

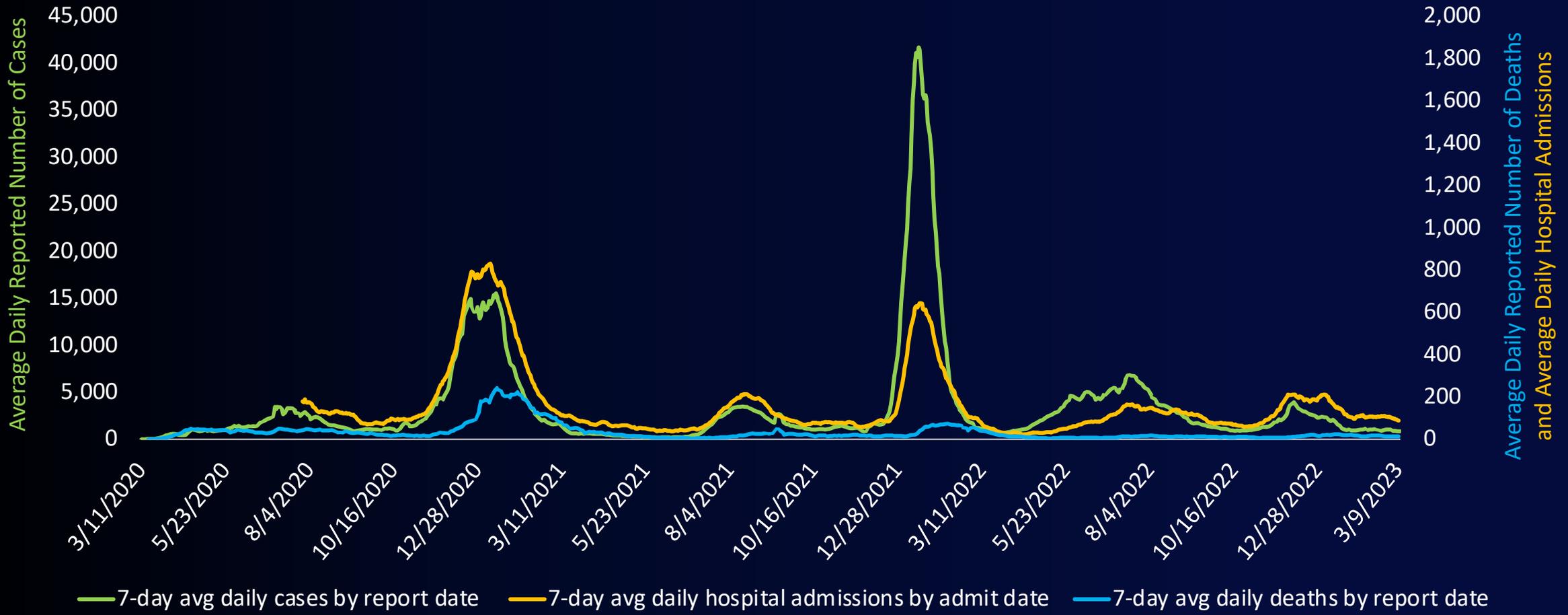
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7-Day Average Daily COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Report Date* and Daily Hospital Admissions by Admit Date March 11, 2020 – March 9, 2023

