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Covid-19 "Vital Signs"

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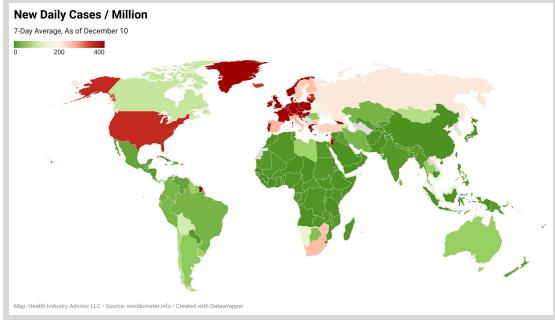
Newly Detected Cases / Million

Delta and now, Omicron, drove infection rates higher last week across Europe, South Africa, and the United States. Rates are generally low in many other parts of the world.



As of December 3

As of December 10

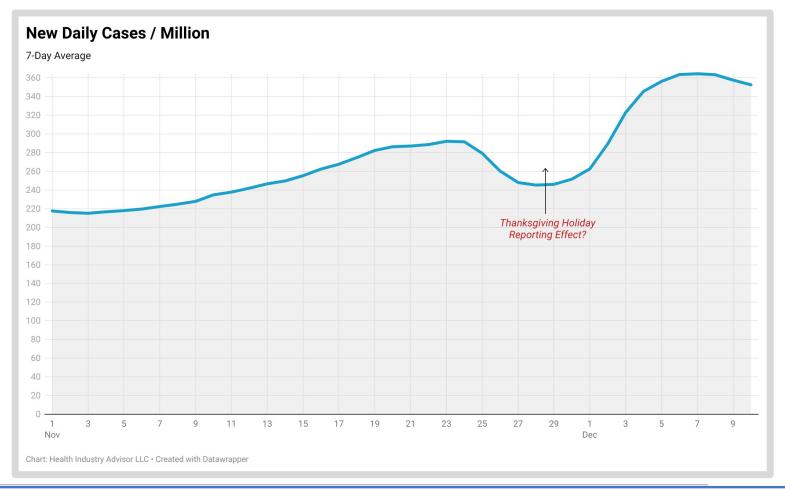






Newly Detected Cases / Million - US

The new case rate has trended upward since early October. Thanksgiving holiday reporting issues artificially lowered reported cases that week and likely inflated them the following week.

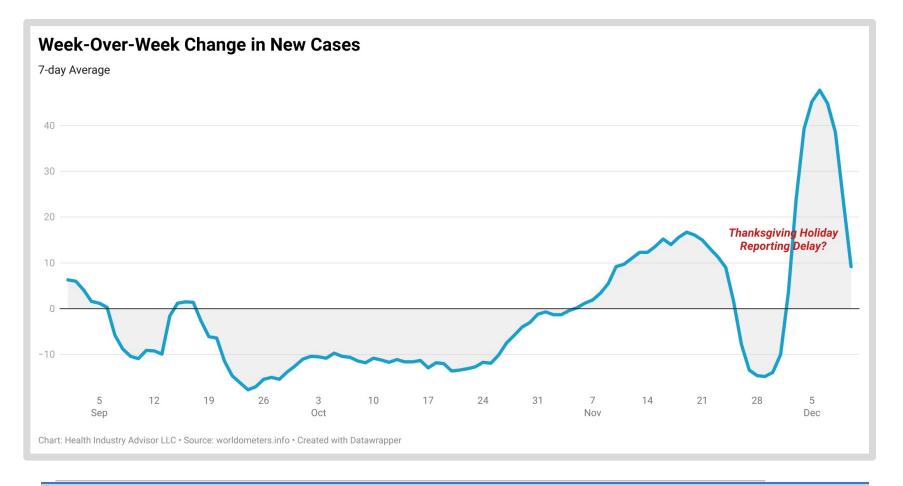






Week-Over-Week Changes in New Cases – U.S.

Holiday case reporting issues cloud week-to-week comparisons. We should gain a clearer picture this week.

