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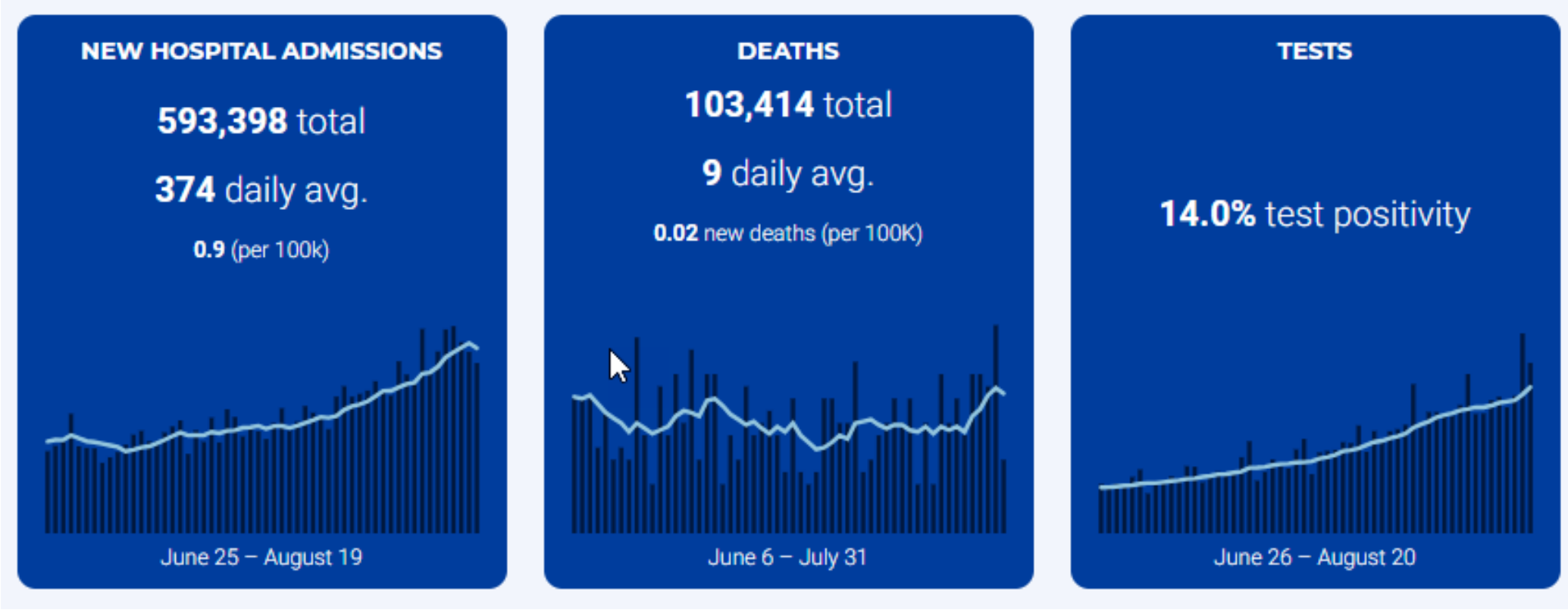
COVID-19 & Respiratory Virus Updates



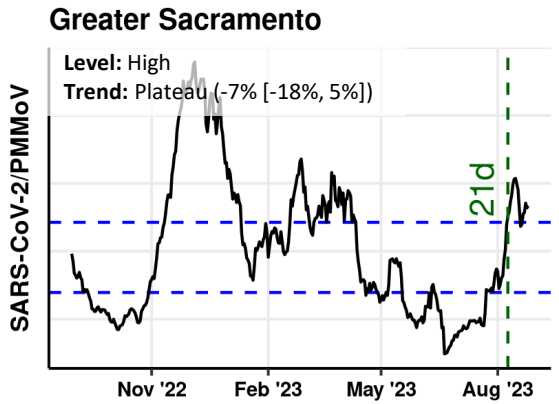
Statewide Wastewater Surveillance COVID-19 Overview

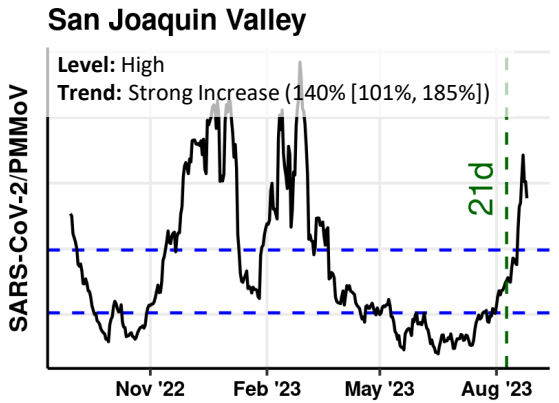
Current Regional Levels

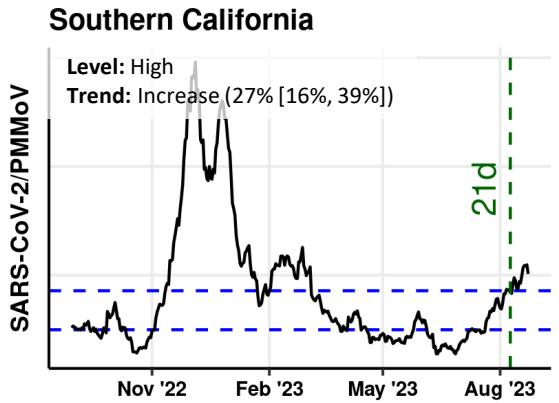
Current Wastewater Level

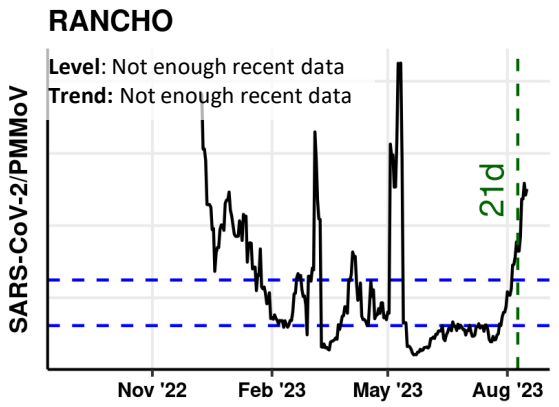
- Low (< 33rd Percentile)
- Medium (33rd to 66th Percentile)
- High (> 66th Percentile)
- Not Enough Data

