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COVID-19 Press Briefing

March 24, 2021



Daily Change in COVID-19 Cases, US

January 22, 2020 – March 22, 2021

TOTAL Cases Reported Since 1/22/20

29,708,385

NEW Cases Reported to CDC on 3/22/21

55,139

Change in 7-Day Case Average

+3.1%

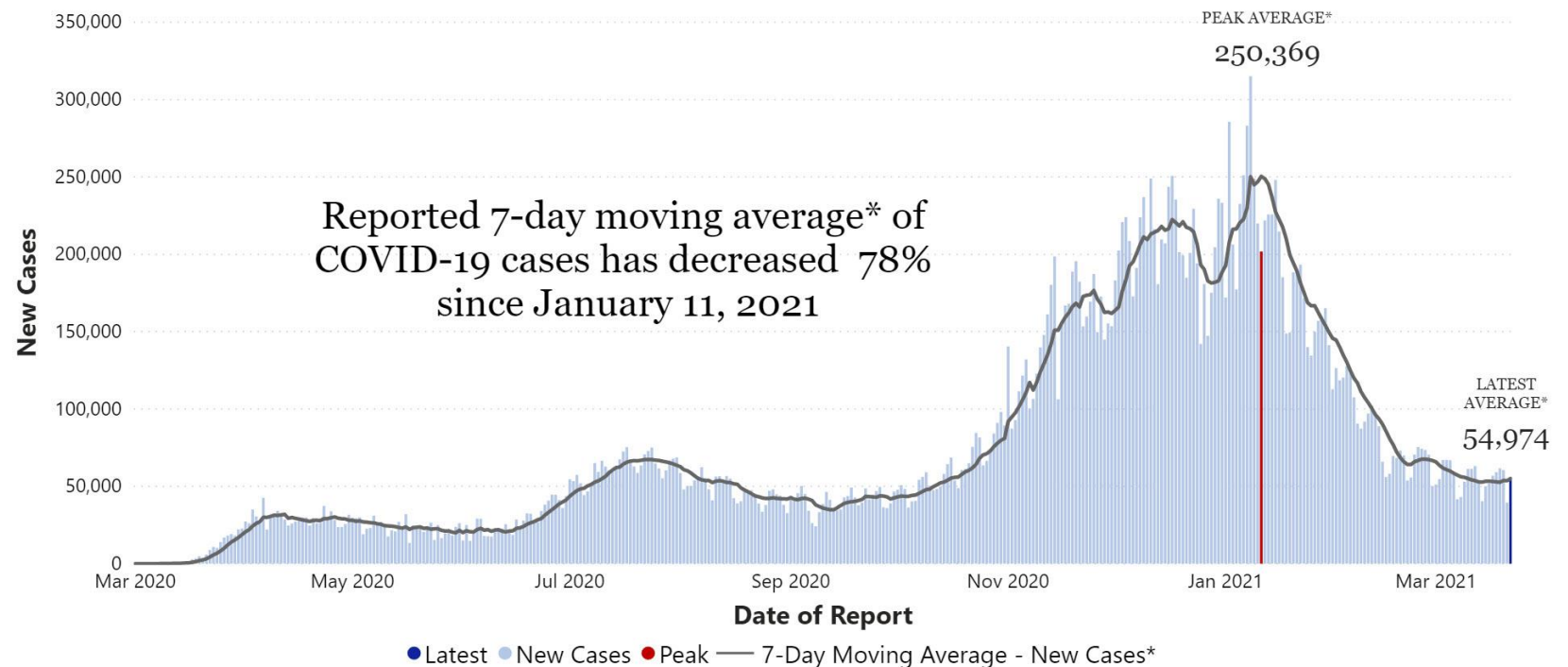
Current 7-Day Case Average (3/16/21 - 3/22/21)

54,974

Prior 7-Day Case Average (3/9/21 - 3/15/21)

