-19 Infections in Vermont (7 Day Average)

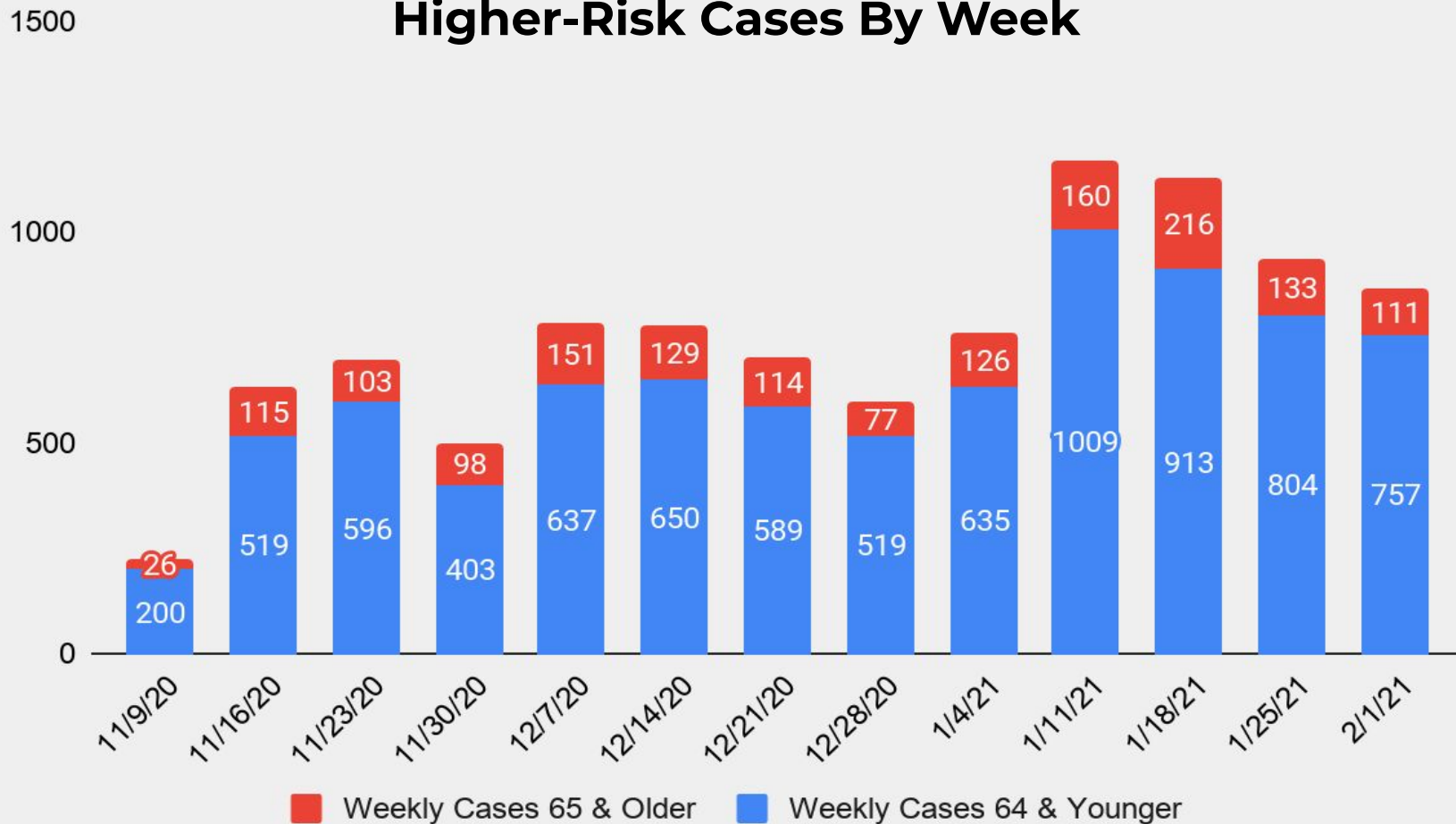
1000 Infection thresholds denoted with red dashed line.

8 days for most recent  
1000 infections  
(11,000 to 12,000 total)





# Higher-Risk Cases By Week

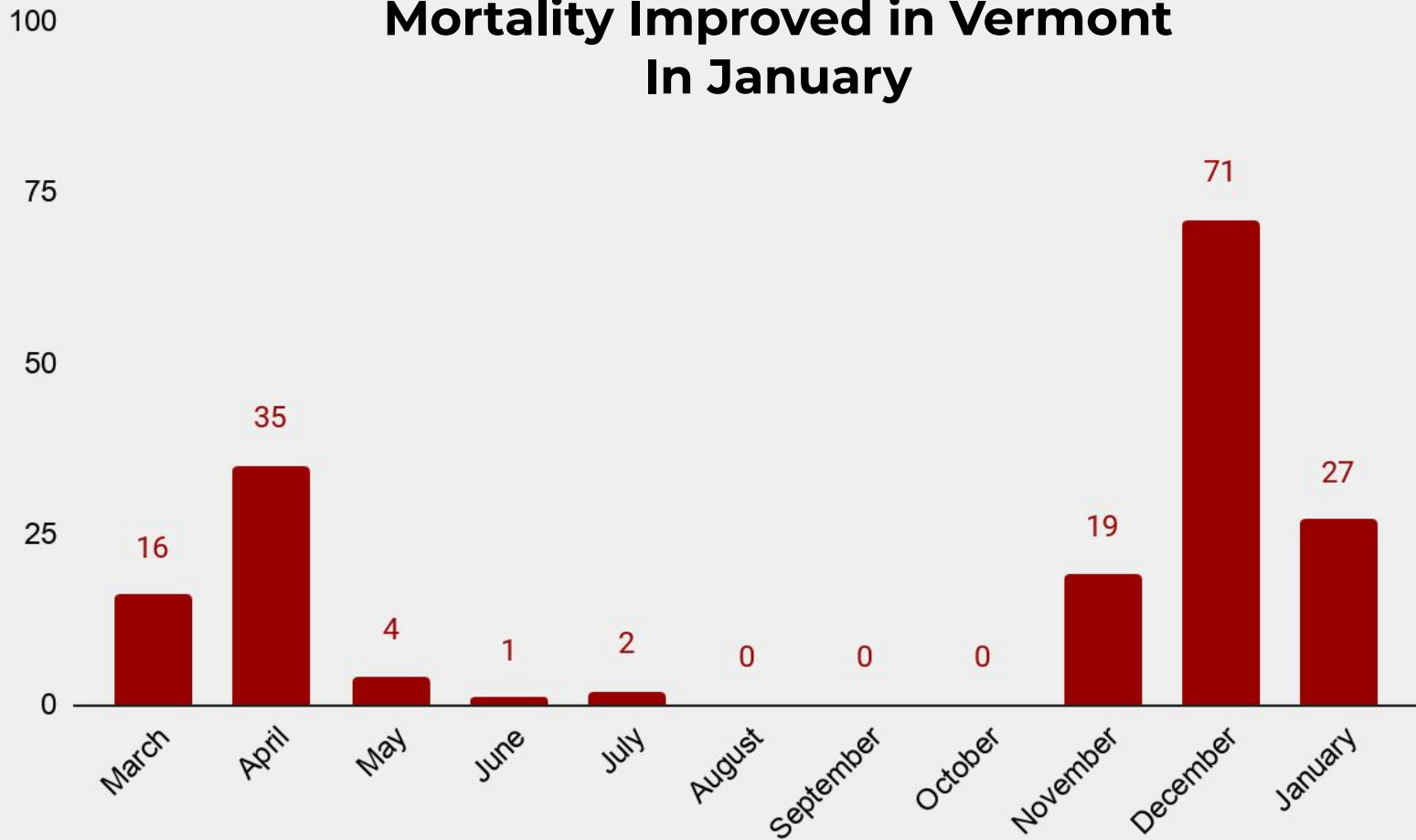


# Active Outbreaks in Long Term Care Facilities

Facility Name	Total COVID-19 Cases
The Residence at Shelburne Bay, <i>Shelburne</i>	43
Village at Cedar Hill, <i>Windsor</i>	20
Lakeview Community Care Home, <i>Burlington</i>	13
Vermont Veterans Home, <i>Bennington</i>	9
Harbor Village, <i>South Burlington</i>	9
LTCF D	8
Valley Terrace, <i>Hartford</i>	7
Brookdale at Fillmore Pond, <i>Bennington</i>	Not Shown
Mountain View Center, <i>Rutland</i>	Not Shown
The Residence at Quarry Hill, <i>South Burlington</i>	Not Shown
Franklin County Rehab Center, <i>St. Albans City</i>	Not Shown