Regional 21-day Trends









CDPH Variant Nowcast

Variant with highest proportion:

EG.5 : 0.318

Range: 0.044 - 0.518
Projected: 2023-08-30

Variant with fastest growing proportion:

EG.5

Actual: 0.239 on 2023-08-02
Projected: 0.318 on 2023-08-30

Download Variant Proportions

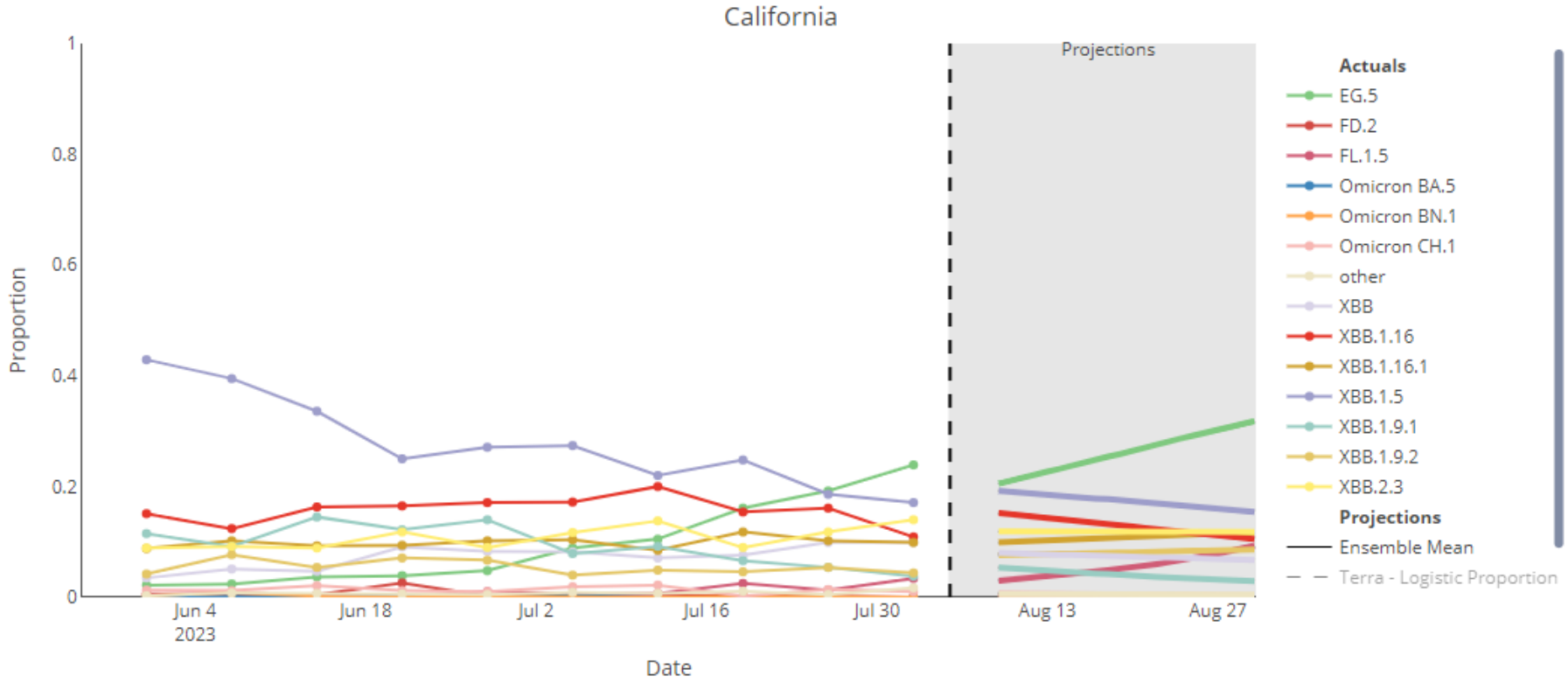
Download Interactive Plot

Statewide Variant Proportions

The connected points in the plot below show **actual** variant proportions derived from the IGED, while lines in the shaded region/to the right of the vertical line show model-derived projections of variant proportions for the last three weeks.

Particularly in regions with smaller populations, uncertainty in the actual proportions and projections should be heeded. Uncertainty can be viewed by hovering over the relevant data.

The black box (left) represents the variant with highest actual proportion. The blue box represents the projected fastest growing variant for California.



https://calcat.covid19.ca.gov/cacovidmodels/

**Note: Projections above are preliminary, final version will be published 9/1. The model is updated bi-weekly to align with the CDC Nowcast schedule.