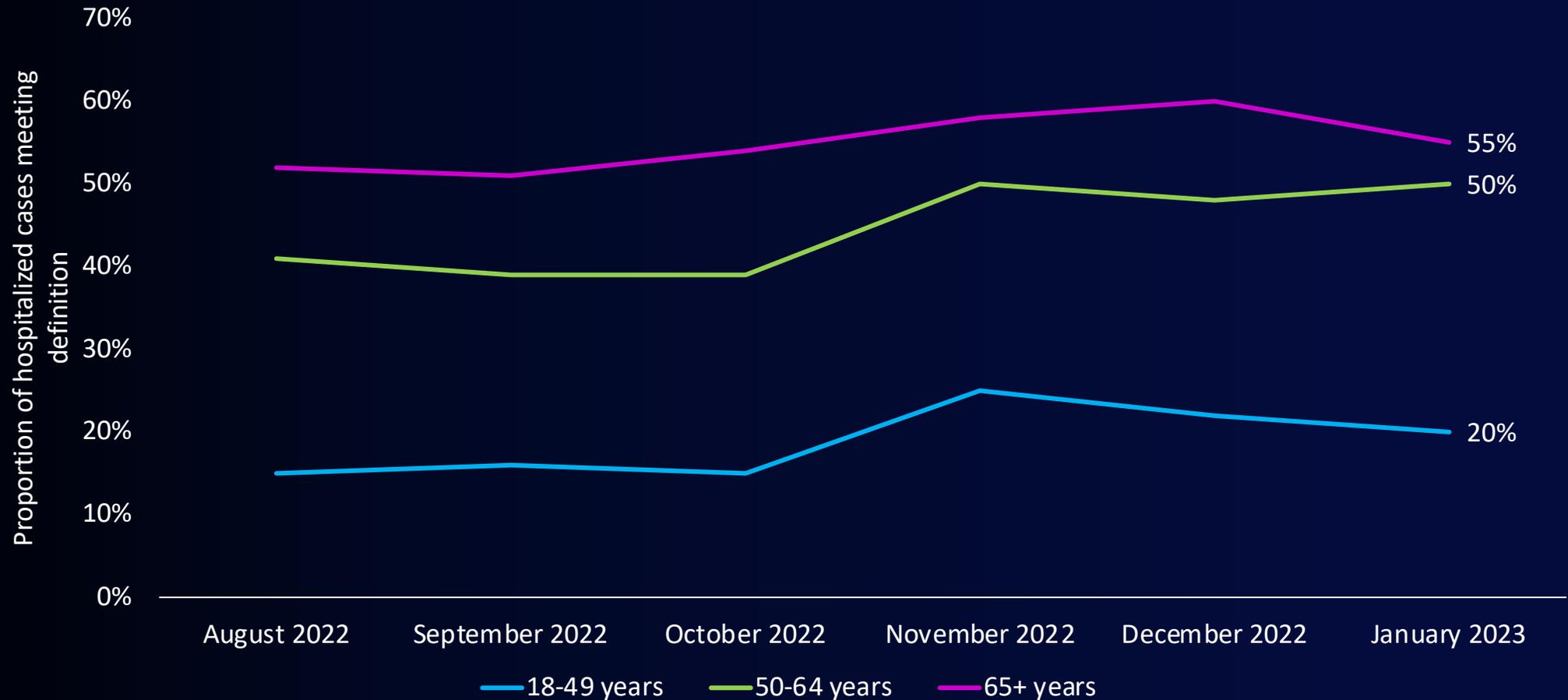


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*Case and death values include data from Long Beach and Pasadena.

Proportion of hospitalized cases meeting COVID-associated illness definition* by age and month of admission, Los Angeles County August 2022 – January 2023



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*COVID-associated illness is determined by ICD-10 diagnosis codes assigned to a patient upon discharge. A national standard definition for COVID-associated illness has not been developed; caution should be applied when comparing these estimates to estimates from other jurisdictions which may use different methods.

CDC COVID-19 Community Levels

New Cases (per 100,000 people in last 7 days)	Indicators	Low	Medium	High	LA County Current Values <u>New Cases:</u> 57/100,000 (as of 3/9/23)
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0	5.9
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%	3.7%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0	NA
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%	NA

