

# COVID-19 Day 982

## Press Update

### November 17, 2022

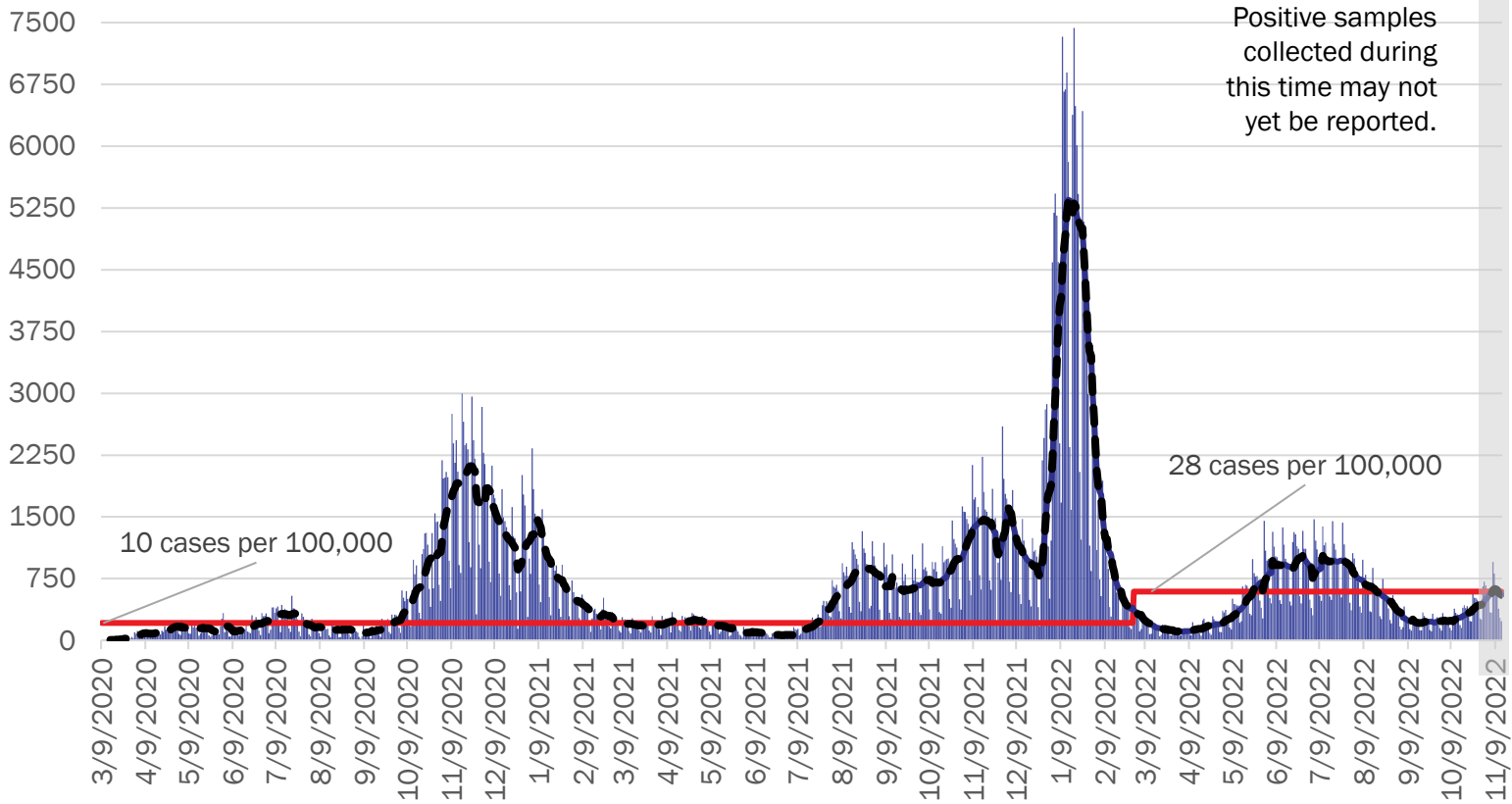
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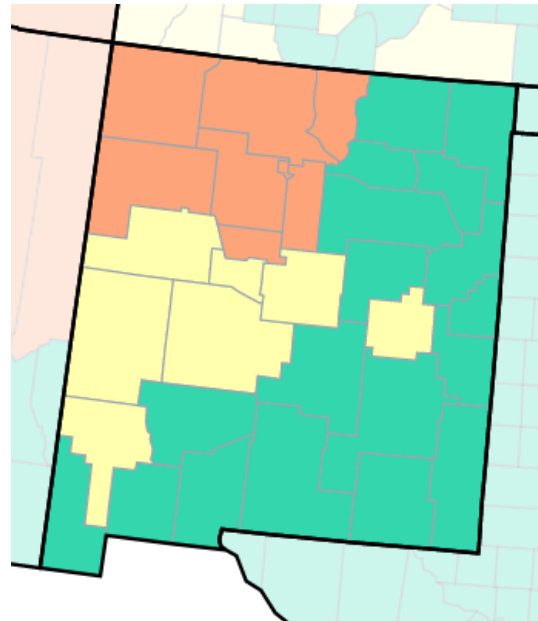
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# New Mexico COVID-19 cases

New Mexico COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection  
November 14, 2022



CDC Community Levels, New Mexico  
11/03/2022 - 11/09/2022



NM COVID-19 Community Level	# of NM Counties (%)
Low	18 (55%)
Medium	7 (21%)
High	8 (24%)