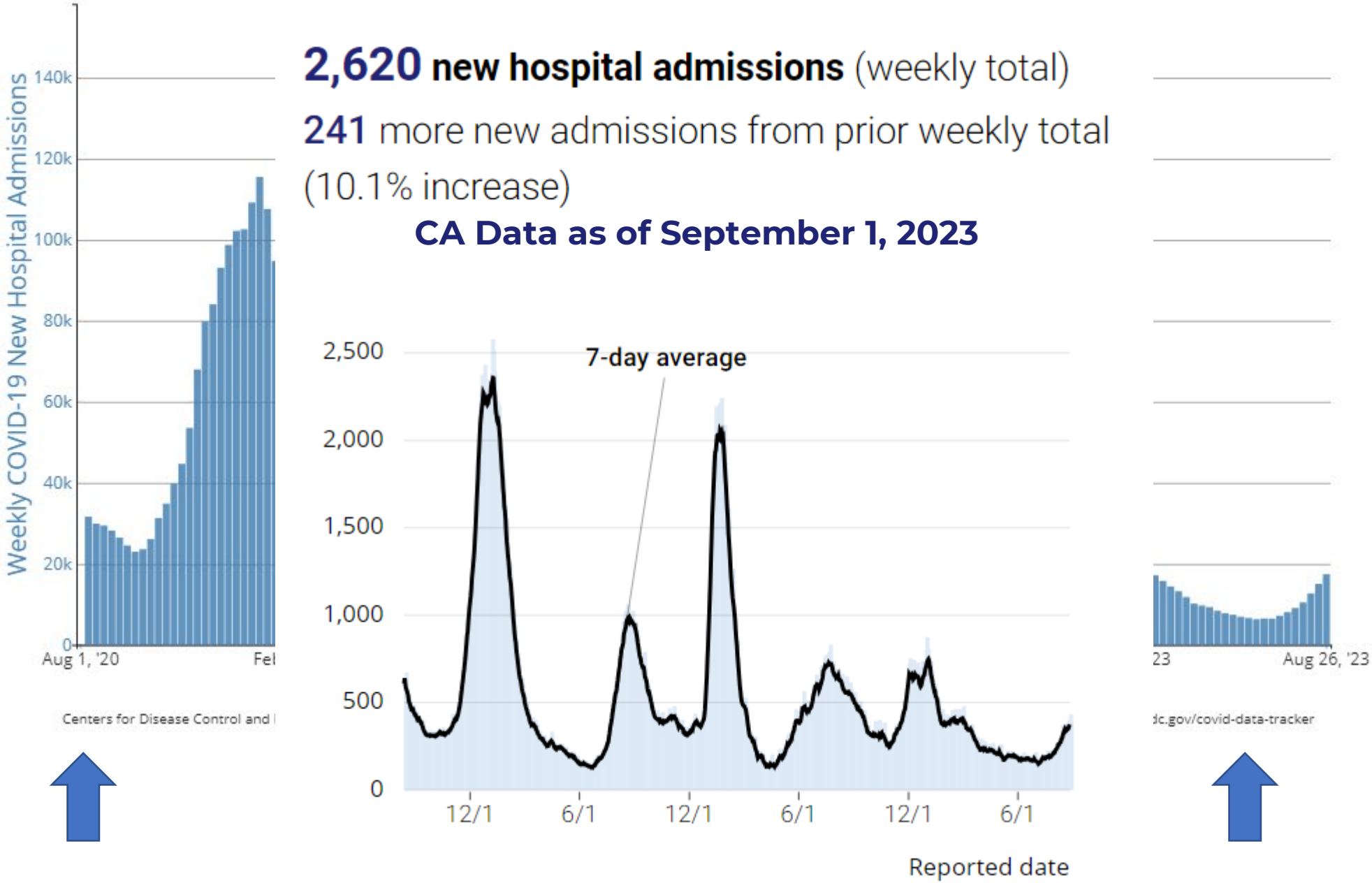
XBB.1.5 proportions continue to decrease. EG.5 proportions are increasing.

BA.2.86 -WHO VUM

- The current increases in cases and hospitalizations in the United States are likely being driven by infections with XBB lineage viruses, not the new BA.2.86 variant.
- Specifically, the genetic sequence of BA.2.86 has changes that represent over 30 amino acid differences compared with BA.2, which was the dominant Omicron lineage in early 2022.
  - BA.2.86 also has >35 amino acid changes compared with the more recently circulating XBB.1.5, which was dominant through most of 2023. This number of genetic differences is roughly of the same magnitude as seen between the initial Omicron variant (BA.1) and previous variants, such as Delta (B.1.617.2).
- As of August 30, 2023, 24 BA.2.86 variant sequences have been reported from human specimens globally: Denmark (10), Sweden (4), South Africa (2), Portugal (2), Canada (1), Israel (1), United Kingdom (1), and the United States. No detection in California via sequencing or wastewater to date. (US WWS Ohio and NYC)
- Existing tests used to detect and medications used to treat COVID-19 continue to be effective with this variant.
- It is too soon to predict whether symptoms or disease severity differs with this variant and efficacy against the XBB.1.5 booster is unknown, but there is currently no evidence that this variant is causing more severe illness.

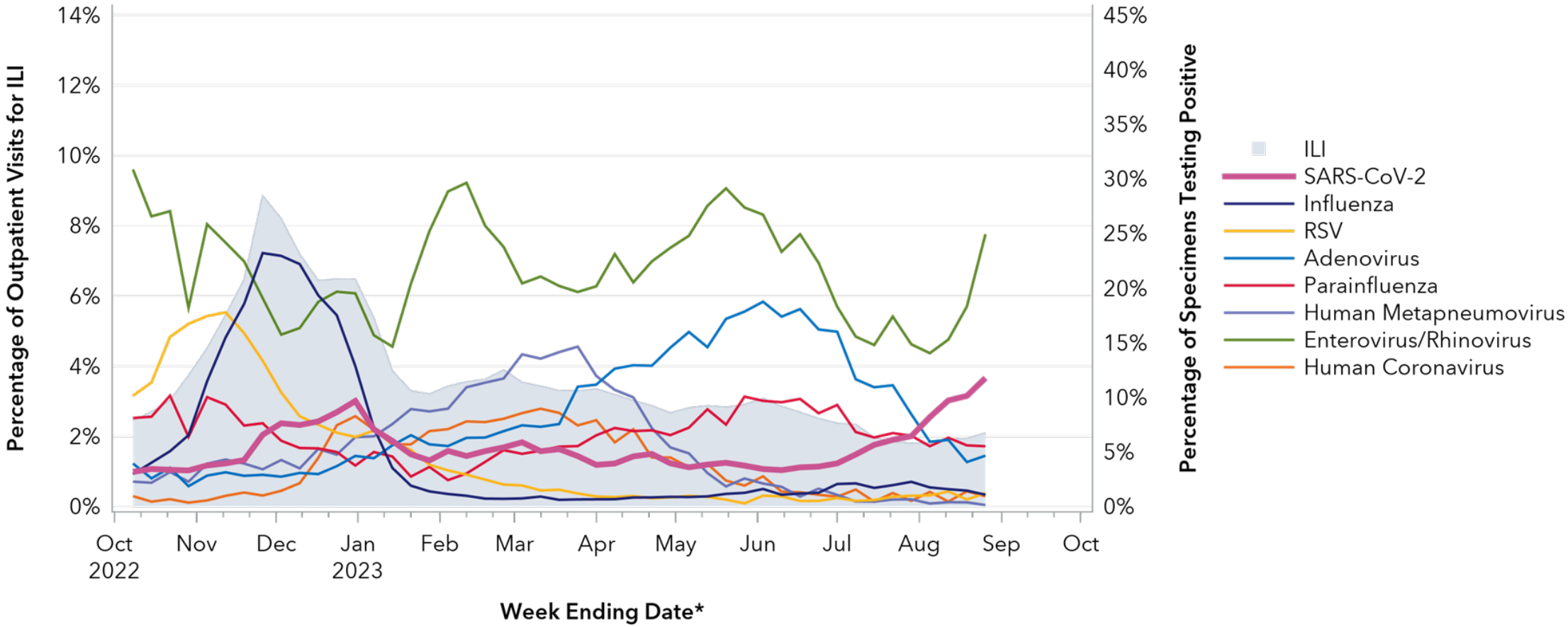
- 8-30-2033 Update on SARS CoV-2 Variant BA.2.86 | CDC

COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions, by Week, in The United States, Reported to CDC



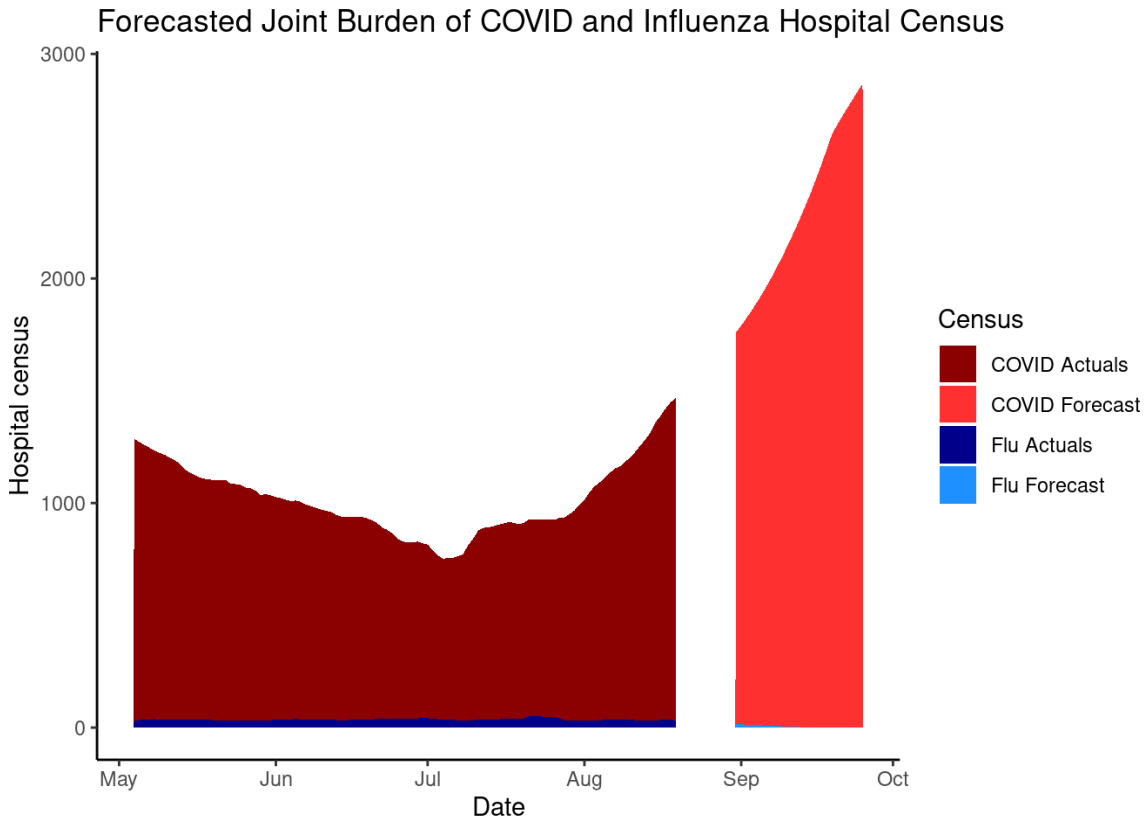
Tracking COVID-19 in California - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response

Percentage of Outpatient Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI),
Percentage of Specimens Testing Positive for SARS-CoV-2 and Other Respiratory Viruses