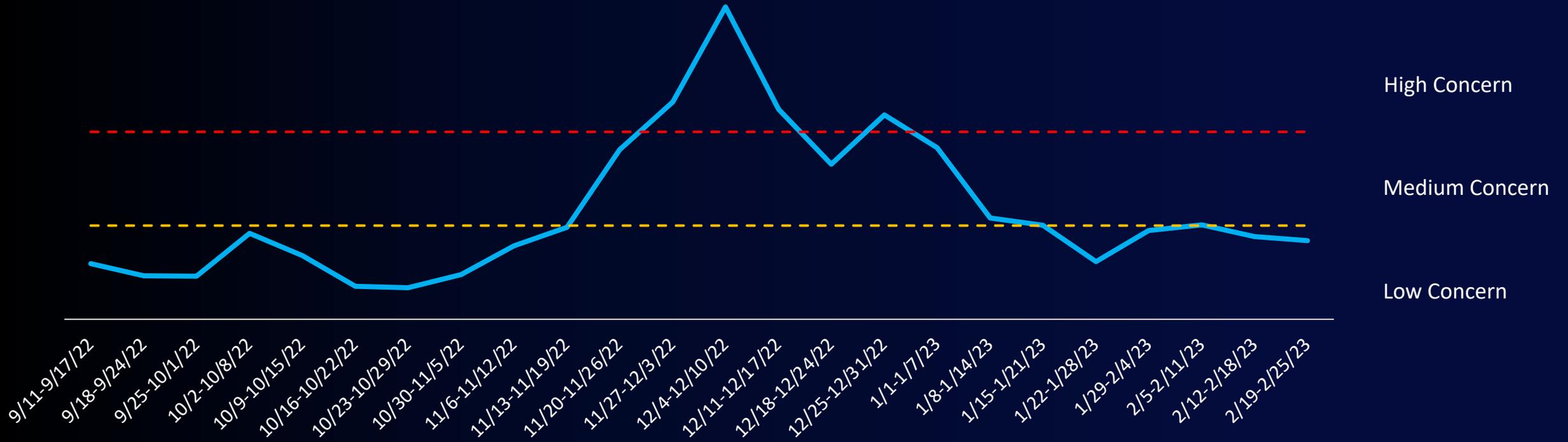
The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.



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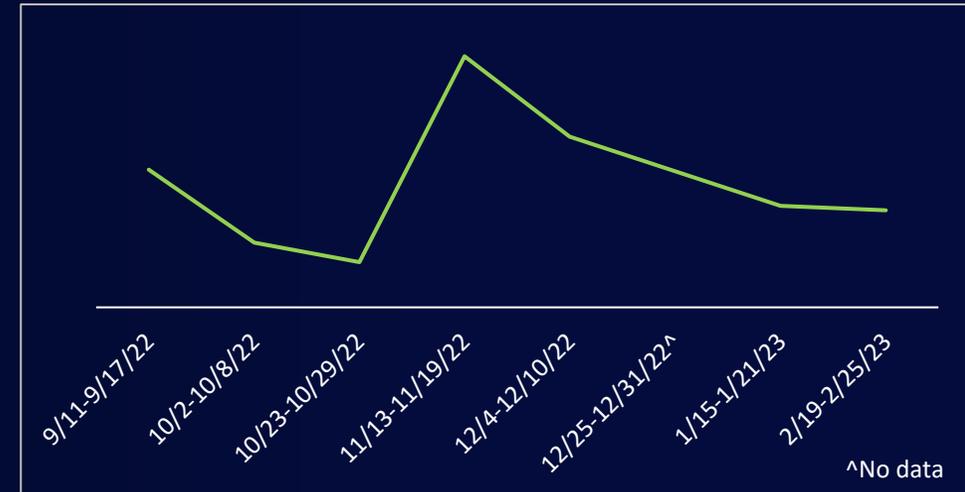
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Los Angeles County Population Weighted Average Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Concentrations*



*Includes data from the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, Hyperion, and Lancaster sewersheds. Data comes from the WastewaterSCAN collaborative. Data are normalized average wastewater SARS-CoV-2 concentrations.