53,321

Peaks in New Cases and Highest 7-Day Moving Average		
	Highest Daily Number of New Cases	Highest 7-Day Moving Average
Current	315,115 (1/8/21)	250,369 (1/11/21)
2nd Peak	75,319 (7/17/20)	67,337 (7/23/20)
1st Peak	42,568 (4/6/20)	31,915 (4/12/20)



*7-day averages exclude historical cases reported retroactively by states



New Admissions of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19

August 1, 2020 – March 21, 2021

Patients Currently Hospitalized with COVID on 3/21/21

31,671

New Admissions on 3/21/21

3,990

Peak in New Admissions (1/5/21)

18,009

Change in 7-Day Average of New Admissions

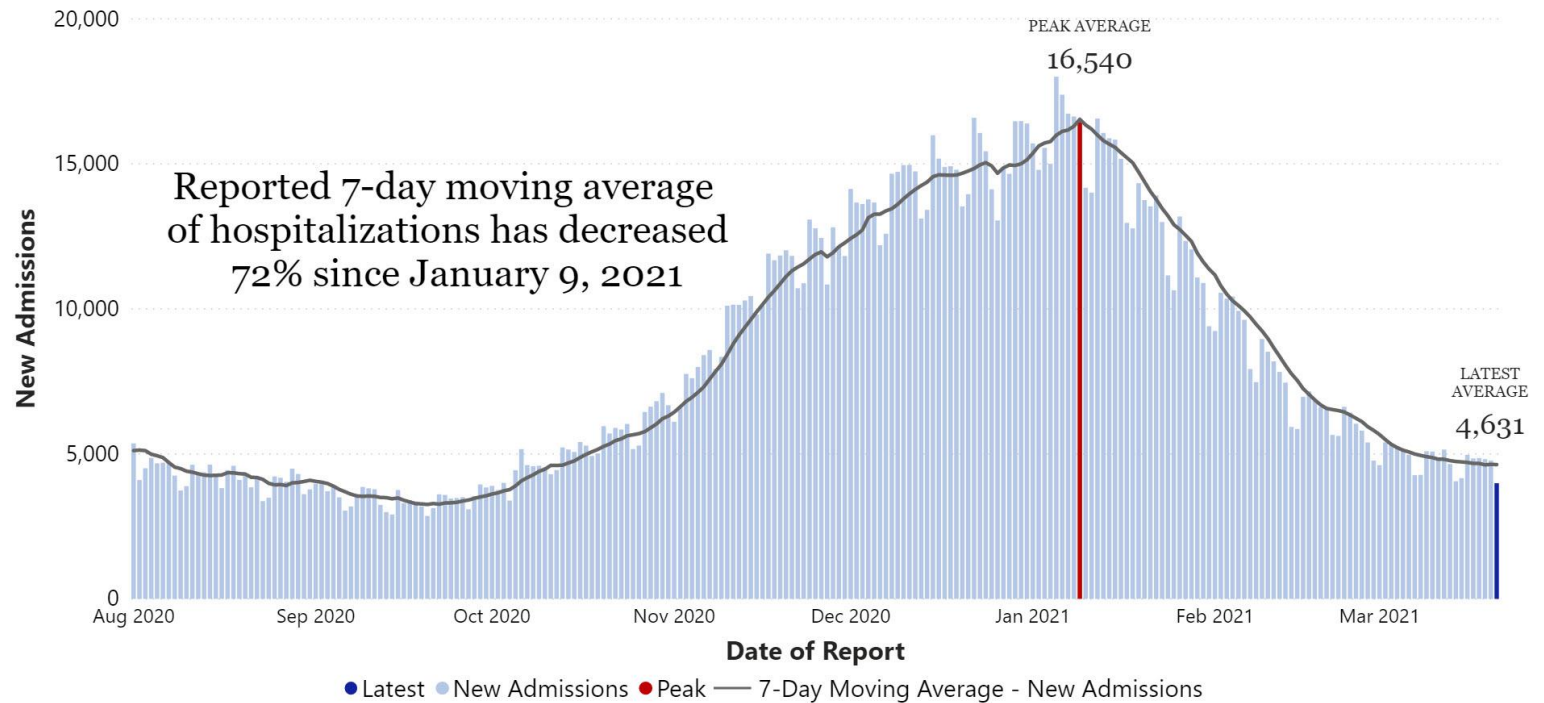
-2.3%

Current 7-Day Average of New Admissions (3/15/21 - 3/21/21)