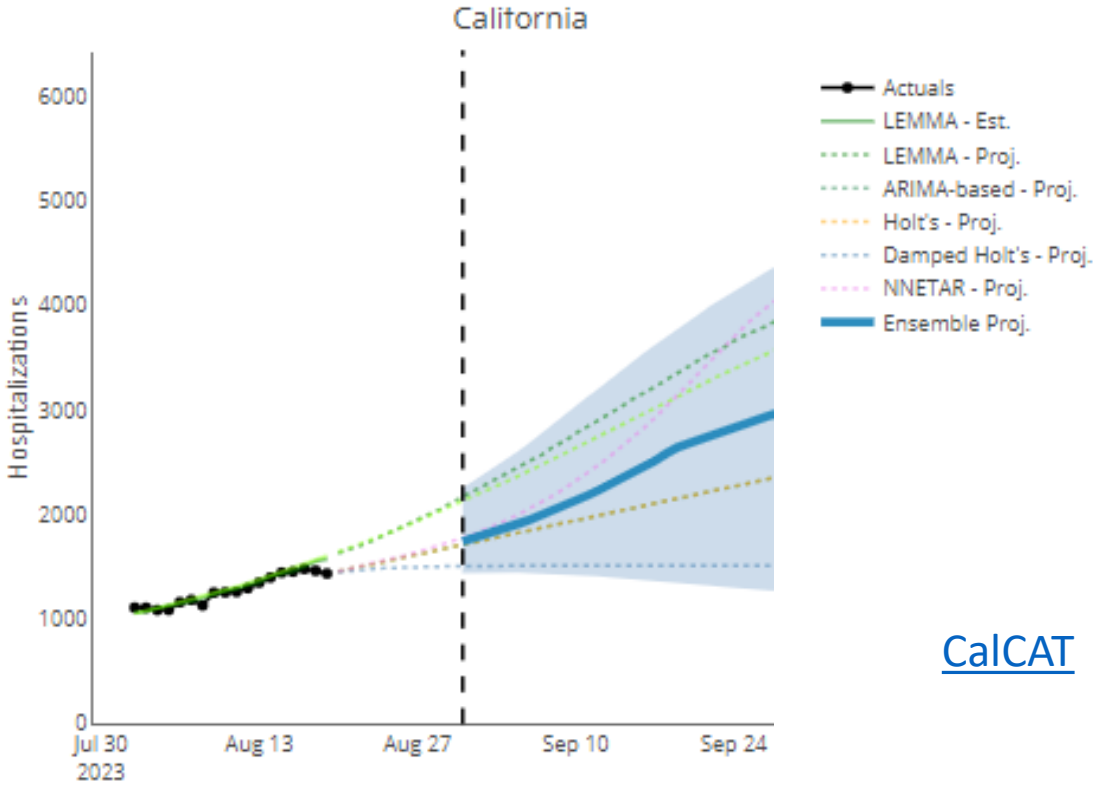


*Week ending date corresponds to specimen collection or specimen result date for respiratory viruses and outpatient visit date for ILI data.
ILI data from sentinel providers; Respiratory virus data, including SARS-CoV-2, from clinical sentinel laboratories. Data are provisional and subject to change.

Combined census forecast projects increase in COVID



Forecasted increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations



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Key Uncertainties

- COVID
  - Emergence of New Variants
  - Vaccine uptake
- RSV
  - Limited modeling history
  - Vaccine / mAb uptake
- Influenza
  - Vaccine efficacy

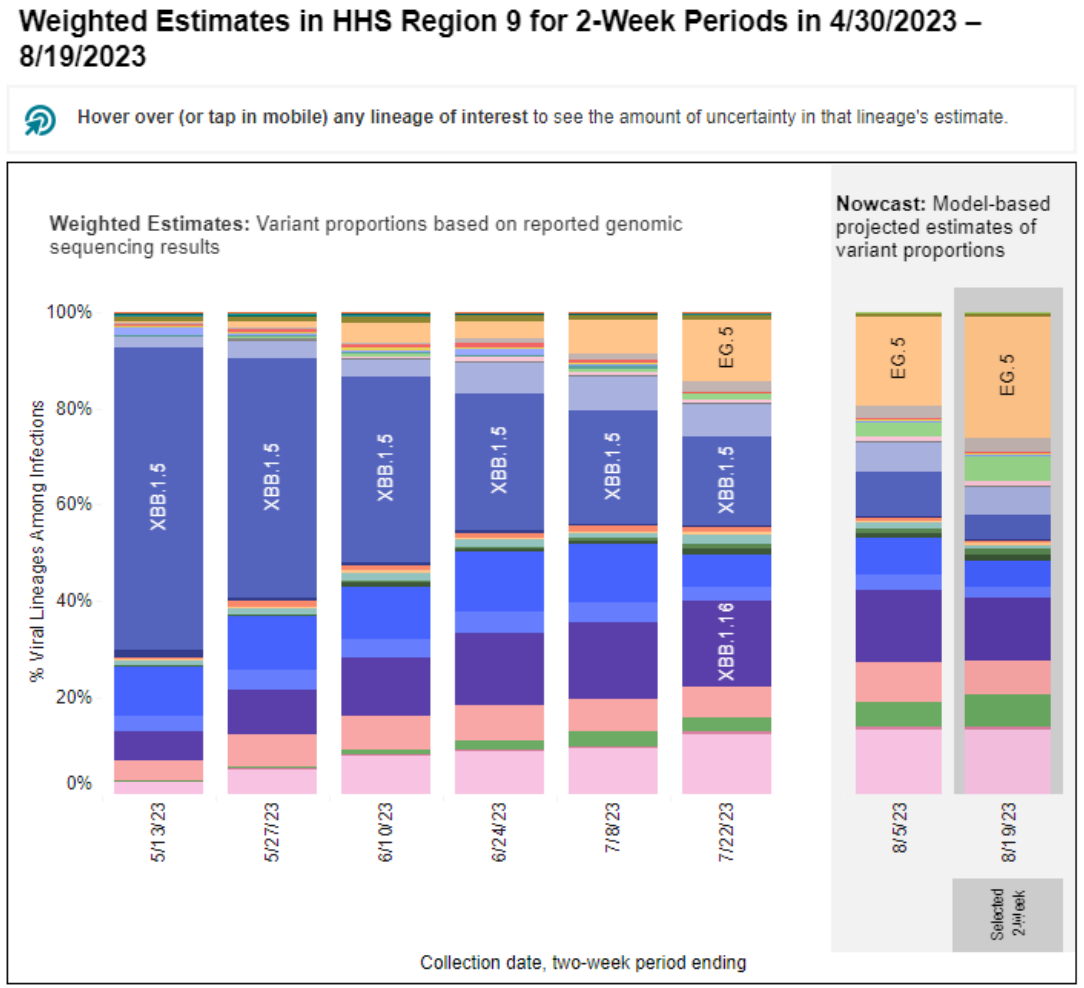
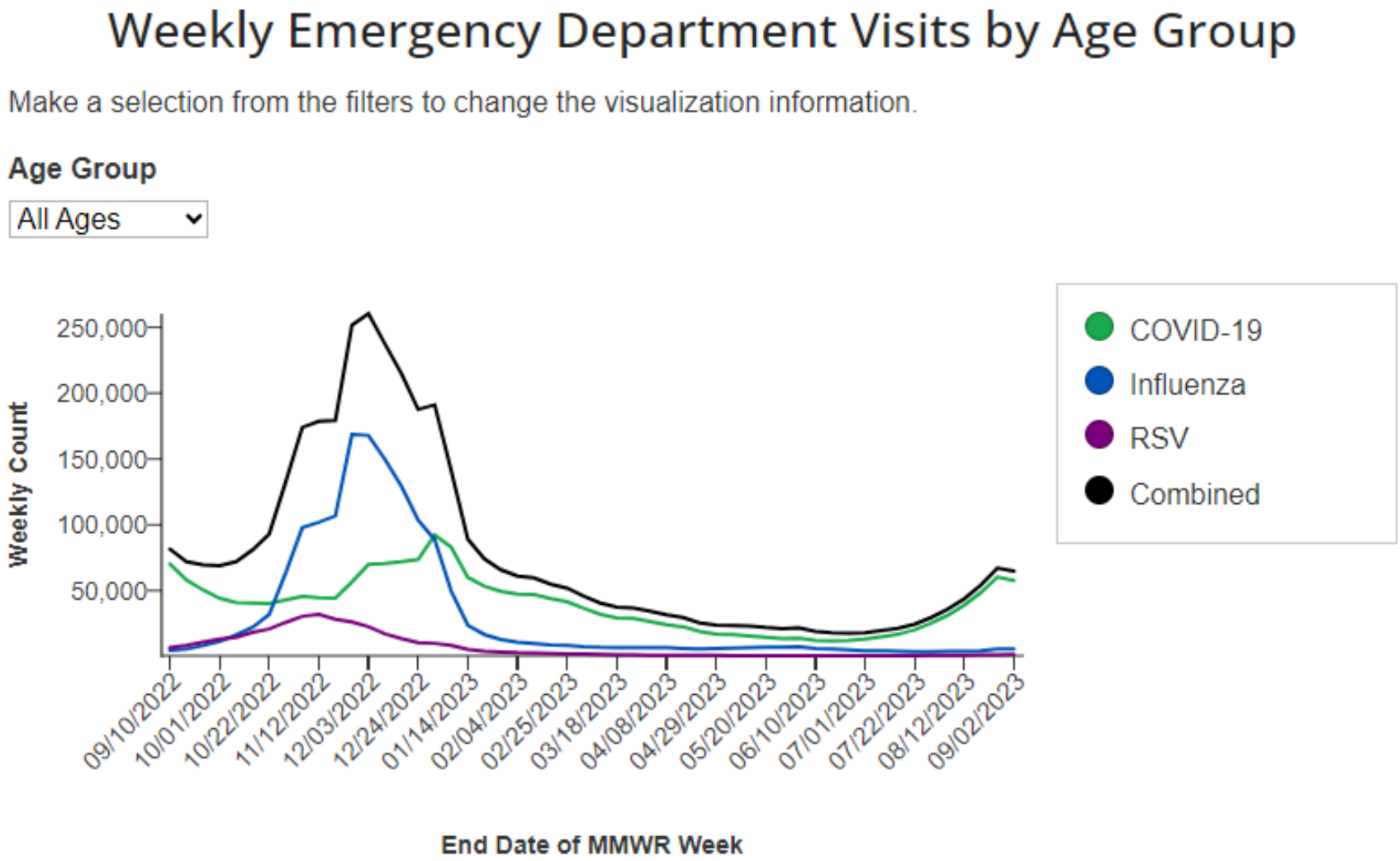


