

# COVID-19 DAY 358 PRESS UPDATE MARCH 3, 2021

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# **COVID-19 Vaccine Update**

## **March 3, 2021**

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# Gov. Lujan Grisham statement

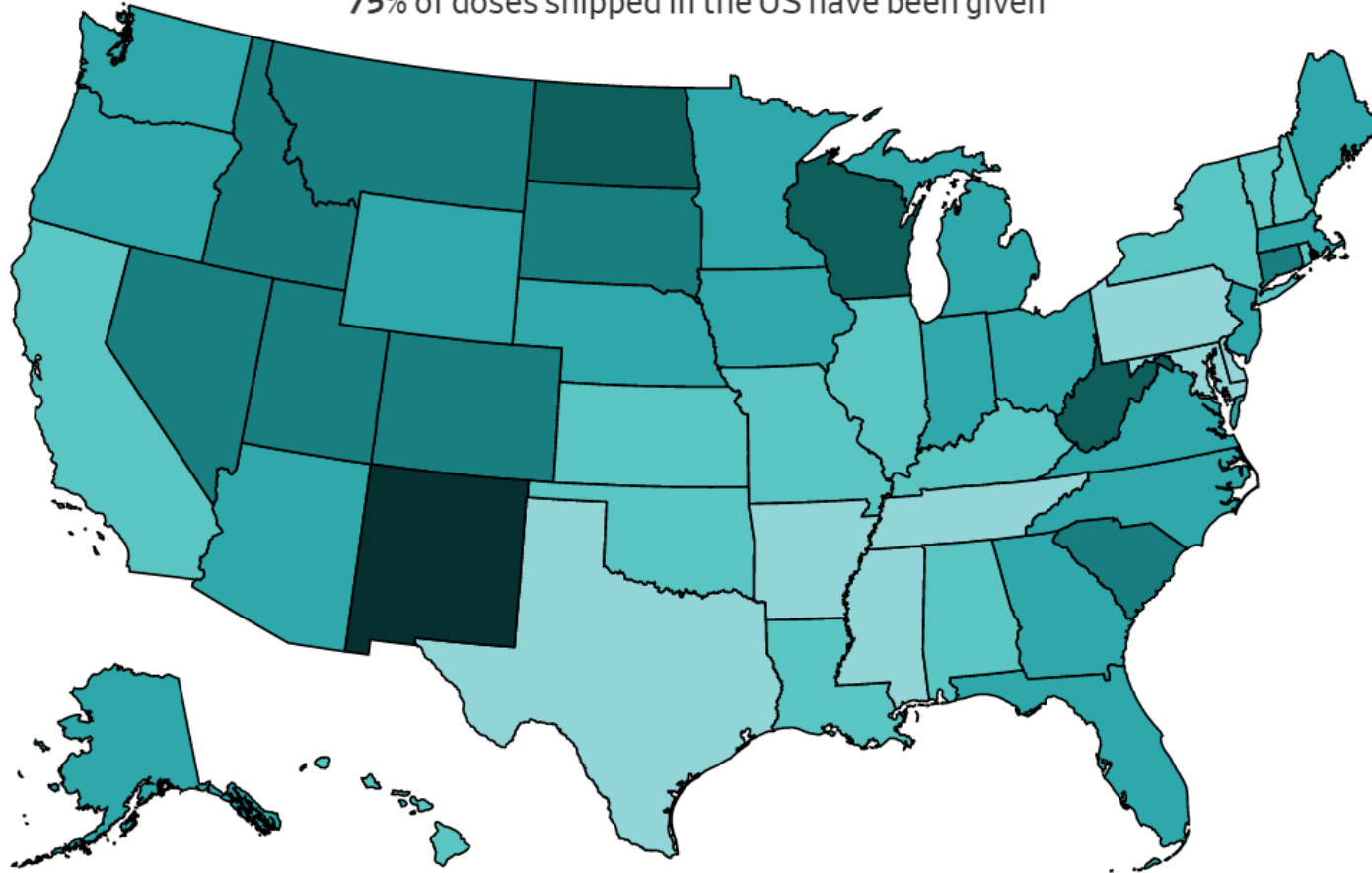
- [Yesterday's] federal directive means, I hope, that a state like New Mexico, which has enacted a hybrid model and worked closely with school districts and charters to aggressively enhance the safety of school buildings and in-person learning environments, can more rapidly get back to full in-person learning.
- The directive is an indication that the federal government is going to support states in our efforts to get more schools open safely on a faster timeline.

# Gov. Lujan Grisham statement, continued

- As before, however, supply remains the limiting factor in how quickly we can vaccinate the many different populations in need.
- And to that end we look forward to the support the federal government will provide states with regard to vaccine supply in meeting the goals of the directive.
- New Mexico, having largely aligned with the CDC ACIP recommendations for vaccine prioritizations, has already been able to vaccinate roughly 14,000 educators and education staff and has scheduled vaccinations for thousands more....