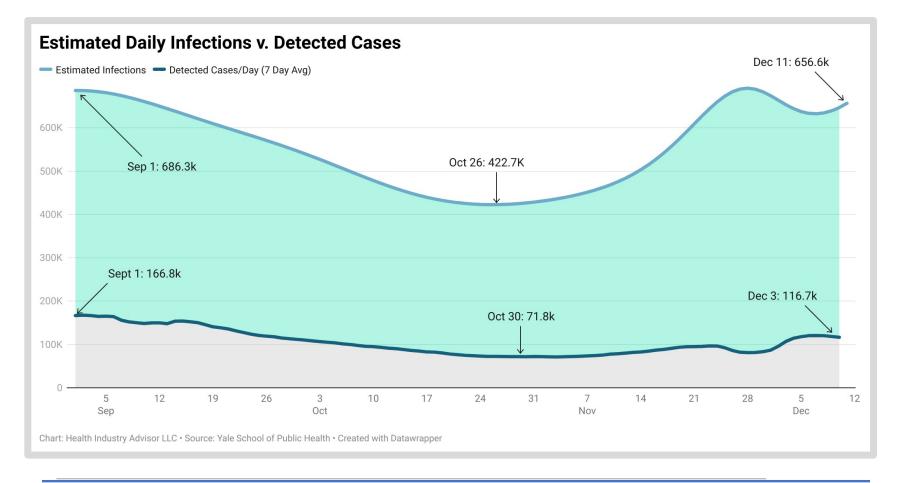






Estimated Daily Infections & New Case Rates – U.S.

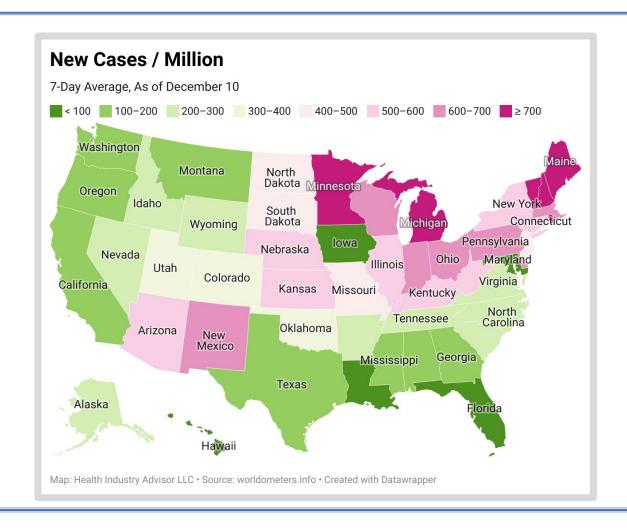
Estimated daily infections rose last week, reversing a short-term decline and the end of November.





New Daily Cases Per Capita By State

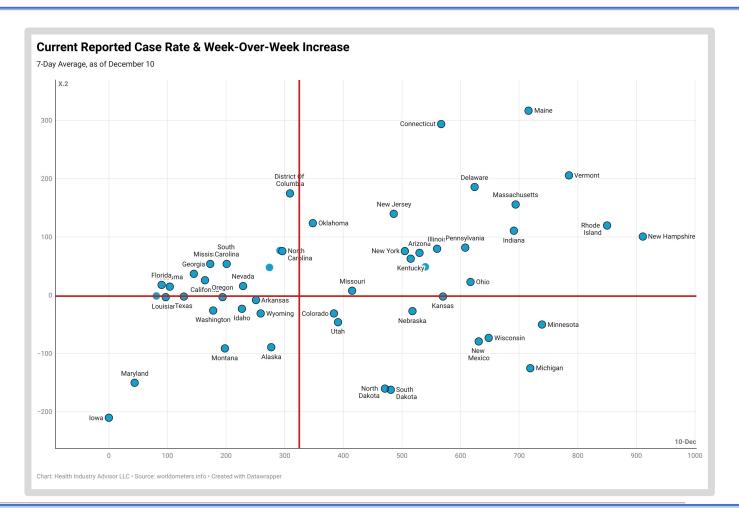
Infections spiked last week across the Midwest and Northeast. Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Rhode Island, and Vermont posted the highest new case rates of all states.