Chart from CDC

CDC NCIRD Surveillance – COVID, Flu + RSV



[National Emergency Department Visits for COVID-19, Influenza, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus | CDC]

Populations at Highest Risk of Severe Disease

- High Risk Populations:
  - >65
  - Immunocompromised
  - Other underlying health conditions
  - COPD, Obesity, Diabetes
  - Disabled
  - Pregnant individuals
  - Infants
- High Risk Settings:
  - Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs),
  - Long term care facilities (LTCF),
  - Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE).

Key Vaccine Updates

RSV

- New vaccines approved for >=60 year olds
- New passive immunization for:
  - All neonates/infants in 1st RSV season
  - Age ≤24 months who remain vulnerable into their 2nd RSV season

COVID-19 + Flu

- FDA recommended monovalent XBB.1.5 vaccine for this fall
  - ACIP meeting 9/12/23
  - At least 2 mos between doses
- All persons >= 6 mos. should get influenza vaccine
  - Including those with egg allergy, regardless of which flu vaccine

SMARTER Steps Protective Layers

No single intervention is perfect at preventing the spread of COVID-19. However, the more "**SMARTER Steps**" you take, the safer you, your family, and your community are against COVID-19.

SHOTS
Get vaccinated and boosted when you are due.

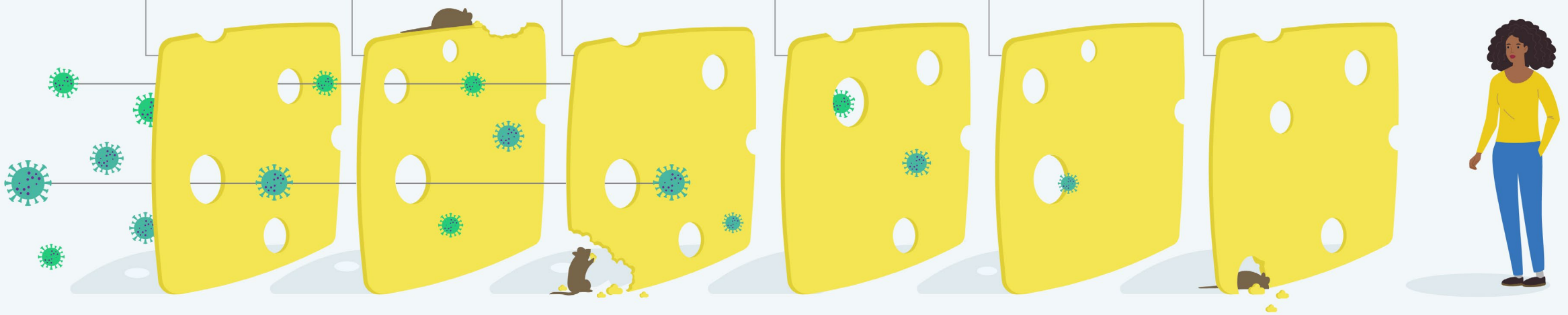
MASKS
Wear a mask with good fit and filtration.