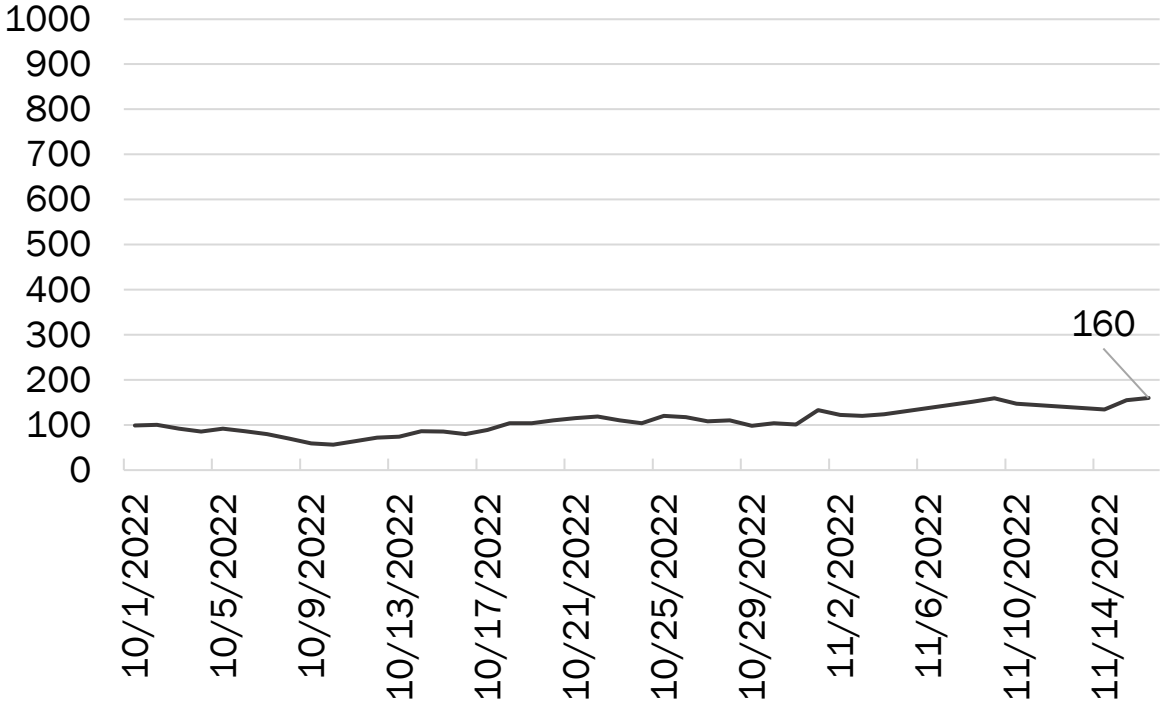


[CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View](#)

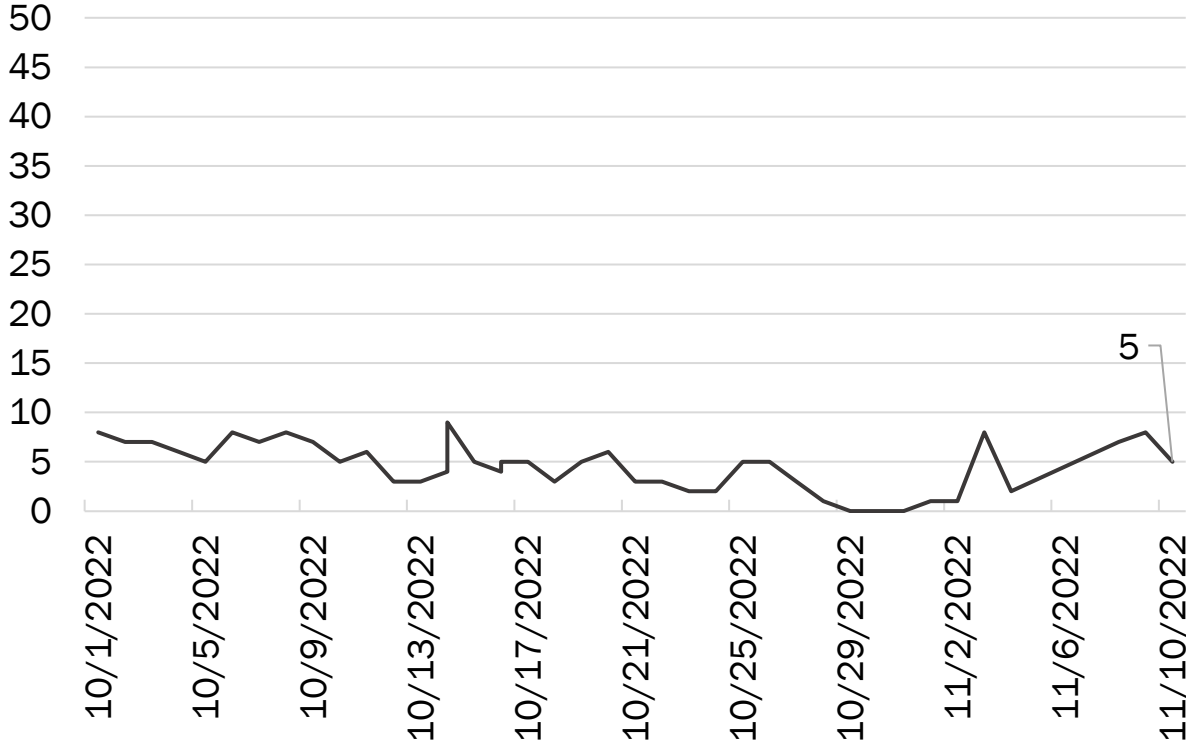
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# COVID-19-related hospitalizations have doubled in the last month (3.1% on ventilation)

