

Department of Health Updates



Speakers



COVID-19 Response Current and Future State

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COVID-19 Epidemiology and Omicron Variant

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An aerial photograph of Seattle, Washington, taken during the 'golden hour' of sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a warm, orange and yellow light across the sky and the city. The Space Needle, a prominent landmark, stands tall on the right side of the frame. The city's dense urban landscape, with its various buildings and green spaces, is visible below. The water of the Puget Sound is on the left. The entire image is framed by a thin white border.

Health

*Where Equity,
Innovation,
& Engagement
meet.*

COVID-19

Current State



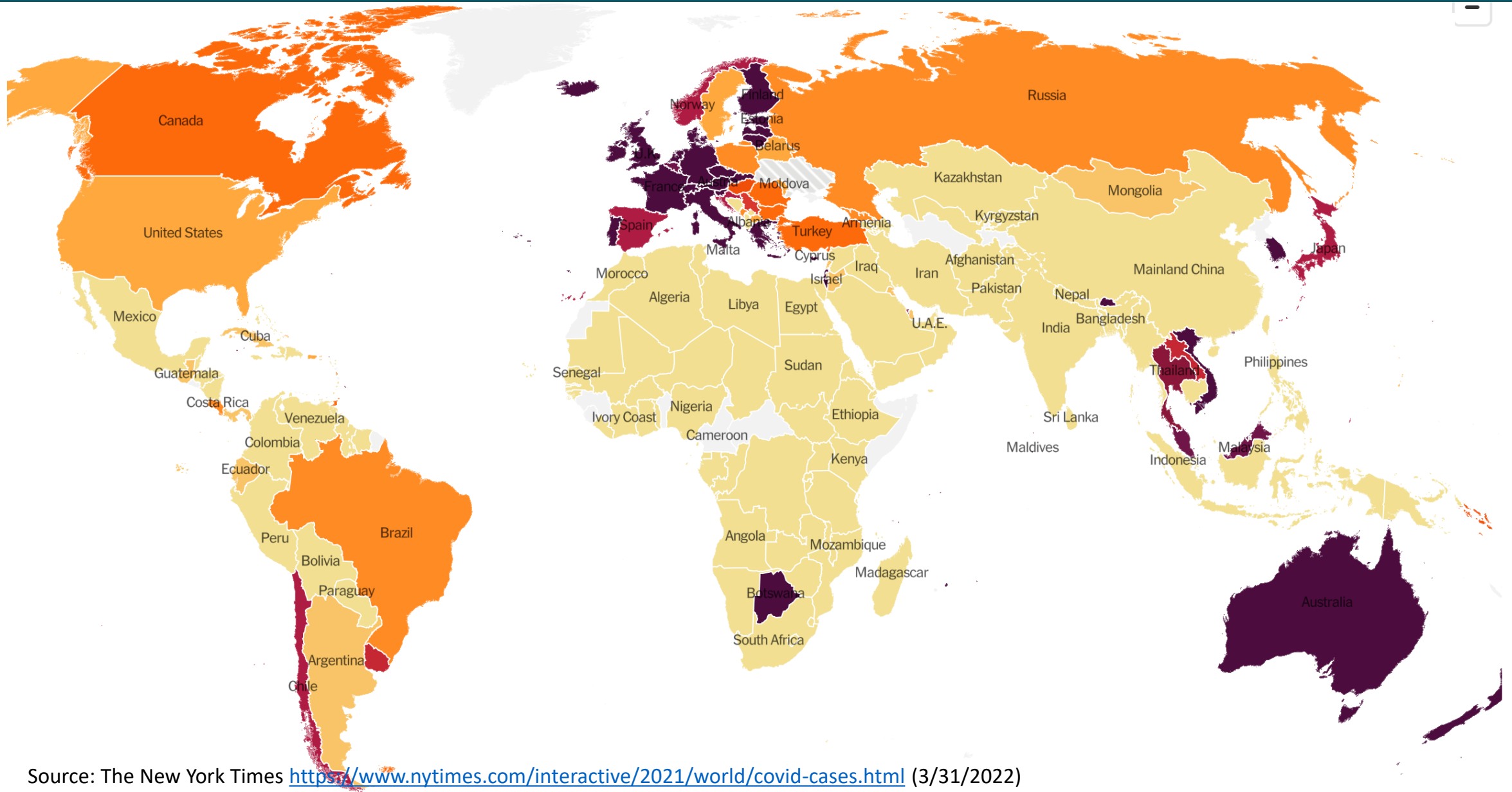
**Mask Up,
Washington.**

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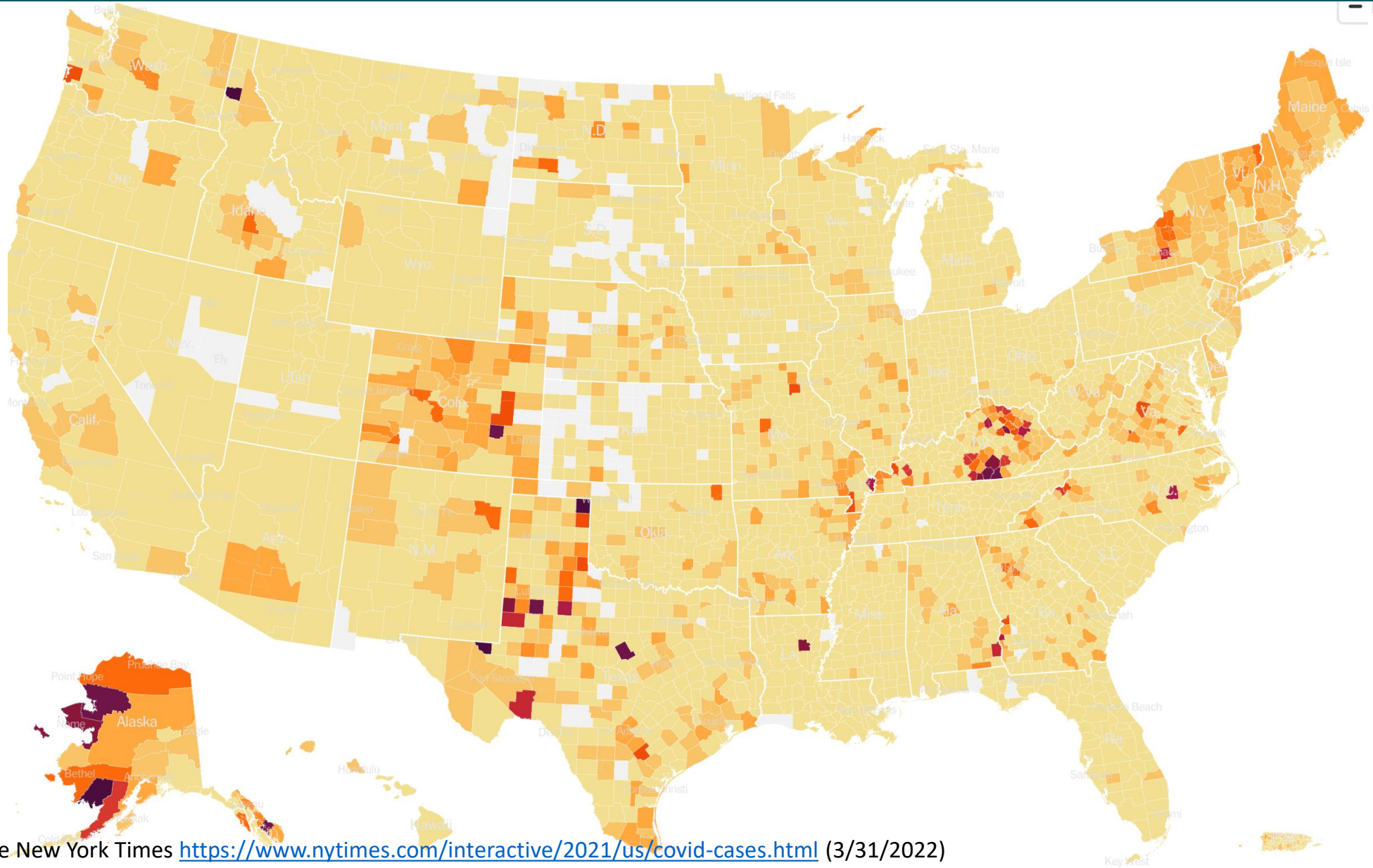