Tapia (Las Virgenes) Sewershed

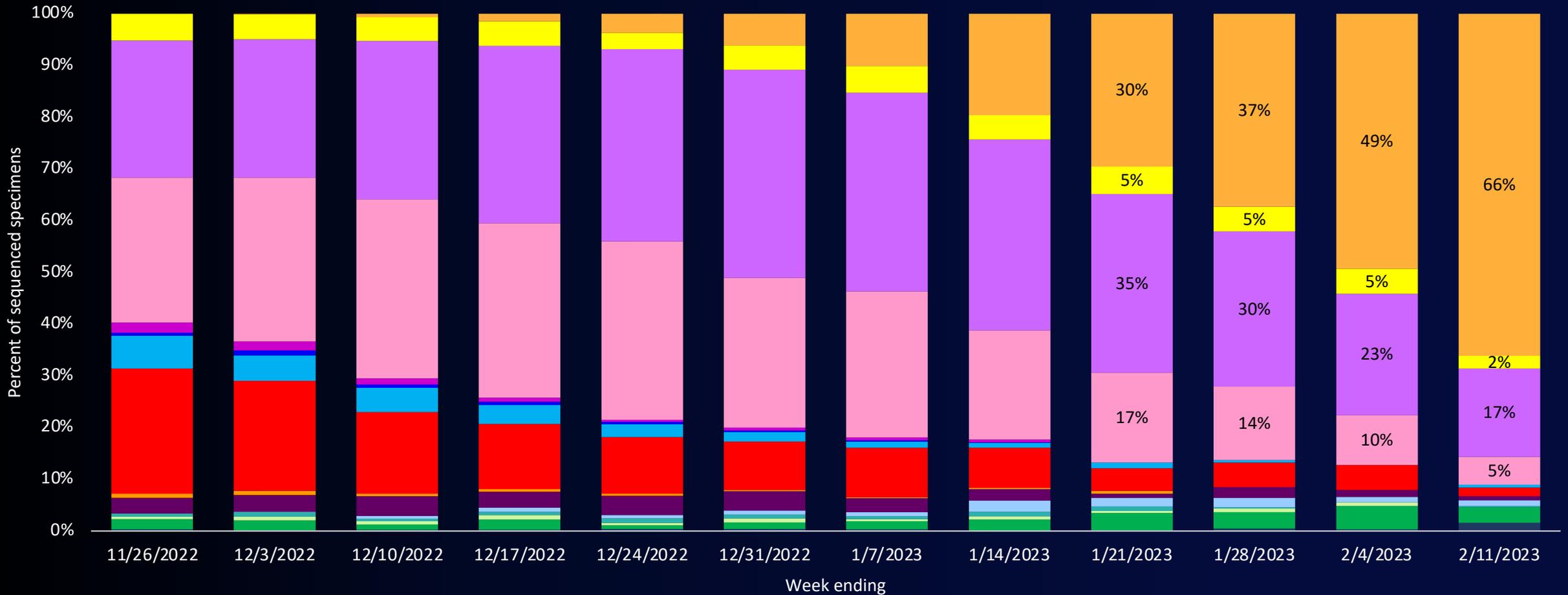


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SARS-CoV-2 Variants as a Percentage of All Specimens Sequenced for Baseline Variant Surveillance