COVID-19 Positive Patients in NM Hospital  
October-November, 2022



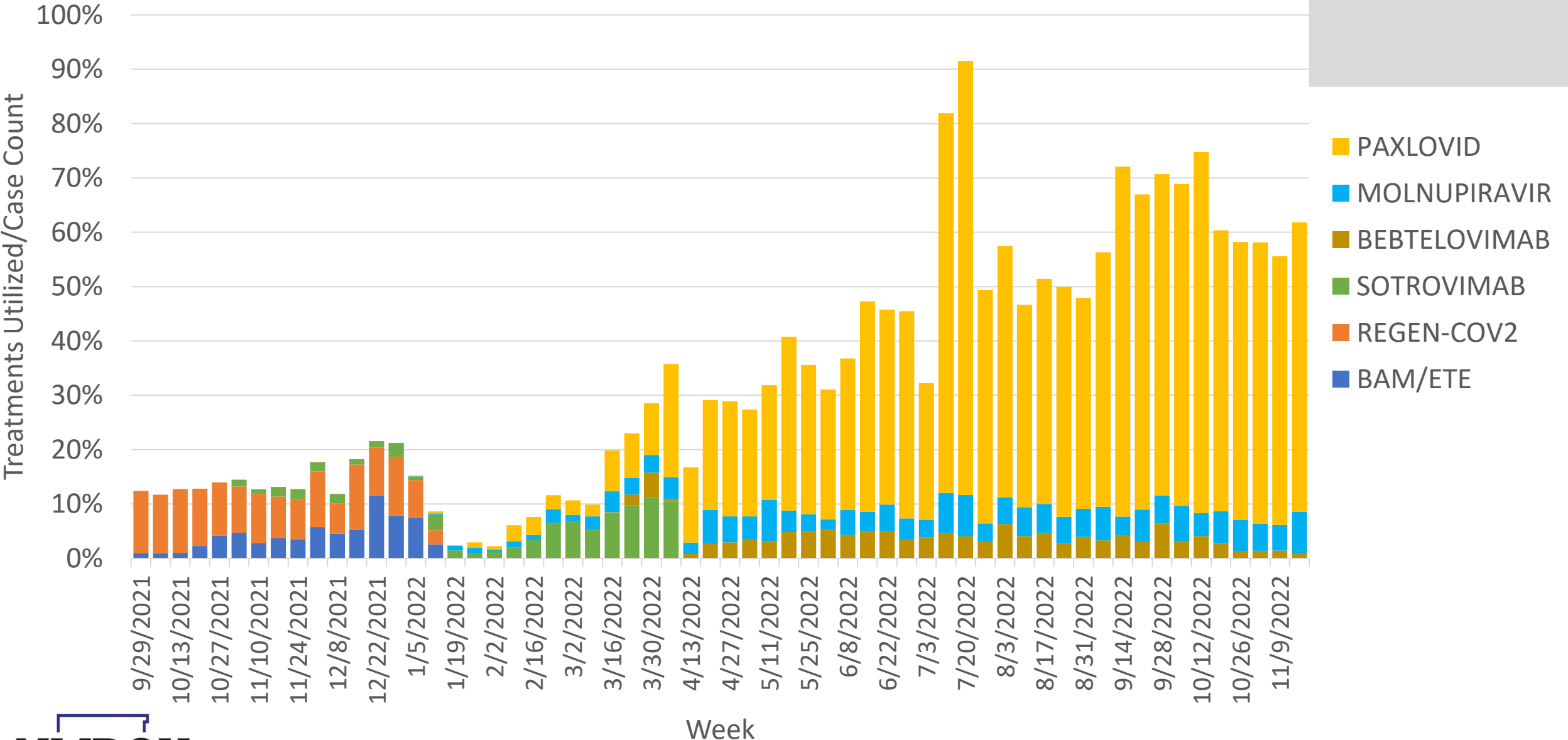
COVID-19 Positive Ventilated Patients in NM  
Hospitals, October-November, 2022



