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# COVID-19 Press Briefing

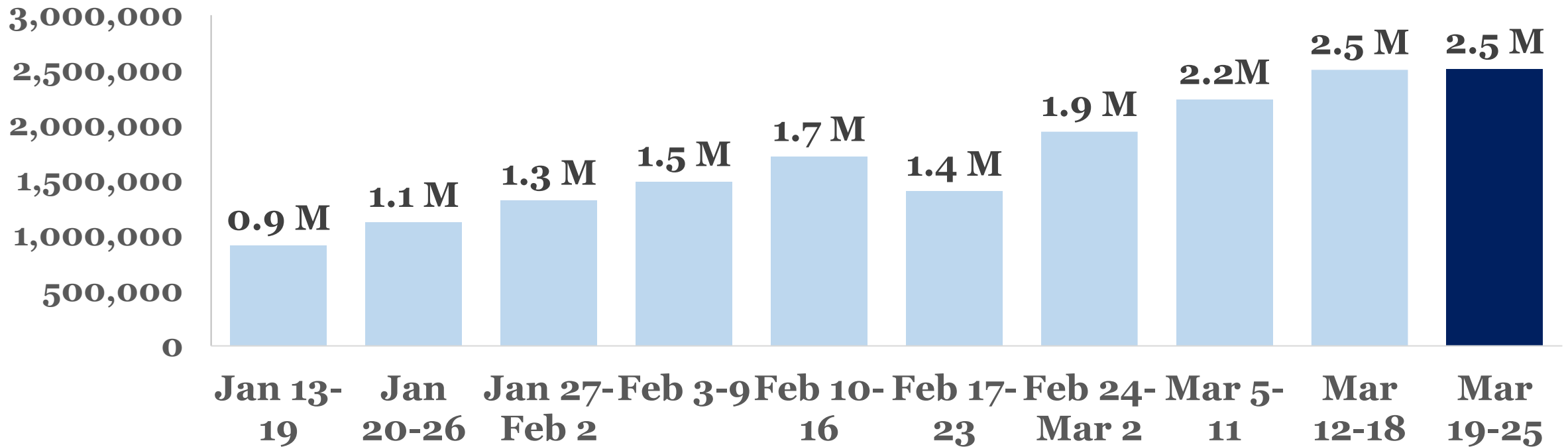
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# The Vaccination Progress Report

