COVID-19 Updates: Homelessness Forum

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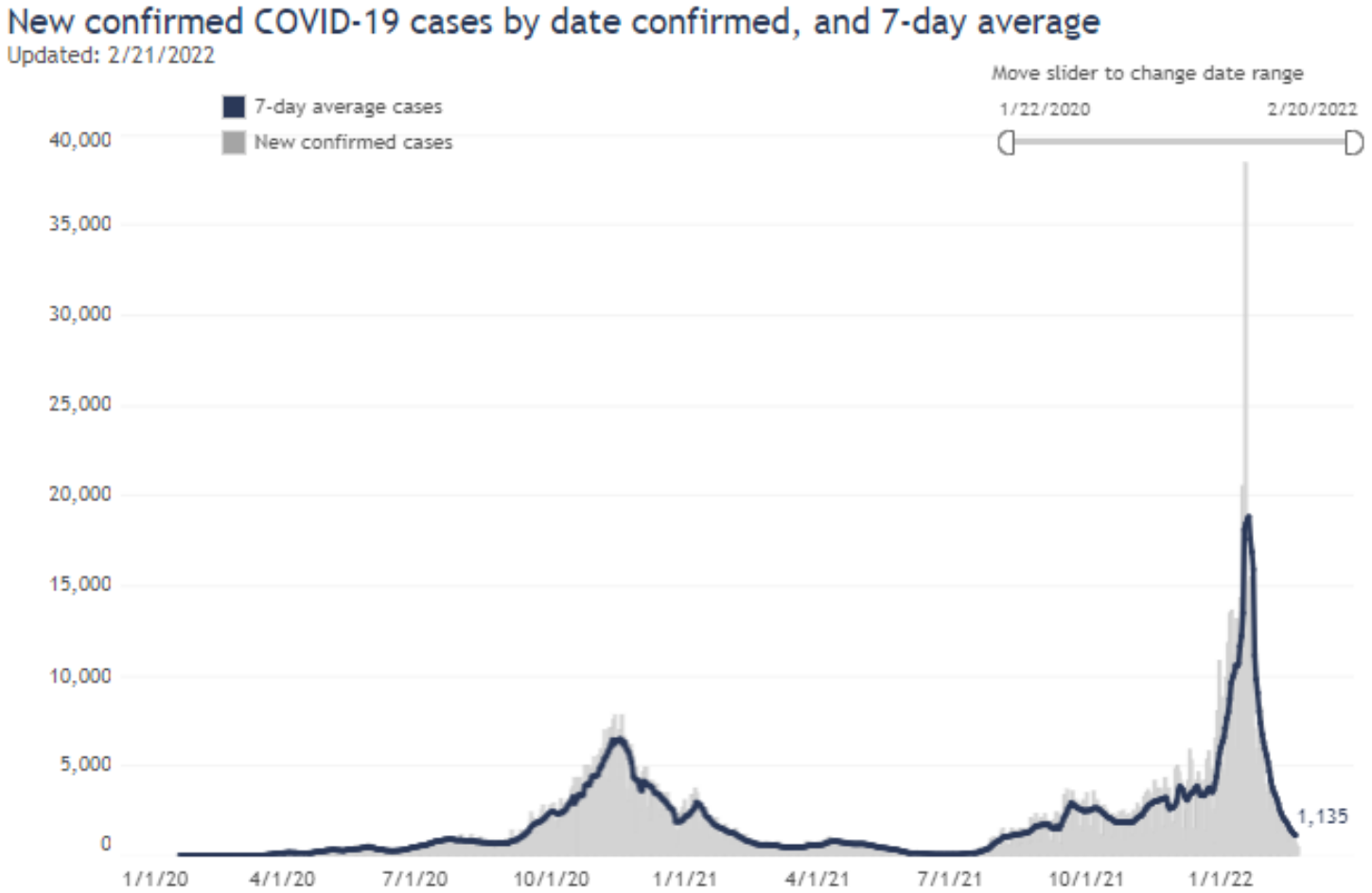
New COVID-19 Cases

7-day average of
1,135
cases per day (2/21/22)

7-day average data on last webinar (1/24):
17,916
cases per day



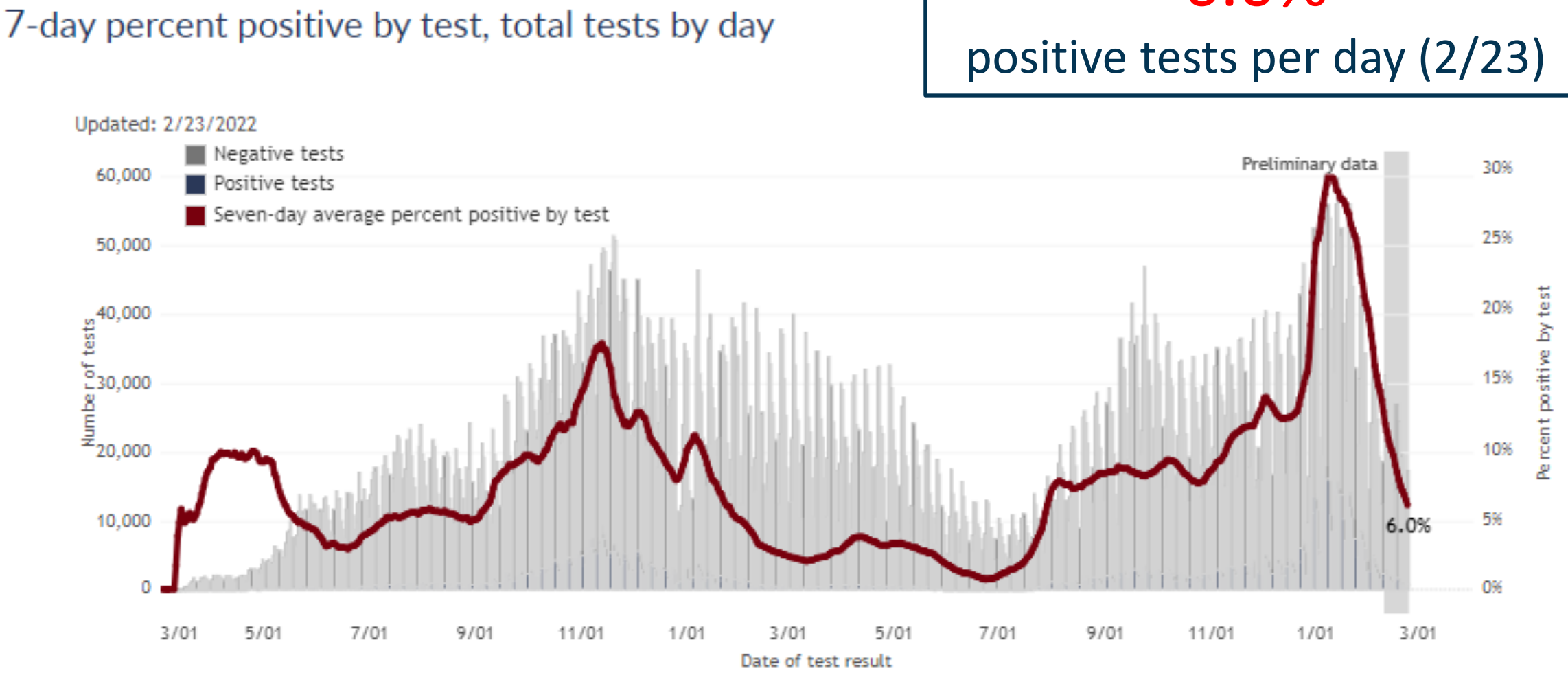
Source: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases.htm