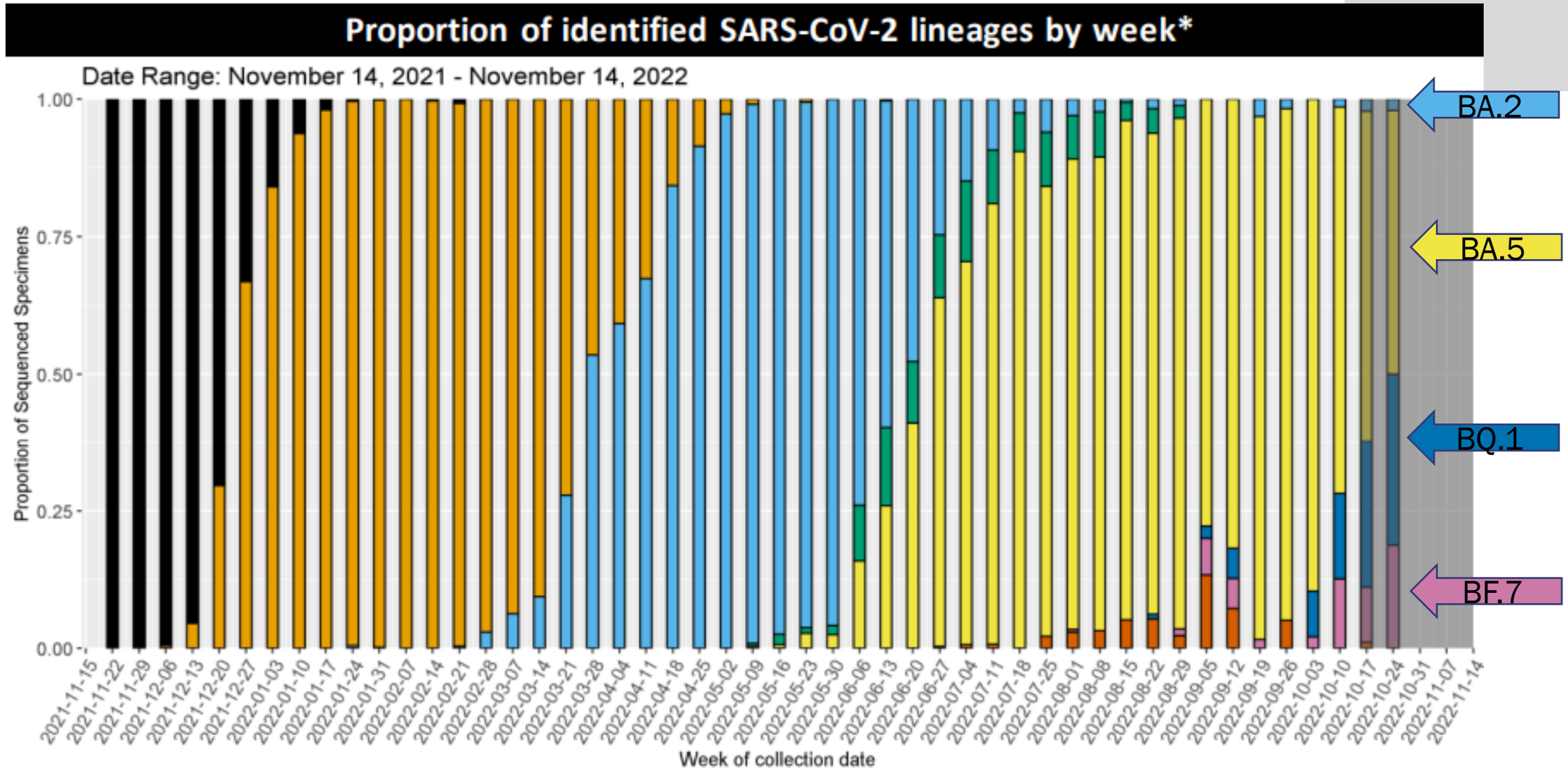
Total Deaths:	<b>8,679</b>	Deaths in the Last 14 Days:	<b>8</b>
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# New Mexico COVID-19 Treatment Rate



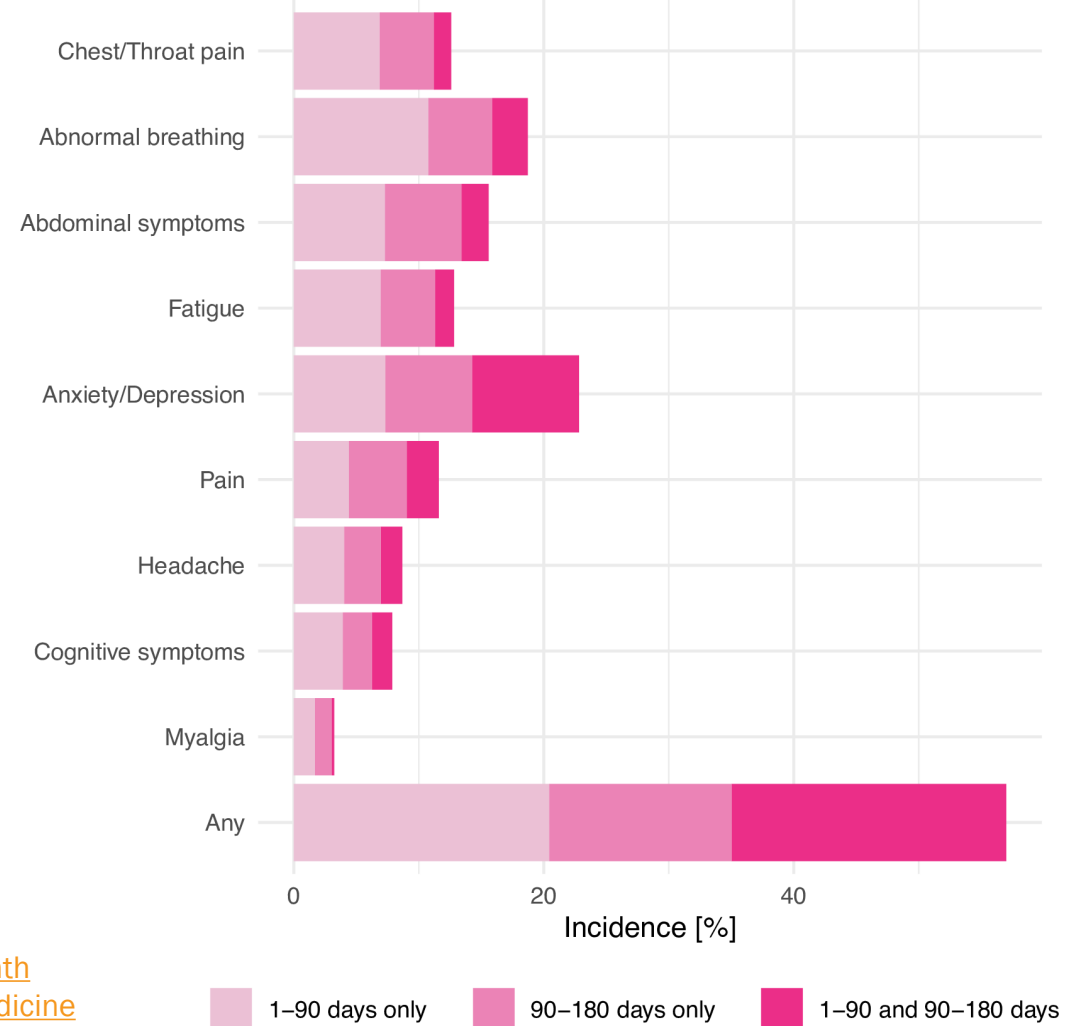
# Omicron remains the dominant COVID-19 variant in NM