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Coronavirus World Map

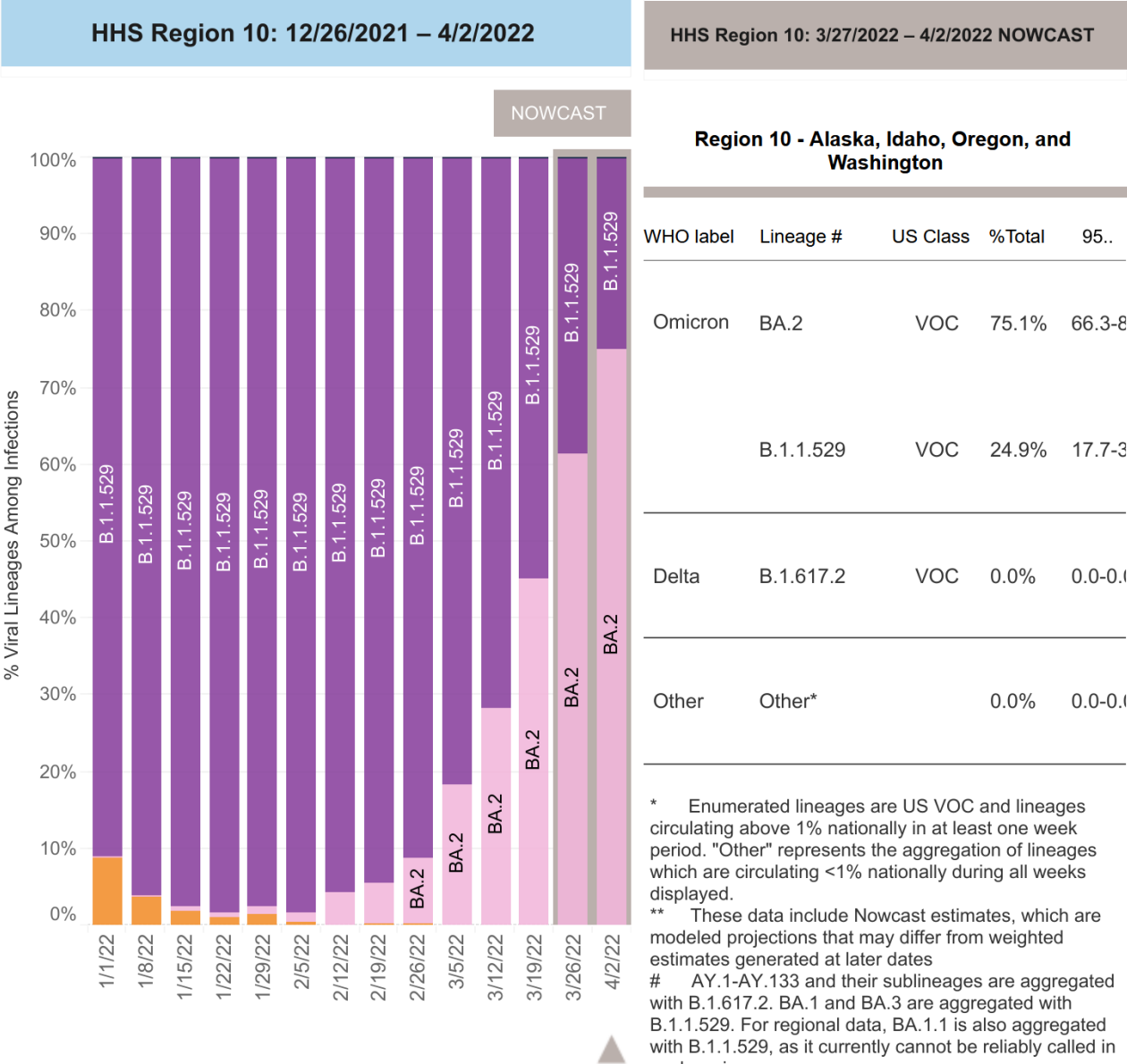


March 2022 – U.S. COVID-19 hot spots



Source: The New York Times <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html> (3/31/2022)