VENTILATION
Meeting outdoors is safest. Improve ventilation indoors by opening windows and using portable air cleaners.

TESTS
Take a COVID-19 test if you have symptoms or had an exposure.

ISOLATION
Stay home if you're sick or test positive for COVID-19.

TREATMENT
Talk to a health care provider about treatment options if you have symptoms.



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COVID-19 Virus | Misinformation Mouse

https://bit.ly/CASmarterSteps

Communicable Diseases:

- COVID
- HIV/AIDS
- STDs
- Other Reportable Diseases / Conditions
- Virologic
  - Genomic Surveillance
  - Other non-genomic circulating viruses

Chronic Diseases:

- Diabetes
- Cancer
- Neurodegenerative (inc. Parkinson's)
- Heart Disease / Stroke
- Oral Health

Environmental and Occupational Health

- Blood Lead Levels in Children
- Occupational Health

Immunization:

- VPD (Vaccine Preventable Disease) Immunization Status

Community Health:

- Violence - Intentional and Unintentional, Suicide and Self-Harm
- Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health
- Behavioral Health
- Substance Misuse

Syndromic:

- Early indicators and case observations

Environmental Conditions:

- Radioactive Materials and Waste
- Medical Waste
- Work-related Pesticides
- Food and Drug Safety
- Drinking Water and Air Quality
- Recreational Health (coastal waters, swimming pools and other recreational waters)
- Climate

Genetic Diseases:

- Newborn
- Prenatal

Legally-Mandated DISEASE SURVEILLANCE & CONTROL SYSTEM

SaPHIRE Gateway

Collect, track, and process public health data

Data Platform

e.g. Snowflake, Databricks

Inputs

Healthcare providers, laboratories, local health departments (LHDs), Healthcare systems, CDPH, and new use cases as necessary.

CalREDIE California Reportable Disease Information Exchange

CAIR California Immunization Registry

County of Los Angeles Public Health

County of Orange HHSA

San Francisco Department of Public Health

FDSS Ecosystem

Incident Creation, Reporting, Surveillance

Outputs

Designated entities (CDC, State Agencies, LHJs, CDPH Programs & new use cases as necessary) and the general public (via dashboards & open data portals)

CDC

CDPH

CalCONNECT Ecosystem

Contact tracing, case management & investigation, outbreak management, automated communications

Media

Sonoma County Public Health officials launch investigation into possible bacterial infections after Tough Mudder endurance race

The Press Democrat

NORTH BAY NEWS ›

Sonoma County issues health advisory for Tough Mudder participants after reports of rashes, fever

CBS NEWS BAY AREA

UPDATED ON: AUGUST 23, 2023 / 6:50 PM / CBS SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco Chronicle

Multiple people sickened after recent Sonoma Tough Mudder race, health officials say

Annie Vainshtein

Aug. 24, 2023 | Updated: Aug. 24, 2023 12:54 p.m.

A woman crawls through the muddy water during a "Tough Mudder" challenge in California. Multiple people were sickened after participating in a Tough Mudder race in Sonoma County, health officials said.

Mathew Sumner/Special to the Chronicle

Hundreds involved in Bay Area Tough Mudder race sick with possible staph, bacterial infections

By J.R. Stone

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 11:45PM

https://abc7news.com/tough-mudder-race-skin-rash-sonoma-raceway-infections-health-advisory/13692922/

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Thank you!
Questions?

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Supplemental Slides not shared during meeting