7-day average daily doses administered by week as of 3/25/2021\*

Doses per day



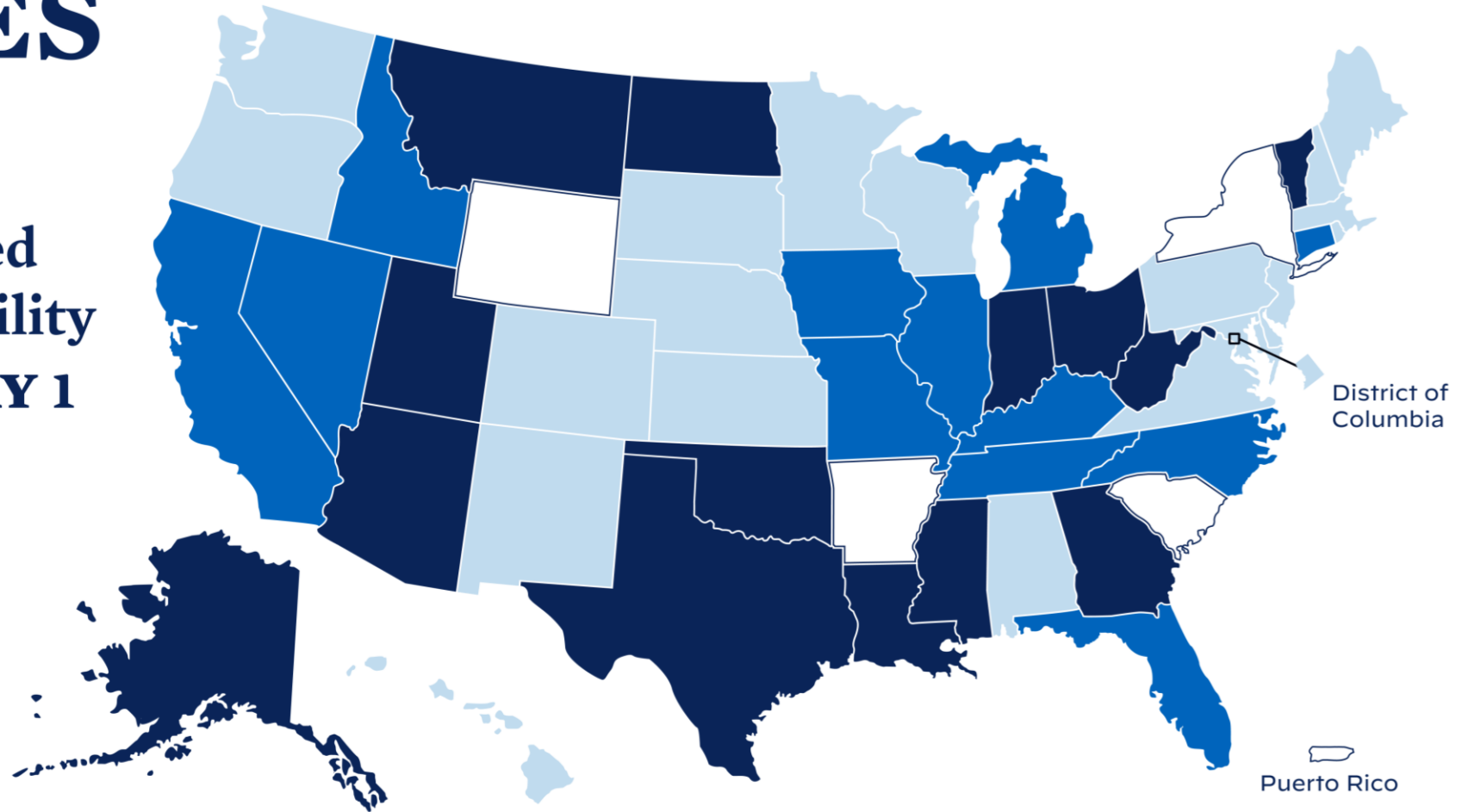
\*7-day average from March 3 – March 9 was 2.2M