# Incidence, co-occurrence, and evolution of long-COVID features: A 6-month retrospective cohort study of 273,618 survivors of COVID-19

- Long-COVID has been described in recent studies.
- This study estimated the risk of having long-COVID features in the 6 months after a diagnosis of COVID-19.
- The research found that over 1 in 3 patients had one or more features of long-COVID recorded between 3 and 6 months after a diagnosis of COVID-19.
- For 2 in 5 of the patients who had long-COVID features in the 3- to 6-month period, they had no record of any such feature in the previous 3 months.
- The risk of long-COVID features was higher in patients who had more severe COVID-19 illness, and slightly higher among females and young adults. White and non-white patients were equally affected.

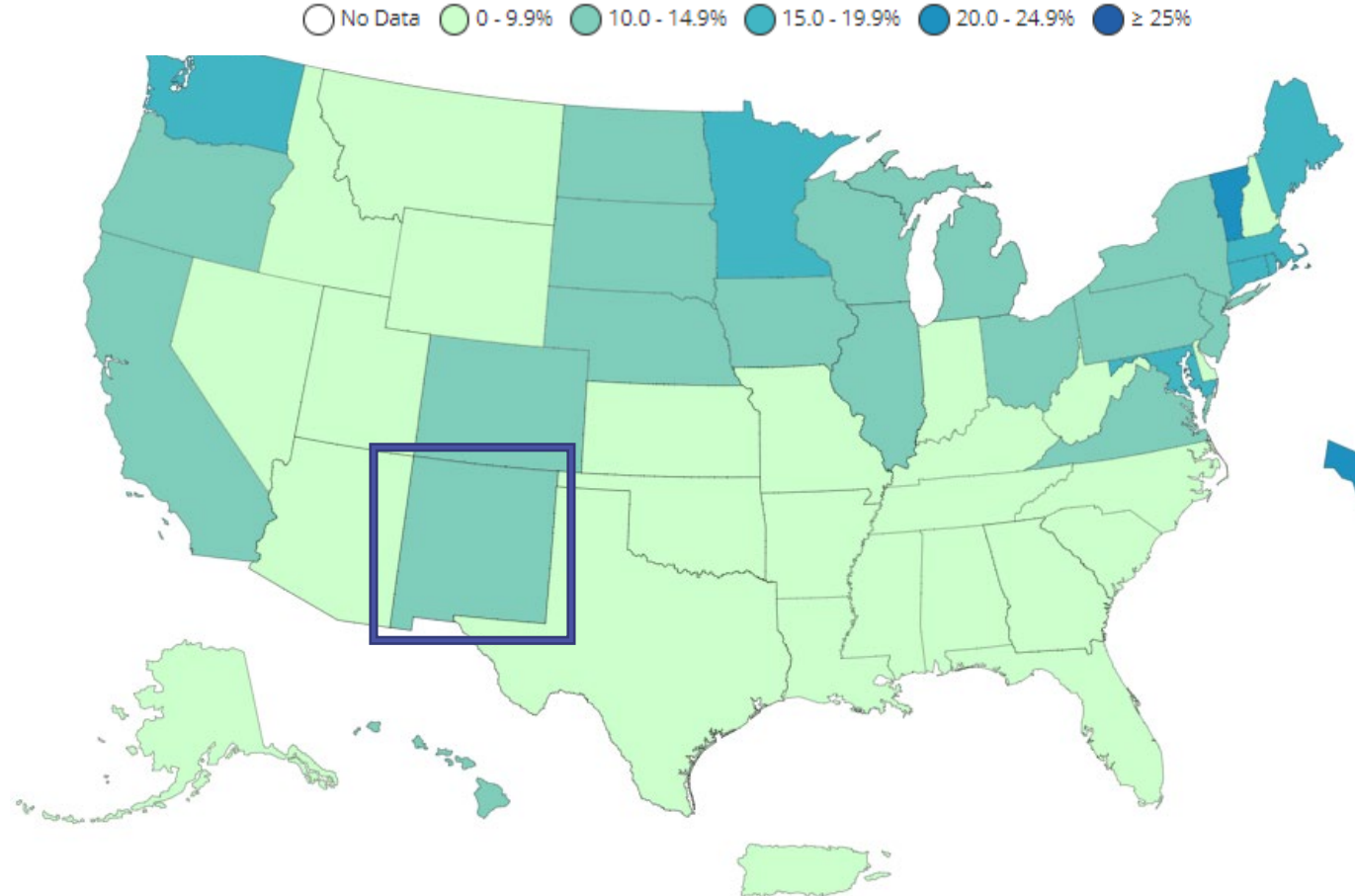
Fig 1. Incidence of each long-COVID feature in the 180 days after COVID-19.