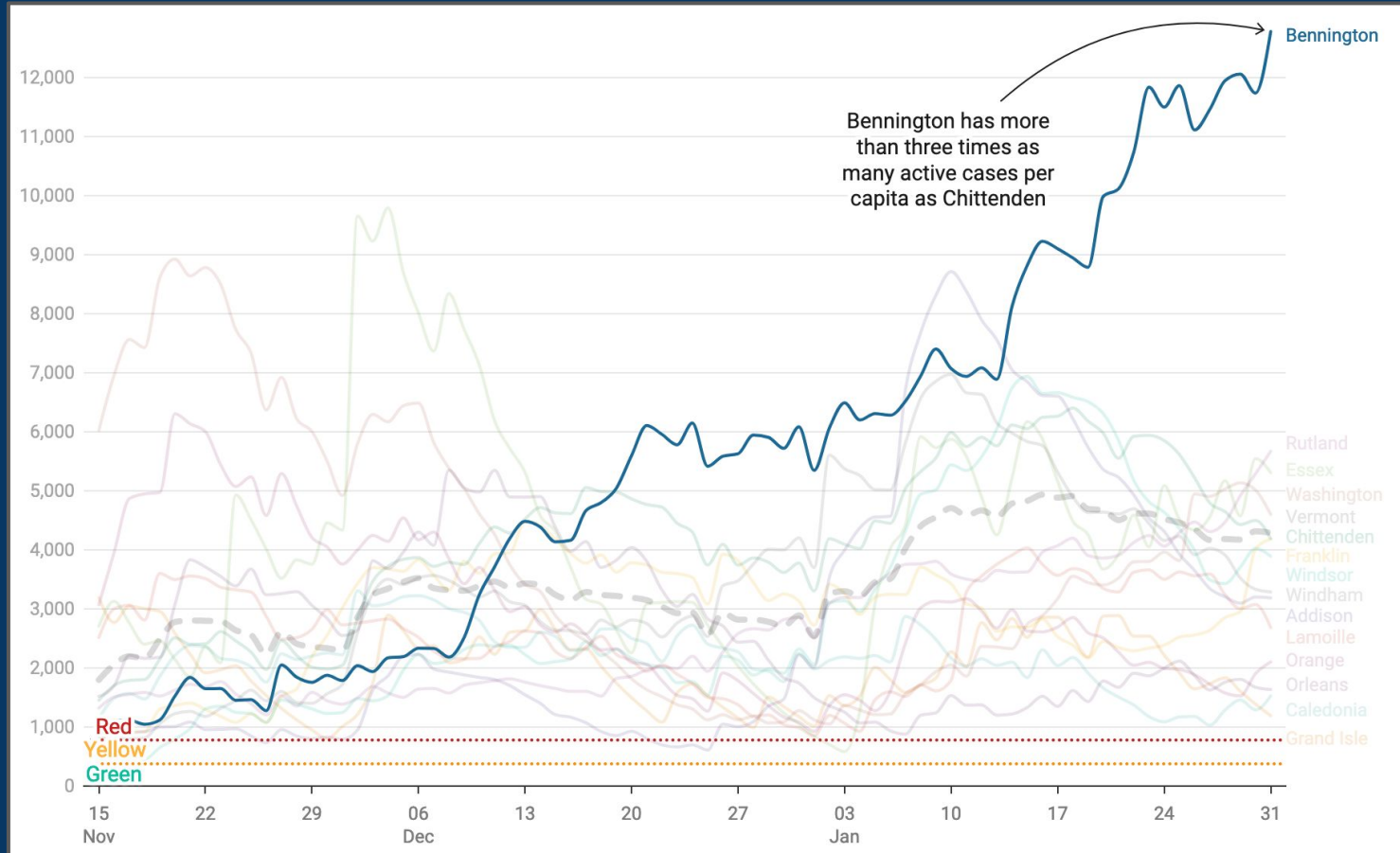
Source: Vermont Department of Health—February 1, 2021 (reporting Monday through previous Sunday); 'Active' defined as less than 28 days since most recent case's specimen collection date or illness start date (whichever is later); \*privacy suppressions include facility w/ <25 staff and residents and/or >75% of facility infected -- there are three active outbreaks that are not included as a result.

