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COVID-19 Report

# Highlights

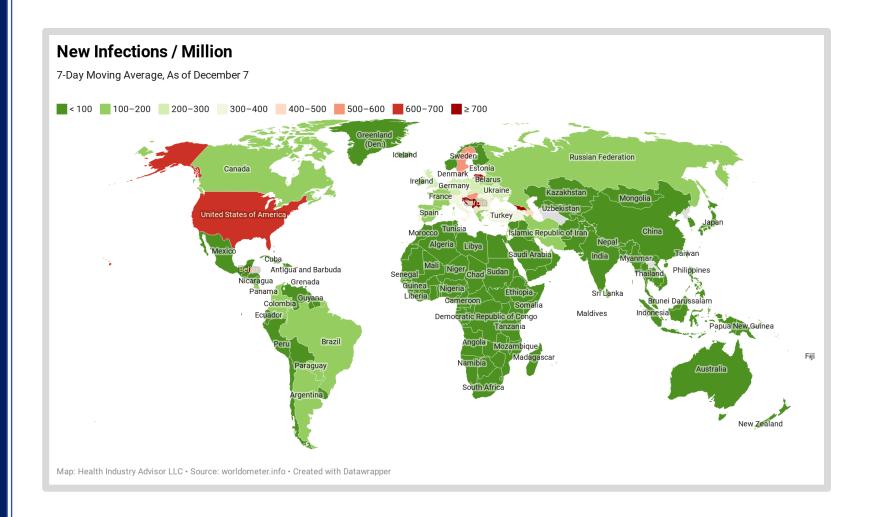
- The U.S. is averaging more deaths with the coronavirus than at any other time during the pandemic
  - The 7-day average deaths has now increased on nine consecutive days
  - Given the natural lag between casedetection and death, this rate is likely to continue rising for at least the next few weeks
  - The U.S. currently ranks 11th in the world in deaths with the coronavirus per capita
    - Belgium ranks 1st, with a rate 75% higher than that of the U.S.
    - Italy ranks 5th; Spain, 6th and the UK, 9th
- Strain from Covid-19 on the U.S. health system is an on-going concern
  - Covid-19 inpatients totaled more than 100,000 for the 5th consecutive day
  - Covid-19 patients occupy nearly 80% of inpatient beds in Nevada and nearly 70% in Connecticut
  - The day-to-day increase in patient days, however, continues to slow:
    - Covid-19 hospital occupancy more than doubled in November

- Thus far in December, however, it is up only 1%
- The rate of inpatient days-to-new cases has now declined on six consecutive days
- The % of ER visits for coronavirus-like illnesses has declined since Thanksgiving Eve
- Testing volume continues to increase in the U.S and compares favorably with other countries
  - The 7-day average volume per capita established another new high yesterday
  - The U.S. ranks 14th in the world on this measure
- Newly-detected cases per capita in the U.S. continue to rise, even while this rate falls in many European countries
  - The U.S. currently ranks 12th in the world on new cases per capita over the past seven days
  - Two weeks ago, the U.S. ranked 17th on this measure
  - Among the countries that have experienced sharp declines in this rate, relative to two weeks ago: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic and Switzerland



The infection spread continues to be a U.S. issue - while many parts of Europe are cooling off

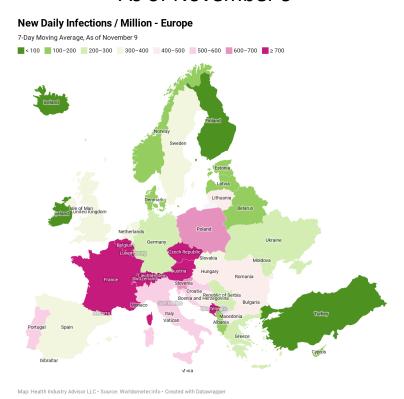
\* - 7-day moving average basis



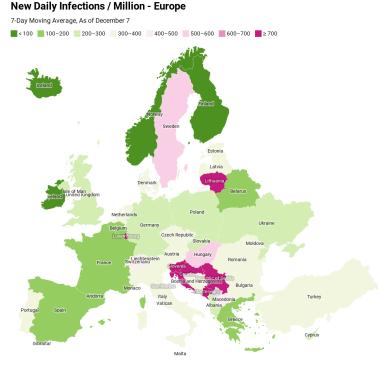


While much of Europe "cools' somewhat, Andorra, Croatia, Hungary Liechtenstein, Lithuania Luxembourg, Montenegro, San Marino, Serbia and Slovenia are still experiencing relatively high new infection rates