# New Mexico remains number one in country for percentage of doses used (as of 3/3)

75% of doses shipped in the US have been given



# New Mexico remains second-fastest state for vaccine administration (as of 3/3)

- Nearly 23% of New Mexicans (16+) partially vaccinated; nearly 13% of New Mexicans (16+) fully vaccinated. (NMSIIS data)
- More than 609,000 vaccine doses administered statewide, as of March 3. (NMSIIS data)

# Vaccine supply

- More than 80,000 doses of Moderna and Pfizer received this week; NM can order 87,800 doses for next week.
- 17,200 doses of Johnson & Johnson also received this week. (Unlikely to be available again for several weeks.)
- J&J vaccine sent to providers in 10 counties with lowest vaccine coverage.
- NM has capacity to distribute tens of thousands doses more each week.

# New Mexico now has three vaccines

- All vaccines available in the U.S. prevented 100% of COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths in clinical trials.
- All vaccines authorized by the FDA are safe and effective.
- All vaccines available in the U.S. are highly effective against severe COVID-19.



# Get vaccinated with the first vaccine available

- Vaccines, testing, and COVID-safe practices will keep more of our loved ones from being hospitalized or dying due to COVID-19.
- Please get a vaccine as soon as you are eligible. It could save your life.

# Registration update

- Register at **vaccinenm.org**
- Approximately 680,000 New Mexicans registered for vaccine; register at **vaccineNM.org**
- County-level registration data now available on public dashboard.

# COVID-19 vaccine providers required to give each patient a vaccine record

This record should include:

- product name and lot number of vaccine,
- date of administration,
- first or second dose (if the vaccine requires two doses),
- name of healthcare professional who administered the vaccine or clinic location where the vaccine was given.
- If providers need additional record cards, they can email [covid.vaccines@state.nm.us](mailto:covid.vaccines@state.nm.us).

# Vaccine cards

## COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.

Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.



Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Patient number (medical record or IIS record number) \_\_\_\_\_

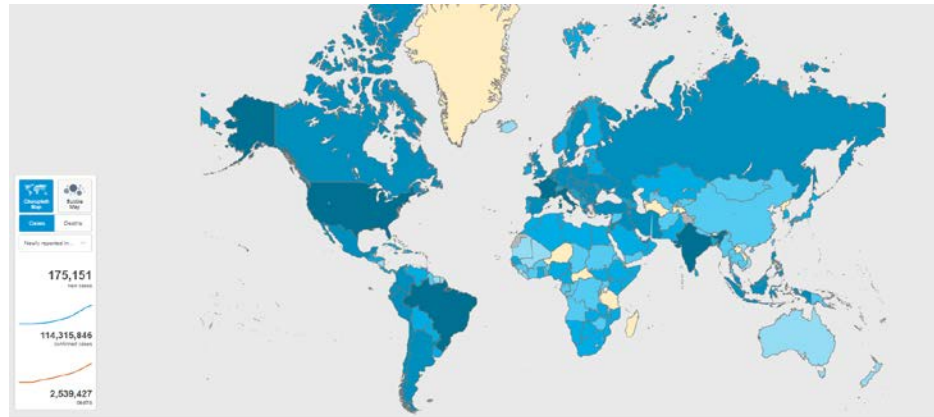
Vaccine	Product Name/Manufacturer	Date	Healthcare Professional or Clinic Site
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1 <sup>st</sup> Dose COVID-19	.....	mm / dd / yy	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose COVID-19	.....	mm / dd / yy	
Other		mm / dd / yy	
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# Path to Wellness – behavioral health resources

At the Governor's direction, agencies have been collaborating to promote the NM Crisis and Access Line – connecting New Mexicans to resources and support.

- Available 24/7: 1-855-NMCRISIS (TTY 1-855-227-5485)
- Staying healthy includes your mental health – and being on the lookout for others.
- Since December 13, 22% increase in calls.
- Most callers report lower stress levels after calling.

# COVID-19 Pandemic Global Situation



Globally, as of 10:18am CET, 3 March 2021, there have been 114,315,846 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 2,539,427 deaths, reported to WHO.



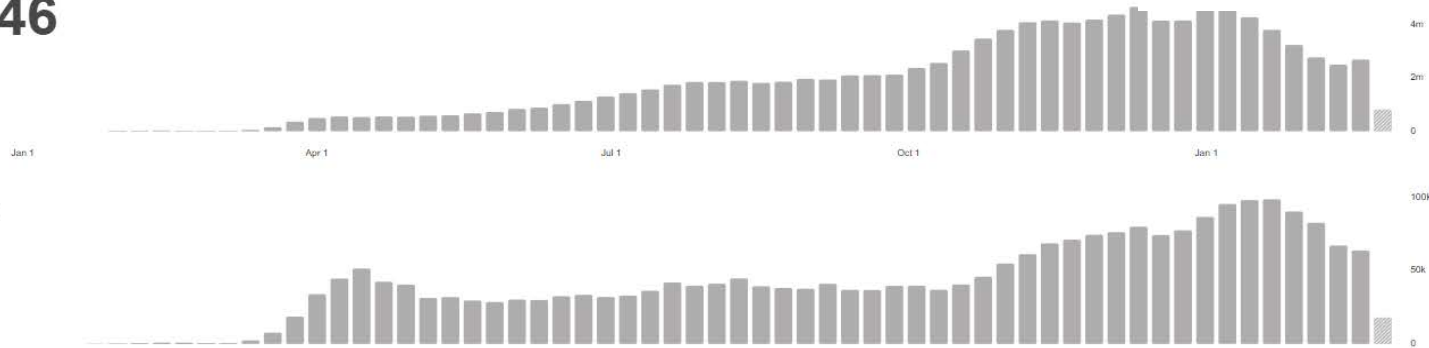
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Employees packing boxes with COVID-19 vaccine at the packaging and dispatch department in Pune, Maharashtra, India, on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021.  
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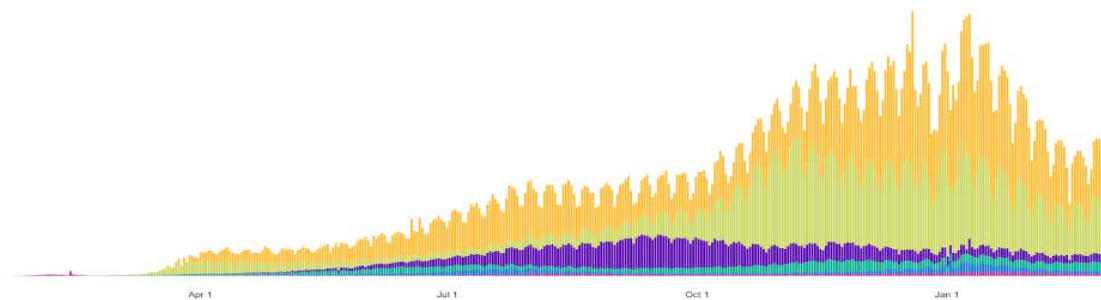
**2,539,427**  
deaths