# Mortality Improved in Vermont In January

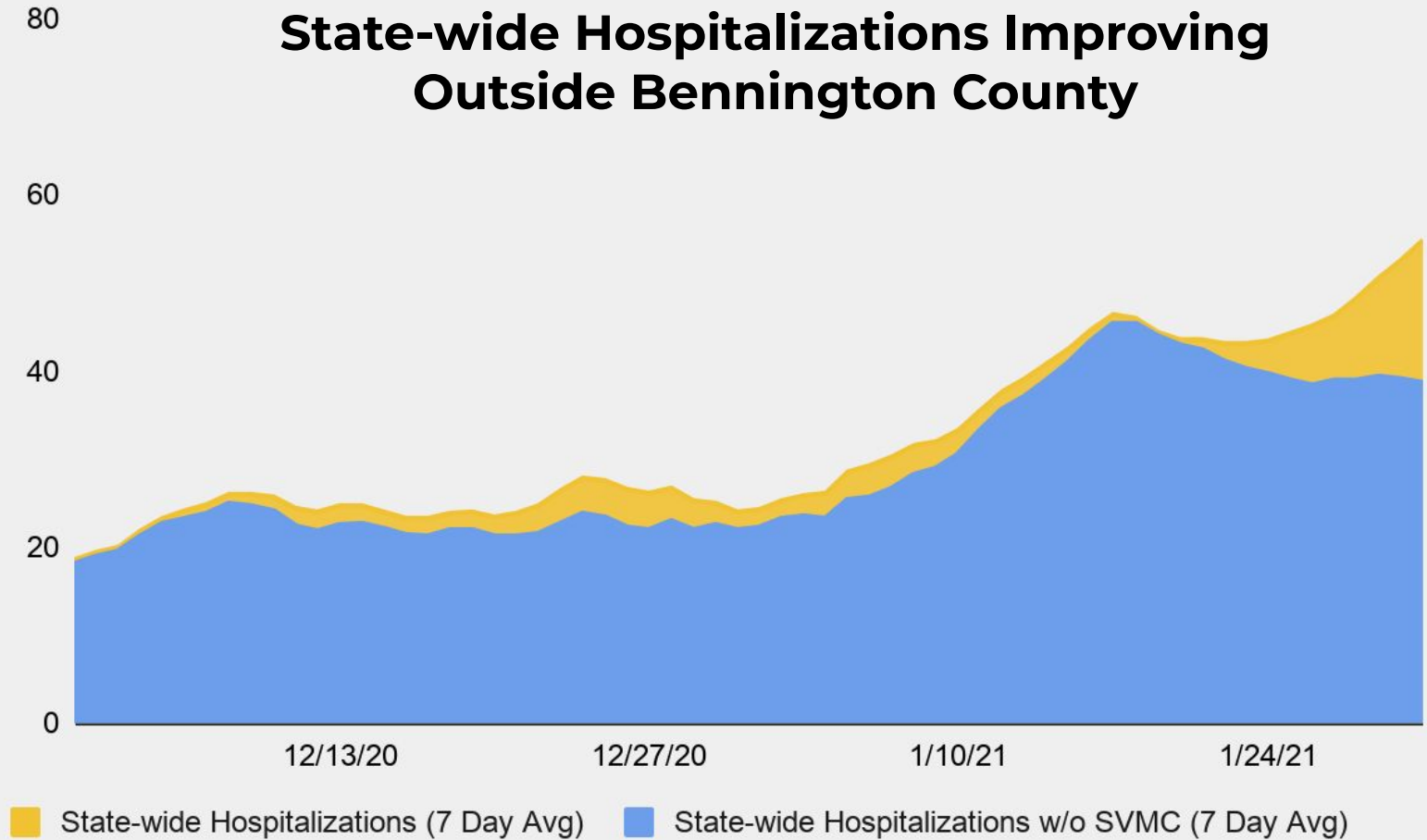


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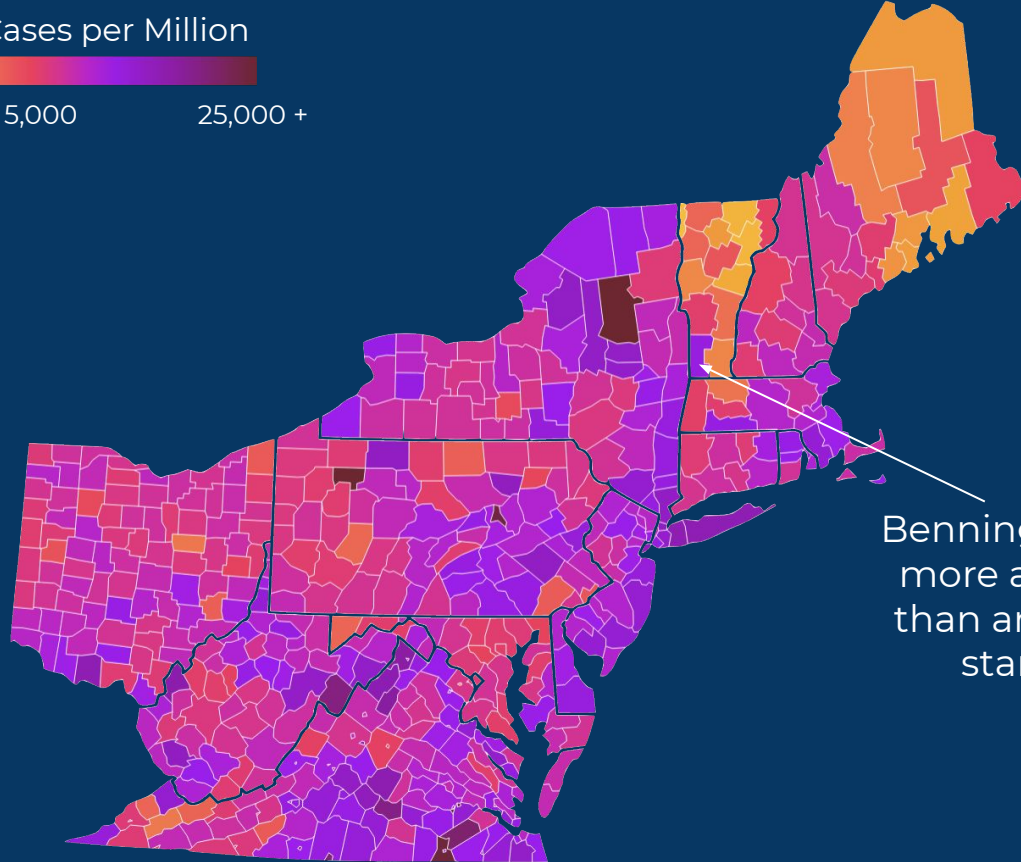
# Estimated Active Cases per Million in Vermont



## State-wide Hospitalizations Improving Outside Bennington County

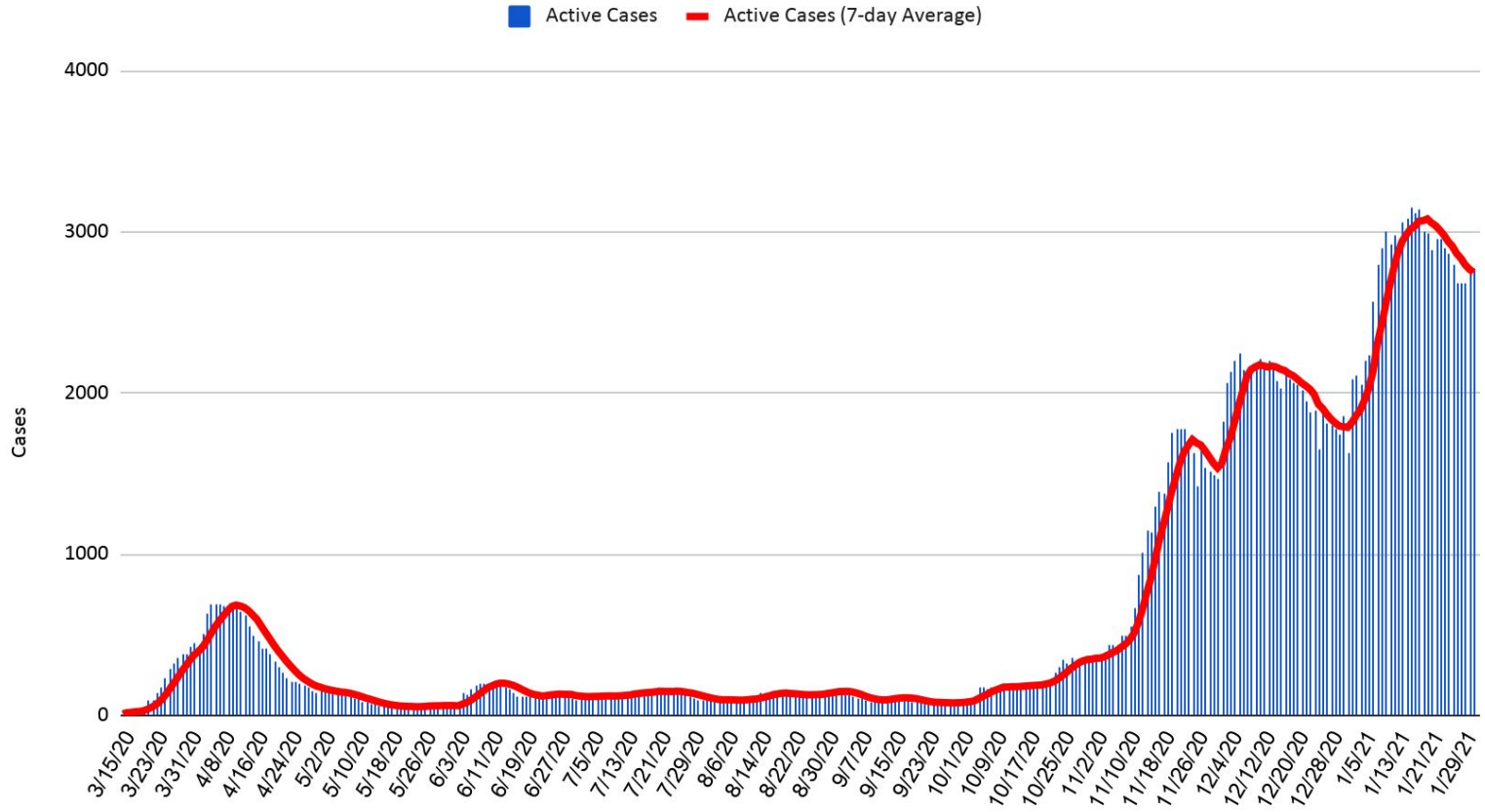


# Regional Heat Map



Bennington continues to have more active cases per capita than any VT county since the start of the pandemic