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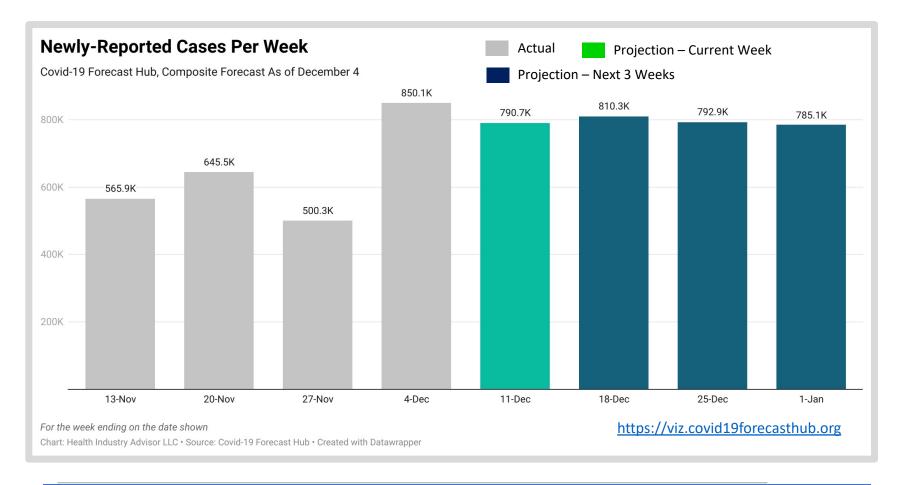
Cases per capita rose most sharply week-over-week in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, and Vermont.





Covid-19 Cases: Ensemble Forecast

The most-recent ensemble predicts that cases will decline slightly next week and again the following week.

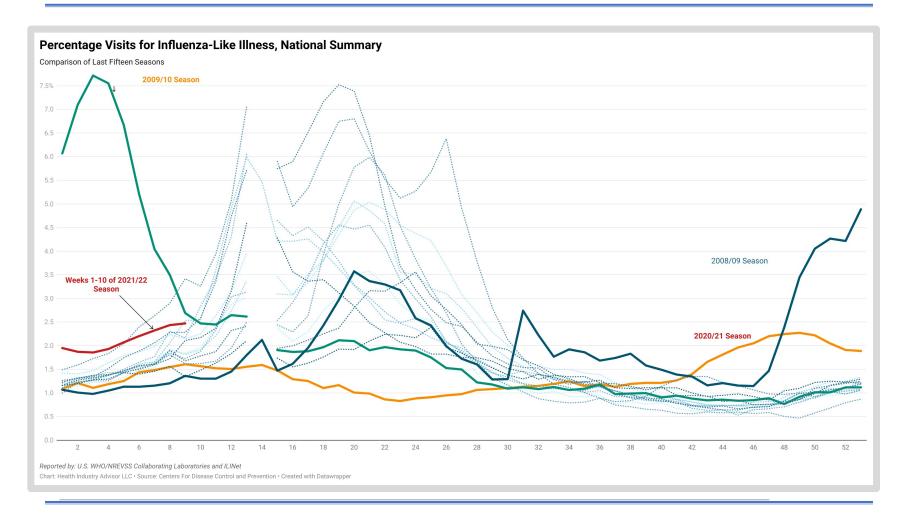






Comparison of Flu Seasons

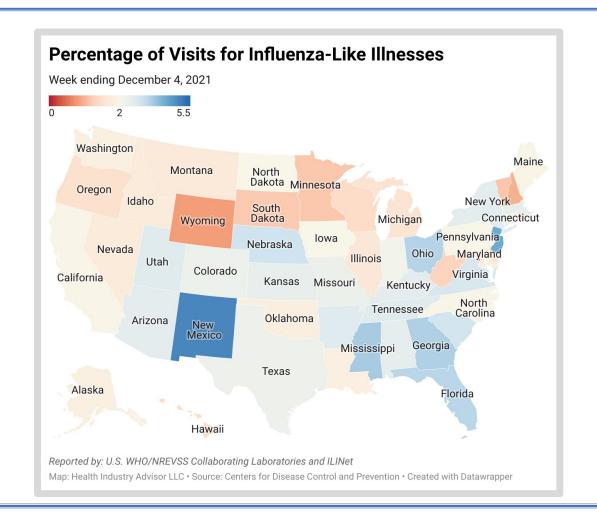
The United States' flu visit rate exceeds the rate for the comparable week during all but two of the last fifteen seasons. The peak of the typical flu season lies ahead of us.