## Situation by WHO Region

Americas	50,824,766 confirmed
Europe	38,931,803 confirmed
South-East Asia	13,581,219 confirmed
Eastern Mediterranean	6,482,557 confirmed
Africa	2,857,860 confirmed
Western Pacific	1,636,896 confirmed

Source: World Health Organization  
Data may be incomplete for the current day or week.



[WHO Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Dashboard](#) | [WHO Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Dashboard](#)

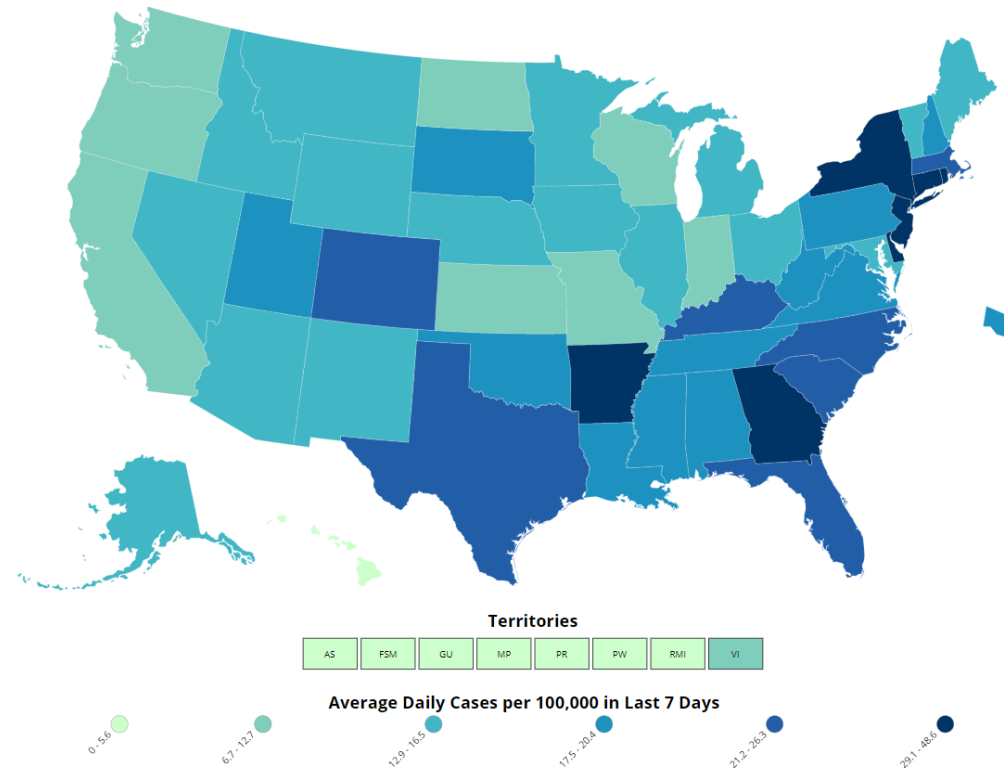
# United States COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by State

Maps, charts, and data provided by the CDC, updated daily by 8 pm ET<sup>†</sup>

<p>TOTAL CASES</p> <p><b>28,456,860</b></p> <p>+50,935 New Cases</p>	<p>CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE</p> <p><b>8,571</b></p>	<p>TOTAL DEATHS</p> <p><b>513,122</b></p> <p>+1,283 New Deaths</p>
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CDC | Updated: Mar 2 2021 12:26PM

US COVID-19 Average Daily Case Rate in Last 7 Days, by State/Territory (cases per 100K)

