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DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Press Briefing
December 7, 2021

de.gov/covidvaccine

STATE OF DELAWARE

DATA UPDATE

572.7

New Cases

7-day Average

8.7%

Positive Tests

7-day Average

296 with **34** critical
Hospitalizations

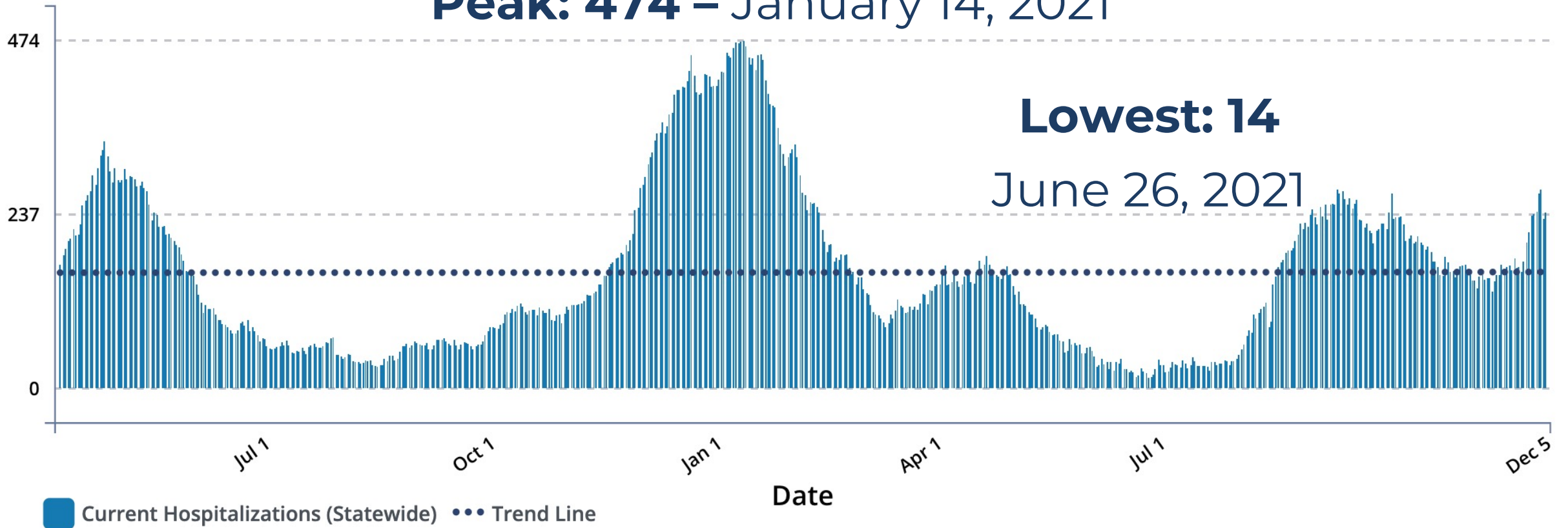
2,203
Lives Lost

View more COVID-19 data: de.gov/healthycommunity

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HOSPITALIZATIONS

Peak: 474 – January 14, 2021



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VACCINE UPDATE

**Total Vaccines
Administered**

1,460,016

**Fully
Vaccinated**

602,585 (61.9%)

65.6%

Delawareans 5+
fully vaccinated

71.6%

Delawareans 12+
fully vaccinated

73.2%

Delawareans 18+
fully vaccinated

91.8%

Delawareans 65+
fully vaccinated

Data as of: December 6, 2021 - 6:00am

CDC Data: covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations

Fully Vaccinated - *Rates by Age Group*

Age	Statewide	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County
5-11	4.9%	5.8%	2.9%	4.2%
12-17	51.9%	58.9%	43.4%	39.9%
18-34	49.3%	53.8%	39.7%	44.5%
35-49	61.6%	65.0%	55.4%	57.0%
50-64	72.4%	73.7%	70.1%	71.3%
65+	91.5%	90.2%	87.8%	95.2%

Total Population Fully Vaccinated: 61.4%

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Boosters

Population	Percentage of Population	Number of People
Total Population	24.6%	148,064
65+	49.8%	86,267
50+	37.1%	122,823
18+	26.2%	147,938

Wear Face Coverings Indoors

All Delawareans are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to wear face coverings indoors regardless of vaccination status.