Region 10 Variant Proportions



Cases in Washington

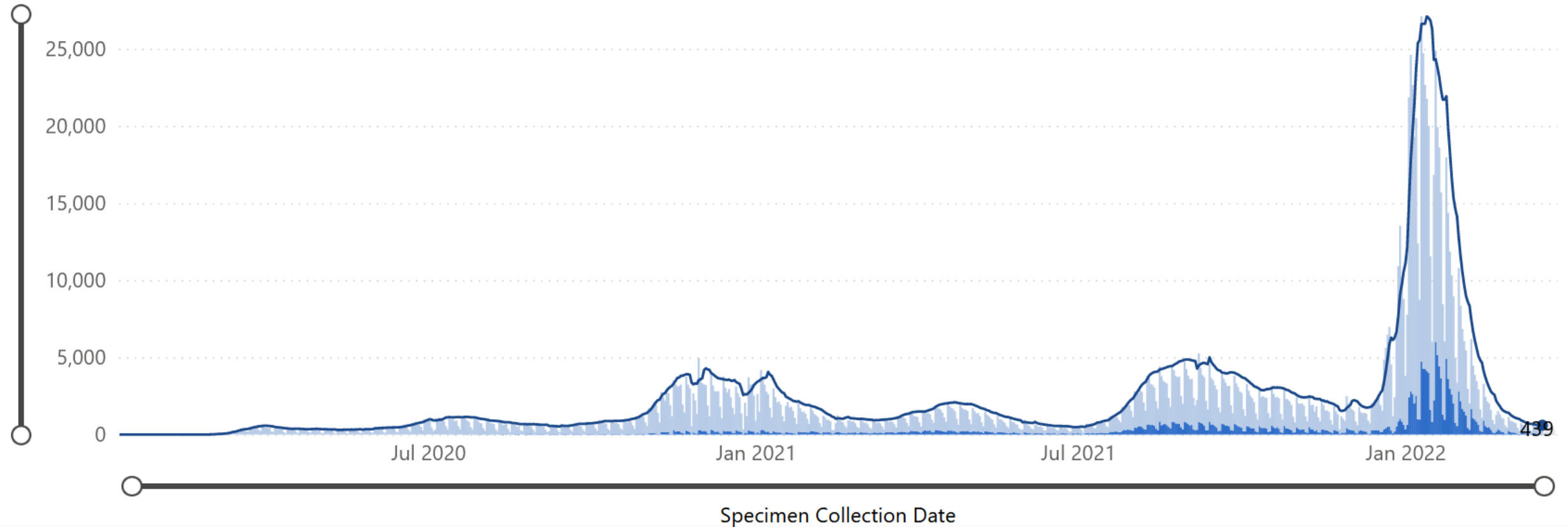
CASE COUNTS

—● 7-Day Rolling Average

● Confirmed Cases

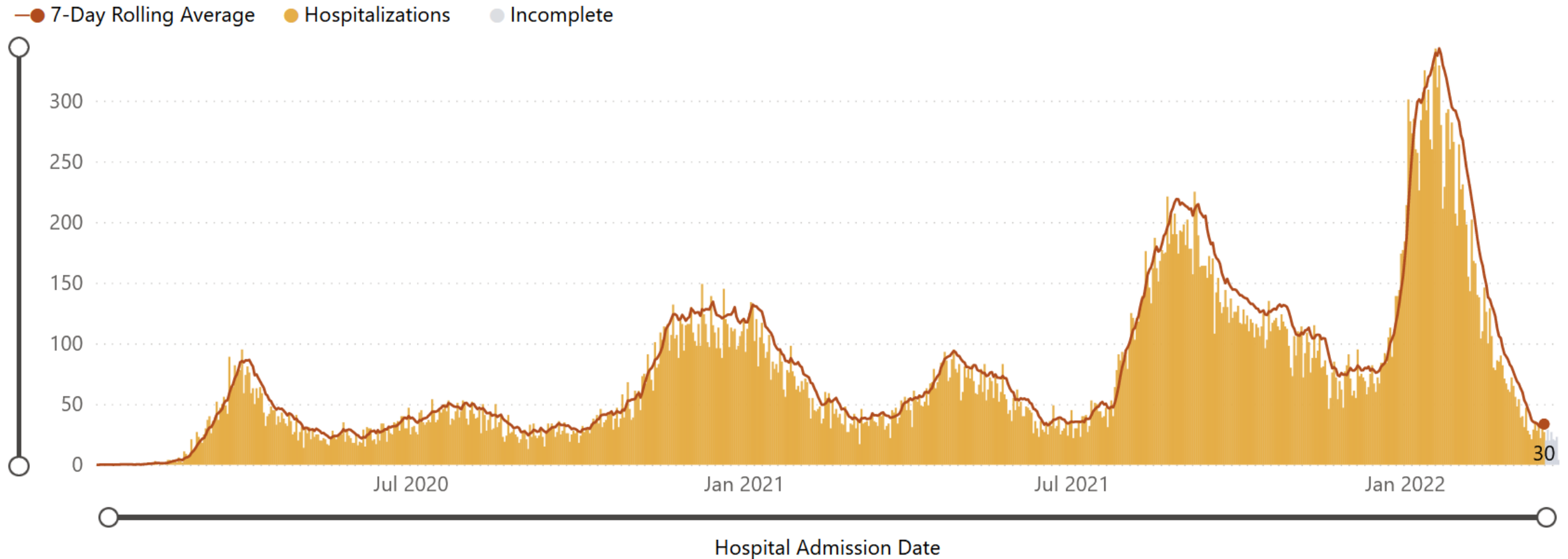
● Probable Cases

● Incomplete

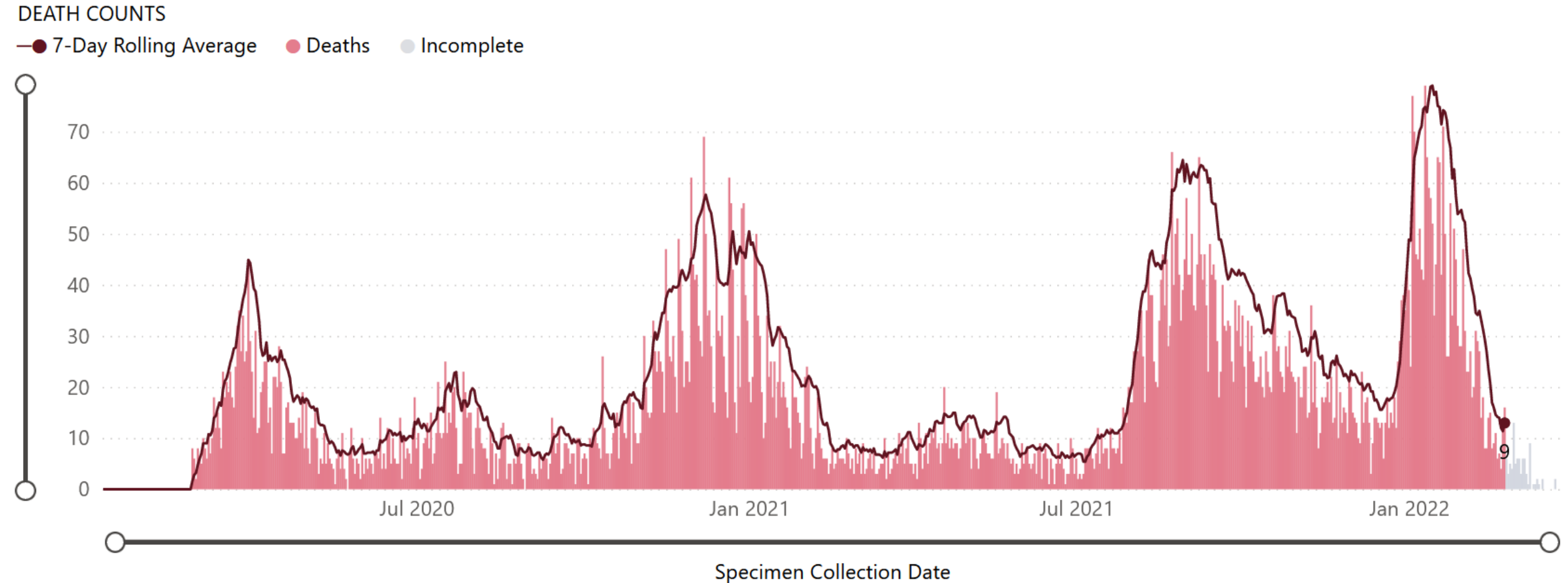


Hospitalizations in Washington

HOSPITALIZATION COUNTS



Deaths in Washington