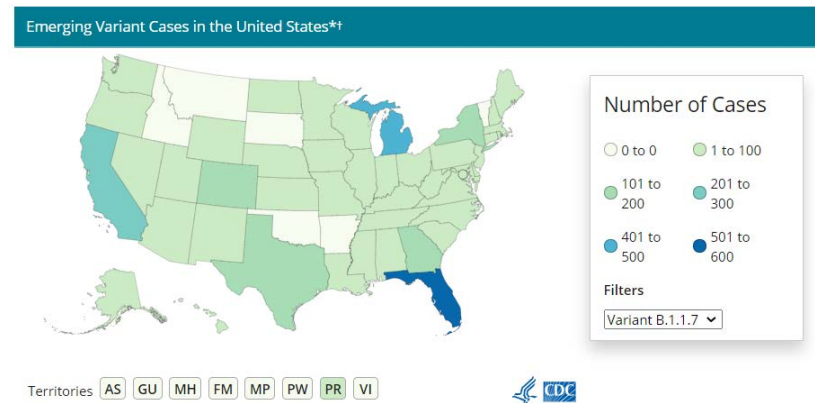


[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)



# COVID-19 Emerging Variant Surveillance

Variant	Reported Cases in US	Number of Jurisdictions Reporting
B.1.1.7	2506	46
B.1.351	65	17
P.1	10	5



- 8 cases of B117 identified thus far in New Mexico
- NMDOH/Scientific Lab Division leading variant surveillance efforts
- NMDOH ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation regarding percent of samples sequenced

# JOHNSON & JOHNSON JANSSEN AD26.COVS COVID-19 VACCINE RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW MEXICANS

NM MEDICAL ADVISORY TEAM

- NM Medical Advisory Team has reviewed documents related to Janssen Ad26.COVS COVID-19 vaccine as provided by the manufacturer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and concurs with conclusions that vaccine may prevent serious or life-threatening disease and the known and potential benefits outweigh known and potential risks.
- All currently available COVID-19 vaccines in U.S. are highly effective in preventing severe disease and death from COVID-19.
- Clinical trials for available vaccines have included different populations, occurred at different phases of the pandemic and against different variants, and have studied different vaccination outcomes.
  - Broad comparison of effectiveness between vaccines based on clinical trial results is inappropriate.

The screenshot shows the website for the New Mexico Department of Health's COVID-19 Modeling in New Mexico. The page features a purple header with contact information and navigation links. The main content area displays a news article with the following details:

- Article Title:** Johnson & Johnson Janssen Ad26.COVS COVID-19 vaccine recommendation for New Mexicans
- Date:** Mar 3, 2021 | MAT Resources
- Text:** The Medical Advisory Team (MAT) Vaccine Safety and Efficacy Workgroup has reviewed the relevant documents related to the Janssen Ad26.COVS COVID-19 vaccine as provided by the manufacturer, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and concurs with the conclusions that the vaccine may prevent serious or life-threatening disease and

<https://cvmodeling.nmhealth.org/2021/03/03/johnson-johnson-janssen-ad26-cov2-s-covid-19-vaccine-recommendation-for-new-mexicans/>

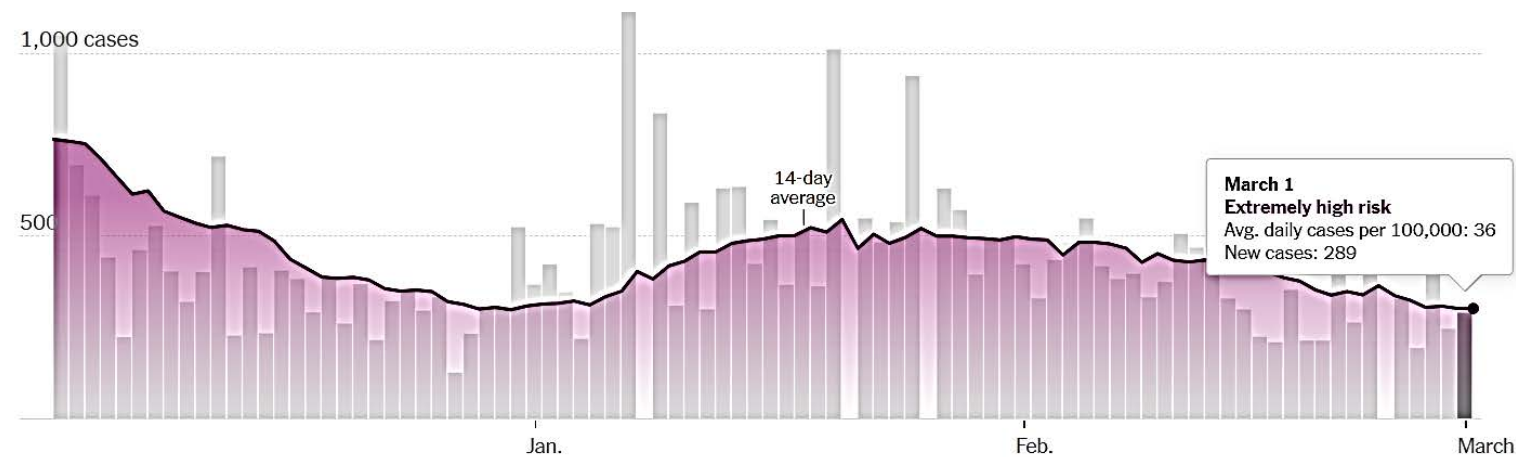


# TEXAS ENDS MASK REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 10<sup>19</sup>

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- Yesterday, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott lifted state's mask requirement and increased permitted capacity of all businesses to 100% effective 3/10.
  - Local officials may impose certain restrictions if area hospitals become dangerously full.
- COVID-19 cases slightly increasing in Texas.
  - In El Paso County average daily cases per 100,000 36 (NM gating target is 8 per 100,000).
  - 14-day test positivity rate in El Paso County 15%.
- CDC advises states to not end mask mandates amid concern about COVID-19 variants.

