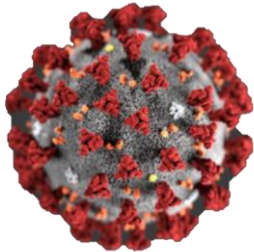


# Joint Economic Briefing

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# New Hampshire Fast Facts

## NEW HAMPSHIRE LABORATORY-CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES

Health Outcomes ?	Infections		Hospitalizations		Intensive Care Unit		Recovered and Off Isolation	Deaths
	Current	Cumulative	Current	Cumulative	Current	Cumulative		
Persons	1,399	298,626	82	3,624	n/a	1,001	294,840	2,387

Persons with COVID-19 ?	Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Healthcare Workers*	11,425	3.8%	124	3.4%	21	0.9%
Long-Term Care Settings**	12,674	4.2%	474	13.1%	1,108	46.4%

Sex						
	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Female	150,316	50.3%	1,591	43.9%	1,086	45.5%
Male	137,722	46.1%	2,015	55.6%	1,286	53.9%
Unknown	10,588	3.5%	18	0.5%	15	0.6%
Grand Total	298,626	100.0%	3,624		2,387	

Age Group (in Years)						
	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
0 - 9	31,302	10.5%	29	0.8%	1	0.0%
10 - 19	48,640	16.3%	19	0.5%	0	0.0%
20 - 29	51,963	17.4%	78	2.2%	4	0.2%
30 - 39	44,493	14.9%	185	5.1%	24	1.0%
40 - 49	36,650	12.3%	295	8.1%	51	2.1%
50 - 59	38,831	13.0%	581	16.0%	133	5.6%
60 - 69	25,783	8.6%	793	21.9%	354	14.8%
70 - 79	12,194	4.1%	823	22.7%	592	24.8%
80 +	8,242	2.8%	818	22.6%	1,228	51.4%
Unknown	528	0.2%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	298,626	100.0%	3,624		2,387	

Test Type						
	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Antigen Positive	102,677	34.38%	727	20.1%	523	21.9%
PCR Positive	195,949	65.62%	2,897	79.9%	1,864	78.1%
Grand Total	298,626	100.00%	3,624		2,387	

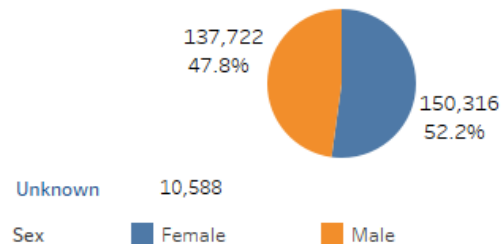
  

Race / Ethnicity ?	% of NH Population ****	Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
White**	90.0%	165,285	84.1%	2,864	86.7%	2,046	93.7%
Hispanic or Latino*	3.9%	11,883	6.0%	211	6.4%	51	2.3%
Black or African American**	1.4%	3,798	1.9%	71	2.1%	21	1.0%
Other***	1.8%	11,452	5.8%	82	2.5%	49	2.2%
Asian**	3.0%	4,228	2.2%	77	2.3%	17	0.8%
Grand Total		196,646	100.0%	3,305		2,184	

Race/Ethnicity is known for 65.8% of COVID-19 infections, 0.0% of hospitalizations, and 91.5% of deaths

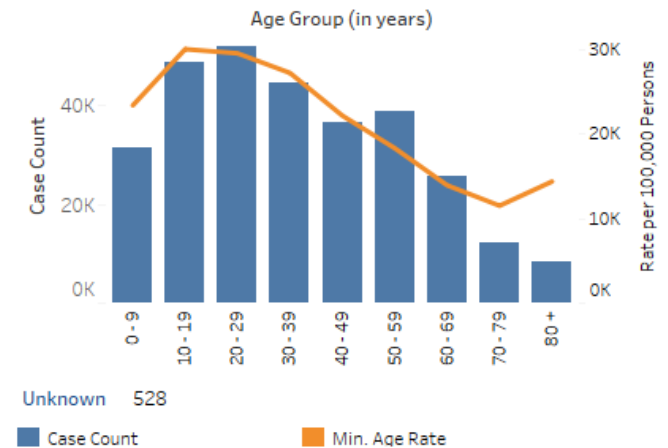
COVID-19 CASES BY SEX

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COVID-19 CASES BY AGE GROUP

(n= 298098)