4,631

Prior 7-Day Average of New Admissions (3/8/21 - 3/14/21)

4,740



Daily Change in COVID-19 Deaths, United States

January 22, 2020 – March 22, 2021

TOTAL Deaths Reported Since 1/22/2020

540,503

NEW Deaths Reported to CDC on 3/22/21

986

Change in 7-Day Death Average

-14.9%

Current 7-Day Death Average (3/16/21 - 3/22/21)

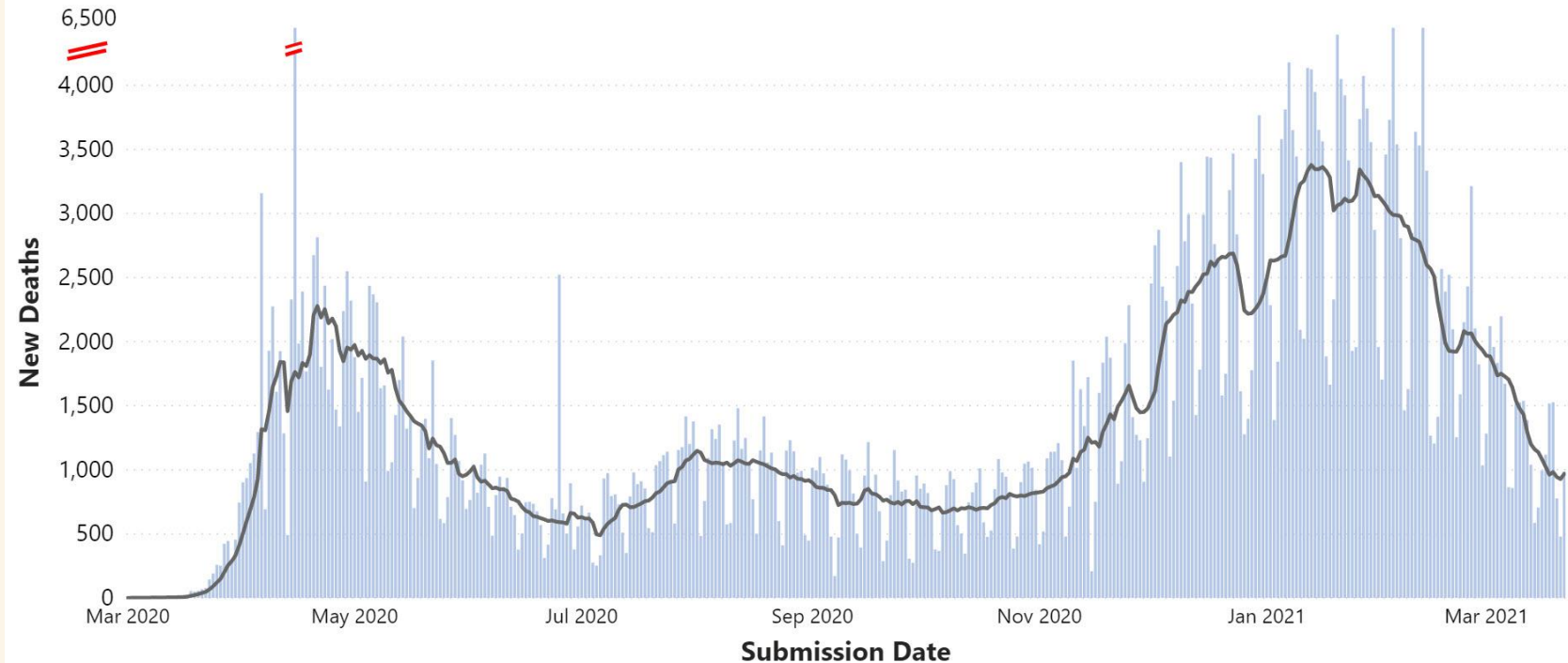
968

Prior 7-Day Death Average (3/9/21 - 3/15/21)