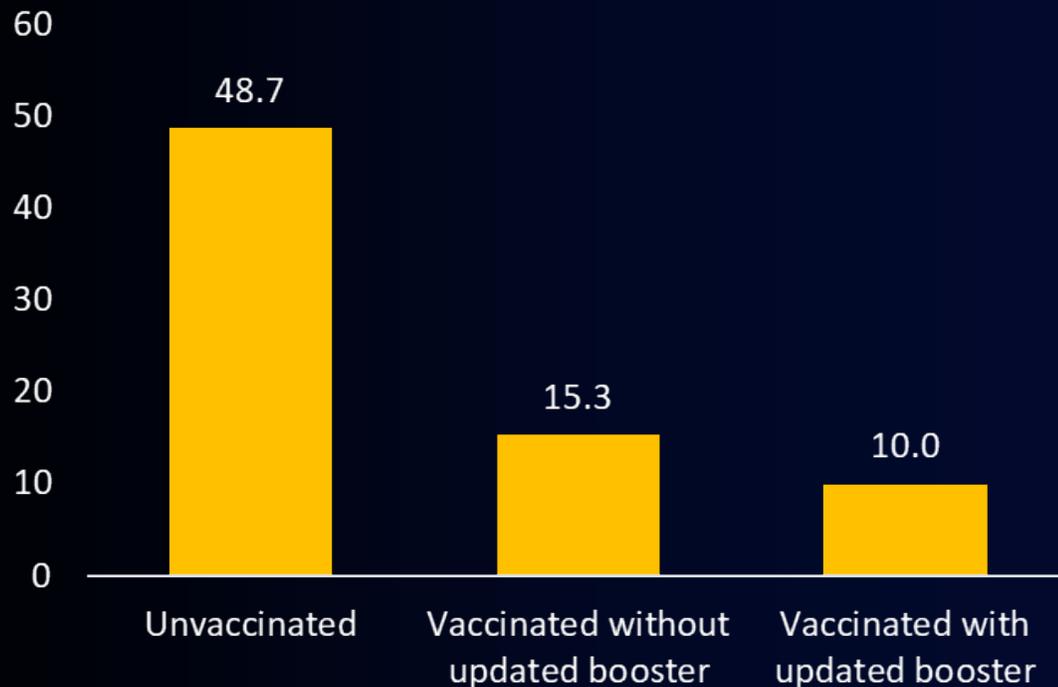


- All other Omicron
- Omicron BA.2 (Excludes BA.2.75, BA.2.75.2, BN.1, and XBB)
- Omicron BA.2.75 (Excludes BA.2.75.2 and BN.1)
- CH.1.1
- Omicron BA.4.6
- BF.7
- BF.11
- BQ.1 (Excludes BQ.1.1)
- BQ.1.1
- XBB.1.5
- Omicron BN.1
- Omicron BA.5 (Excludes BF.7, BF.11, BA.5.2.6, BQ.1 and BQ.1.1)
- BA.5.2.6
- XBB (excluding XBB.1.5)