## Estimated Active Cases of COVID-19 in Vermont



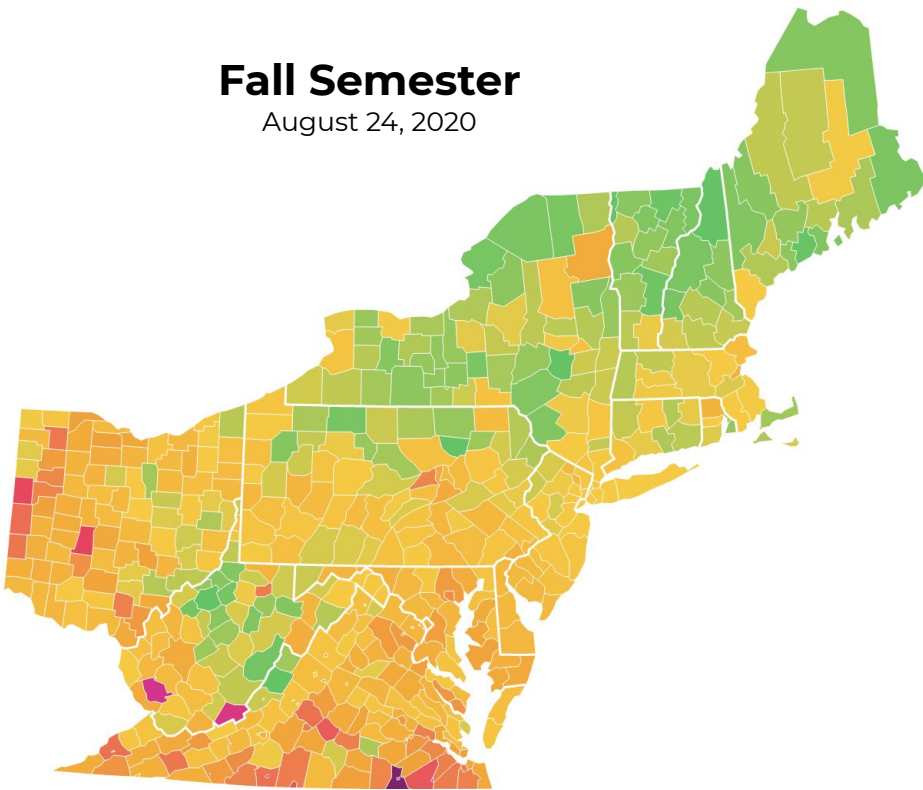
# Regional Prevalence 1 Week Preceding Fall 2020 & Spring 2021 Terms