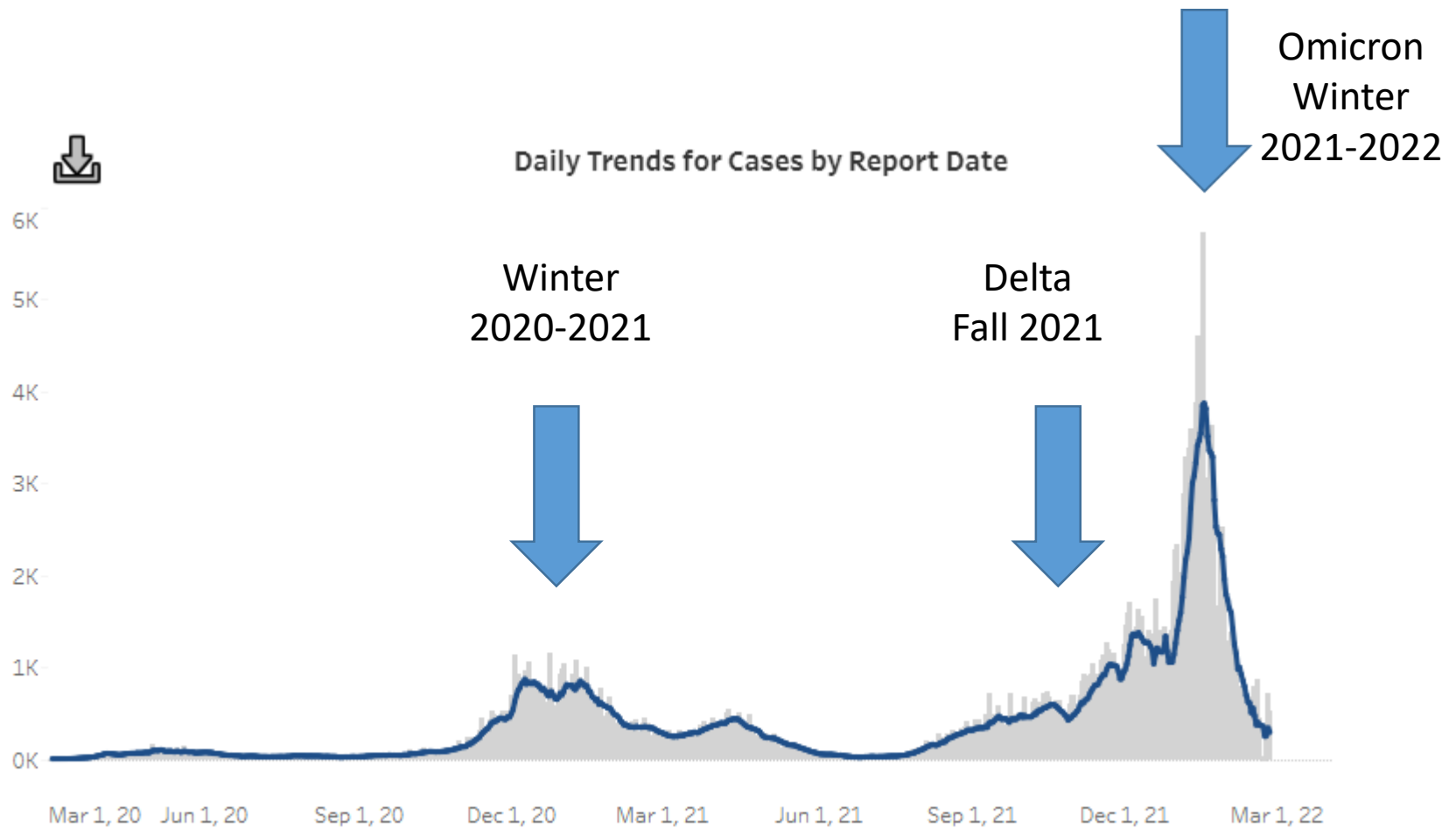
Data as of: 3/1/2022

# New Hampshire Residents: Cause of Death

Top 10 Leading Cause of Death		
	2020	2021*
Diseases of heart	2,653	2,647
Malignant neoplasms (Cancer)	2,593	2,589
COVID-19	708	990
Accidents (unintentional injuries)	787	705
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	629	659
Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	500	486
Alzheimer's disease	481	405
Diabetes mellitus	349	371
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	182	227
Intentional self-harm (suicide)	227	197

\* Preliminary 2021 death data. Data may not be complete.

# COVID-19 in New Hampshire: Three Waves





# NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE PROFILE REPORT | 02.25.2022

## STATE VACCINATION SUMMARY

**DOSES DELIVERED** 3,274,130  
240,796 per 100k

**DOSES ADMINISTERED** 2,417,990  
177,831 per 100k

	RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	FULLY VACCINATED	RECEIVED BOOSTER DOSE
<b>ALL PEOPLE</b>	1,331,503 95.0% of total population	922,804 67.9% of total population	196,679 21.3% of fully vaccinated total pop
<b>PEOPLE 5-11</b>	37,282 38.2% of 5-11 population	23,844 24.5% of 5-11 population	N/A
<b>PEOPLE 12-17</b>	67,562 71.8% of 12-17 population	51,113 54.3% of 12-17 population	7,553 14.8% of fully vaccinated 12-17 pop
<b>PEOPLE 18+</b>	1,225,659 95.0% of 18+ population	847,616 76.7% of 18+ population	189,107 22.3% of fully vaccinated 18+ pop
<b>PEOPLE 65+</b>	378,614 95.0% of 65+ population	235,913 92.9% of 65+ population	56,578 24.0% of fully vaccinated 65+ pop

