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COVID-19 Press Briefing

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MORE THAN 175M AMERICANS

have already gotten at least one shot, including:



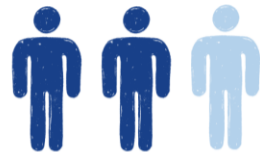
87%
of Seniors



75%
of adults
40 and over



70%
of adults
30 and over



AND NEARLY 2 IN 3
adult americans overall



**Aspirational Goal
for July 4, 2021**



70% of adult population
received at least 1 dose

**Goal Line or
End Game**



Crush the outbreak
completely in the USA

Main Obstacle



Under-vaccinated regions
of USA, particularly
among the young

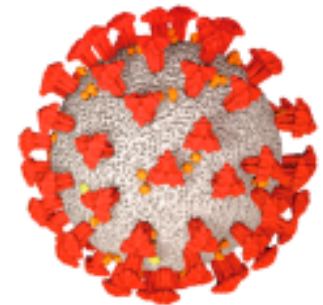


- **16 U.S. states + Washington D.C. have vaccinated >70% of their adult populations (at least one dose)**
- **4 U.S. states have vaccinated <50% of their adult populations (at least one dose)**

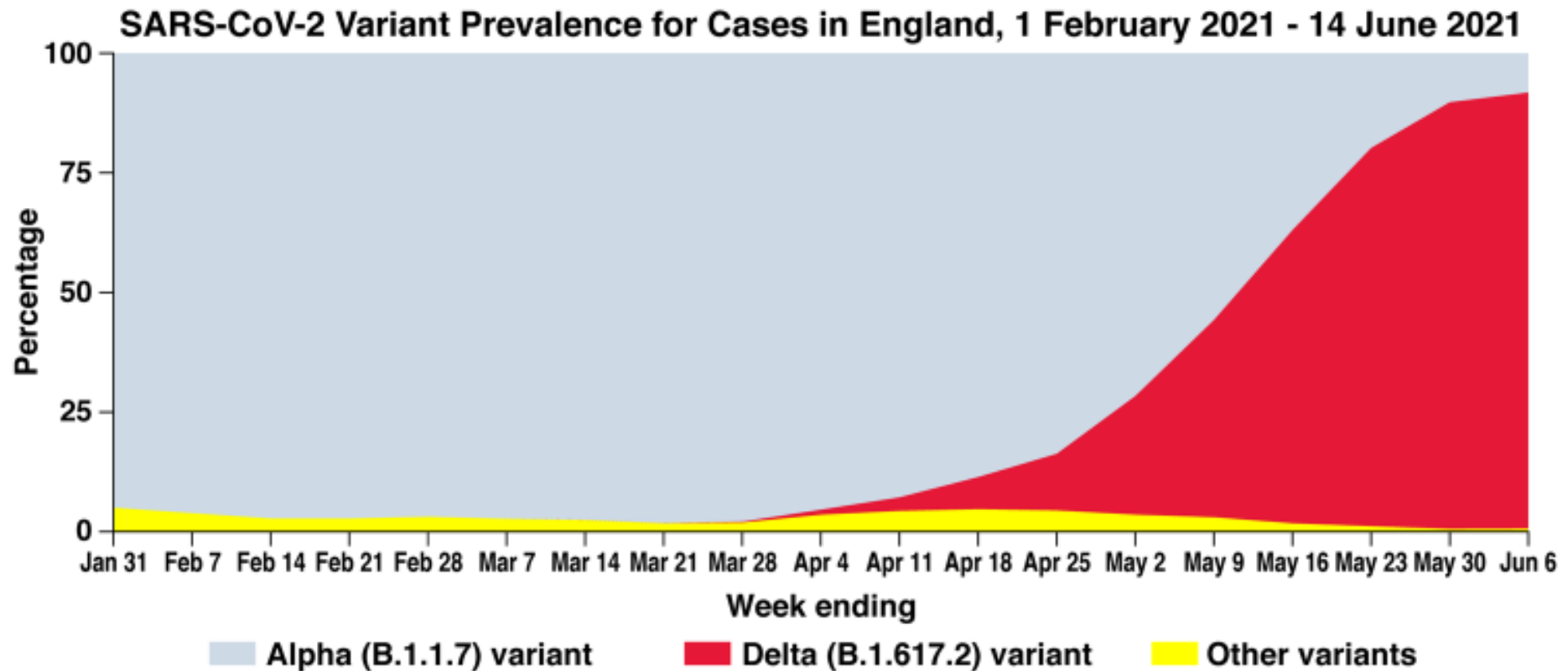


The Growing Threat of the SARS-CoV-2 Delta Variant (B.1.617.2)

- **Transmissibility greater than wild-type SARS-CoV-2 and B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variant**
- **Associated with increased disease severity (hospitalization risk) compared to Alpha**
- **In lab tests, associated with modest decreased neutralization by sera from previously infected and vaccinated individuals compared to wild-type and Alpha**



B.1.1.7 (Alpha) Variant Replaced by B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant in U.K.