New reported COVID-19 daily cases, El Paso County, as of March 1, 2021

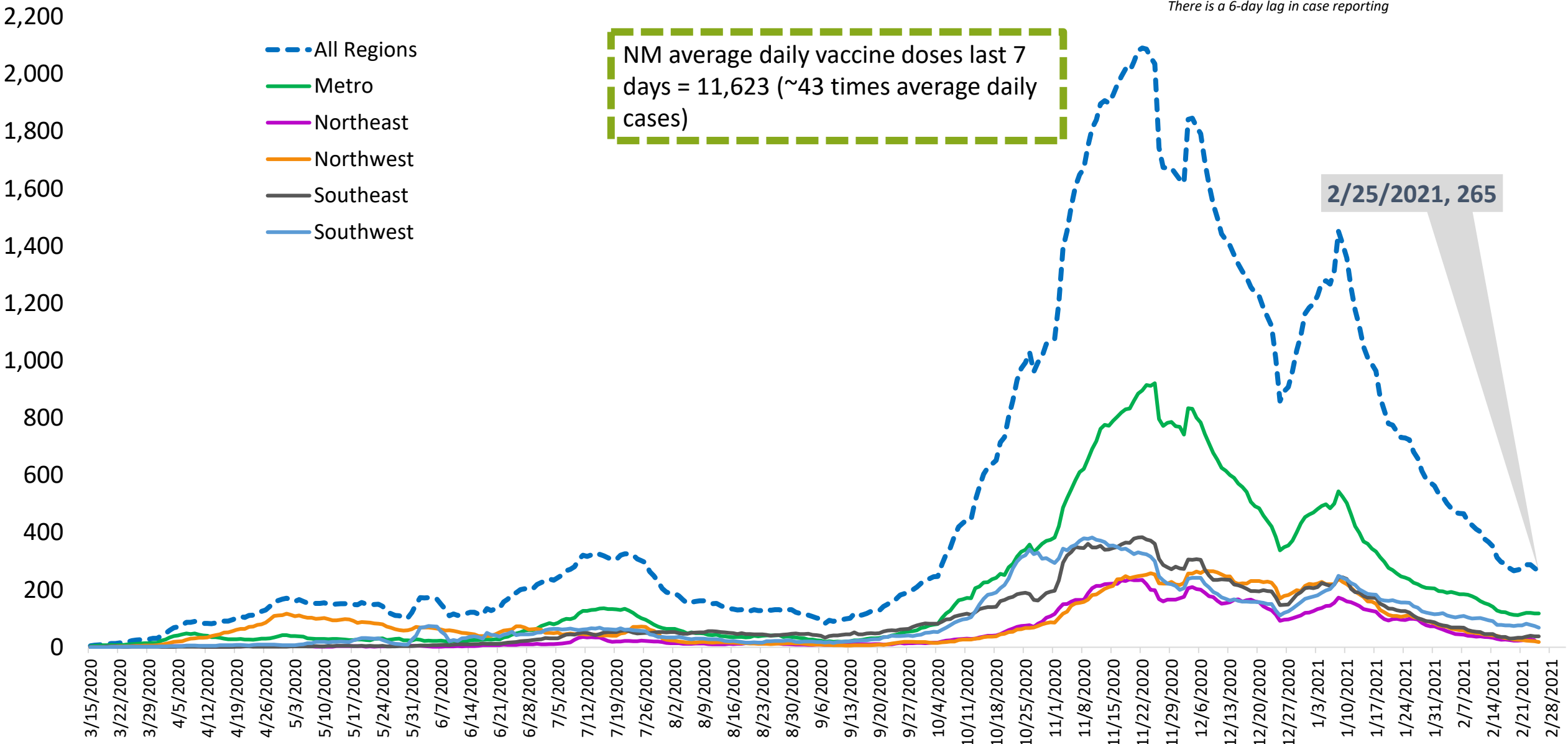


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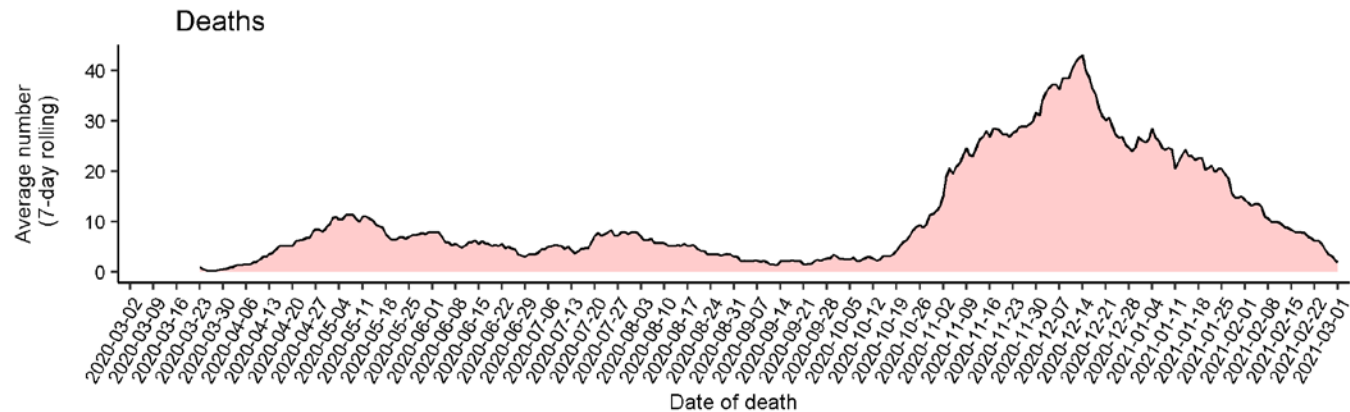
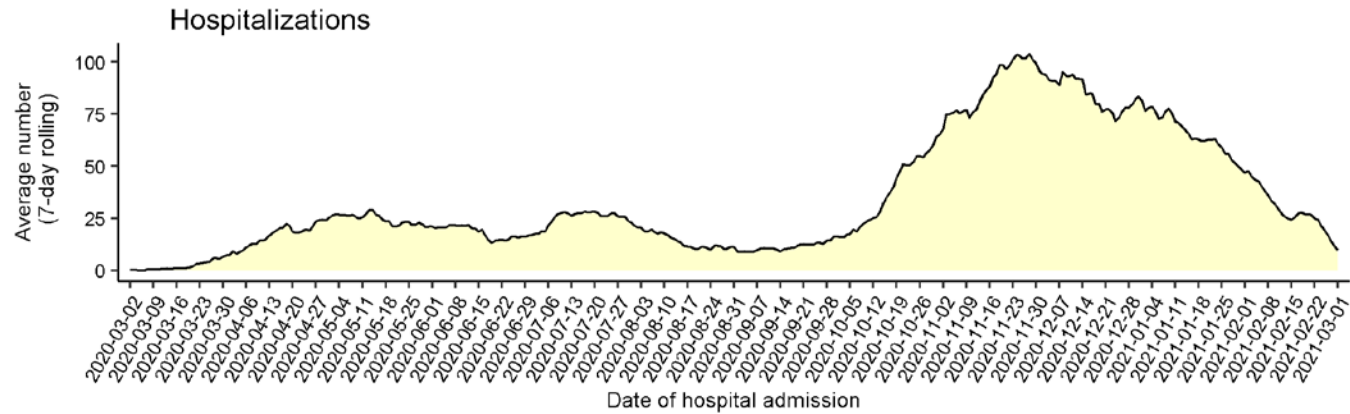
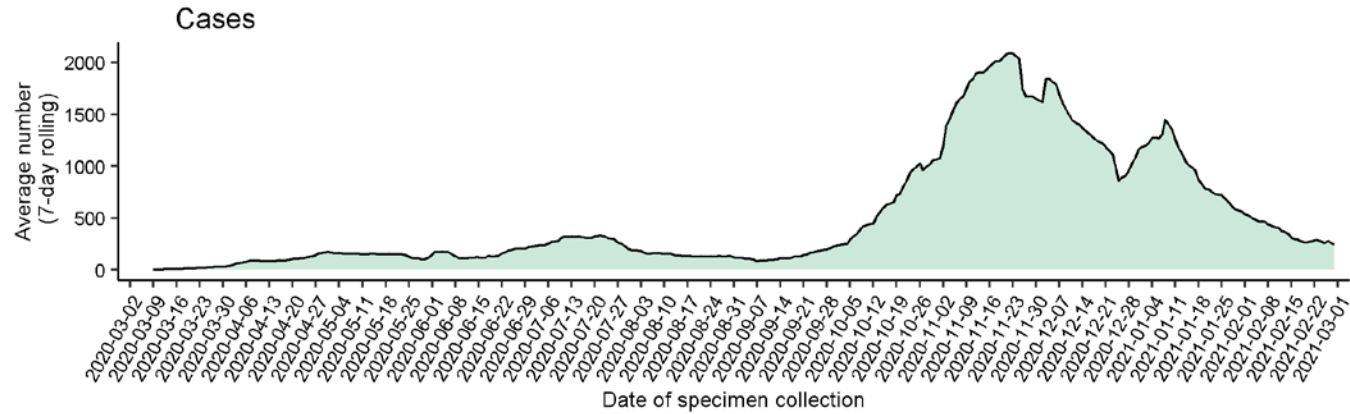
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# 7-Day Average of Daily COVID-19 Positive Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, NMDOH Regions 3/3/2021

Source: New Mexico Department of Health  
There is a 6-day lag in case reporting



# Average number (7-day rolling average) of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths over time



Note: Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths may not yet be reported in 7 or more days.