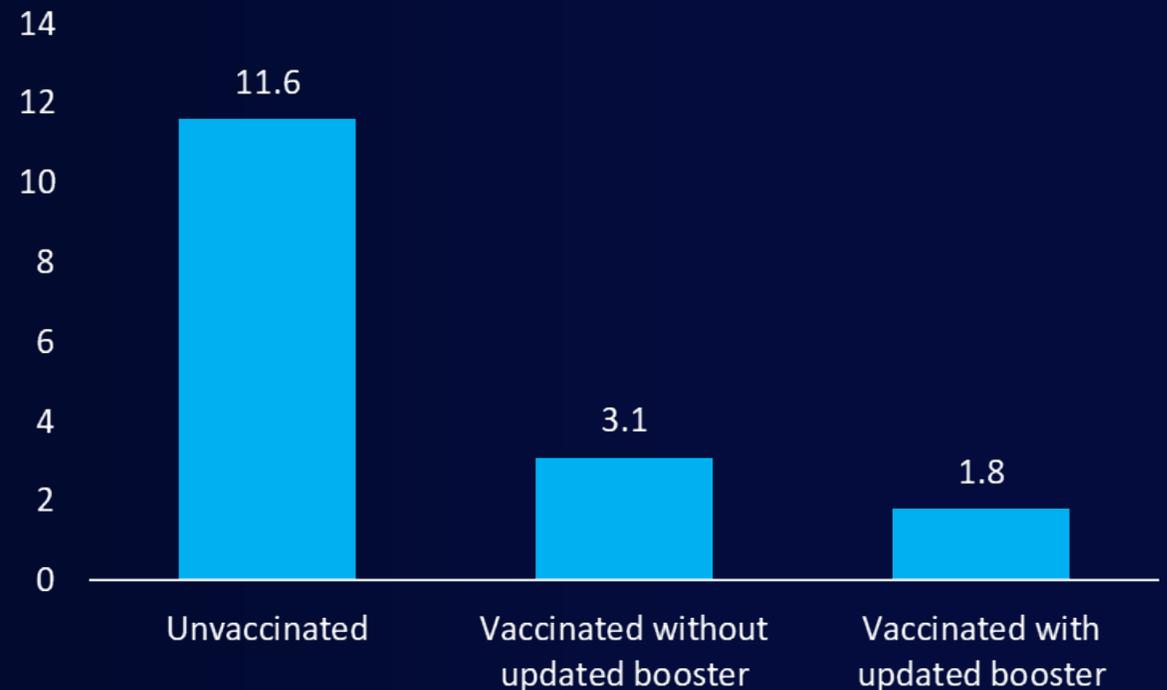


30-Day Hospitalization and Death Rates by Bivalent Booster Vaccination Status, LA County

Hospitalization Rates per 100,000
30-day period ending 2/21/23



Death Rates per 100,000
30-day period ending 2/14/23



Ending the Health Emergency Orders for COVID-19



Two Federal Public Health Emergency Declarations for COVID-19 will end May 11, 2023



The California COVID-19 State of Emergency ended on February 28, 2023



The local LA County COVID-19 Emergency Declarations will end March 31, 2023

The Los Angeles County Health Officer retains non-emergency communicable disease control authority to issue future orders to protect the public's health from the risks associated with COVID-19.



Goals Moving Forward

- ❖ Continue access to resources, including vaccines, testing, therapeutics, and telehealth services
- ❖ Continue monitoring LA County Early Alert Signals and COVID-19 activity in high-risk settings
- ❖ Continue response capacity to address concerning trends
- ❖ Continue to keep residents informed



Aligning with the State of California

Non-Emergency Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine, effective March 13, 2023

After testing positive

Stay home for at least 5 days after the start of symptoms or after date of first positive test

Isolation can end after day 5, **IF**:

- Symptoms are not present, or are mild and improving
- **AND** fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication)

DPH Strong Recommendation that infected individuals test negative for COVID-19 to exit isolation between day 5 & day 10

- If fever is present, continue isolation until 24 hours after fever resolves.
- If symptoms, other than fever, are not improving, continue to isolate until symptoms are improving or until after Day 10.
- Infected persons should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings, unless they have two sequential negative tests at least 1 day apart.

After close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

- **DPH Strong Recommendation** that those exposed to a confirmed case should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days in indoor settings and when near those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease.
- **DPH Strong Recommendation** that those exposed to a confirmed case consider testing as soon as possible and then, if negative, test again within 3-5 days after last known exposure.



Aligning with the State of California

On masking for the general public while in Low Community Level

With current COVID case and hospitalization levels:

- Masking is based on individual preference
- Vulnerable populations, including people who are elderly, immunocompromised, or have underlying health conditions, should consider masking in indoor public spaces
- Those who have household or social contact with a vulnerable person should consider masking in indoor public spaces



Aligning with the State of California

**Vaccination requirements for workers at correctional, detention, and adult care facilities,
effective April 3, 2023**

Workers in correctional, detention, and adult care facilities will no longer be required to be vaccinated (primary series + 1 booster) against COVID-19.

The LAC Department of Public Health will continue to carefully monitor these sites for outbreaks to ascertain the impact of these changes on COVID-19 transmission.