## As of November 9



## As of December 7



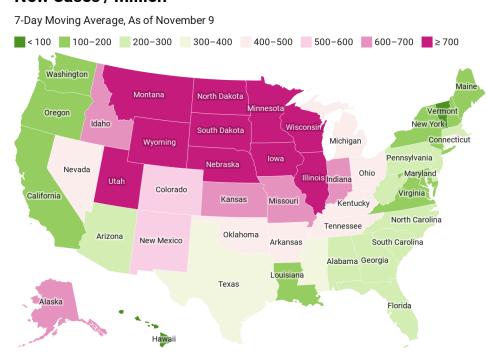
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Newly detected cases per capita have generally increased in the past four weeks and are high across the country

#### As of November 9

#### **New Cases / Million**



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7-Day Moving Average, As of December 7



Texas

Arkansas

Louisiana

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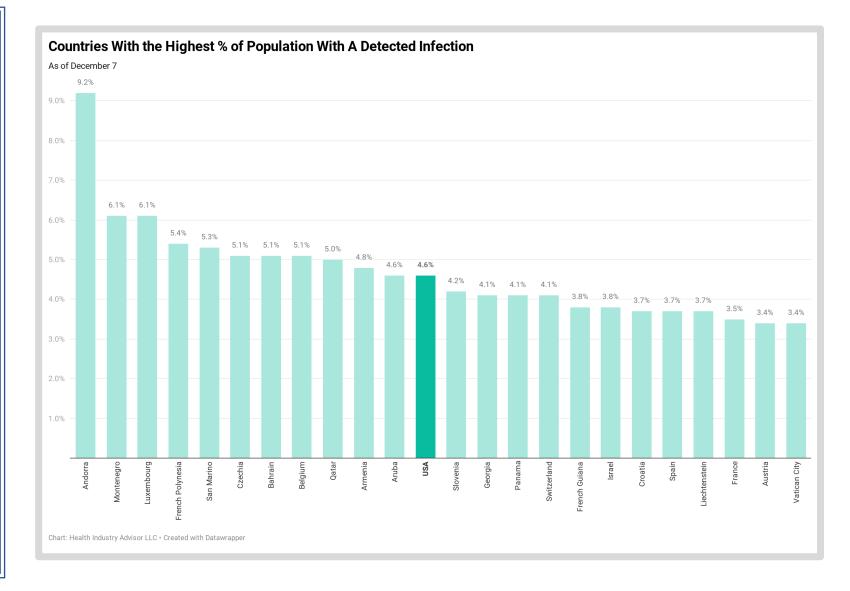


South Carolina

Alabama

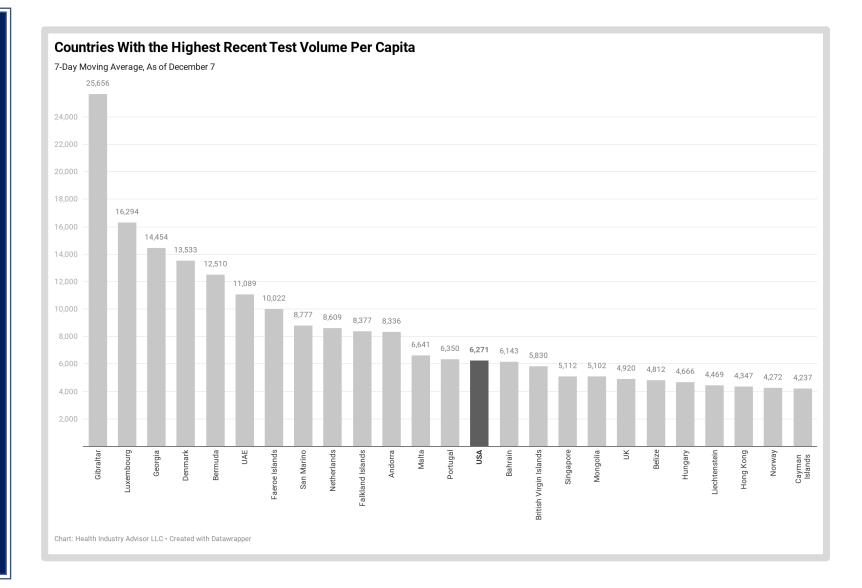
The United States ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in the world in the % of its population that have a detected Covid-19 infection at some time during the pandemic (4.6%)