FDA Authorizes Booster for 50+



NDC 80777-273-10

**Moderna
COVID-19
Vaccine**

Suspension for
Intramuscular Injection
For use under
Emergency Use Authorization

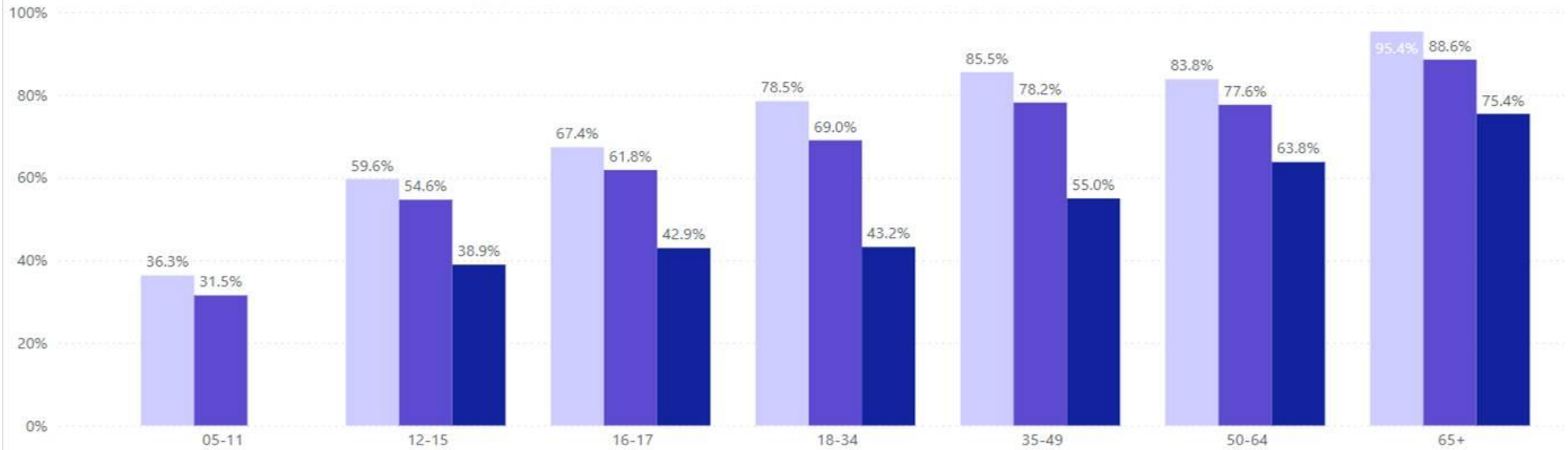
 Multiple-dose vial
(10 doses of 0.5 mL)

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

After dilution, vial contains