**Cases are on the rise.
Here is what you can do:**

- Wear a mask indoors
- Get vaccinated
- Get your booster



Get your
COVID-19 VACCINE

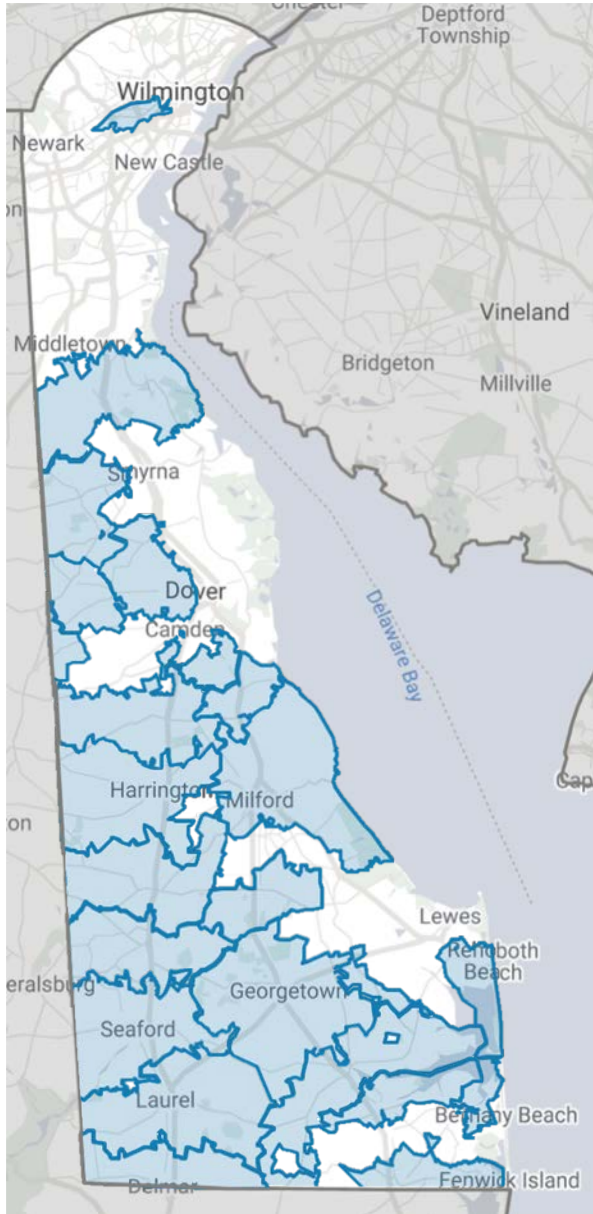
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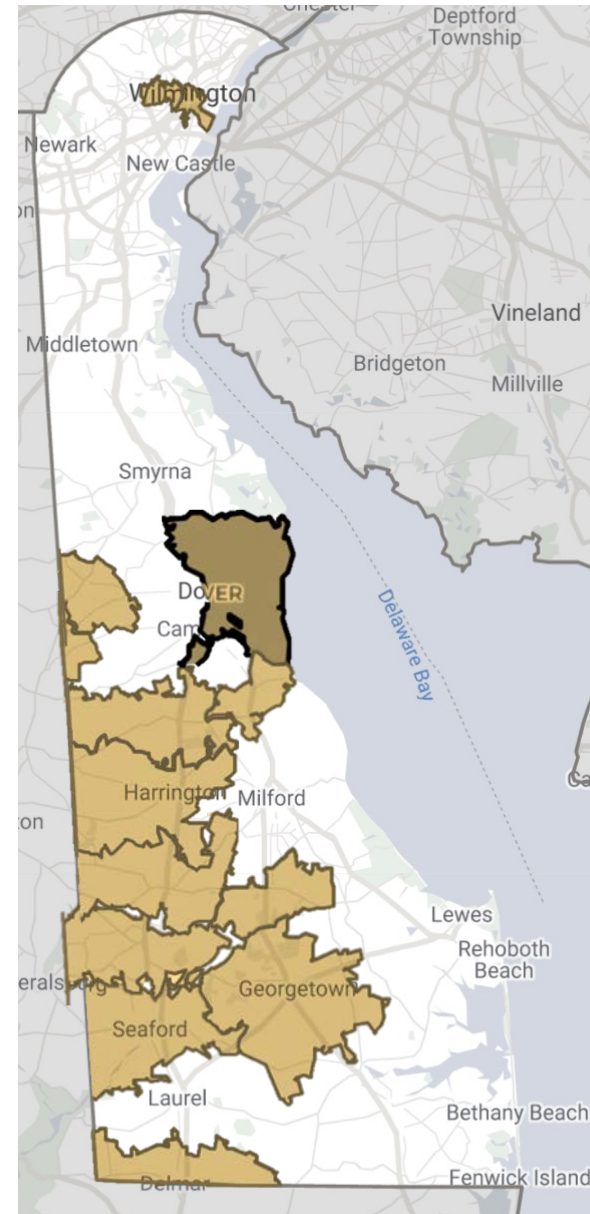
Areas with Highest Test Positivity



- Newport/Stanton**
- Townsend**
- Clayton**
- Dover**
- Magnolia**
- Hartly**
- Marydel**
- Frederica**
- Felton**
- Milford**
- Harrington**
- Ellendale**
- Greenwood**
- Millsboro**
- Bridgeville**
- Rehoboth Beach**
- Georgetown**
- Harbeson**
- Seaford**
- Dagsboro**
- Laurel**
- Ocean View**
- Delmar**
- Selbyville**