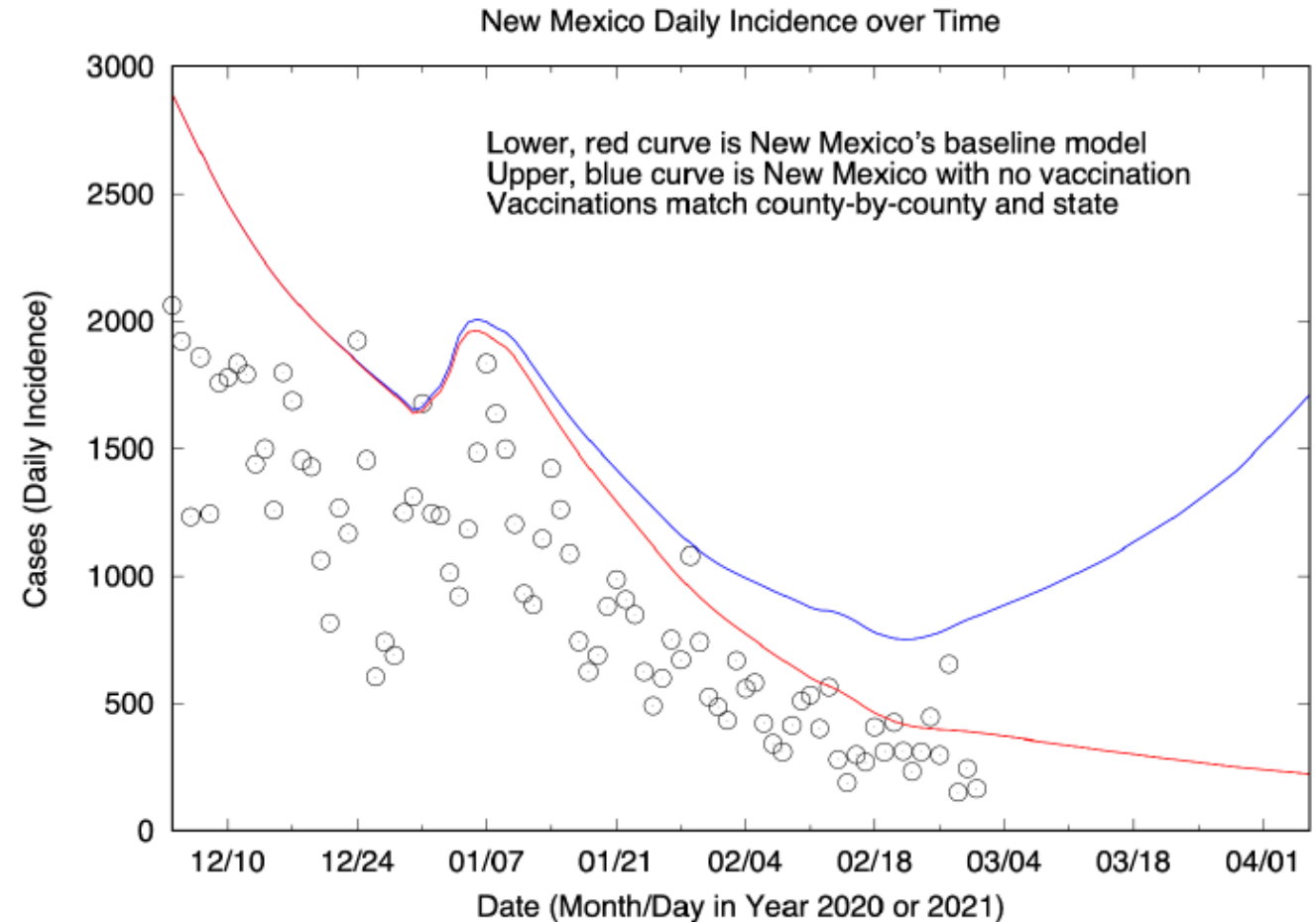
As of 3/1/21



# EFFECT OF VACCINATION ON COVID-19 INCIDENCE

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- Vaccination lowering daily incidence by approx. 50%.
- Large increase results from increased fidelity of federal doses of vaccine.
- Suppression of virus related to vaccination is good enough that without vaccination, NM would have already started to see rising cases last few weeks.



<https://cvmodeling.nmhealth.org/>

# STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH GATING CRITERIA FOR REOPENING <sup>23</sup>

Criterion	Measure	Gating Target	Current Status
Spread of COVID-19	Rate of COVID-19 Transmission (10-day Rolling Average)	1.05 or less	0.96 on 3/2/21
	NM daily cases (7-day rolling average)	168	265 on 2/25/21
Testing Capacity: general and targeted populations*	Number of tests per day (7-day rolling average)	5,000 / day	11,807 on 3/1/21
	Test Positivity Rate (7-day rolling average)	5.0% or less	3.0% on 3/1/21
Contact Tracing and Isolation Capacity	Time from positive test result to: -isolation recommendation for case -quarantine rec. for case contacts	24 hrs	Week ending 2/26 = 15
		36 hrs	Week ending 2/26 = 21
Statewide Health Care System Capacity	Availability of scarce resources in 7 Hub Hospitals: -Adult ICU beds occupied	439 or less	269 on 3/3/21
	-PPE	7-day supply	7 on 3/1/21

**ALL 4 CRITERIA DRIVEN BY SOCIAL DISTANCING BEHAVIORS OF NEW MEXICANS**

# WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT

## The virus is changing!

- New COVID variants may spread more rapidly and be resistant to treatments and/or vaccines.
- We are closely monitoring for new variants.
- As we reopen, we expect viral transmission to increase.
- Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is positive.
- We ALL need to stay committed to fighting the virus for several more months.