For intramuscular use. Consult
For use under Emergency Use
Authorization
DILUTE BEFORE USE
Dilution when stored at 2-8°C
Caution date and time

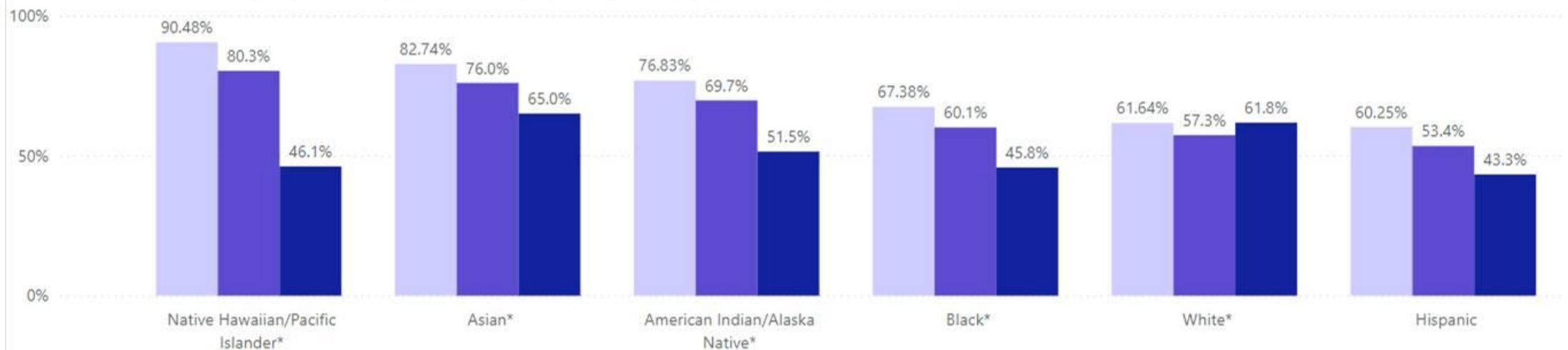
PERCENT VACCINATED, WITHIN AGE GROUP

● Percent Initiating Vaccination ● Percent Fully Vaccinated ● Percent of Eligible People Who Received a Booster