Flu Situation By State

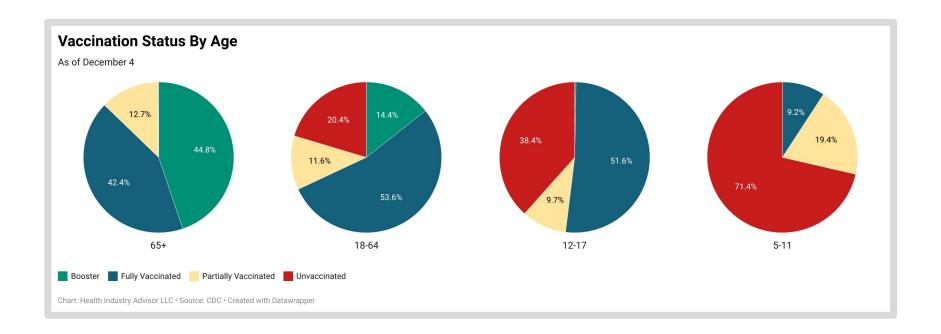
Flu visits are highest across the southern United States.





Vaccination Status By Age — United States

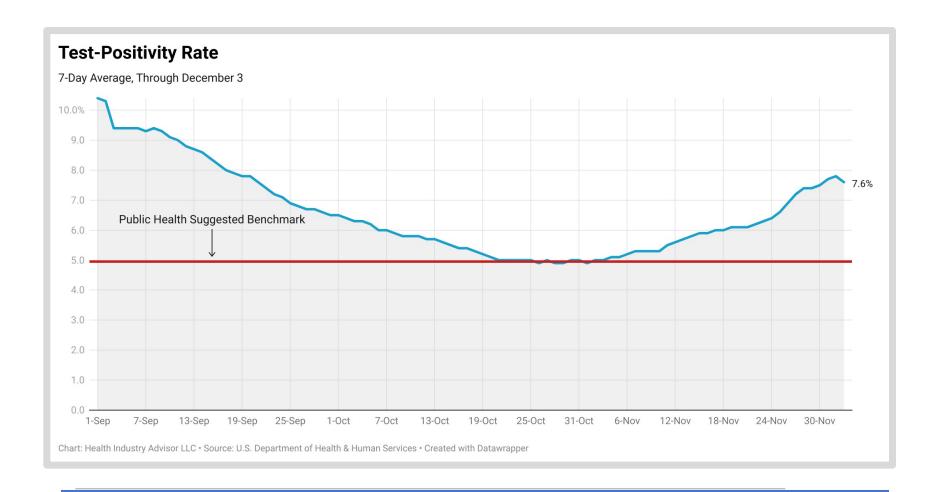
More senior citizens are now boosted than those have just two shots. The number of 5-to-11-year-olds having received a single shot doubled in the past week.





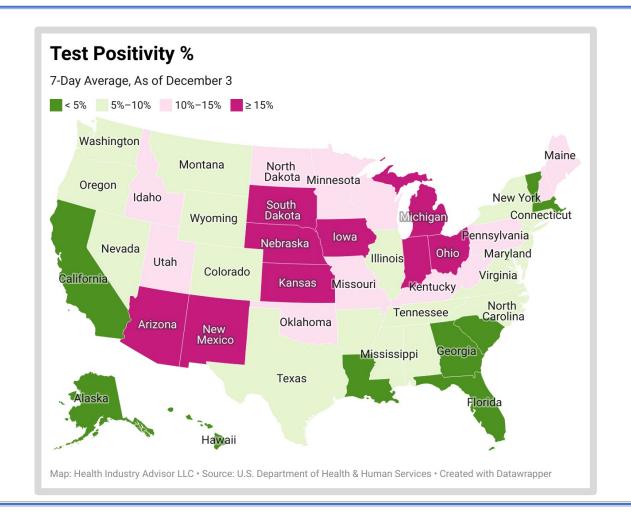
Test-Positive Rate

The test-positive rate eased slightly last week. This rate had increased steadily since Halloween.