Andorra has the highest rate in the world (9.2%), followed by Montenegro and Luxembourg (each at 6.1%)





The United States had the 14<sup>th</sup> highest testing volume per capita over the past 7 days





The Covid-19 Top 25 Rankings:

The United States ranks
12<sup>th</sup> in the world in
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Two weeks ago, the U.S. ranked 15<sup>th</sup>

Georgia (the country) ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the world, as it did two weeks ago

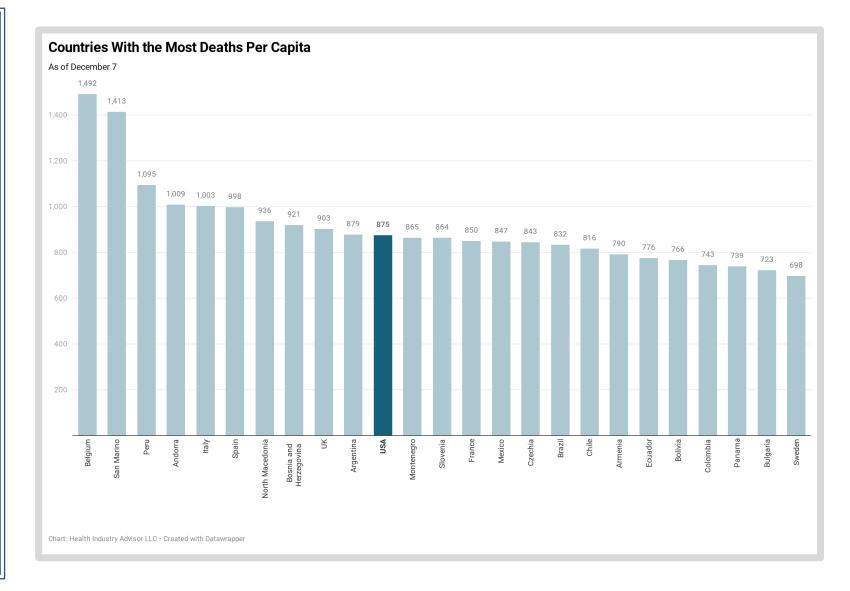
Curacao moved up 58 places, to 6<sup>th</sup> in the world

Rank	Country	New Daily Infections Per 1M Population (7-Day M.A.)	Change in Rank From 2 Weeks Ago	Change in New Infection Rate - From 2 Weeks Ago
1 Georgia		1053	0	127
2 Luxembourg		861	1	-13
3 Serbia		832	6	196
4 Croatia		830	1	126
5 San Marino		791	8	210
6 Belize		788	58	673
7 Lithuania		777	1	127
8 Montenegro		750	(6)	-125
9 Slo	venia	720	(3)	16
10 Cur	raçao	691	16	344
11 An	dorra	626	(7)	-94
12 US	A	624	5	91
13 Hu	ngary	548	8	97
14 Sw	eden	505	8	68
15 Lie	chtenstein	475	(5)	-150
16 Sw	itzerland	448	3	-52
17 No	rth Macedonia	443	1	-71
18 Par	nama	441	17	179
19 Aze	erbaijan	401	20	146
20 Pal	estine	391	18	133
21 Bu	lgaria	390	(1)	-89
22 Por	rtugal	379	(8)	-170
23 Tur	rkey	374	62	313
24 Fre	ench Polynesia	373	(12)	-218
25 Cze	echia	370	0	-45