Active Cases per Million



## Fall Semester

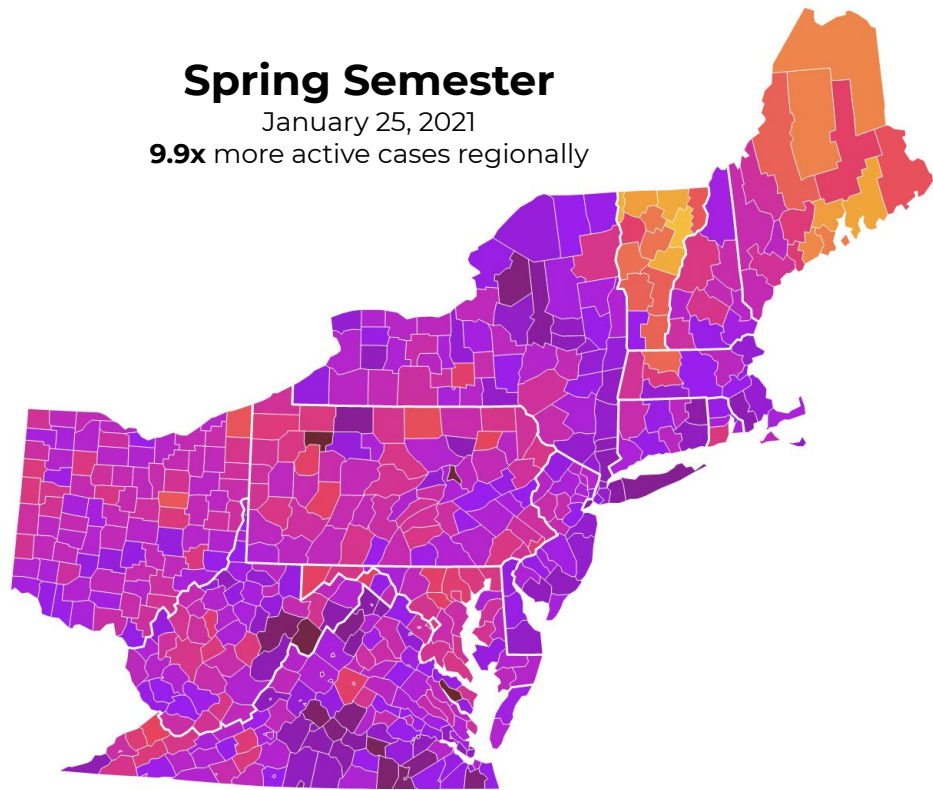
August 24, 2020



## Spring Semester

January 25, 2021

**9.9x** more active cases regionally



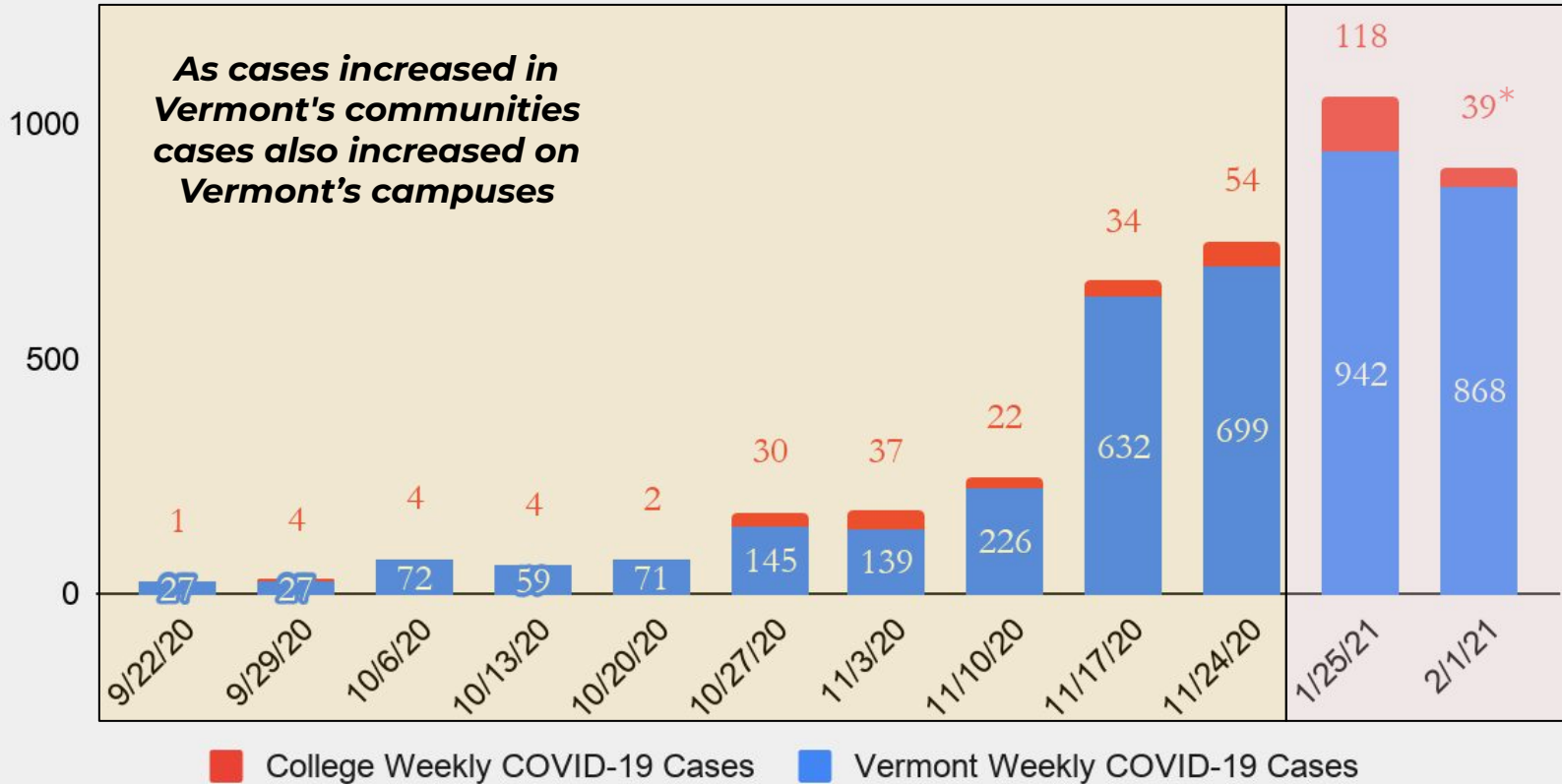


# Higher Education Restart

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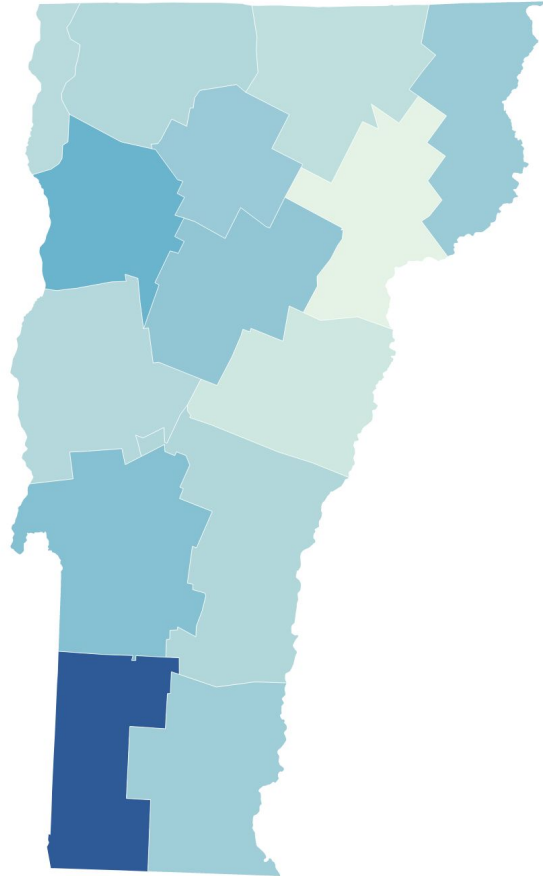
Fall 2020

Spring 2021



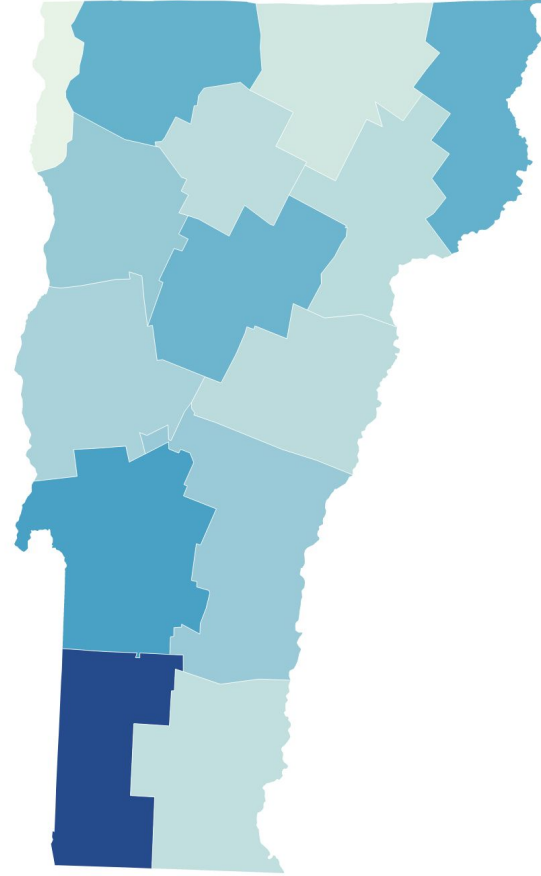
## Vermont Weekly Cases by County (per 100,000)