7-Day Average Test-Positivity %

Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, and South Dakota posted the highest test-positivity rates of all states last week.

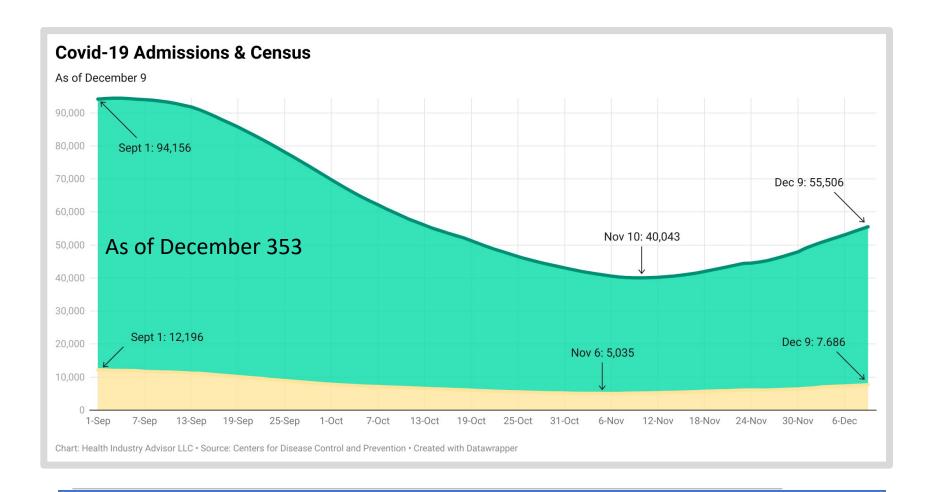






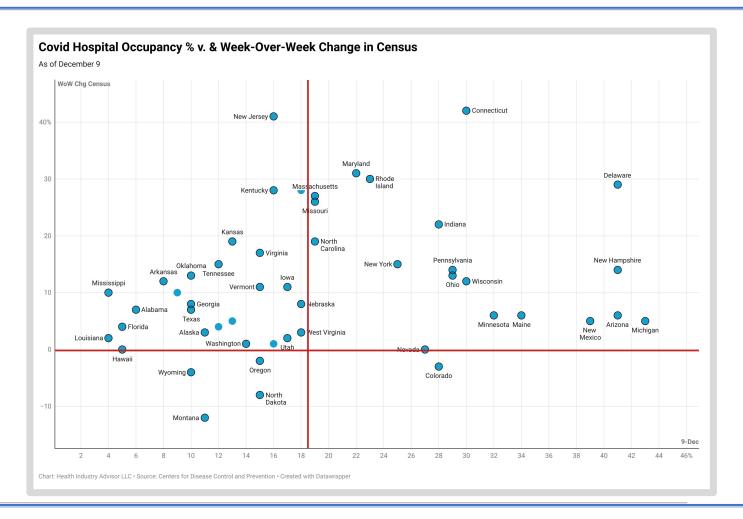
Inpatient Covid Admissions and Census

Covid admissions have trended upward since early in November, increasing 32% already. Covid census is up 39% in the past month. Fortunately, both measures are sharply lower than early September.