# 46 STATES AND DC

have already announced  
plans to open up eligibility  
**NO LATER THAN MAY 1**

- Already open or open in next week
- By April 15
- By May 1



# Daily Change in COVID-19 Cases, US

January 22, 2020 – March 24, 2021

TOTAL Cases Reported Since 1/22/20

29,834,734

NEW Cases Reported to CDC on 3/24/21

64,397

Change in 7-Day Case Average

+6.7%

Current 7-Day Case Average (3/18/21 - 3/24/21)

56,995

Prior 7-Day Case Average (3/11/21 - 3/17/21)

53,433

Peaks in New Cases and Highest 7-Day Moving Average		
	Highest Daily Number of New Cases	Highest 7-Day Moving Average
<b>Current</b>	315,119 (1/8/21)	250,400 (1/11/21)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Peak</b>	75,319 (7/17/20)	67,337 (7/23/20)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Peak</b>	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 23, 2021

Patients Currently Hospitalized with COVID on 3/23/21

**32,704**

New Admissions on 3/23/21

**5,165**

Peak in New Admissions (1/5/21)

**18,009**

Change in 7-Day Average of New Admissions

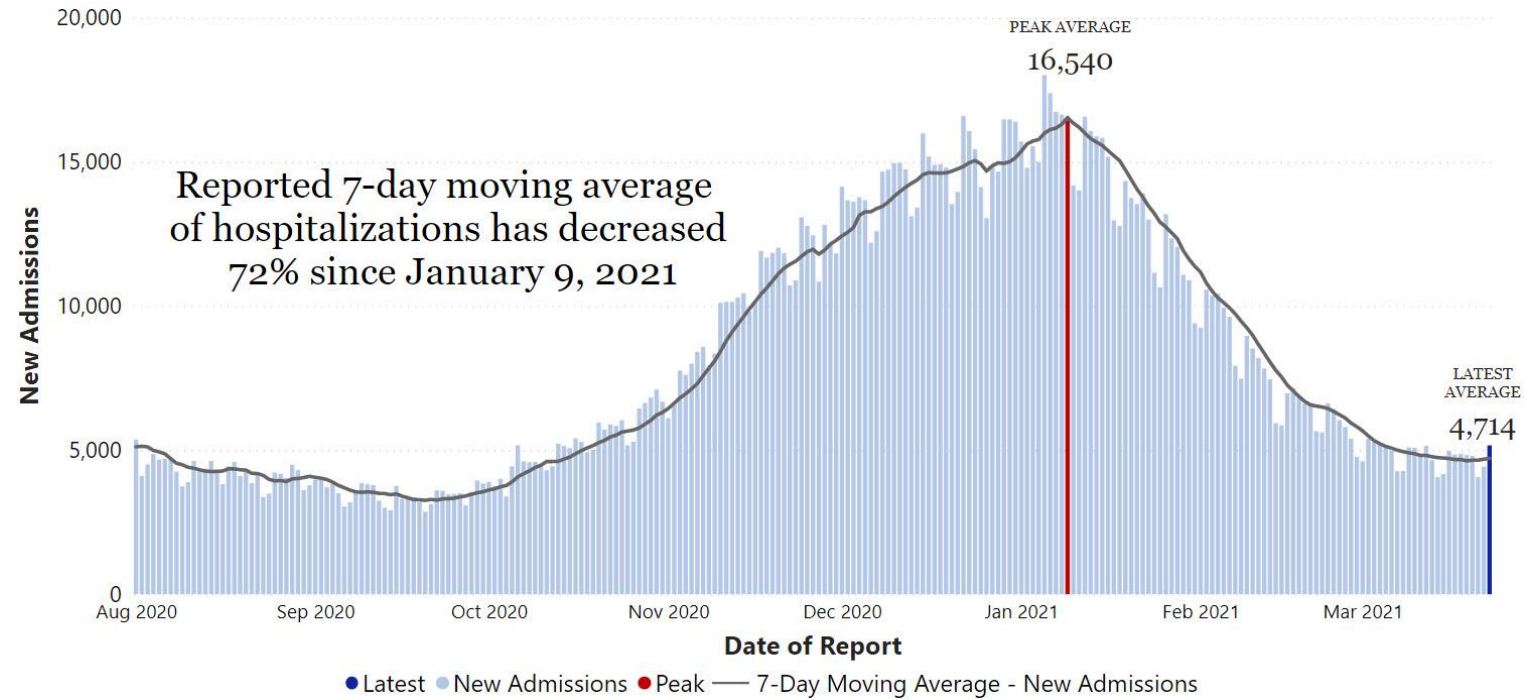
**+0.1%**

Current 7-Day Average of New Admissions (3/17/21 - 3/23/21)

**4,714**

Prior 7-Day Average of New Admissions (3/10/21 - 3/16/21)

**4,707**



# Daily Change in COVID-19 Deaths, United States

January 22, 2020 – March 24, 2021

TOTAL Deaths Reported Since 1/22/2020

542,584

NEW Deaths Reported to CDC on 3/24/21

1,262

Change in 7-Day Death Average

-8.2%

Current 7-Day Death Average (3/18/21 - 3/24/21)