Results Reported January 18 - 25

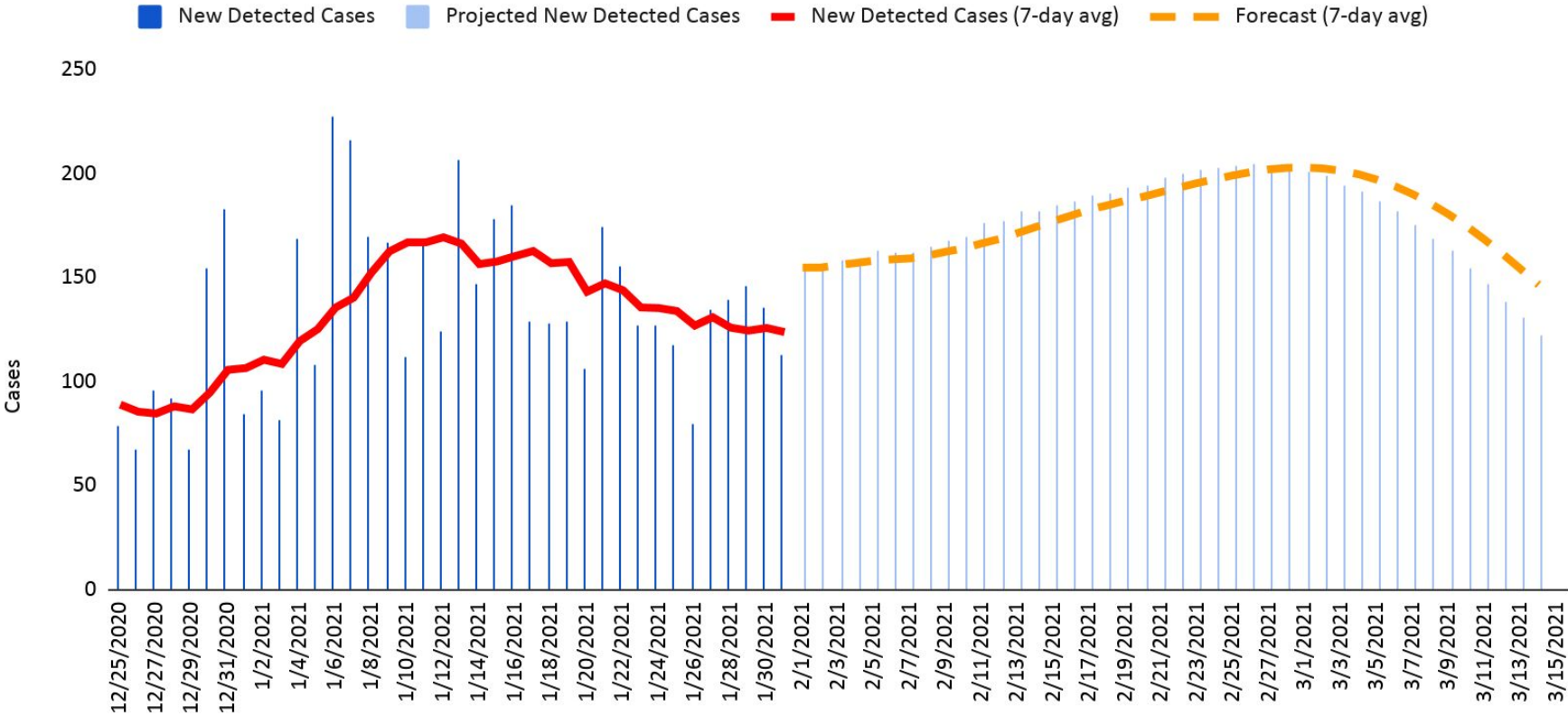


## Vermont Weekly Cases by County (per 100,000)

Results Reported January 26 to February 1



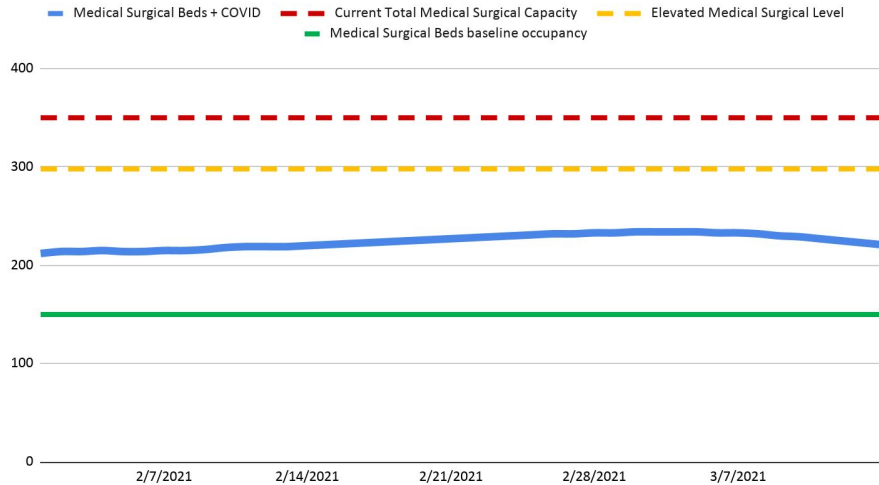
# Vermont Forecast



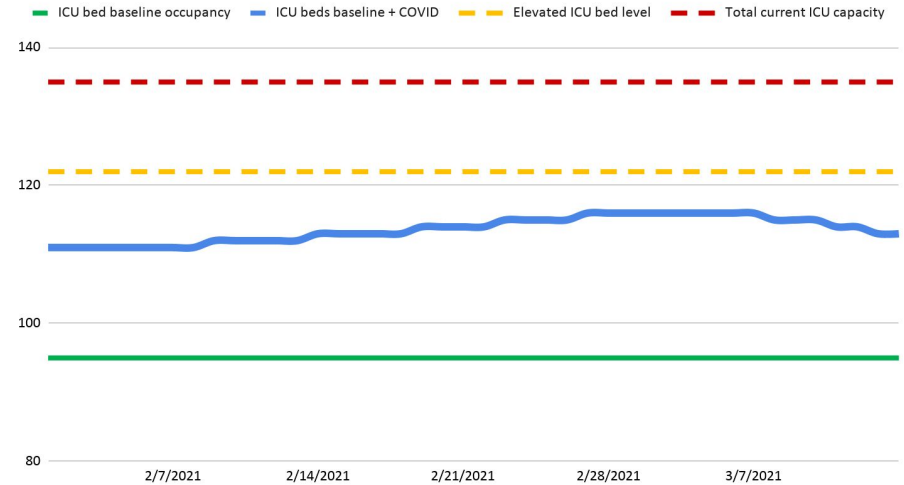
Source: Johns Hopkins University Data & Oliver Wyman Forecast Model—February 1, 2020

# Hospital & ICU Capacity Forecasts

### Vermont Hospital Forecast



### Vermont ICU Forecast

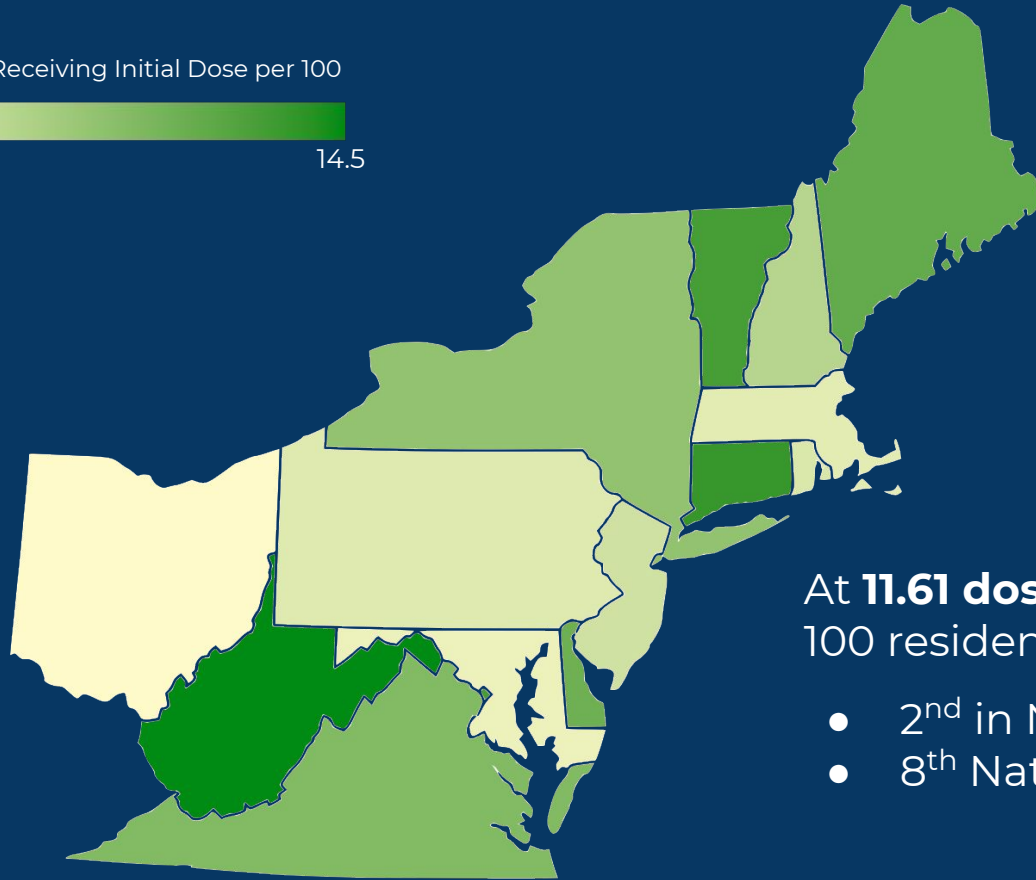


# Measuring Vermont's Pandemic Response

<b>Rank</b> <i>(Lowest)</i>	<b>Positivity</b> <i>(7 Day Avg.)</i>	<b>Cases</b> <i>(7 Day Moving Avg.)</i>	<b>Hospitalizations</b> <i>(7 Day Moving Avg.)</i>	<b>Fatalities</b> <i>(7 Day Moving Avg.)</i>
1	Wyoming	Hawaii	Hawaii	Alaska
2	Hawaii	North Dakota	Alaska	<b>Vermont</b>
3	<b>Vermont</b>	Oregon	North Dakota	North Dakota
4	Alaska	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
5	D.C.	Michigan	Oregon	Oregon
6	Rhode Island	South Dakota	Wyoming	Utah
7	Massachusetts	Alaska	Montana	Nebraska
8	Oregon	<b>Vermont</b>	<b>Vermont</b>	Colorado