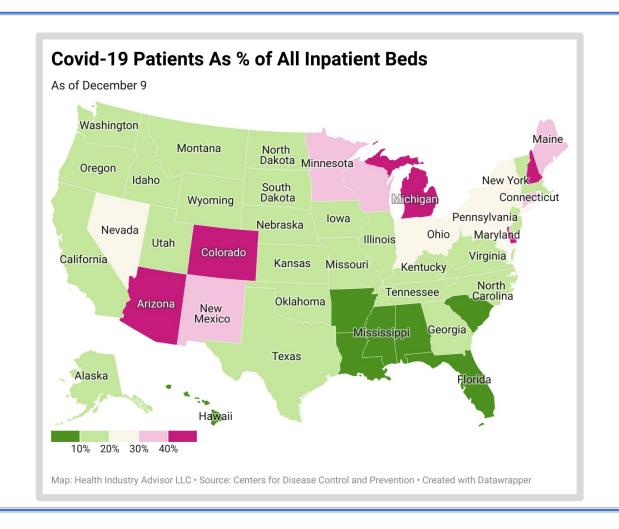
Covid Hospital Occupancy Trends

Covid census in most states increased over the past two weeks. Of particular concern are states with high occupancy rates already, including Arizona, Delaware, Michigan, New Hampshire, and New Mexico.



Covid Hospital Occupancy By State

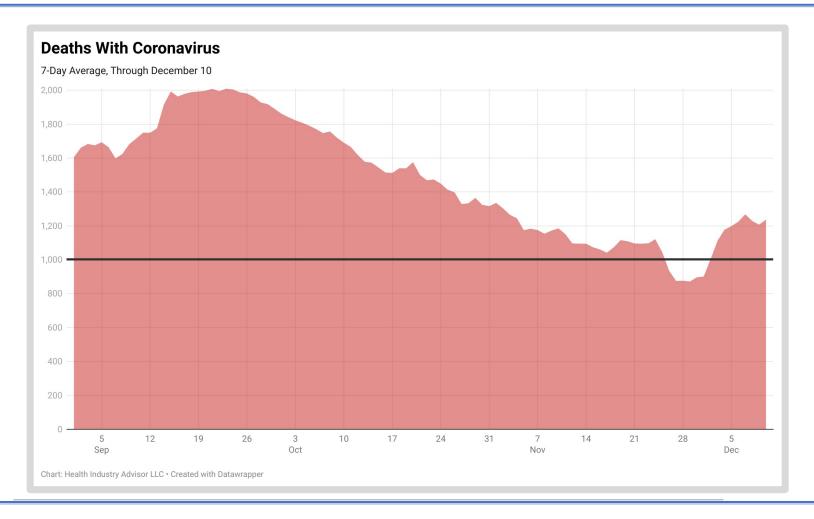
Covid hospitalization levels reached concerning levels last week in Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and New Mexico. Rates remain relatively low in across the Southeast.





Deaths with Covid-19

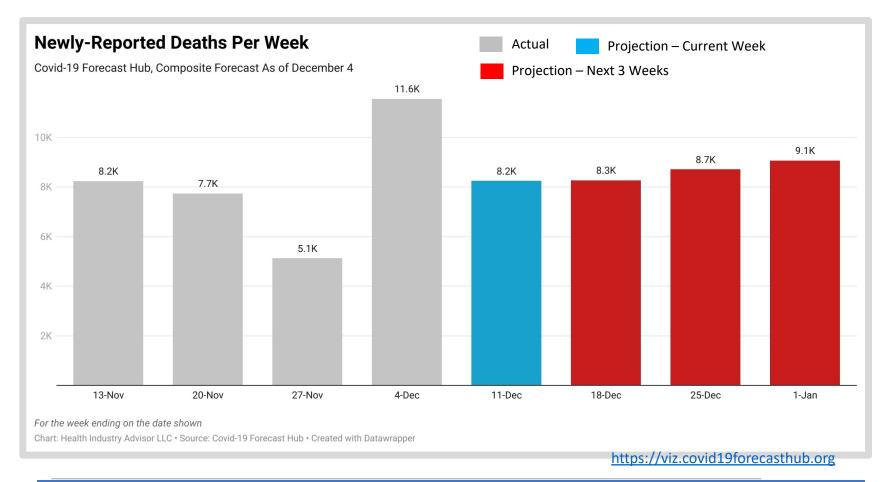
Deaths with Covid remained high last week. The current rate is above 1,200 per day.





Death Projections – Ensemble Forecast

The ensemble forecast predicts rising Covid deaths over the next few weeks.







Sources

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

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