Percent Test Positivity

7-day average of

6.0%

positive tests per day (2/23)



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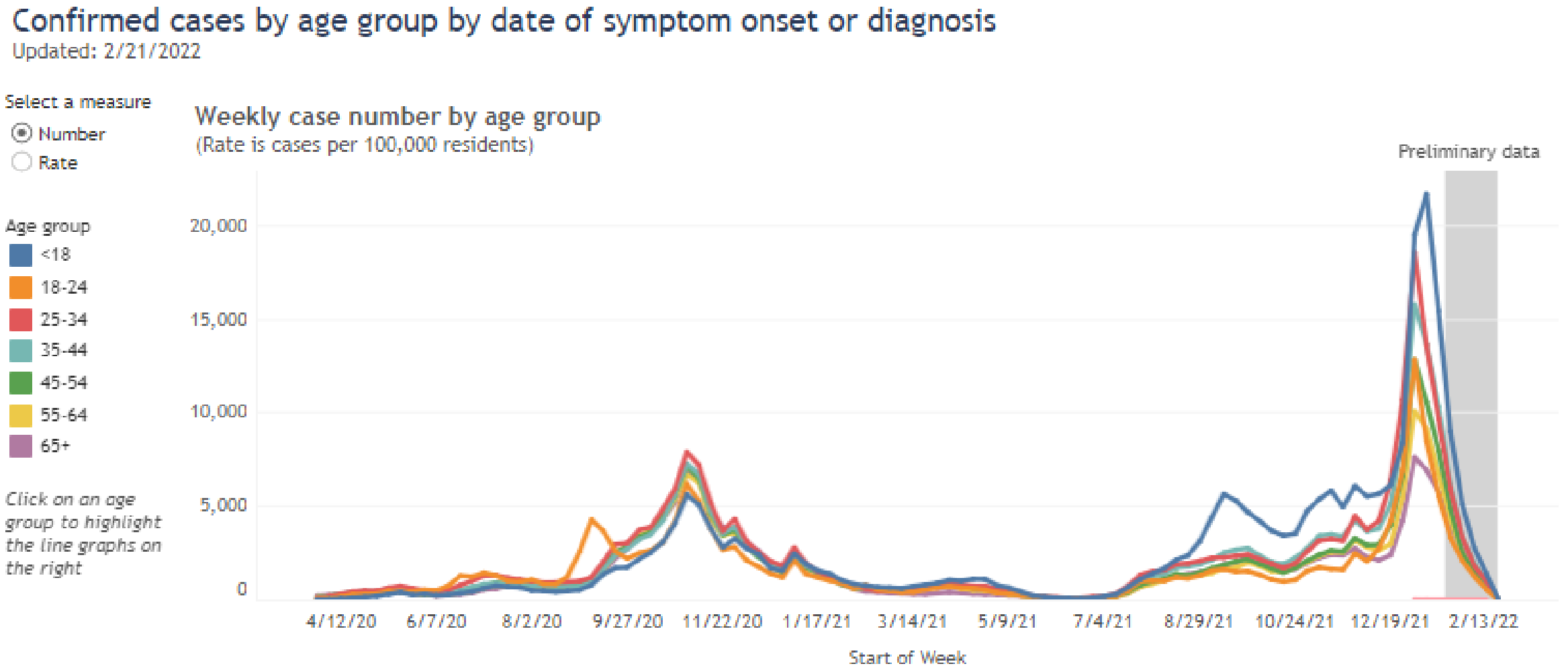
Cases are relatively equal among age groups