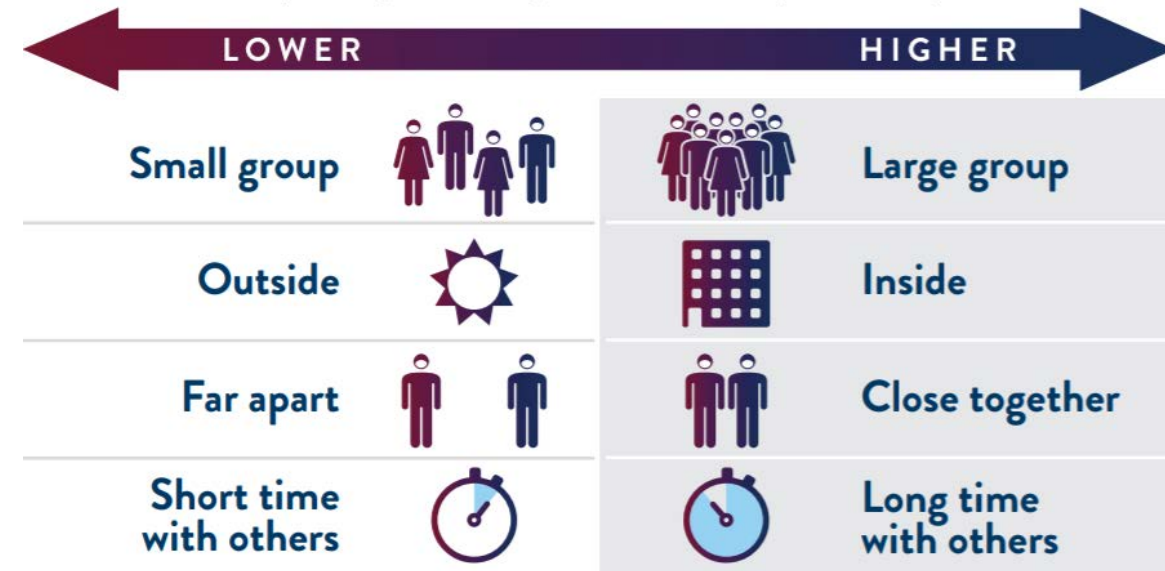
## CASE COUNTS REMAIN TOO HIGH.

## **WE ALL STILL MUST FIGHT THE VIRUS.**

- Stay at home.
- Wash hands, clean surfaces, cough into tissue/elbow.
- **Everyone** needs to wear face coverings in public.
- Maintain social distancing (minimum 6 feet).
- Be particularly careful in the month after receiving the vaccine.

## LOWER YOUR RISK OF COVID-19

Wear a mask in public spaces, wash your hands, and stay 6 feet away from others.



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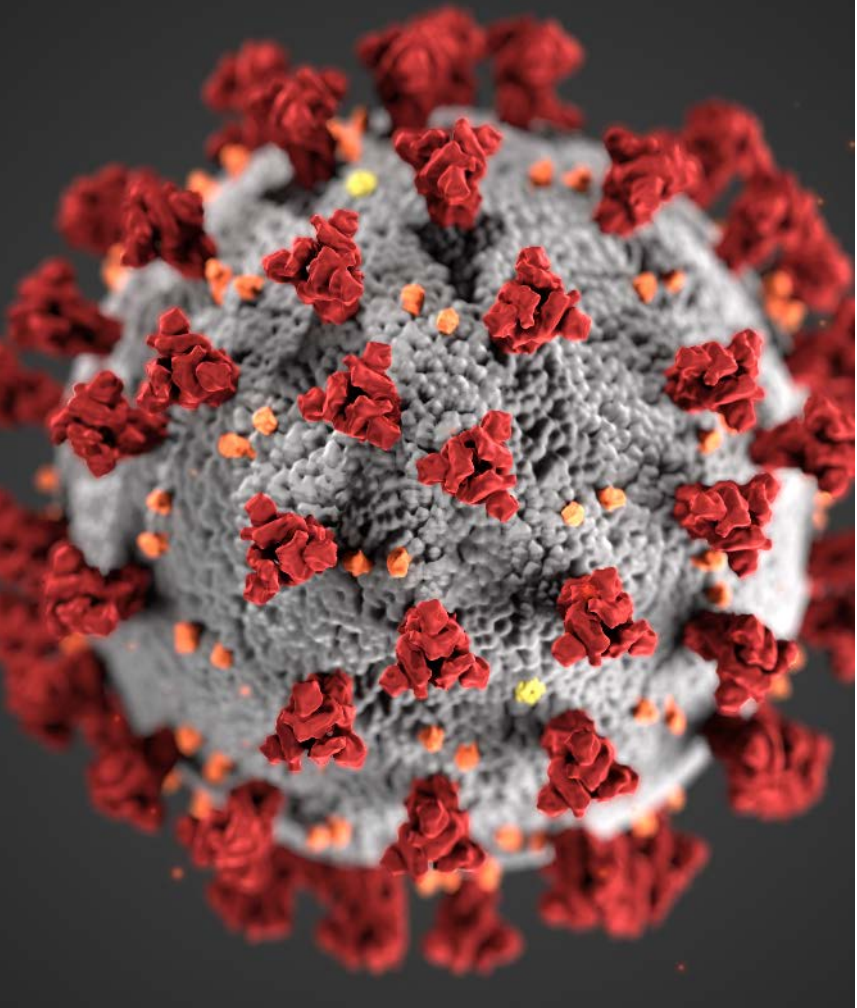
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# QUESTIONS

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