

The State of the

PANDEMIC

in Mason County



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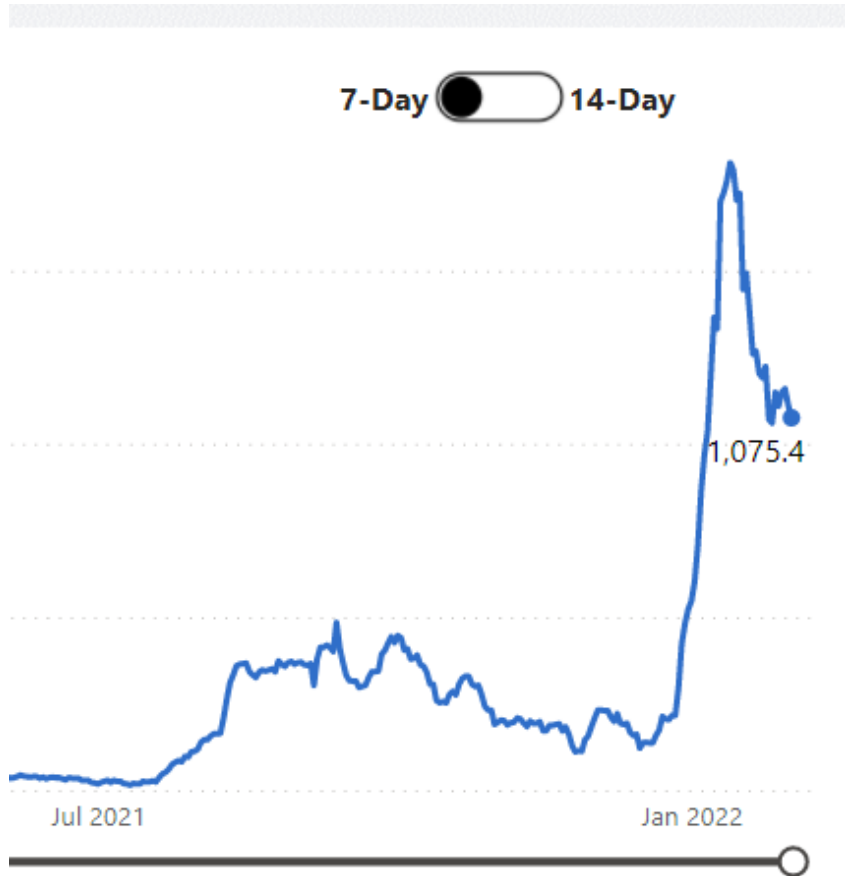


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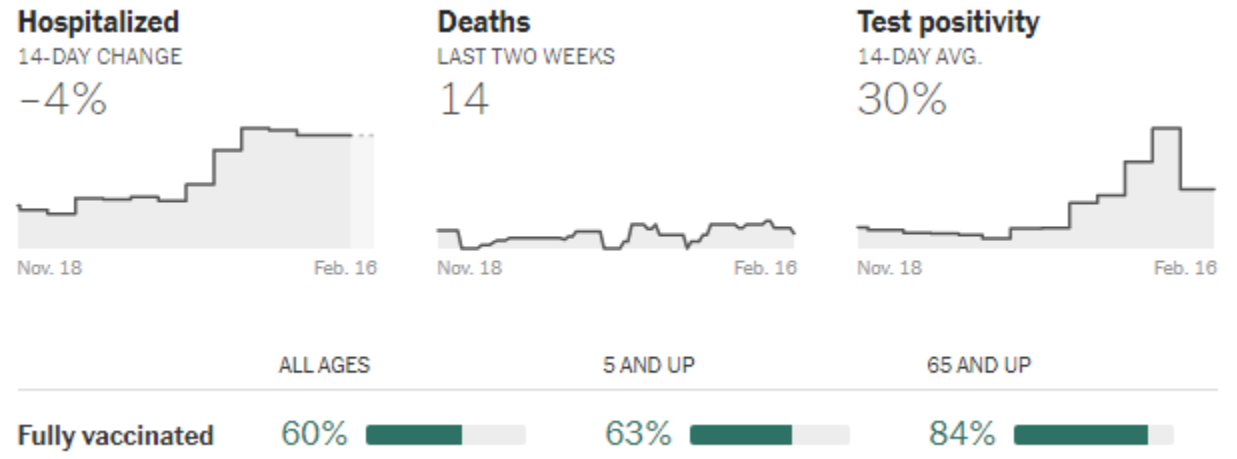
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Bottom Line Up front