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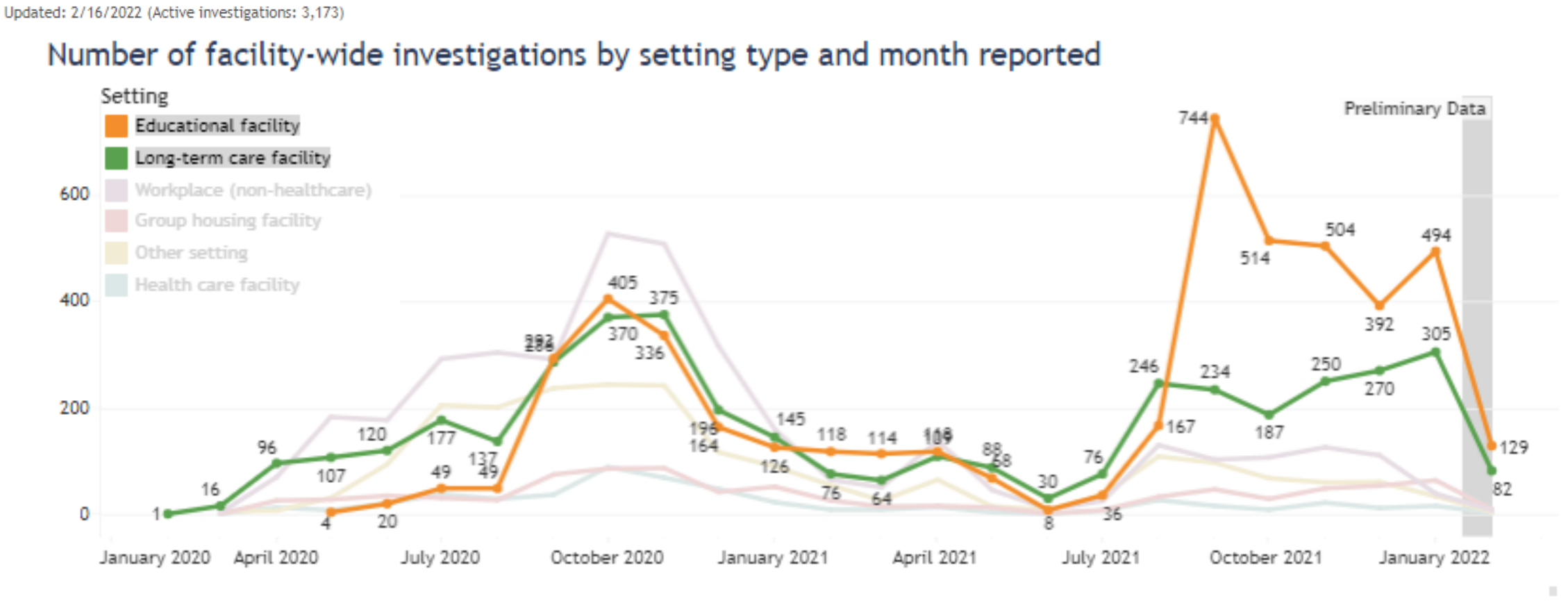
Outbreak Investigations



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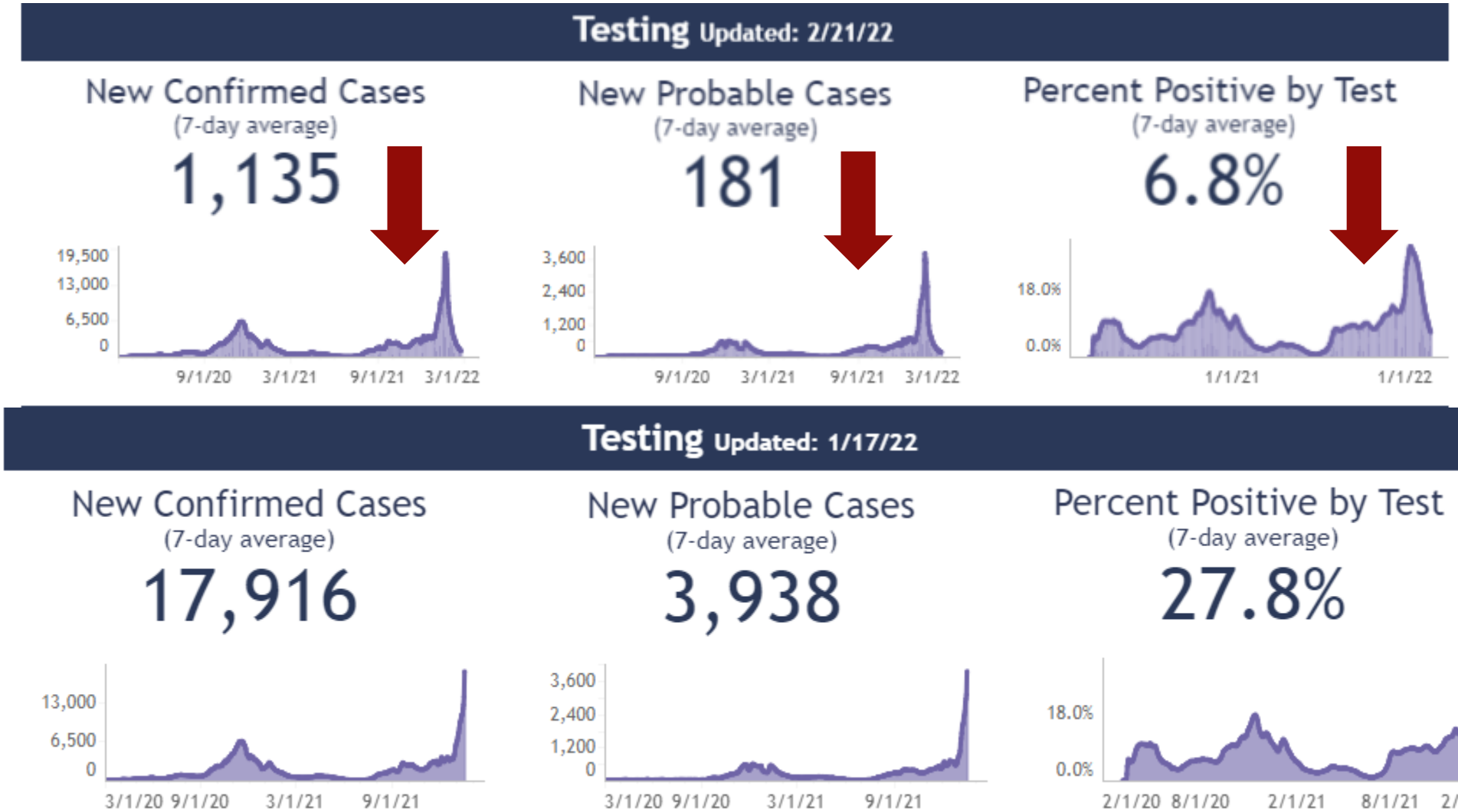
Source: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/investigations.htm