# Vaccine Distribution

Community Healthcare Distribution Points	
Location Type	Doses Administered
Pharmacies	1,122,548
Medical Providers (Hospitals, Urgent Cares, Medical Practices)	152,905
Long Term Care Facilities	5,894
Fixed Vaccine Sites	
National Guard (12/26/2020-6/30/2021)	883,472
NH Motor Speedway Super Sites	39,147
On-Site Medical Services (12/1/2021-2/26/2022)	18,927
ConvenientMD (1/19/2022-2/26/2022)	1,284
Homebased Program	
On-Site Medical Services (10/25/2021-2/26/2022)	1,597
National Guard (12/26/2020-6/30/2021)	780

# Vaccine Distribution: Mobile Clinics & Other Locations

Mobile Clinics		
Vendor	Number of Clinics	Doses Administered
ConvenientMD (7/14/2021-2/26/2022)	358	11,636
On-Site Medical (10/29/2021-2/26/2022)	317	13,961
Mobile Clinics – Workplace Setting		
ConvenientMD & On-site Medical	111	5,038
Other Clinics		
Regional Public Health Networks (December 26-1/31/2022)		153,000
Booster Blitzes (December 11, 2021 & January 8, 2022)		21,050

# Supporting Business



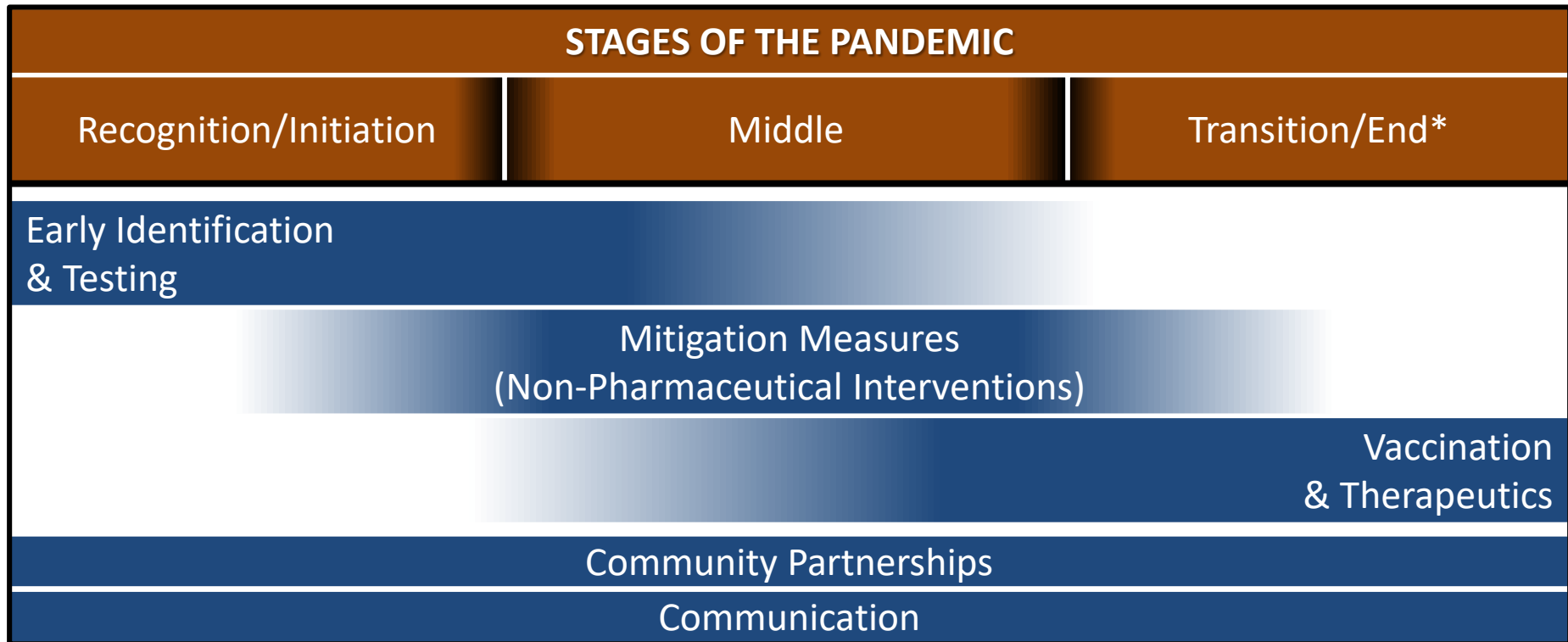
- **More than 2,000 clusters** or outbreaks in community settings since March 2020
  - Schools, Long Term Care Facilities, Childcare, Retail, Manufacturing, Restaurants significantly impacted
- Support for businesses for planning and responding to COVID in their workforce
- **Impact on workforce and employers in every sector**