Source: Public Health England, June 18, 2021.

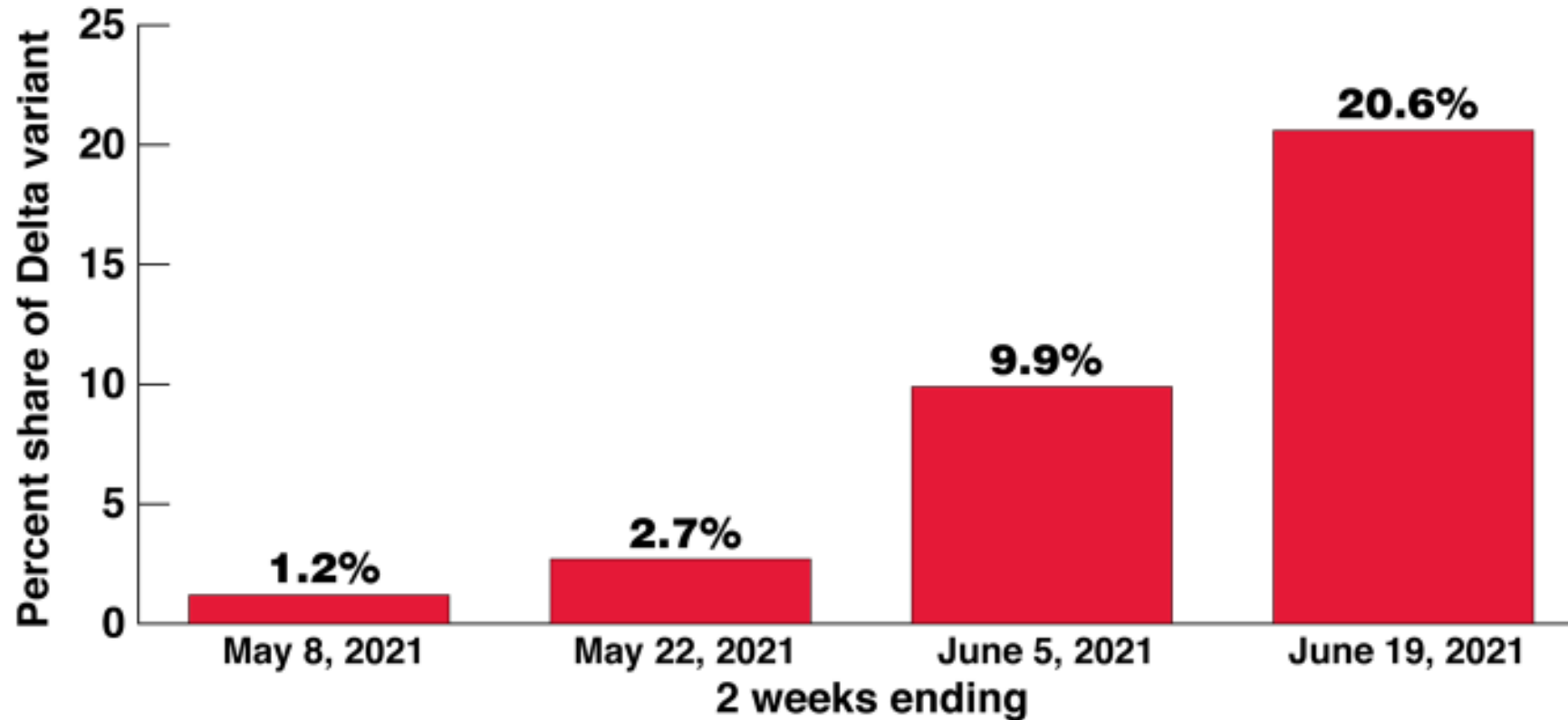


Coronavirus Infections Rising Exponentially in England - REACT Study

by Justine Alford

- 110,000 home swab tests taken between 5/20/2021 and 6/7/2021 show 50% increase in positivity compared to 5/3/2021 analysis
- Youth driving the UK surge – 5-fold higher positivity rate among children (5 to 12 years) and young adults (18 to 24 years) vs. people 65+

Estimated Biweekly Proportion of Delta Variant Among Sequenced SARS-CoV-2 Samples, United States



Source: CDC



Effectiveness of COVID-19 Vaccines against the B.1.617.2 Variant

JL Bernal, M Ramsay et al.