Testing data compared to last month



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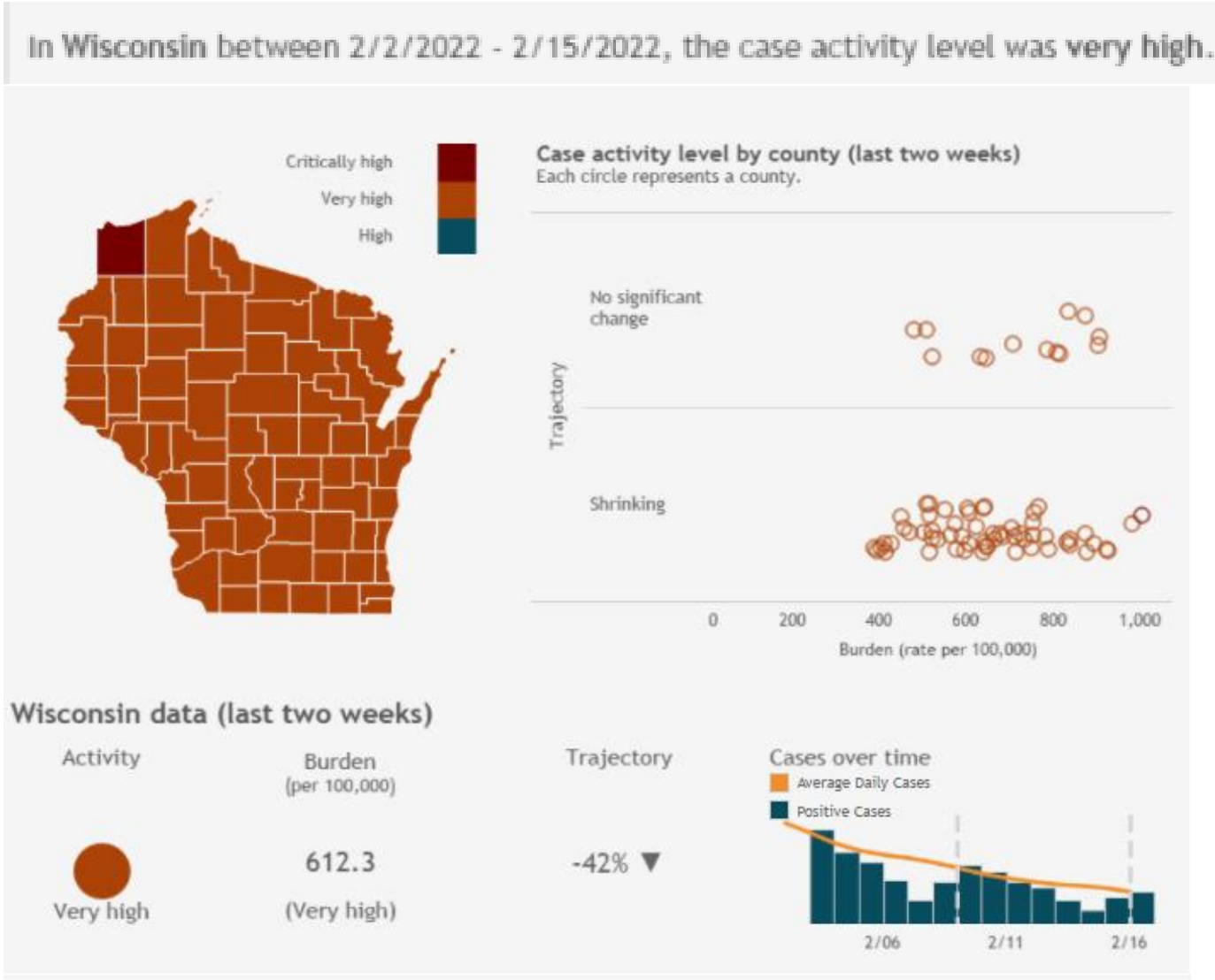
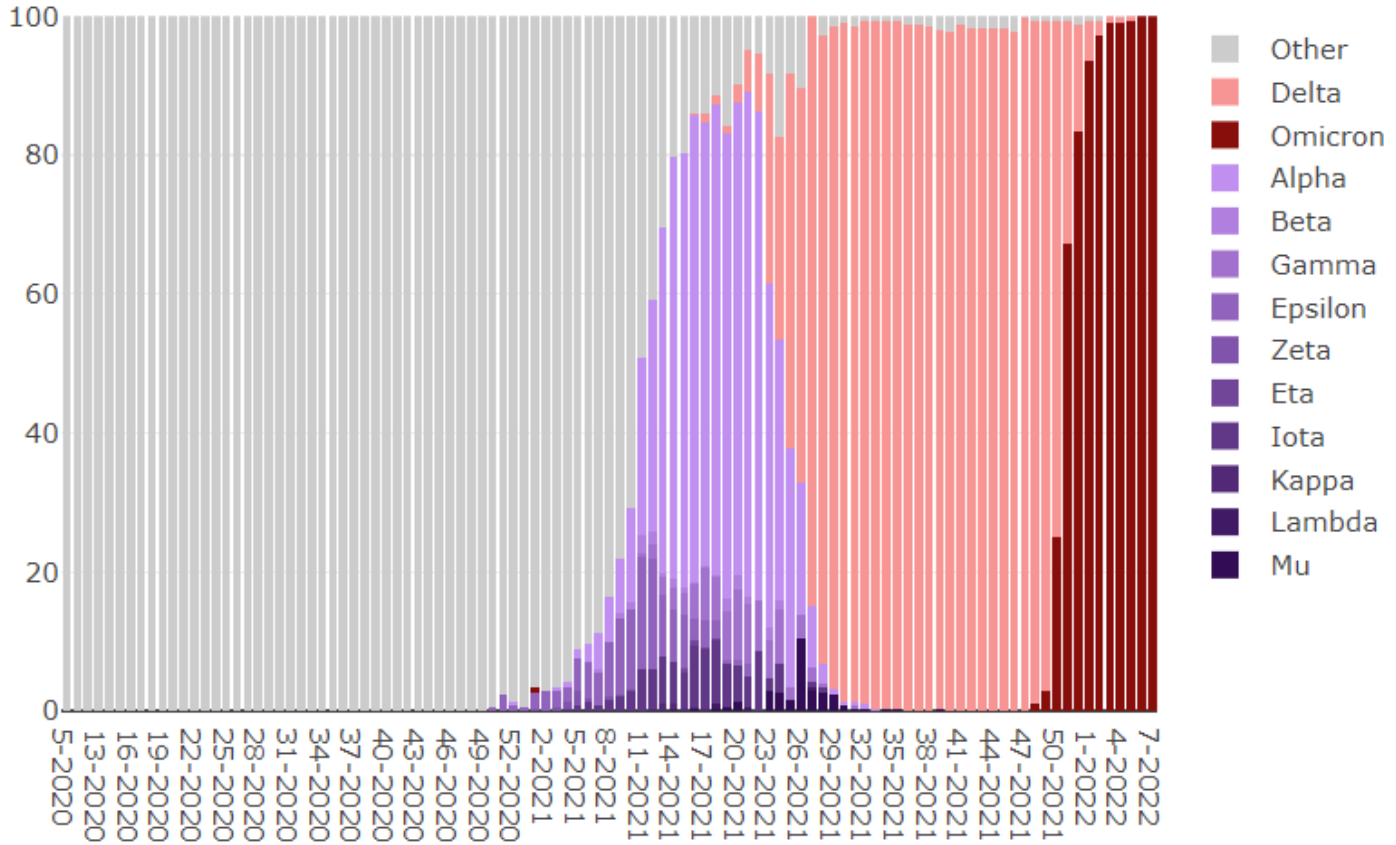
Currently in WI, case activity level is very high