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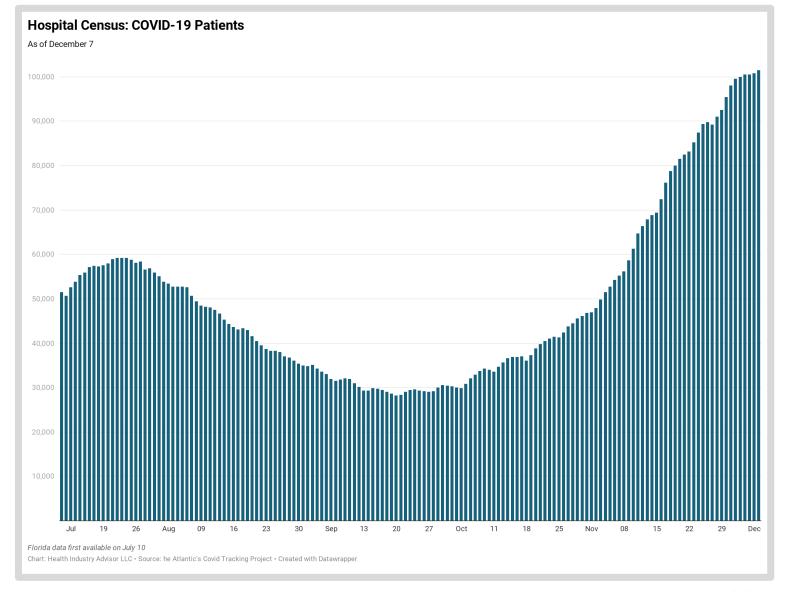
Belgium ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the world; Italy, 5<sup>th</sup>; Spain, 6<sup>th</sup>; and the UK, 9th





There were more than 100,000 Covid-19 patients in U.S. hospitals for the fifth consecutive day

Nevertheless, the daily increases in hospitalizations seem to have slowed over the past six days

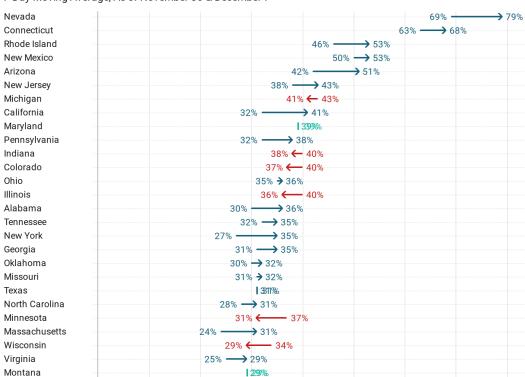




Covid-19 census increased slightly to 32.5% (from 32.3%) of all inpatient beds
Nevertheless, Covid-19 patients occupy more than ½ of all beds in Arizona, Connecticut, Nevada, New Mexico and Rhode
Island — each of these experienced increasing Covid-19 patients over last week
Eleven states experienced week-over-week declines in Covid-19 patients

#### **Covid-19 Patients / Total Inpatient Beds**

7-Day Moving Average, As of November 30 & December 7



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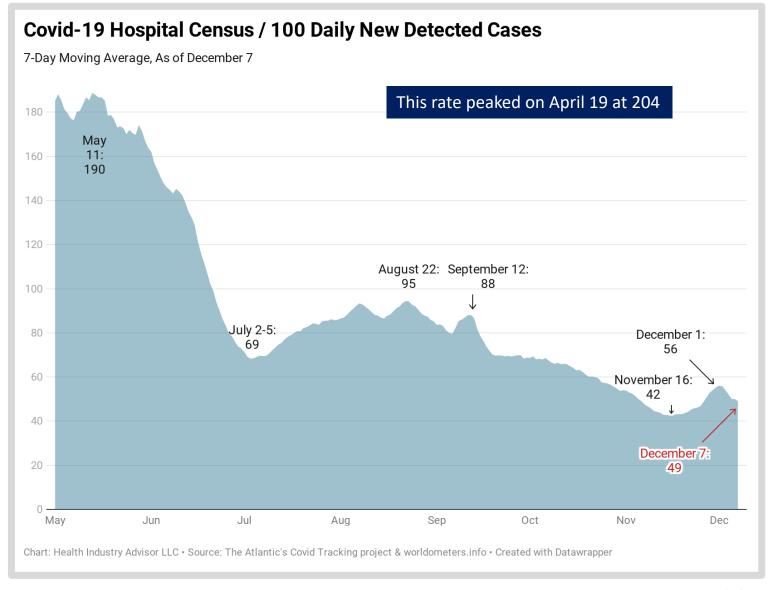
7-Day Moving Average, As of November 30 & December 7