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LA County Vaccination and Masking Guidance For Healthcare Settings

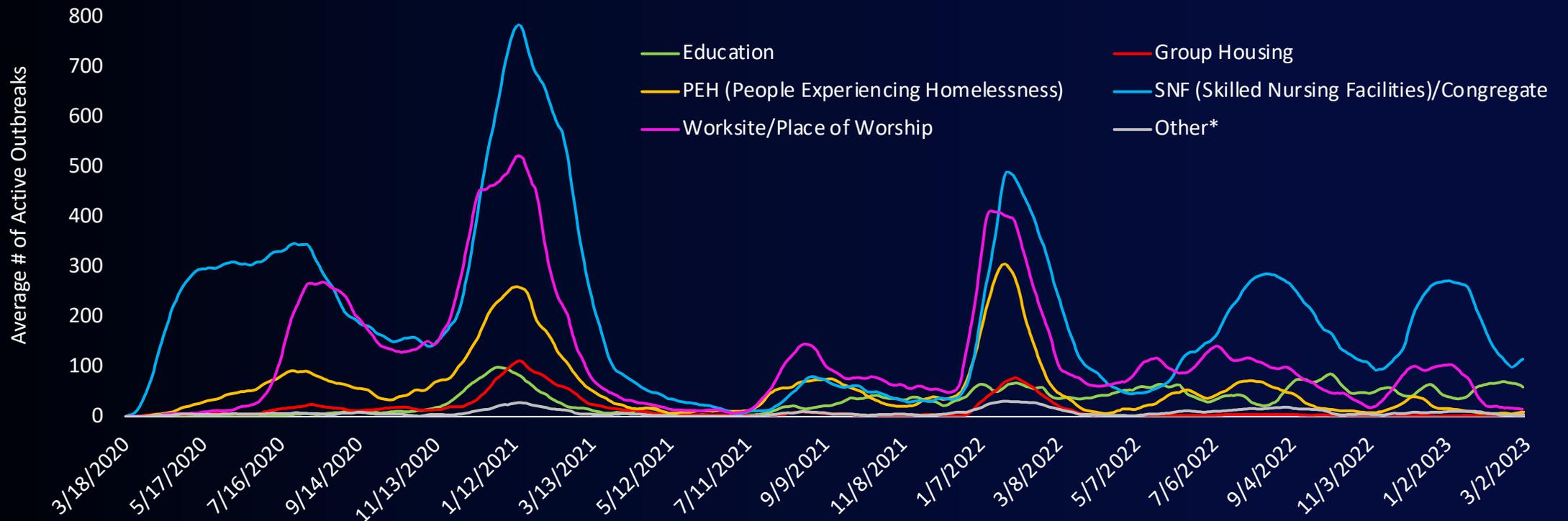
- Masking remains required for all healthcare workers providing patient care or working in patient care areas. In other facility locations, employees are not required to mask.
- Visitors and patients are not required to wear masks, although masks remain strongly recommended.
- Vaccination coverage (primary series + 1 booster) continues to be required for all healthcare workers except those employees assigned to 100% telework who are never present at healthcare facilities.

The vaccination and masking policy will be re-assessed by September 2023 to take into account updated FDA and CDC guidance regarding the timing of the COVID vaccination series and risks associated with COVID infection.



LAC Reporting Obligations for Clusters/Outbreaks

DPH will continue to require reporting of COVID case clusters/outbreaks at all worksites, schools, and healthcare facilities to ascertain the impact of these changes on transmission and healthcare utilization and to determine whether additional safety protections are warranted.



Keeping COVID Transmission Low and Protecting the Most Vulnerable



Ensure you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines & boosters

- Vaccines will continue to be free for the near future
- ph.lacounty.gov/howtogetvaccinated



Test when exposed, when experiencing symptoms, and when attending indoor activities with high risk participants

- Cost of at-home tests covered through November 2023
- ph.lacounty.gov/COVIDtests



Access therapeutics when ill with COVID

- Will continue to be free for the near future
- ph.lacounty.gov/COVIDmedicines



Mask if at high risk, infected, or have many exposures

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Line:**

1-833-540-0473

**7 days a week,
8am – 8:30pm**



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