Cases have decreased recently but are still extremely high. The numbers of **hospitalized Covid patients** and **deaths** in the Mason County area have remained at about the same level



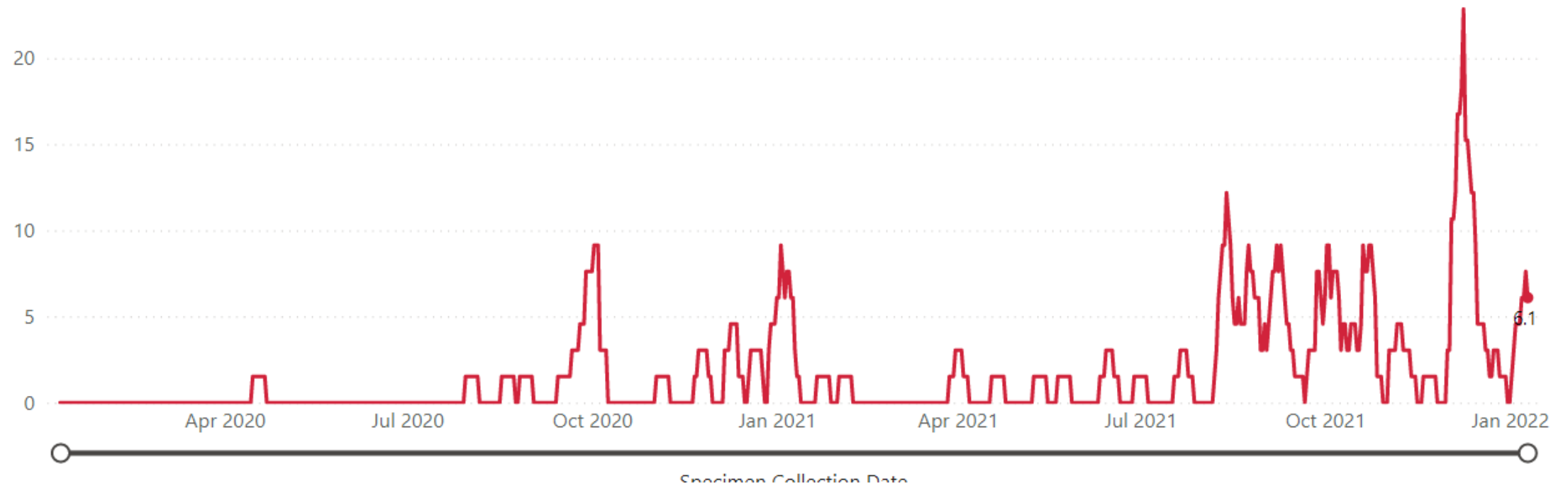
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- An average of **41 cases per day** were reported in Mason County, a **71 percent decrease** from the average two weeks ago.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, at least **1 in 6** residents have been infected, a total of **11,713 reported cases**.