# Current Situation

- Omicron surge is in sharp decline in NH and nationally
- As population immunity increases, there has been a decline in severity of COVID-19
- COVID-19 vaccination has been available to all school-age children since the beginning of November 2021
  - Vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years expected later this spring.
- COVID-19 is expected to continue to circulate (it remains uncertain what the future “baseline” might be)
- Risk is decreasing

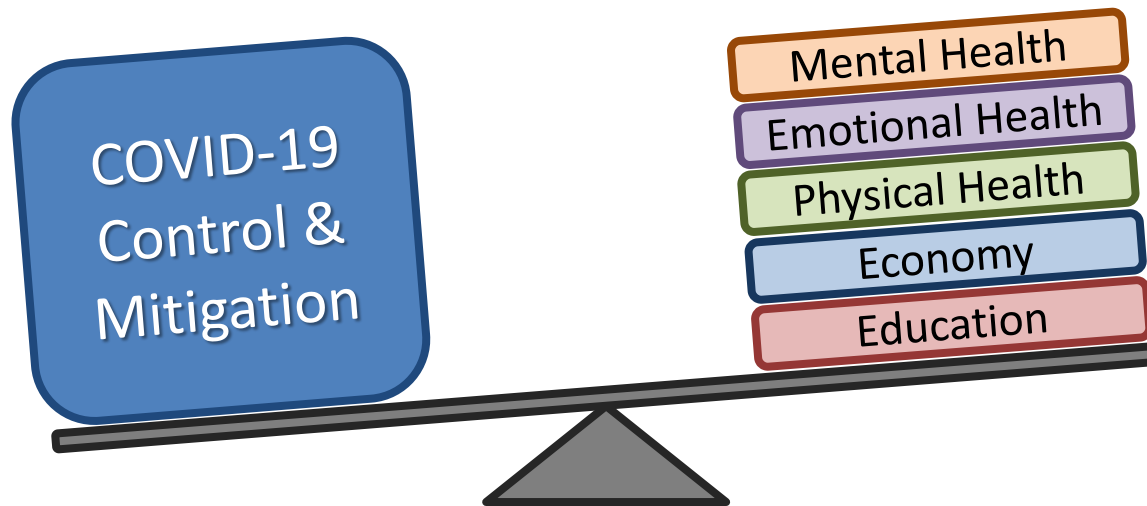
# Pandemic Response Changes Over Time



\* “End” indicates a formal end to the pandemic, not an end to circulation of SARS-CoV-2

# Balancing Competing Priorities

- Need to balance pandemic control with other health priorities
- As vaccine and other therapeutics become increasingly available, the balance shifts.



# New CDC Community Indicators

## COVID-19 Community Levels | Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community

New COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 people in the last 7 days	Indicators	Level		
		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%

The COVID-19 Community Level is determined by the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics, based on the current level of new cases.

# Current Face Mask Recommendation

With decreasing incidence of COVID-19 and continued decrease in COVID-19 related hospitalizations, DPHS is not recommending ***universal*** masking.

# Important Considerations

- Per [CDC's Order](#), face masks must still be worn on public transportation, including school buses
- Face masks should still be worn to shorten isolation and quarantine to 5 days
- People who are severely immunocompromised should still consider wearing a face mask for their own protection when in indoor public locations
- Anybody who wants additional protection for themselves or others in their home can choose to wear a face mask when in indoor public locations

## REGARDLESS OF YOUR COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL, YOU SHOULD MASK IF YOU HAVE



Symptoms of COVID-19



Positive COVID-19 Test



Exposure to someone with COVID-19



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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<https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html>

# Continue Other Prevention and Mitigation Strategies

- [Increase ventilation](#) in classrooms and buildings
- Frequent hand hygiene and good respiratory etiquette
- Isolation and quarantine ([NH guidance](#)) for people infected with COVID-19 and household contacts who are not [up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- Continue symptomatic testing for any new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19

# On the Horizon: Possibility of Wastewater Surveillance

Wastewater surveillance can provide an early warning of COVID-19's spread in communities.

Wastewater surveillance at the community level can complement clinical testing strategies.





# Ongoing COVID-19 Risk

- There likely will always be risk from COVID-19
- There need to be reasonable and sustainable approaches to managing COVID-19
- We continue to maintain surveillance for new variants and changes in community risk
- This increasingly will rely on new forms of data collection, vaccination, population immunity, and therapeutic treatments