# Regional Vaccination Map

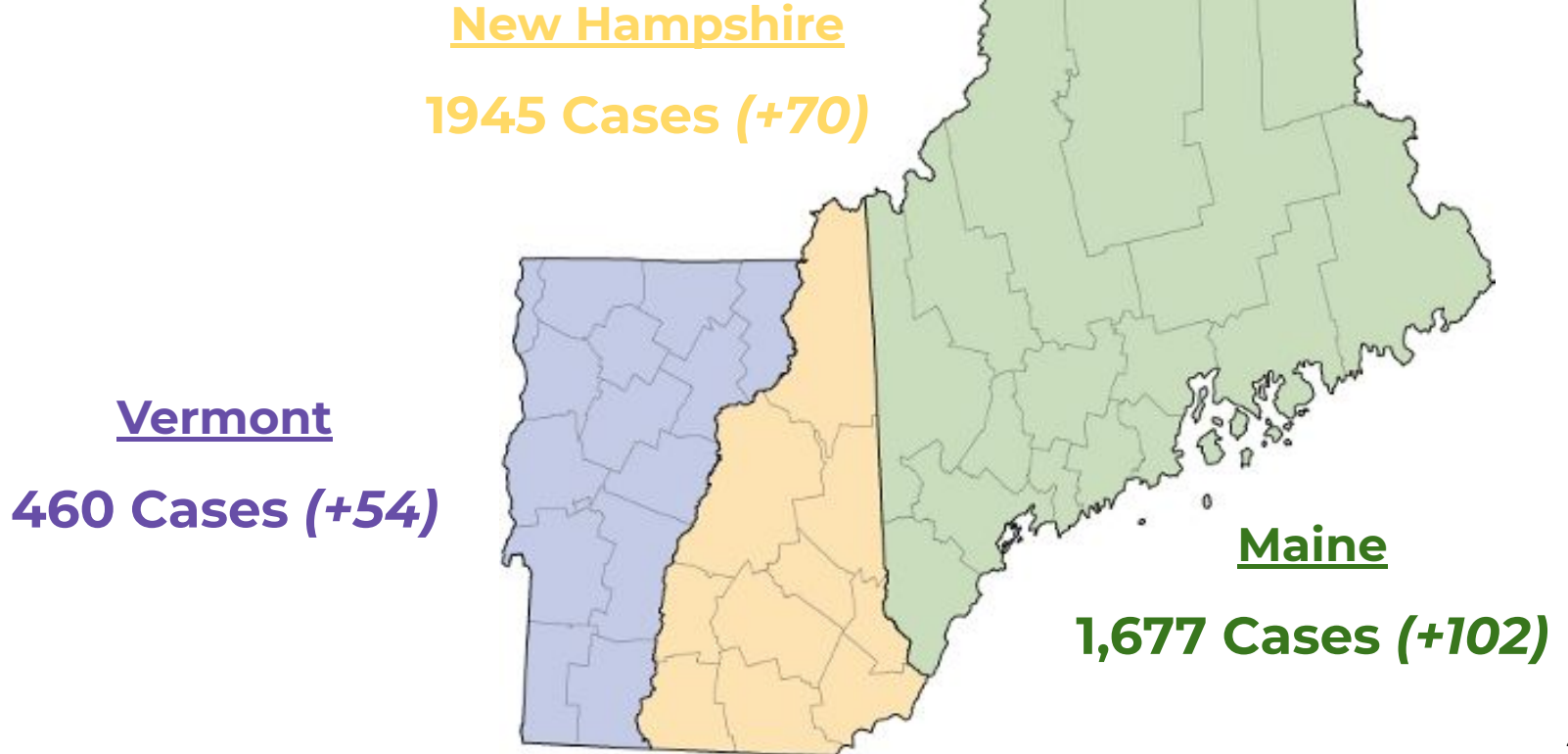
Population Receiving Initial Dose per 100



At **11.61 doses** administered per 100 residents, Vermont ranks:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Northeast
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nationally

# Covid-19 Cases in K-12 Public Schools Across Northern New England



# RESTART VERMONT

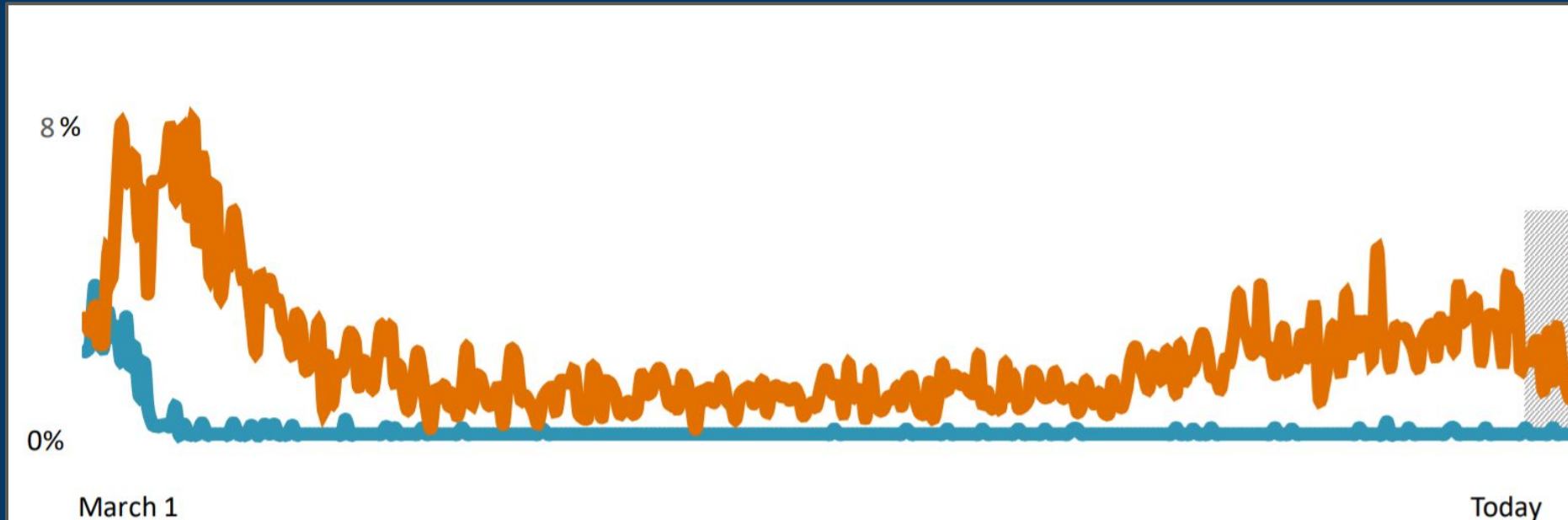
## Reopening Metrics

1. Syndromic Surveillance
2. Viral Growth & Reproductive Rates
3. Percentage of New Positive Tests
4. Hospital & Critical Care Bed Capacity



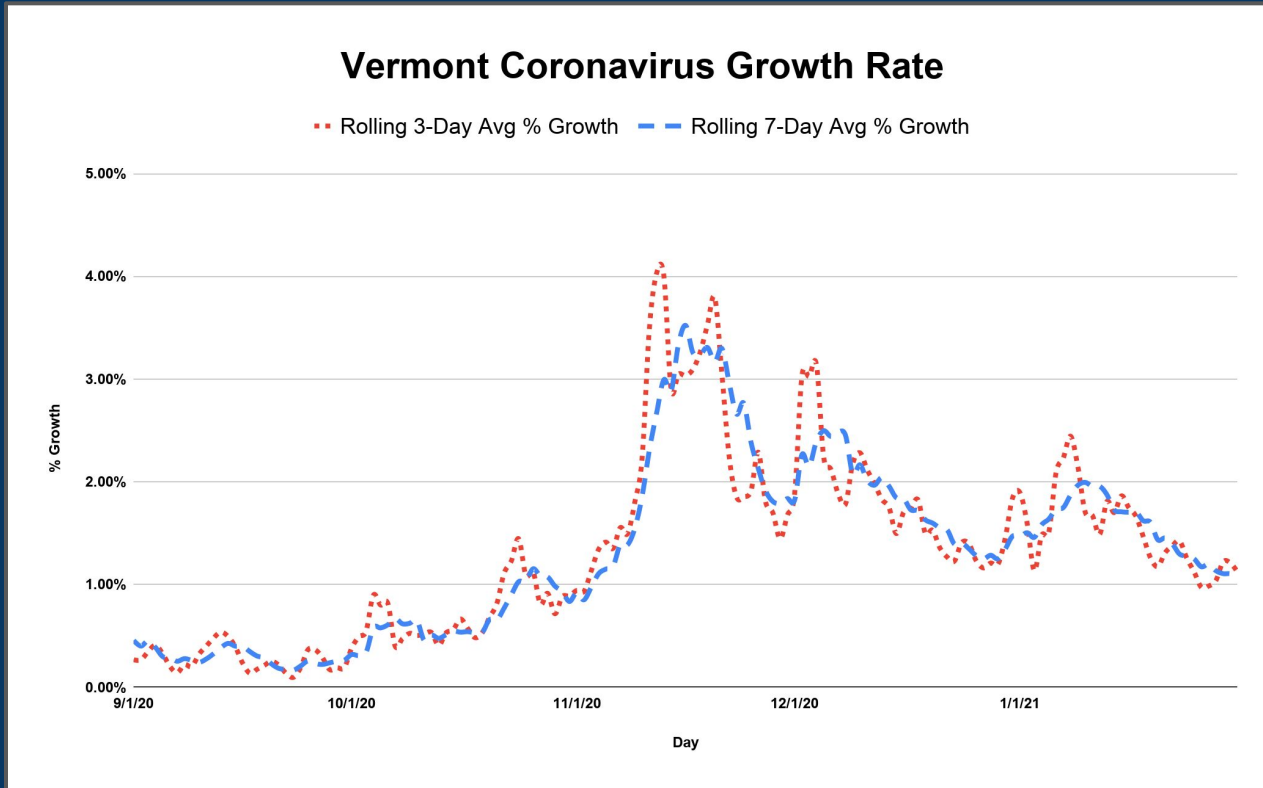
# Data Point 1: Syndromic Surveillance

- **Summary:** Percentage of visits with COVID-19 like illness and Influenza diagnosis
- **Warning Flag:** Percentage of visits exceeding 4% for multiple consecutive days