Deaths

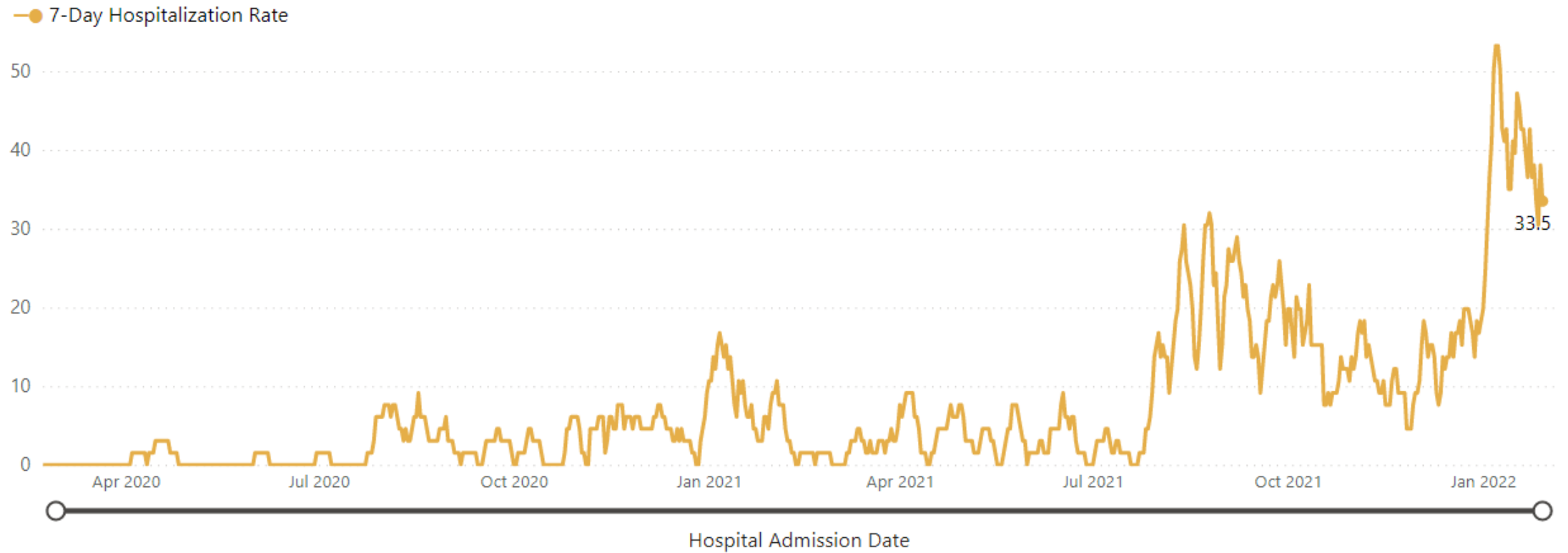
TREND IN 7-DAY RATE OF NEW COVID-19 DEATHS PER 100,000 POPULATION

—● 7-Day Death Rate

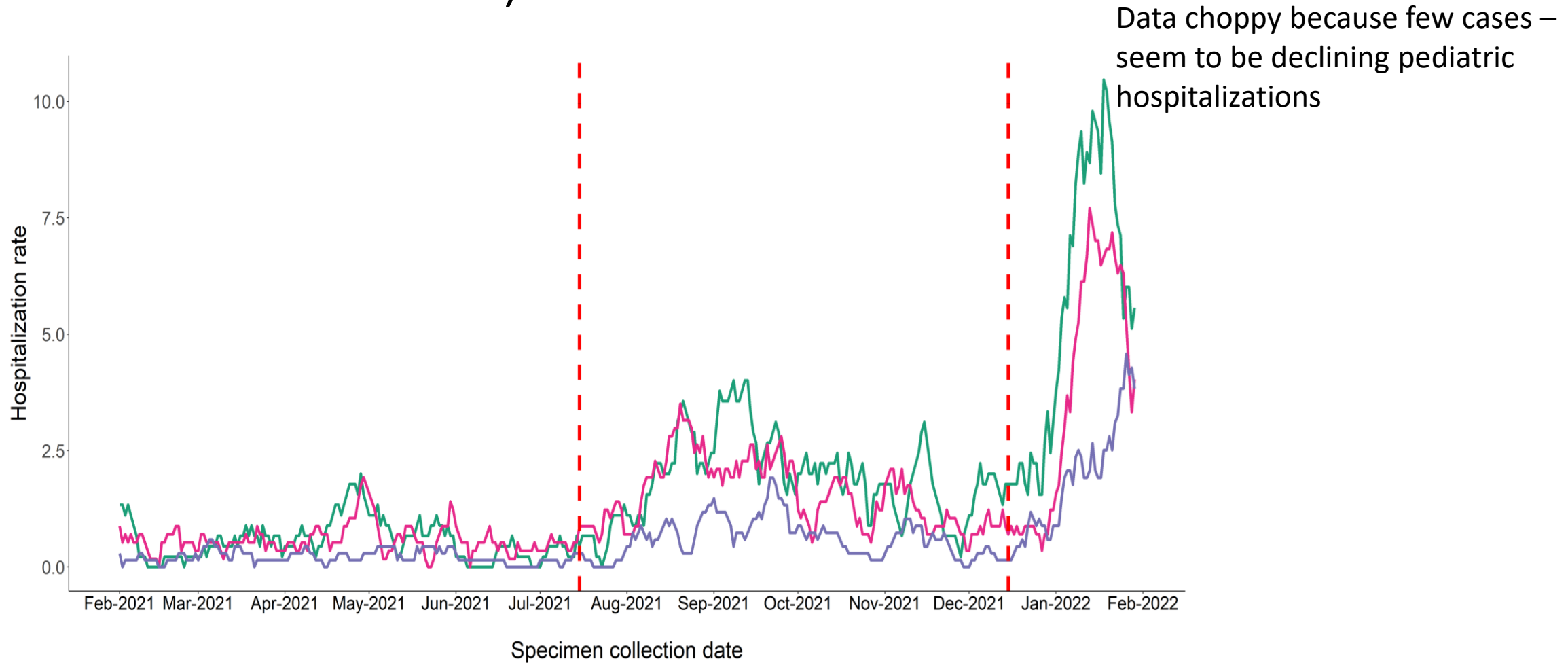


Hospitalizations

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Hospitalizations Among COVID Cases by Age Group in Children/Youth (Surveillance Data)



Governor Plans

- Elective surgeries back on for Feb 18th
- Outdoor mask mandate coming off end of this week
- No change to indoor mandate
- Should have an announcement today week on indoor mandate
- King County relaxing the vaccine mandate for restaurants and bars

Testing Update

- Mason County has received test kits from the state – Ordered 40,000 – Received 14,000
- **We received 9000 test kits, single test boxes from a private provider**
 - **Have the ability to support smaller Skilled Nursing**
 - **Getting test kits out to employers**
- County Employees can pick up test kits
 - 1 kit per person or 2 kits per family
 - Pick up at Building 1
 - Pick up at Public Health Building 8

Testing

- **Testing Update**
- Say Yes COVID Test ordering site opened again on Tuesday, expect to serve 290k households
- Expect to expand this program to serve 1M households
- <https://sayyescovidhometest.org/>
- Continue to essentially be out of POC antigen tests (have BD Triplex)
- Will be developing updated process for providing POC tests to priority groups next week

Case investigation Closed – sort of

- On the 15th we were told that as of the 15th DOH was closing much of the CICT
- Still investigating outbreaks
- Still investigating unusual cases
- Still investigating cases >65 yo as long as sample is <4 days old
- Will not be calling/notifying most cases – we will need to craft a message for this

WA DOH adopted CDC's isolation and quarantine recommendations for the general public

- [What to do if you test positive for COVID-19 \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with COVID-19 \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Operating Early Care and Education/Child Care Programs \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Planning Assumptions

Assuming all new cases are Omicron – Watching for BA.2

Omicron is still severe – 14 deaths past two weeks

- Driving requests for testing supplies
- Prepare to help private employers obtain test kits
- We're in good shape for now with test
- Governor relaxing masking will change the quarantine and isolation guidelines – more to come