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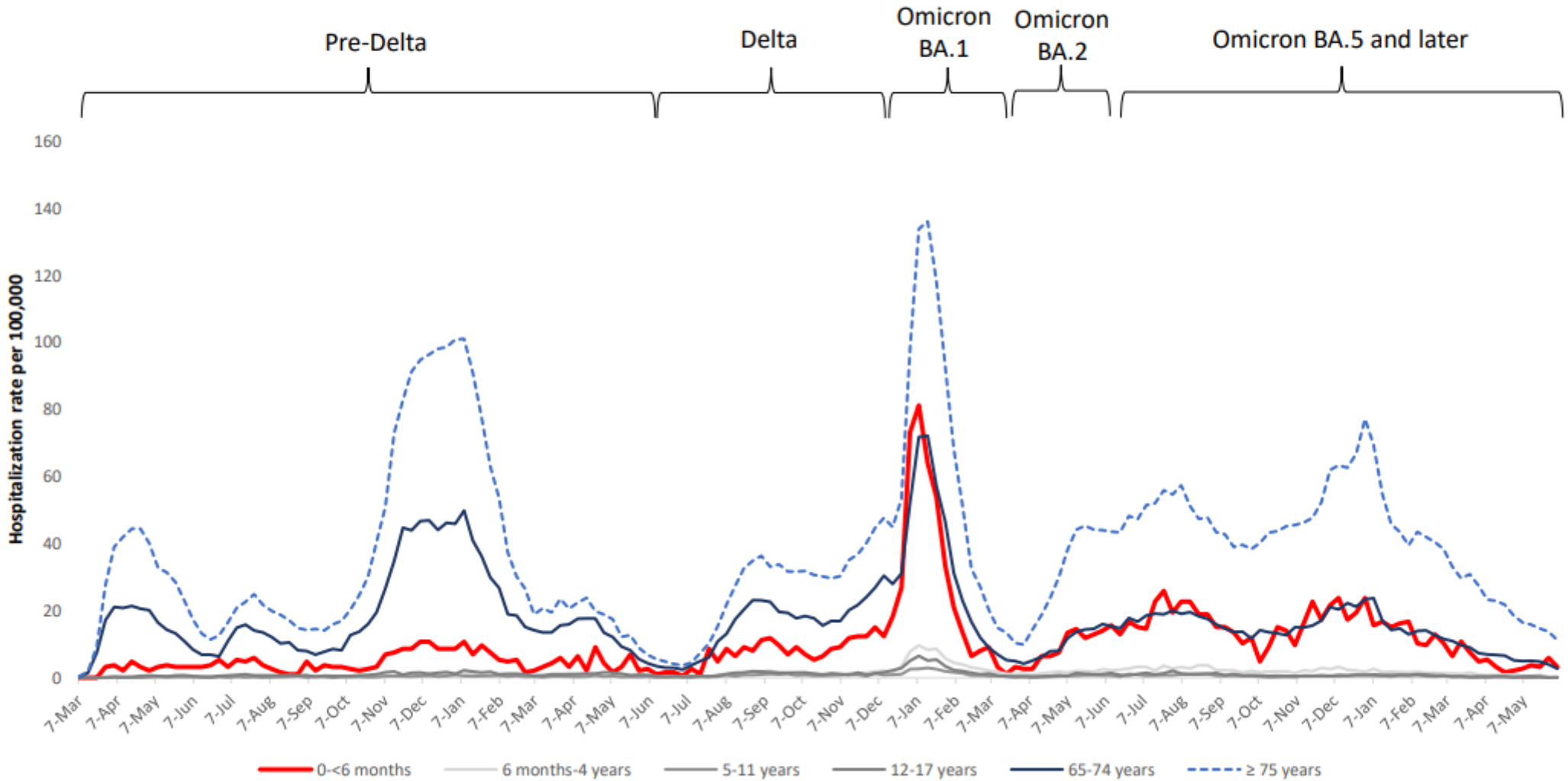
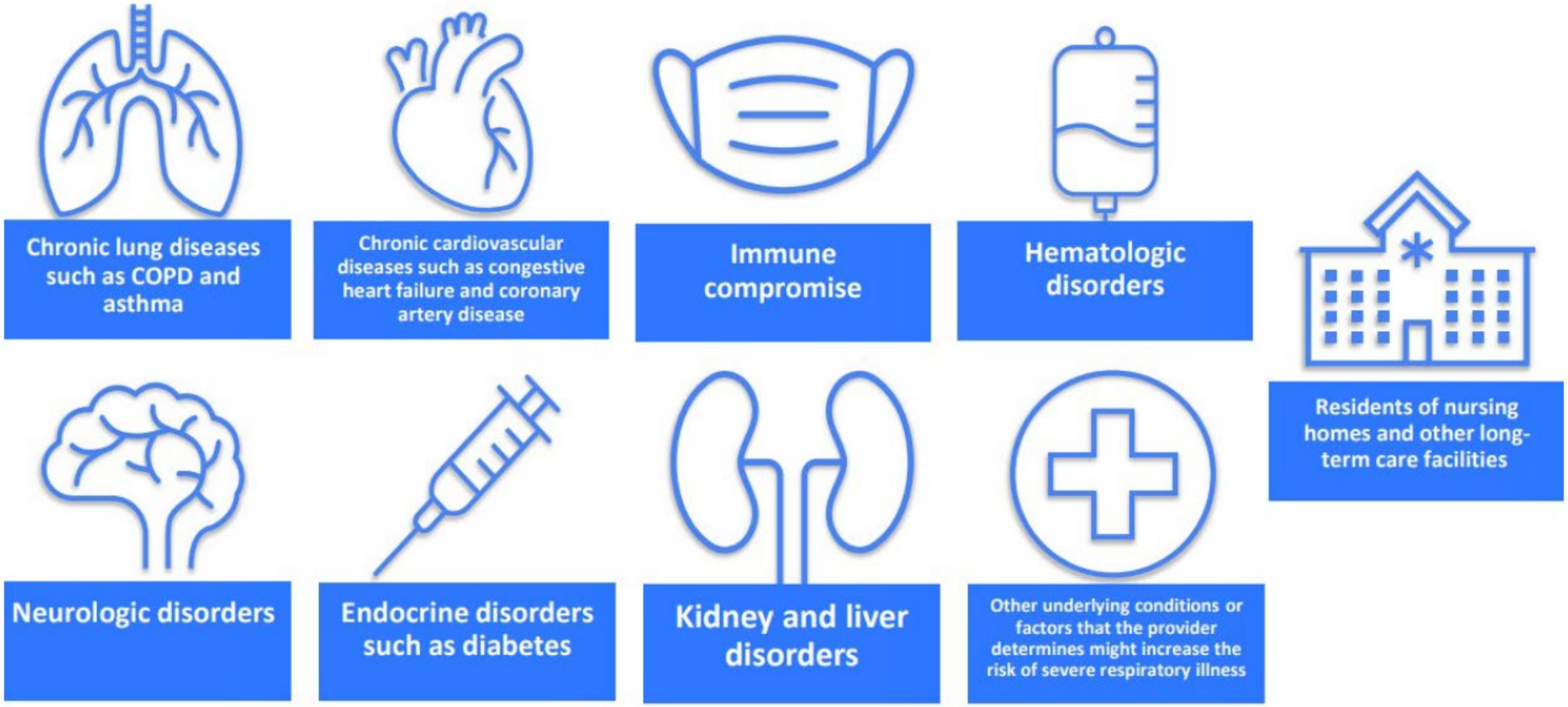
Infants <6 months old had similar COVID-19–associated hospitalization rates to adults aged 65–74 years old



Source: COVID-NET: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covid-net/purpose-methods.html. Data March 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023. Pre-Delta: March 1, 2020 – June 19, 2021; Delta: June 20–December 18, 2021; Omicron BA.1: December 19, 2021–March 19, 2022; Omicron BA.2: March 20–June 18, 2022; Omicron BA.5 (June 19, 2022–June 3, 2023)

[COVID-19 in infants ages 0-5 months (cdc.gov) - ACIP June 2023]

Adults who may be at higher risk of RSV disease include persons with:



Britton presentation: ACIP June 21, 2023

Combined burden: COVID-19 has increased baseline respiratory burden

- Even moderate COVID-19 wave will raise peak hospitalization burden substantially
- Moderate seasons for all 3 pathogens (Scenario A) could generate more peak hospital burden than severe season pre-pandemic (dark blue bar, Scenario B).