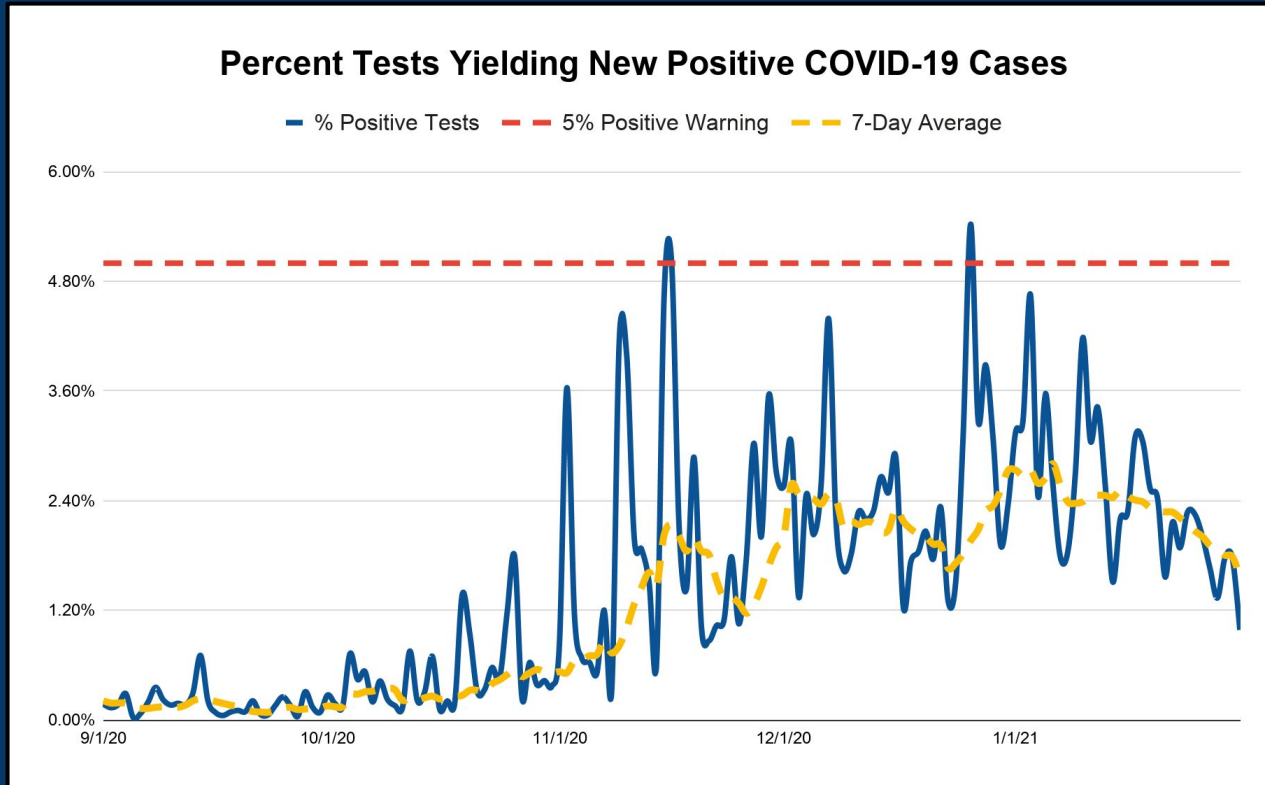
## Data Point 2: Viral Growth and Reproductive Rates

- **Summary:** Case growth measured by daily, 3-day, 7-day, and effective reproductive rate ( $R_t$ )
- **Warning Flags:** Sustained viral growth that would lead to <30% open ICU beds



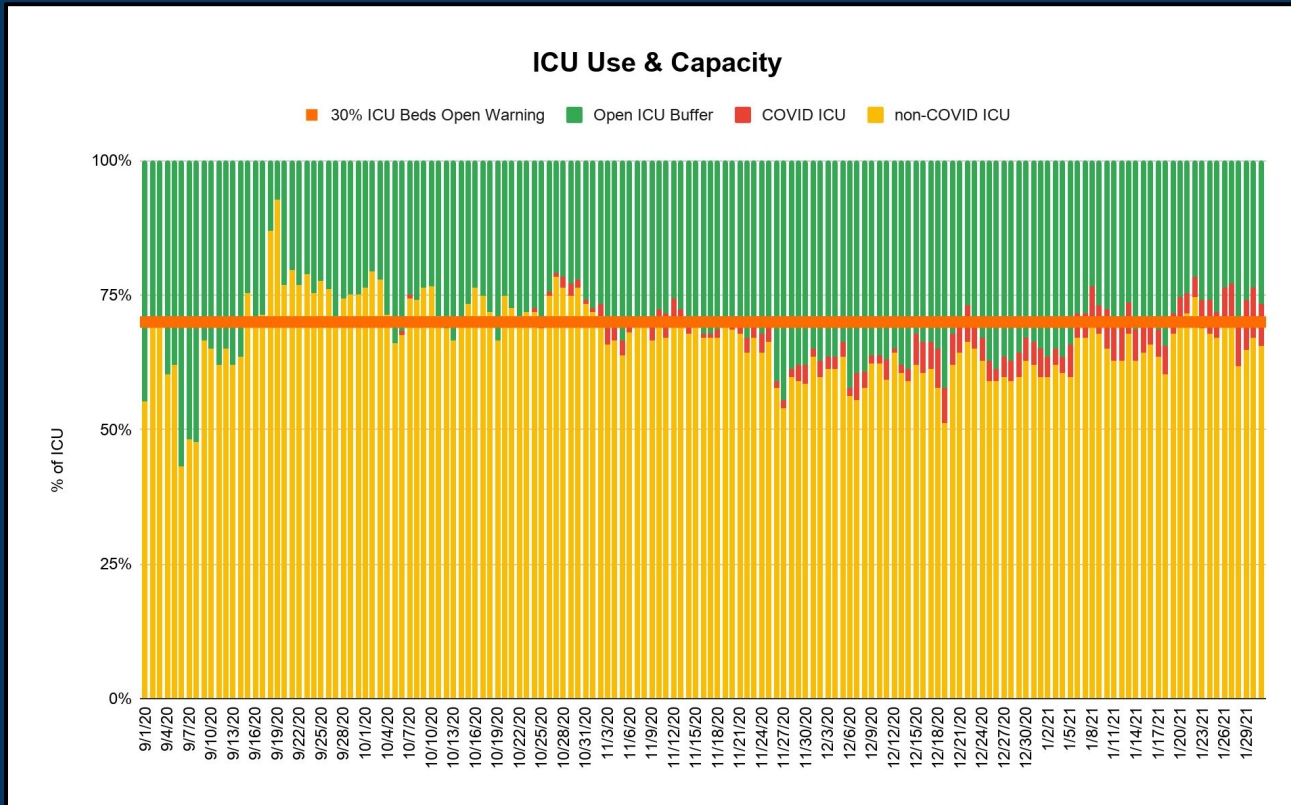
# Data Point 3: Percentage of New Positive Tests

- **Summary:** Percent of tests resulting in a new positive case
- **Warning Flags:** New positives represent >5% of daily results



# Data Point 4: Hospital & Critical Care Beds

- **Summary:** Number of occupied and unoccupied medical surgical and ICU beds
- **Warning Flags:** Reduction in ICU open beds to less than 30%



# Vermont Testing