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The average Covid-19 census per 100 new-cases declined for the sixth consecutive day



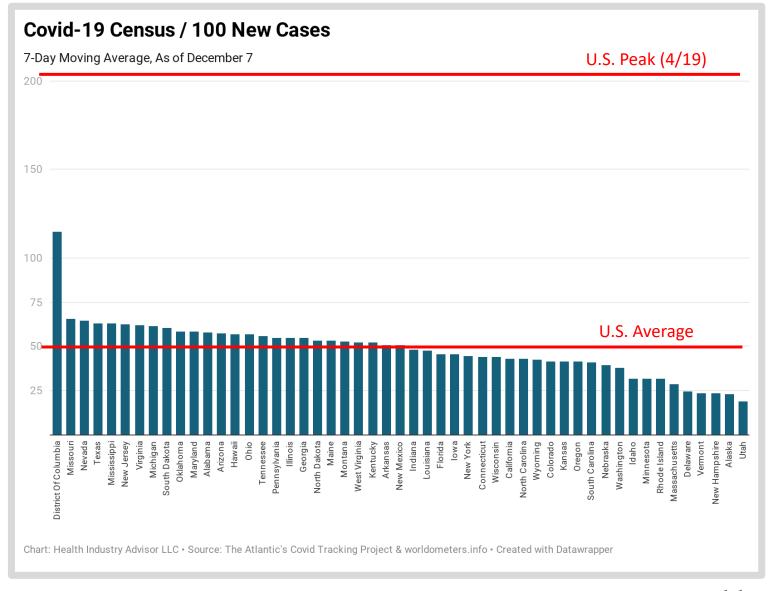


The highest average census per new case is currently experienced in the District of Columbia

The lowest rates are found in Alaska, Delaware, New Hampshire, Vermont and Utah,

Contrast these rates to those experienced in selected hard-hit states during earlier surges:

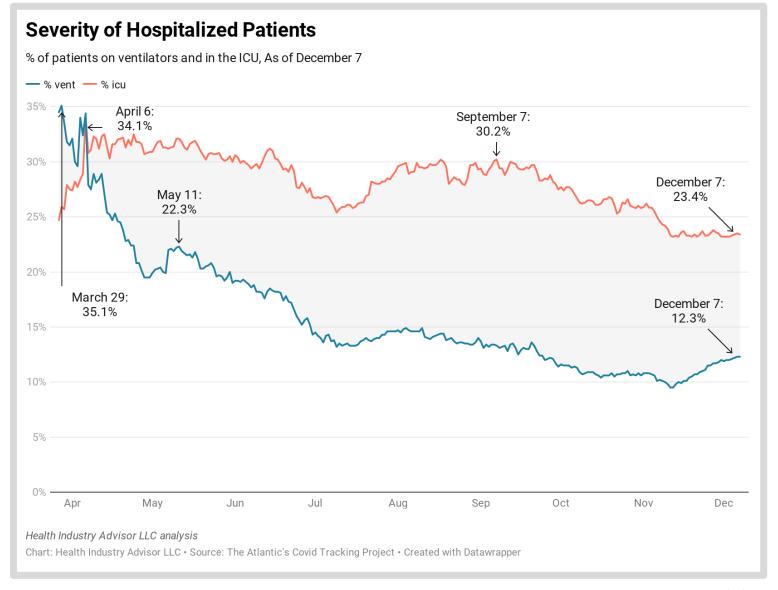
- Arizona: 305 (4/20) - California: 416 (4/17) - Connecticut: 293 (4/29) - Massachusetts: 475 (6/21) - Michigan: 422 (4/21) - New York: 330 (5/22)