1,138

Forecasted Total Deaths by 4/10/21

554,000 to 574,000



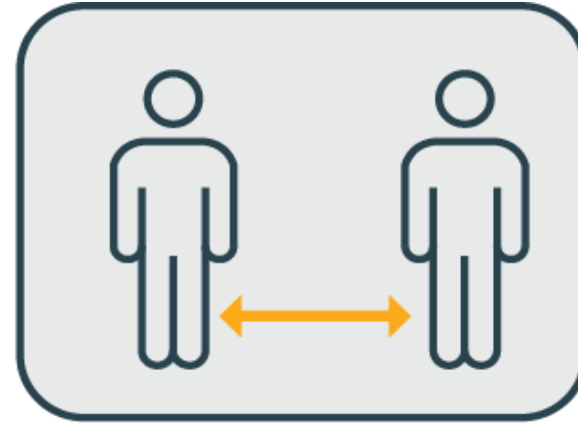
● New Deaths — 7-Day Moving Average - New Deaths*

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WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS



AVOID TRAVEL

Efficacy

Versus

Effectiveness

- New data on effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination in health care workers reported March 23, 2021 in *The New England Journal of Medicine*



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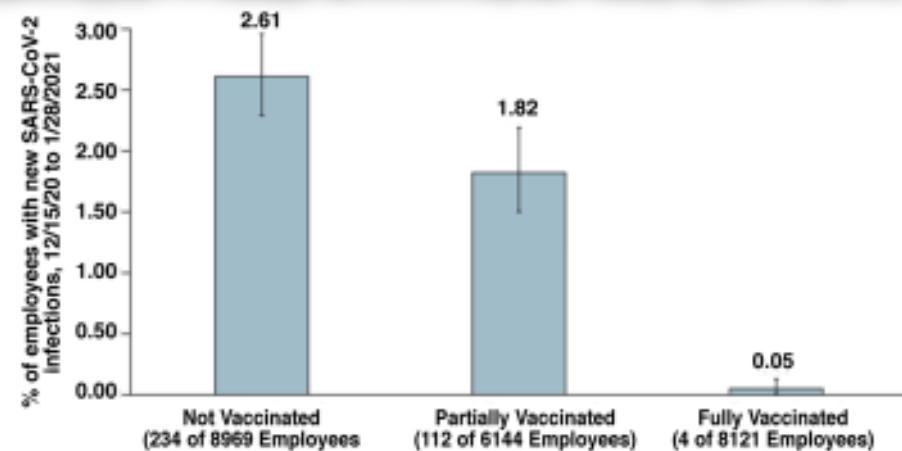
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Early Evidence of the Effect of SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine at One Medical Center

W Daniel, DK Podolsky et al.

- 23,234 employees of University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX; vaccination program initiated 12/15/2020
- 0.05% infection rate among fully vaccinated employees





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SARS-CoV-2 Infection after Vaccination in Health Care Workers in California

J Keehner, FJ Torriani et al.

- Among 14,990 health care workers who received a second vaccine dose 2 or more weeks previously, infection was rare

- Of 4,167 tested for SARS-CoV-2, 7 (0.17%) were positive.



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BNT162b2 mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness among Health Care Workers

S Benenson, R Nir-Paz et al.

- **Busy Israeli hospital in a community with a high incidence of COVID-19**

“...vaccination of healthcare workers with the BNT162b2 vaccine resulted in a major reduction of new cases of Covid-19 among those who received two doses of the vaccine, even when a surge of the B.1.1.7 variant was noted in up to 80% of cases.”



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