- **2 weeks after 2nd dose, Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine 88% effective against symptomatic disease from B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant and 93% effective against B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variant**
- **2 doses of AstraZeneca were 60% effective against Delta and 66% effective against Alpha**
- **3 weeks after one dose, both vaccines were only 33% effective against symptomatic disease from Delta and ~50% effective against Alpha**



Vaccines Highly Effective Against Hospitalization From Delta Variant

- **Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is 96% effective** against hospitalization from Delta variant after 2 doses
- **Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is 92% effective** against hospitalization from Delta variant after 2 doses
- Results are comparable with vaccine effectiveness against hospitalization from the Alpha variant



- **Similar to situation in the UK, the Delta variant is currently the greatest threat in the USA to elimination of COVID-19**
- **Our vaccines are highly effective against the Delta variant**
- **We have the tools; let us use them**
- **Crush the outbreak!**



Daily Change in COVID-19 Cases, US

January 22, 2020 – June 20, 2021

TOTAL Cases Reported Since 1/22/20

33,368,860

NEW Cases Reported to CDC on 6/20/21

9,860

Change in 7-Day Case Average

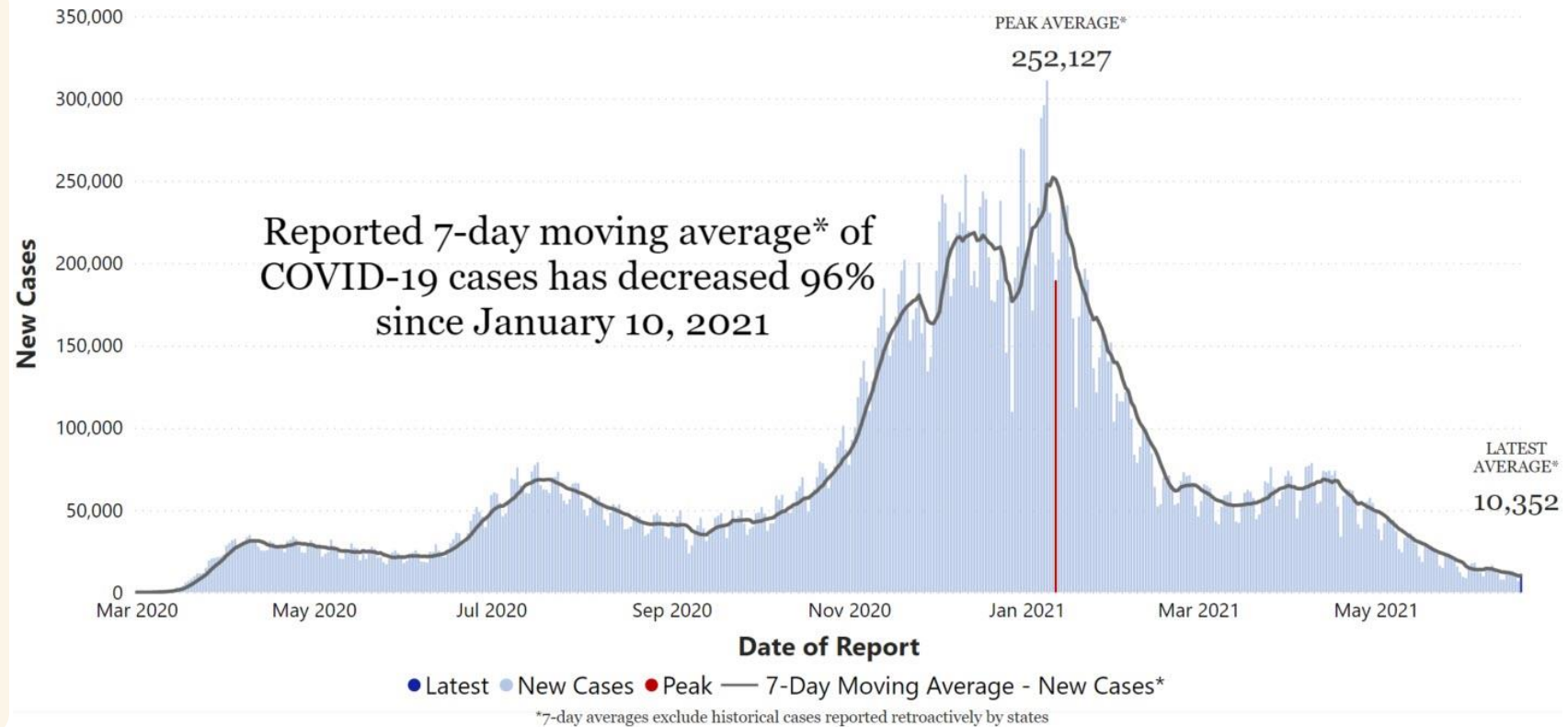
-17.7%

Current 7-Day Case Average (6/14/21 - 6/20/21)

10,352

Prior 7-Day Case Average (6/7/21 - 6/13/21)

12,581



New Admissions of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19, US

August 1, 2020 – June 19, 2021

Patients Currently Hospitalized with COVID on 6/19/21

8,322

New Admissions on 6/19/21

1,301

Peak in New Admissions (1/5/21)

17,963

Change in 7-Day Average of New Admissions

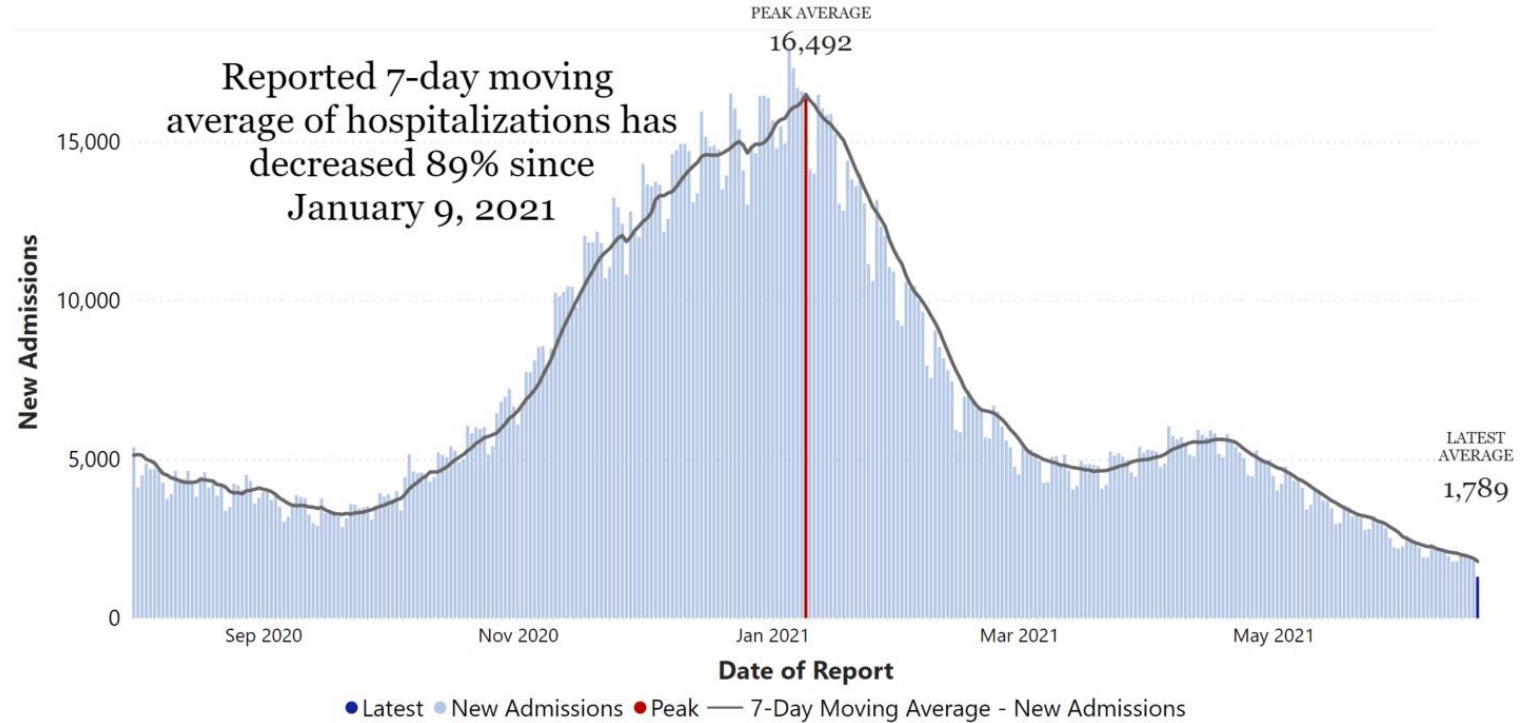
-14.1%

Current 7-Day Average of New Admissions (6/13/21 - 6/19/21)