PERCENT VACCINATED, WITHIN RACE/ ETHNICITY GROUP

● Percent Initiating Vaccination (5+) ● Percent Fully Vaccinated (5+) ● Percent of Eligible People Who Received a Booster (12+)



*Non-Hispanic

COVID-19

WA ForWArd & Looking Ahead



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WASHINGTON continues to have one of the lowest cumulative COVID-19 death rates among states over the duration of the pandemic.

10 states with lowest cumulative death rates per 100K since the start of the pandemic:

- 1. VERMONT**
- 2. HAWAII**
- 3. UTAH**
- 4. ALASKA**
- 5. MAINE/WASHINGTON**
- 7. OREGON**
- 8. NEW HAMPSHIRE**
- 9. COLORADO**
- 10. NEBRASKA**

Shared Successes to Protect Washingtonians

- Care Connect
- Care-A-Van
- Vaccine Action Command and Coordination System (VACCS)
- Vaccine Implementation Collaborative
- WA Notify App
- WA Verify App
- Power of Providers (POP)
- Say Yes! To COVID Test

Power of Providers



**Vaccinate
WA**
CovidVaccineWA.org





FORWARD➤

The next phase of WA's
COVID-19 Response
(through 2022)





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Priority Areas Moving

FORWARD➤

1. ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

2. PREVENTION, TOOLS AND ACCESS

**3. SYSTEM READINESS,
SUPPORT AND CAPACITY**



FORWARD **» ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT**

3 E's: Engage, Educate, and Empower communities, businesses, families and individuals to stay safe, protect themselves and others

Prevention, Tools, and Access

- (1) Maintain system-wide capacity to administer 30,000 doses of COVID vaccine and ability to surge to 60,000 doses daily if needed.
- (2) Ability to surge testing capacity that allows 50,000 tests per day over the next six months.
- (3) Maintain a supply of at least 7.5 million high-quality masks and maintain 60-day supply of PPE to support healthcare system.



System Readiness, Support and Capacity

- (1) Support genotyping up to 10% of COVID-19 cases and employ wastewater surveillance to monitor transmission trends.
- (2) Maintain visibility for health care capacity in partnership with the Washington Medical Coordination Center.
- (3) Equitably distribute COVID-19 treatments and during supply constraints give higher priority to areas or groups with higher disease burden or reduced access.



The background image shows a vast, open landscape with rolling hills under a clear sky. A paved road with yellow double lines winds through the scene, curving into the distance. The hills are covered in dry, golden-brown grass and some low-lying shrubs. In the foreground, there's a grassy slope with a few wooden posts. A large teal circle with a white border is positioned on the right side of the image, containing the main text.

Future State: Looking Ahead

A well-recognized
and well-resourced
public health system that
is strong, adaptable
and responsive
to community
needs.

Key Public Health Challenges

In the time of COVID-19



1. Fighting COVID-19
2. Investing in True “Health” Long-Term
3. Addressing Everything Else

Investing in Community: Key to Ongoing Success



ADDRESSING HEALTH **MIS**INFORMATION WILL REQUIRE A WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY EFFORT.



Read the Surgeon General's Advisory on CONFRONTING HEALTH MISINFORMATION
[SurgeonGeneral.gov](https://www.surgeongeneral.gov)

Use **trusted**
information when
choosing to get a
COVID-19 vaccine.



Las vacunas contra el COVID-19 no han sido vinculadas con la infertilidad.

Si el COVID-19 afectara la fertilidad,
veríamos una disminución en el número
de nacimientos. Eso no ha pasado.



[VacunaDeCovidWA.org](https://www.vacunaDecovidWA.org)

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