Source: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm

Variant Update

Variants Being Monitored | Search Variants



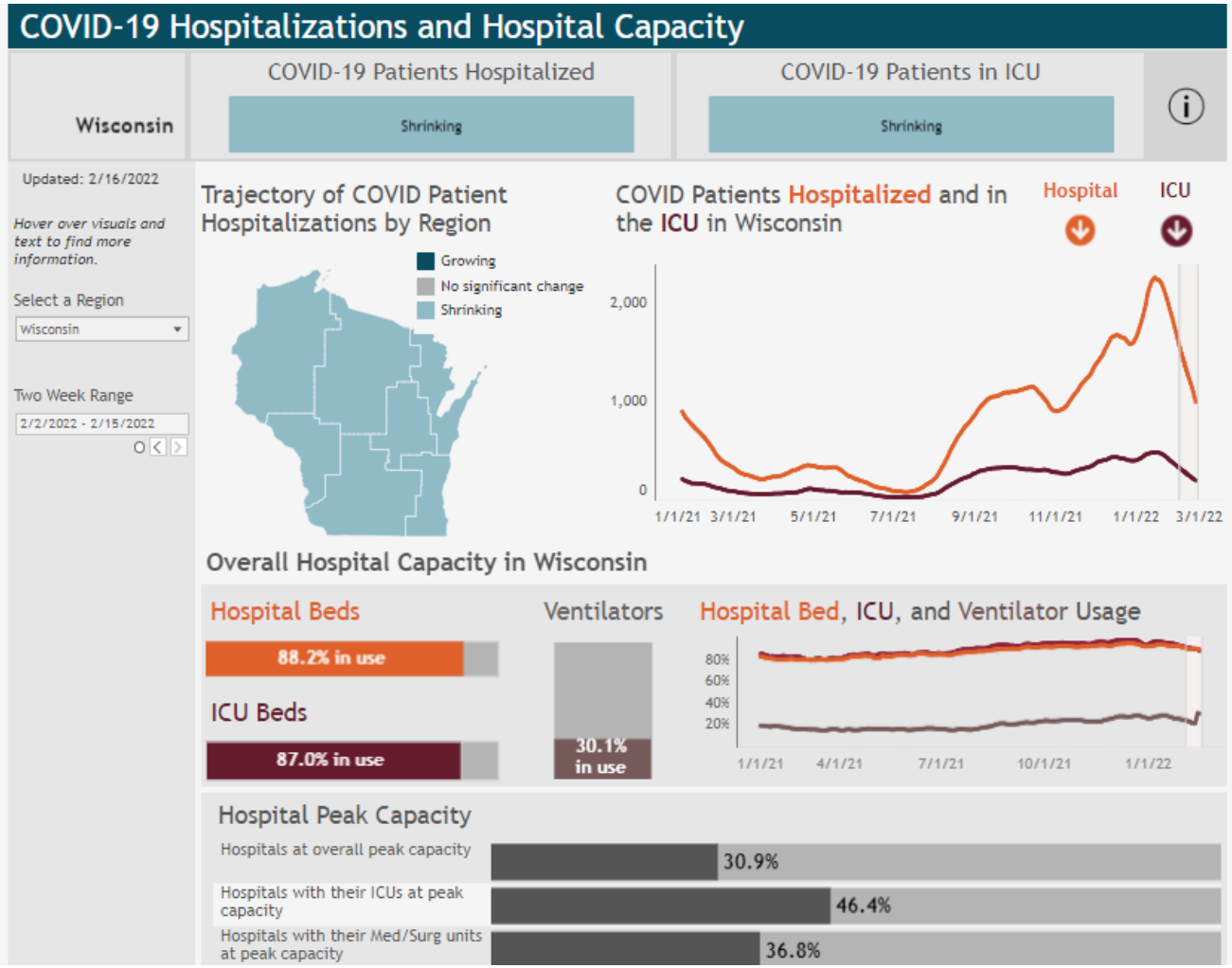
Delta
Last 30 Days: **11**
Total: **27376**
B.1.617.2, All AY