The likelihood of a hospitalized Covid-19 patient would require ICU care has been lower throughout November and into December than at any time during the pandemic

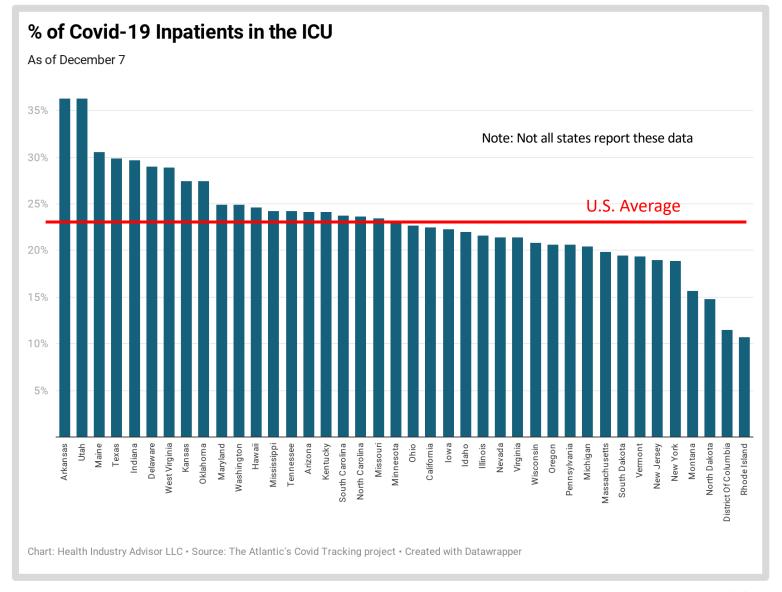
The likelihood of a hospitalized Covid-19 patients would be on a ventilator, however, has been trending up for several weeks





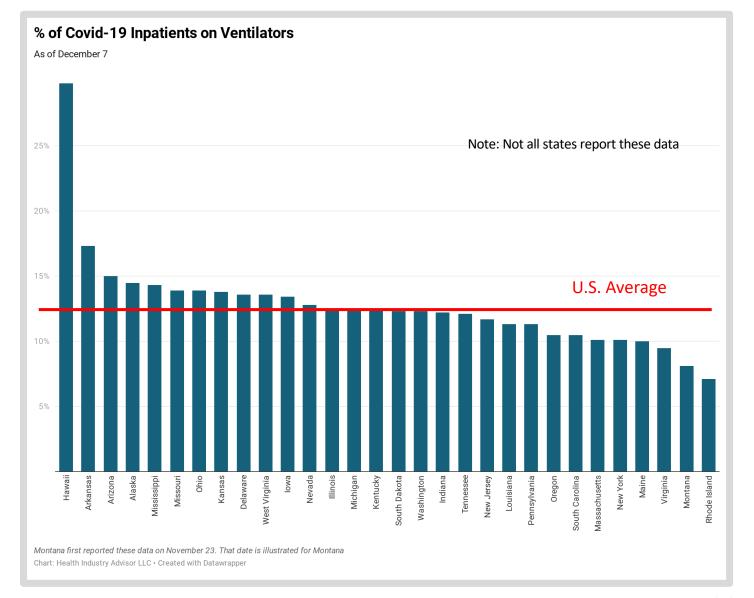
On average, less than 1-in-4 Covid-19 inpatients are in the ICU

Rates are highest in Arkansas and Utah where more than 1-in-3 Covid-19 inpatients are in the ICU