1,789

Prior 7-Day Average of New Admissions (6/6/21 - 6/12/21)

2,083



Daily Change in COVID-19 Deaths, US

January 22, 2020 – June 20, 2021

TOTAL Deaths Reported Since 1/22/2020

599,354

NEW Deaths Reported to CDC on 6/20/21

496

Change in 7-Day Death Average

-12.0%

Current 7-Day Death Average (6/14/21 - 6/20/21)

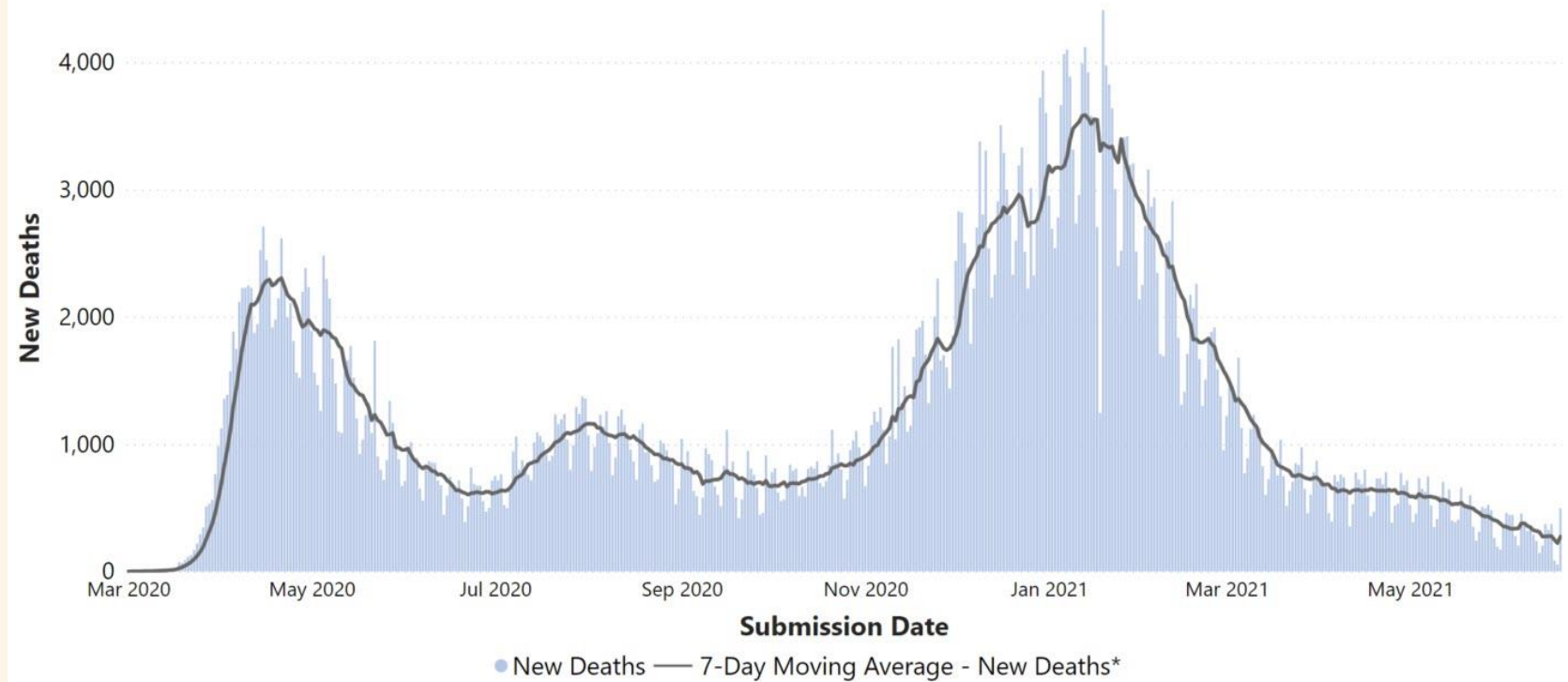
273

Prior 7-Day Death Average (6/7/21 - 6/13/21)

310

Forecasted Total Deaths by 7/10/21

604,000 to 613,000



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





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