Omicron
Last 30 Days: **1646**
Total: **7998**
B.1.1.529,BA.1,BA.2,BA.3

Data Updated:
2022-02-22

Source: https://dataportal.slh.wisc.edu/

Hospital Capacity



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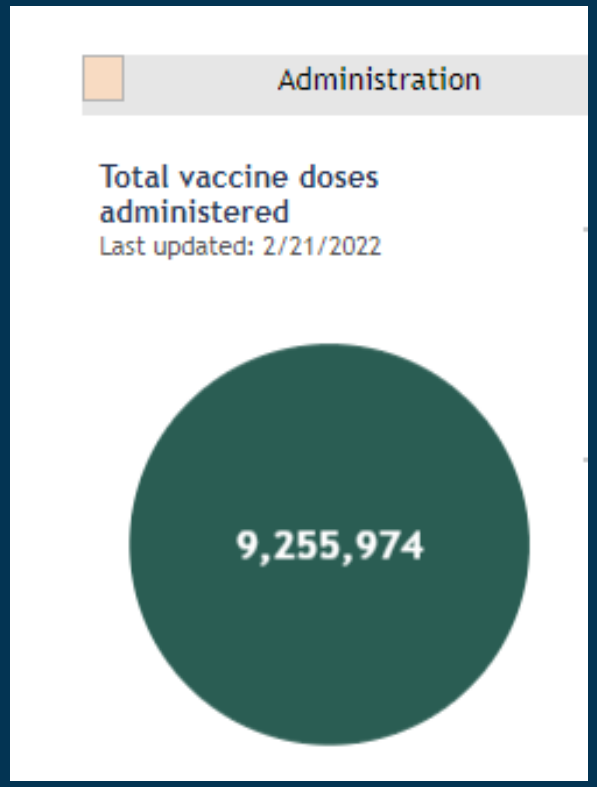
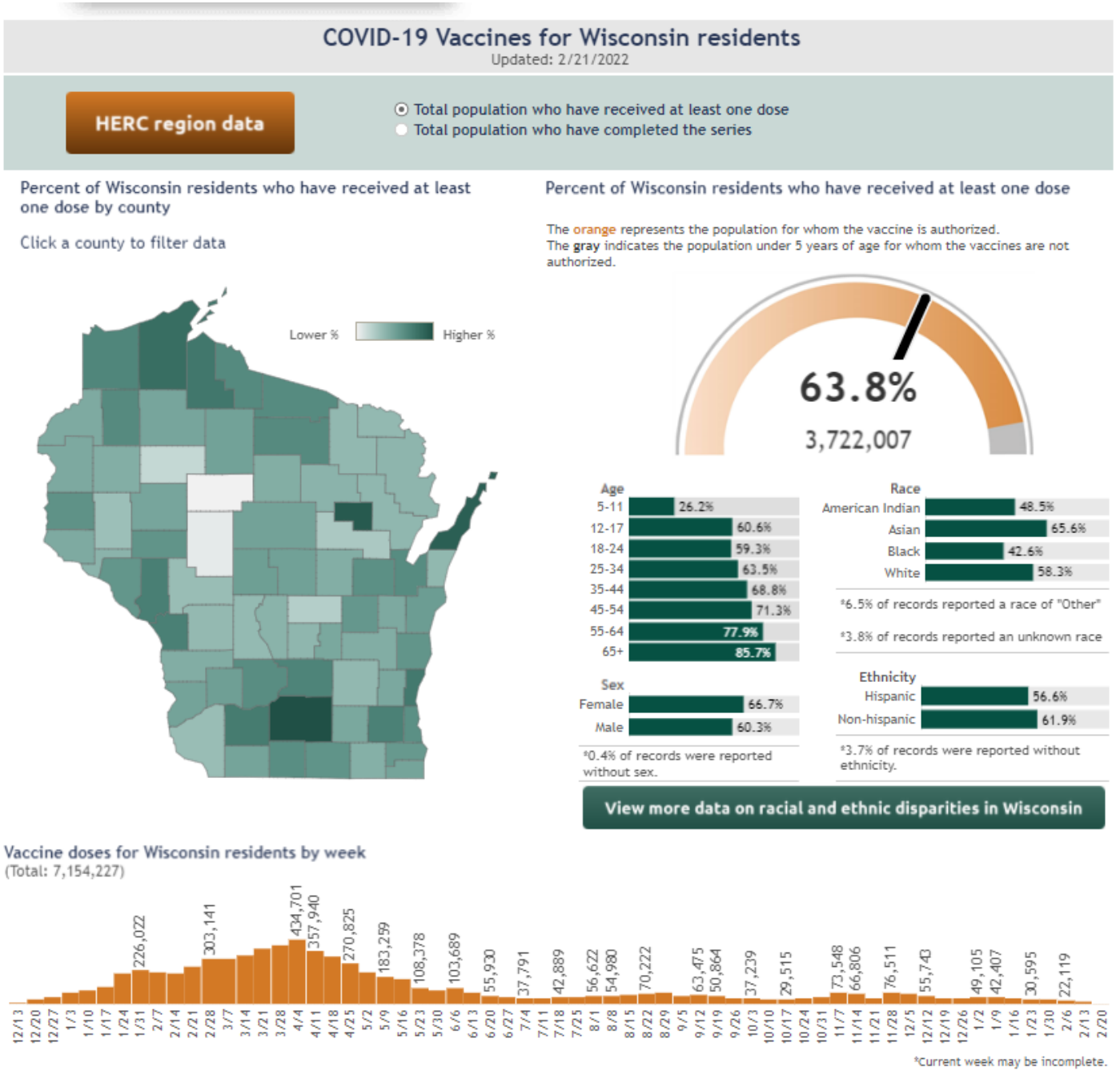
Vaccination Data Update





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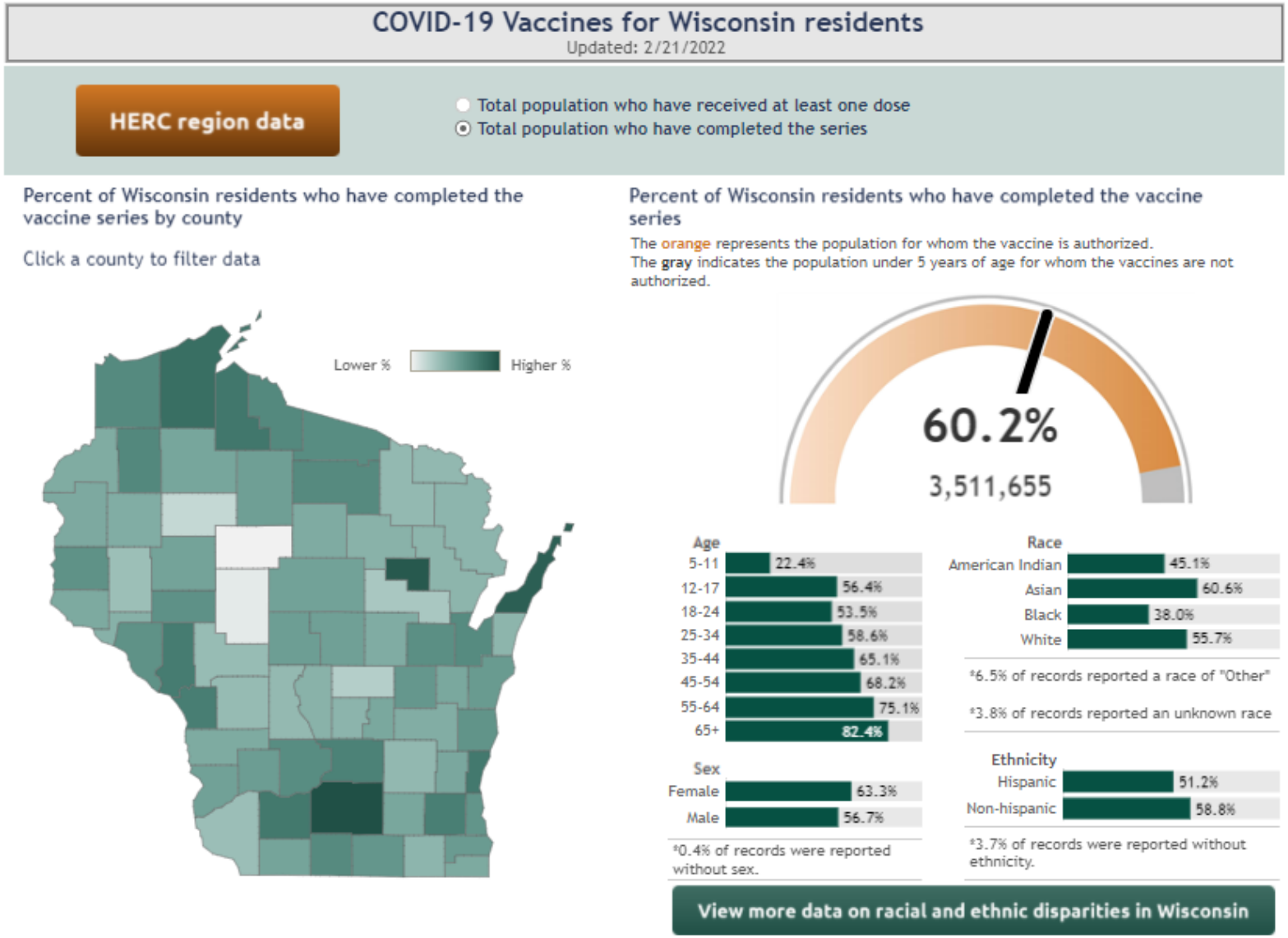