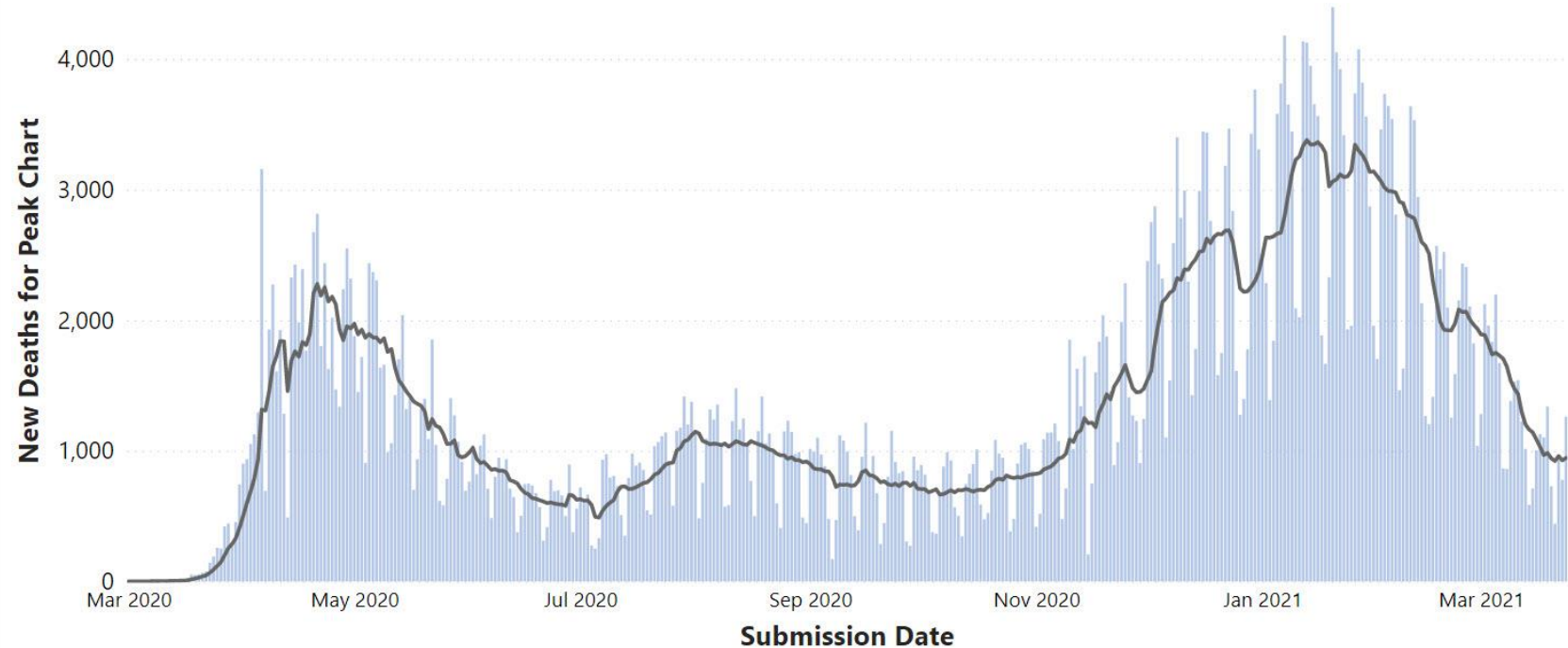
946

Prior 7-Day Death Average (3/11/21 - 3/17/21)

1,031

Forecasted Total Deaths by 4/17/21

558,000 to 578,000



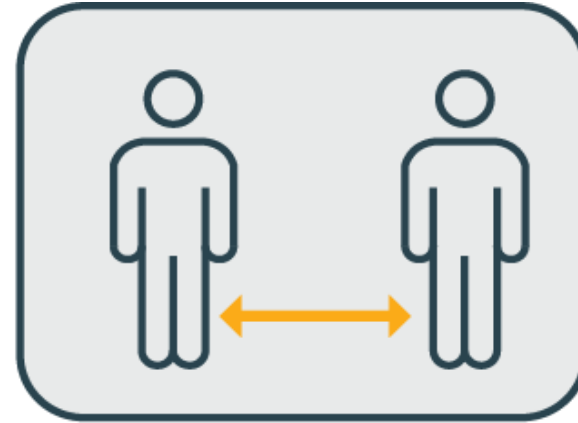
● New Deaths for Peak Chart — 7-Day Moving Average - New Deaths\*

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**WEAR A MASK**



**STAY 6 FEET APART**



**AVOID CROWDS**



**AVOID TRAVEL**



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# **New Clinical Trial Will Test if COVID-19 Vaccine Prevents Infection and Spread of SARS-CoV-2 Among College Students**



**PreventCOVIDU**



# PreventCOVIDU

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- Study designed to determine if mRNA-1273 (Moderna vaccine) can prevent infection with SARS-CoV-2, limit amount of virus in the nose, and reduce transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from vaccinated persons to their close contacts
- Answers will help inform science-based decisions about mask use and social distancing post-vaccination



## PreventCOVIDU (cont.)

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- Randomized, open-label, controlled study
- 12,000 college students aged 18-26 years at >20 U.S. universities will be followed over 5 months
- Initial study sites opened March 25, 2021



## **PreventCOVIDU (cont.)**

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- **Students will be randomized into two groups: 6,000 students will be vaccinated right away, and 6,000 students will be vaccinated 4 months later**
  - **delayed vaccination group will serve initially as a control cohort**
- **Both groups will receive the FDA-authorized vaccine regimen: two 100 mcg doses of mRNA-1273 administered 28 days apart**



## **PreventCOVIDU (cont.)**

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- **Participants will complete questionnaires with an electronic Diary app, swab their nose daily for SARS CoV-2 infection, and provide periodic blood samples**
- **~25,000 individuals identified by participants in the main study as “close contacts” also will be recruited and provide samples**
- **Degree of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from vaccinated individuals will be determined by infection rate in close contacts**

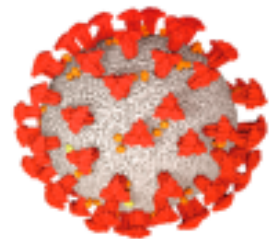


# More Information

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