[Incidence, co-occurrence, and evolution of long-COVID features: A 6-month retrospective cohort study of 273,618 survivors of COVID-19 | PLOS Medicine](#)

# NM is among the top states in US bivalent booster administration

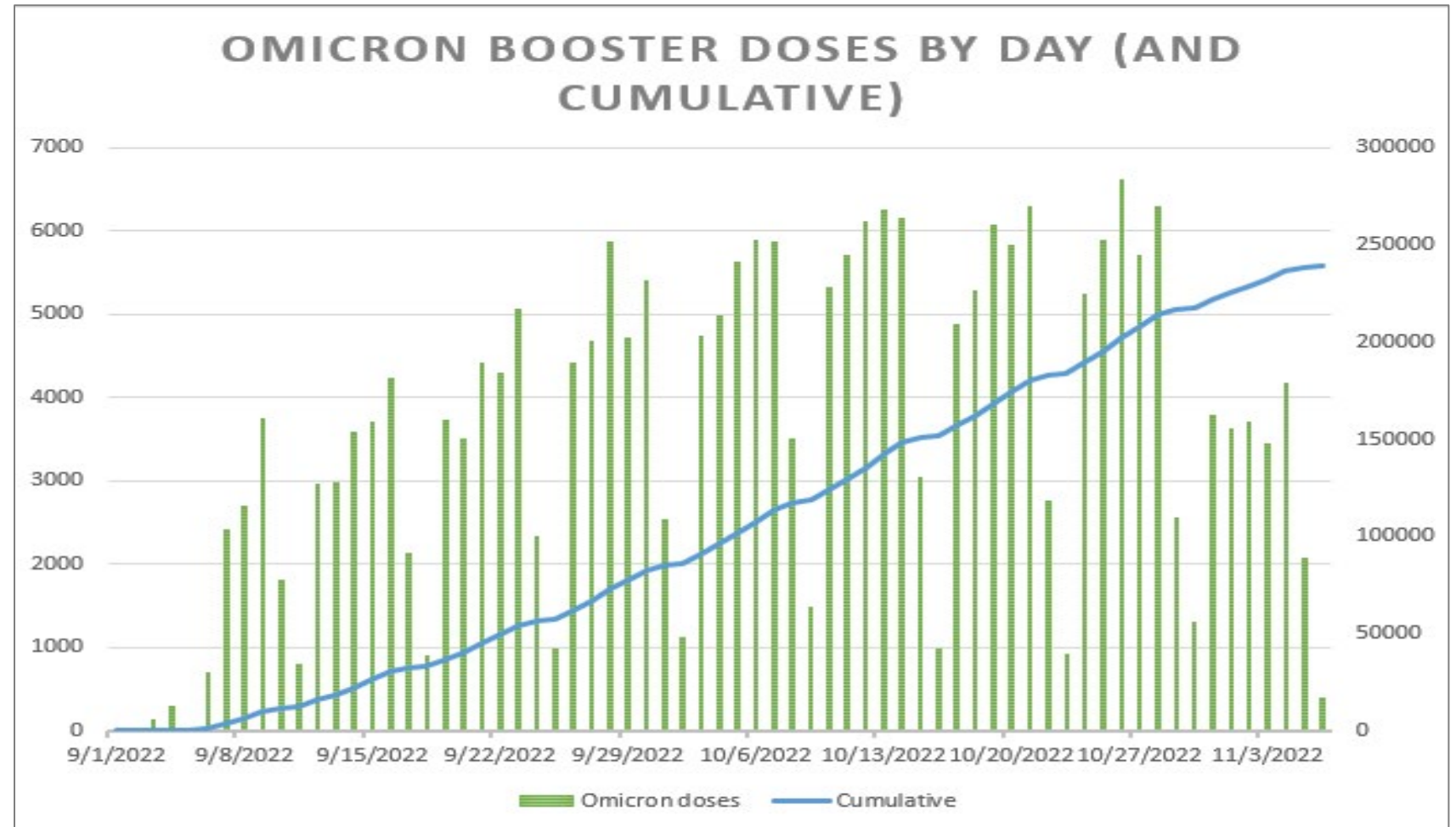
Percent of the Total Population Population 5 Years of Age and Older Years of Age with an Updated (Bivalent) Booster Dose Reported to CDC by Jurisdictions and Select Federal Entities



# Over 230,000 Omicron boosters have been administered in NM

239,094 bivalent doses as of 11/6

31.8% of people 65+





# It's time for your Flu and Omicron Booster

- It is safe to receive both the Flu vaccine and Omicron booster at the same time.
- Public Health Offices and pharmacies will be offering the vaccines free of charge.
- Schedule your vaccine today:
  - At a pharmacy
  - With your provider
  - Visit [ItsTimeNM.org](https://ItsTimeNM.org) or [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov)
- Call 1-855-600-3453 (option 3).



## It's Time

**You're eligible for the Omicron booster if:**

-  You have received at least two doses\* of COVID-19 vaccine
-  It has been at least 2 months since your last vaccine
-  You are 12 years of age or older

\*or one if you received Johnson & Johnson

# School immunizations for the 2023/2024 school year

- The Vaccine Advisory Committee recommends continuation of the 10 current vaccines required for school entry for the [2023/2024 school immunization requirements](#).
- No significant changes or additions were made to mandated immunizations for the next school year.
- They also recommend age-appropriate flu and COVID-19 vaccines, and strongly recommend human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine at age 11-12.