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Vaccination update

- CDC updated recommendation for COVID-19 vaccination and booster schedule for immunocompromised individuals.
- The vaccination schedule depends on the age and the type of vaccine received.

Primary Series COVID-19 Vaccine	Age Group	Number of Doses to Complete Primary Series and Timing	Booster and Timing
Pfizer-BioNTech	5–11 years	3 doses 2nd dose given 3 weeks (21 days) after 1st dose 3rd dose given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after 2nd dose	Not recommended

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html

Primary Series COVID-19 Vaccine	Age Group	Number of Doses to Complete Primary Series and Timing	Booster and Timing
Pfizer-BioNTech	12+ years	3 doses 2nd dose given 3 weeks (21 days) after 1st dose 3rd dose given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after 2nd dose	1 booster Given at least 3 months after 3rd dose
Moderna	18+ years	3 doses 2nd dose given 4 weeks (28 days) after 1st dose 3rd dose given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after 2nd dose	1 booster Given at least 3 months after 3rd dose

Primary Series COVID-19 Vaccine	Age Group	Number of Doses to Complete Primary Series and Timing	Booster and Timing
J&J/Janssen	18+ years	2 doses 1st dose J&J/Janssen 2nd dose Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after 1st dose	1 booster Either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) in most situations given at least 2 months after 2nd dose

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html

Vaccination Updates

- DHS has developed a handout regarding COVID-19 vaccines for children

COVID-19 Vaccine

For Children Ages 5 and Older:
WHAT PARENTS AND GUARDIANS SHOULD KNOW

Which vaccine can my child get?

The **Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine** is the only vaccine authorized for children 5 to 18 years old. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are only authorized for use in adults ages 18 and older. The Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5 to 11 has the **same active ingredients but is a smaller dose** compared to the Pfizer vaccine for adolescents and adults. Unlike many medications, vaccine dosages are based on the child's age on the day of vaccination and not their size or weight.

Why should my child get vaccinated?

- Some children can get very sick from COVID-19, and may need to be hospitalized. In rare cases, they may die. **By getting vaccinated, your child will have protection against severe illness** and reduce the changes of spreading the virus to other, possibly more vulnerable people.
- **COVID-19 vaccines provide good protection against variants**, including the Delta and Omicron variants. The more people who get vaccinated, the less chance the virus has to mutate.
- Medical experts are learning about the effects of COVID-19 in children such as multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). MIS-C can cause parts of the body to become inflamed including the heart, lungs, brain, and other organs. The best thing you can do to **prevent MIS-C and protect your child against COVID-19** is to get them vaccinated. Learn more about MIS-C at www.dhs.wi.gov/disease/mis-c.htm.

Source: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02990.pdf

Testing updates

- DHS has procured iHealth Rapid antigen kits to fill supply orders for testing program participants
- The tests may not be distributed to individuals for use at home because program participates must have a CLIA Waiver and report results.
- Tests can be ordered through **Wisconsin COVID-19 Collection Supplies Request** web portal. The ordering process remains the same.

Source: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDHS/bulletins/30a086b

Update on MIS-C

- MIS-C (Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children) causes other parts of the body to become inflamed
- 183 diagnosed cases in WI (33 of which have been diagnosed since 1/1/2022
- One reported fatality in WI which occurred in February
- Best form of protection is vaccination & boosters

Source:
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/021822.htm

CDC Updated Guidance for Homeless Service Providers

- Continues to recommend that all staff, volunteers, and clients (regardless of vaccination status) wear a well fitting face mask or respirator and maintain social distancing
- CDC does not recommend removing protections as COVID-19 activity levels decrease due to the increased risk of transmission in this setting.
- CDC recommends taking all these factors into account when considering modifying restrictions:
  - What is the incidence of COVID-19 cases in the surrounding community?
  - What proportion of current clients and staff are up to date with vaccination against COVID-19?
  - What proportion of the people staying in your shelter are new each week?
  - What is the layout of your facility?
  - What proportion of your clients are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness?