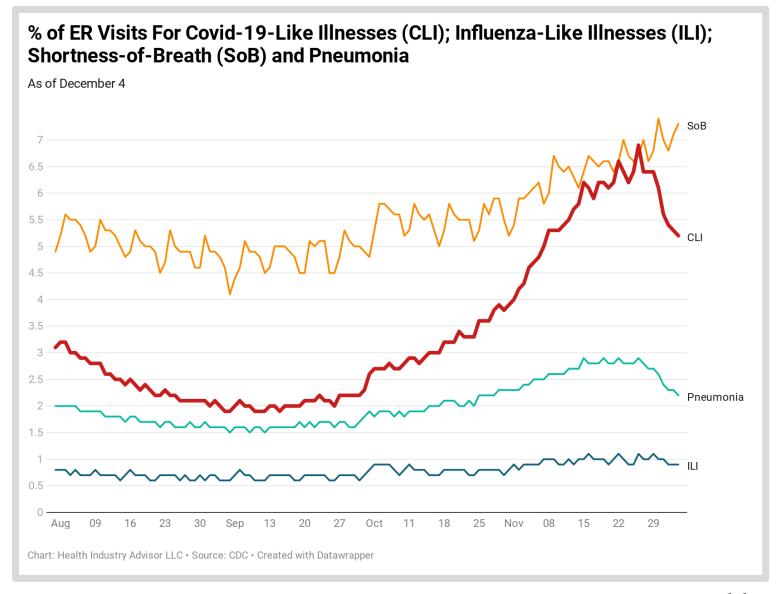
Hawaii and Arkansas re experiencing significant changes in the % of Covid-19 patients on ventilators





The % of ER visits for COVID-19-like illnesses (CLI) seems to have waned since Thanksgiving Eve

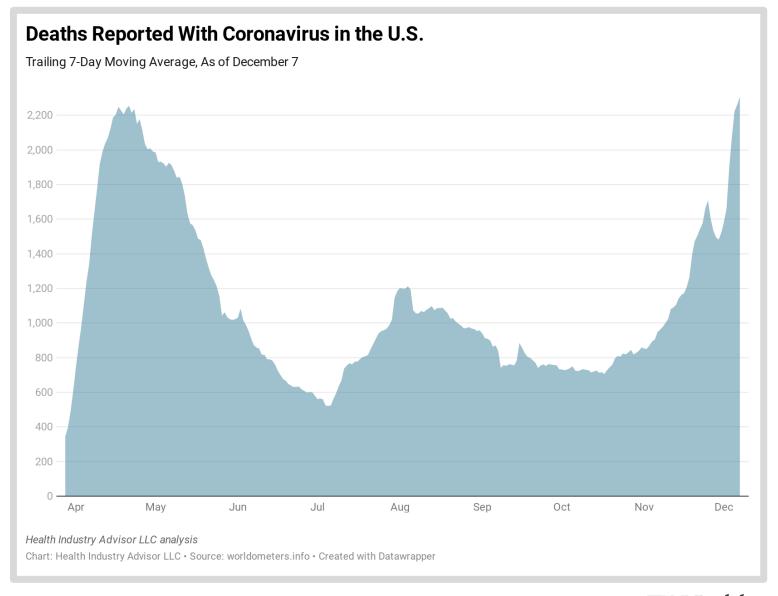
The rate of influenza visits remains low given where we are in the flu season





After a relative respite in the 7-day average deaths since Thanksgiving Day, these have now increased nine consecutive days

This rate now exceeds the rate marked in April . . . And will likely continue rising for at least the next few weeks





# **Data Sources**

The following data sources are accessed on a daily or weekly basis:

- The Atlantic's Covid Tracking Project: <a href="https://covidtracking.com">https://covidtracking.com</a>
- Worldometers.info: https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/
- Centers for Disease Control, National, Regional, and State Level Outpatient Illness and Viral Surveillance <a href="https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html">https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html</a>
- Centers for Disease Control, COVID-19 Laboratory-Confirmed Hospitalizations https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19\_5.html
- Centers for Disease Control, COVID Data Tracker <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#mobility">https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#mobility</a>
- Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, COVID-19 estimate downloads <a href="http://www.healthdata.org/covid/data-downloads">http://www.healthdata.org/covid/data-downloads</a>
- New York Times, Covid-19 data <a href="https://github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data">https://github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data</a>
- COVID-19 Data Repository by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University <a href="https://github.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19">https://github.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19</a>
- COVID-19 Projections Using Machine Learning, <a href="https://covid19-projections.com">https://covid19-projections.com</a>
- Oliver Wyman Pandemic Navigator, <u>https://pandemicnavigator.oliverwyman.com/forecast?mode=country&region=United</u> <u>ed%20States&panel=mortality</u>