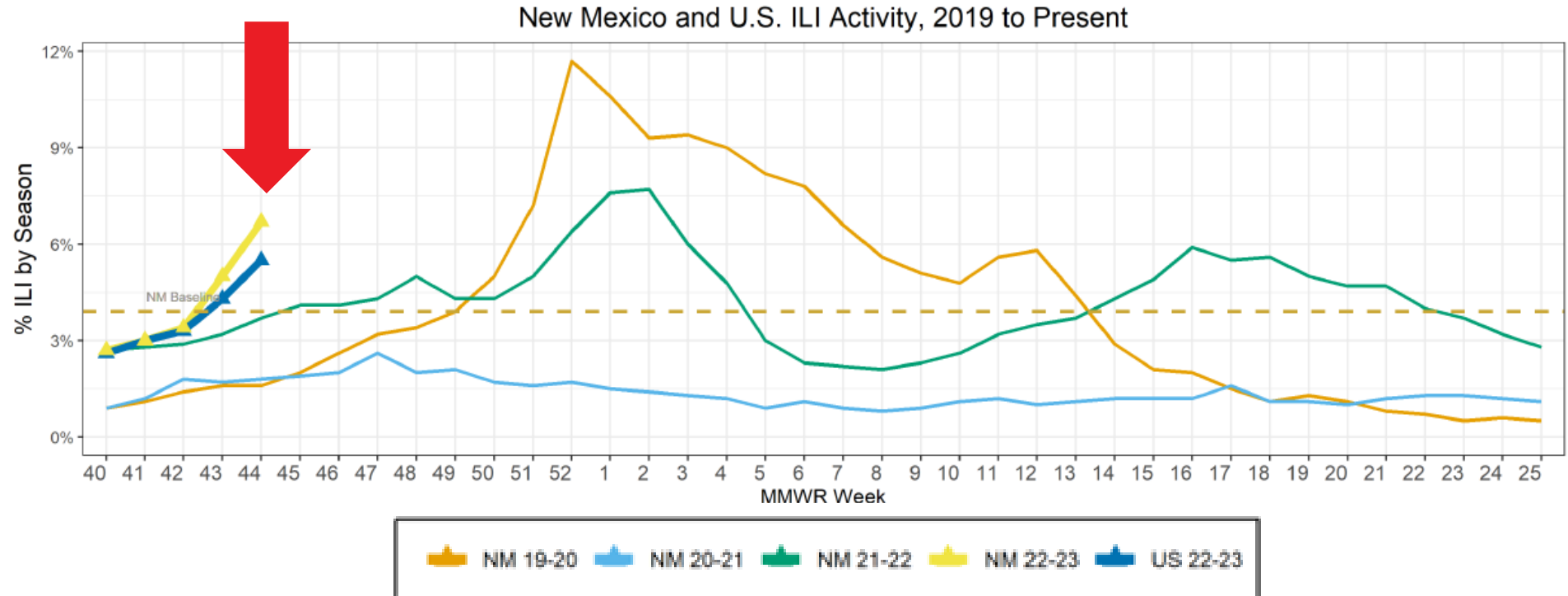
It is especially important for children to get their flu and COVID vaccines this year

# Triple threat: COVID-19, Flu and RSV

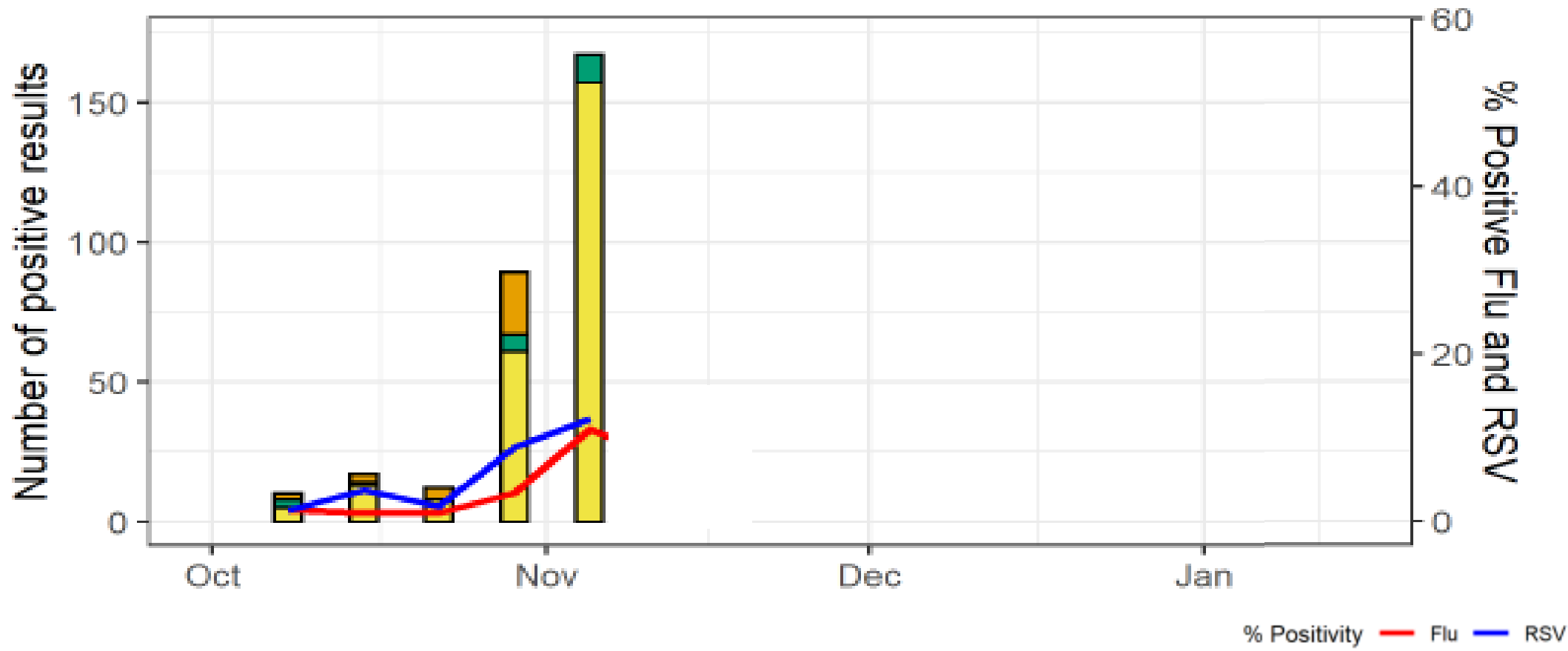
- COVID-19 cases steadily rising in NM.
- Cases of flu rising in New Mexico.
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) cases rising.
- The vaccines for Covid-19 and flu - may not always prevent infection, but still offer the best protection against severe illness and death.

## Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity, 2019 to Present

New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) is collaborating with 21 ILI sentinel sites and 30 syndromic surveillance sites\* for the 2022-2023 season. Sites report weekly on the number of patients that present to their facility with influenza-like illness (ILI). That number is then divided by the total number of patients seen for any reason, resulting in percent of ILI activity. ILI is defined as fever of greater than or equal to 100° F and cough and/or sore throat.



# RSV and Rapid Influenza Laboratory Data\*, 2022-2023



# Monkeypox Update

# Monkeypox cases in the US and NM

- Monkeypox is a viral infection in the same family as smallpox.
  - It does not usually cause serious illness.
  - However, monkeypox can result in painful lesions or sores but rarely results in hospitalization or death
    - 11 deaths in U.S.
- Monkeypox spreads through close physical contact between two people, and anybody can get monkeypox – regardless of sexual orientation, gender or gender identity.

Total confirmed monkeypox/orthopoxvirus

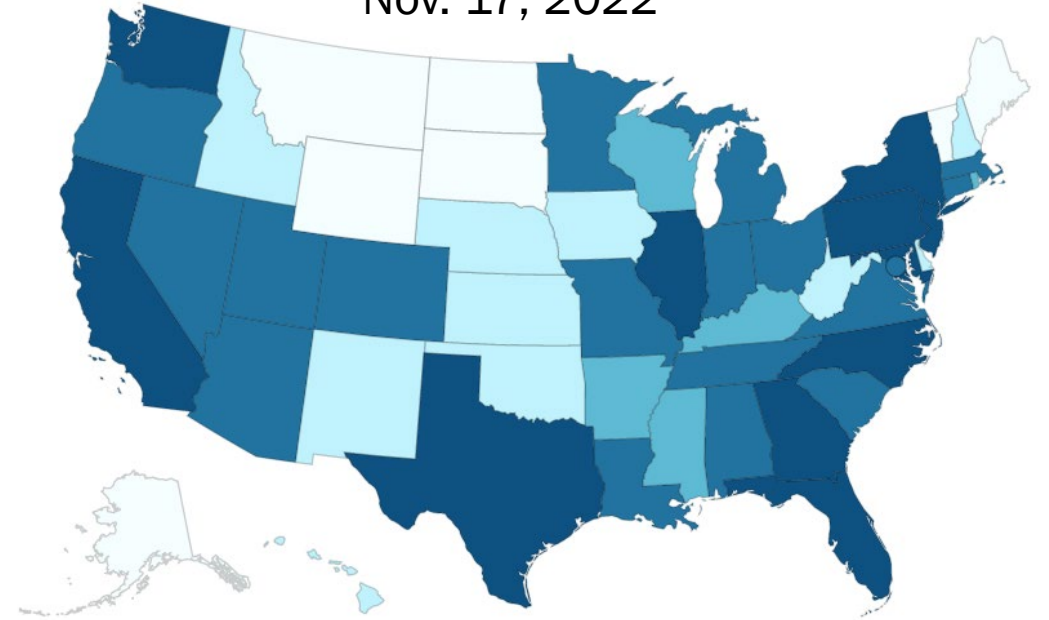
Cases Globally: 80,064

Cases in the US: **29,055**

Cases in New Mexico: **52**

Deaths in the US: **11**

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# RSV Discussion

## Pediatric Viral Surge: RSV, Flu, COVID, Parainfluenza, and Enterovirus

- **Hospital**
  - Licensed for 69 pediatric beds and 20 pediatric ICU beds
  - Expanded beds to address needs
  - Emergency Operations Center
- **Clinical**
  - Physicians
  - Staffing
- **Community Education**
  - Right Care, Right Place, Right Time
  - Stay up-to-date with childhood vaccines
- **Statewide Collaboration**
  - Hospitals
  - Community Providers



# Our community is safer when we do our part

- Know the [COVID-19 Community Level](#) where you live.
  - Follow the CDC guidance for Low, Medium and High levels.
- **Get vaccinated.**
  - Stay up-to-date on vaccines and boosters.
- **Get tested.**
  - At the first sign of symptoms.
  - You can still order tests through [FindATestNM.org](https://www.findatestnm.org).
- **Get treated.**
  - Seek treatment right away, even if you have one risk factor.
- **Get a well-fitting mask.**
  - Masks are effective and provide an extra layer to safeguard.





It's a **magical season**  
for our little ones.

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## [Holiday Kids Vaccine PSA - YouTube](#)

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