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html

CDC UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR HOMELESS PROVIDERS

Routine Operations

- **Staff and clients isolate/quarantine for 10 days**
- **Staff may follow general population guidance to end isolation for activities other than returning to work after 5 days**

Crisis Operations (Staffing shortages)

- **Reduce quarantine/isolation duration for groups at lower risk of infection first (e.g. those up to date on COVID vaccines)**

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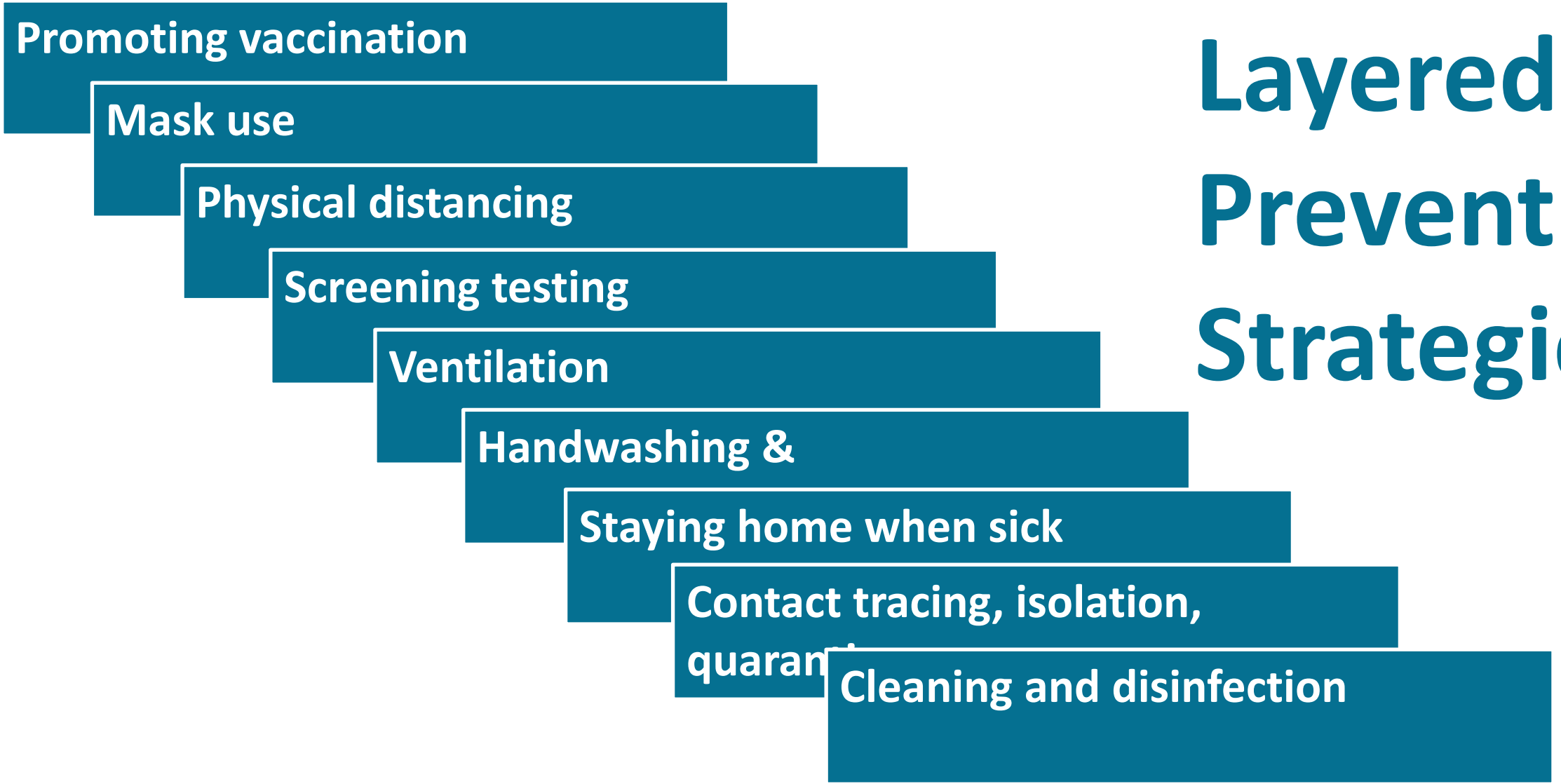
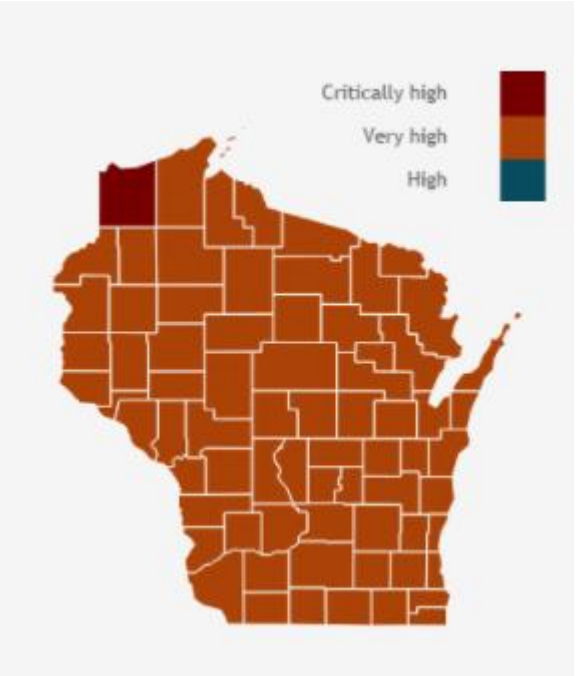
Recommendations



Layered Prevention Strategies

Recommendations

- Continue all mitigation strategies.
- Continue facility wide testing weekly.



Community transmission is very high

Source: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm#activity

Guidance Resources

CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-res

Testing Resources

Testing supplies can be ordered by emailing: WICOVIDTest@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Help applying for testing supplies can be found at: dhscovidtestingprogram@dhs.wisconsin.gov

DHS Testing Support Page for Shelters: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/testing-shelters.htm

Vaccination Resources

Local vaccination clinics and events: https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/public-event-search?localHistory=h4hilRV_LGyLlaCnlbAn5Q

Vaccine partner resources:
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-resources.htm

Vaccination resources and questions: dhscovidvaccinator@wi.gov

COVID-19 Vaccine Information (DHS):
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm

COVID-19 Child Vaccination Publication:
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02990.pdf

Data Resources

Wisconsin COVID-19 Data

Summary data: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm

Activity Level by Region and County: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm

County Data: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/county.htm

Cases: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases.htm

Facility wide investigations: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/investigations.htm

Illness after vaccination: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-status.htm

COVID-19 Variants: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/variants-info.htm

https://dataportal.slh.wisc.edu/

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