Data as of December 5, 2021

Low Vaccination Rate Areas



- Wilmington**
- Dover**
- Hartly**
- Marydel**
- Frederica**
- Felton**
- Harrington**
- Greenwood**
- Ellendale**
- Georgetown**
- Bridgeville**
- Seaford**
- Laurel**
- Delmar**

Data as of December 5, 2021

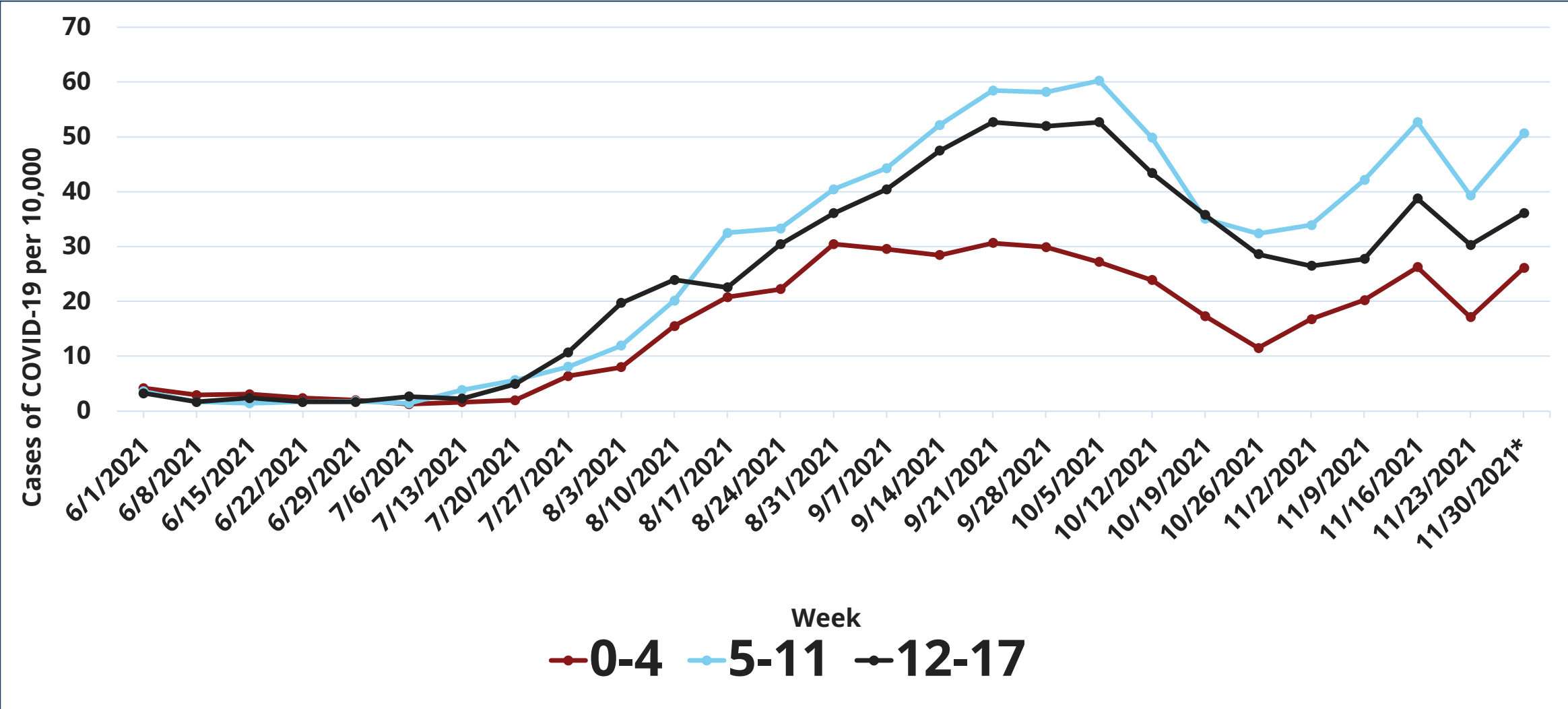
Cases By Vaccination Status

Week of 11/22/2021– 11/28/2021

Percent of Unvaccinated / Partially Vaccinated

Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
72%	80%	80%

COVID-19 Cases in Delaware Children



Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, December 4, 2021

COVID-19 Cases in Delaware Children

- Children ages **5 to 11** are eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric dose.
- Clinical trials nationwide that involved more than 3,000 children ages 5 to 11 found the pediatric dose to be more than **90 percent** protective against developing symptomatic COVID-19.
- Almost 5 million children ages 5 – 11 have gotten one dose of the vaccine
- Among these almost 5 million children – and those in clinical trials – **NO serious side effects** have been identified (**NO myocarditis or severe allergic reactions were identified**)



KNOW ALL THE FACTS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE AND MAKE THE HEALTHIEST CHOICE FOR YOUR CHILD.

If you're on the fence about getting your child vaccinated, it's important to know the facts about the COVID-19 vaccine.

 **No lasting side effects**  **Doesn't affect fertility**  **Myocarditis is more of a threat from COVID-19 than the vaccine**

The vaccine is proven safe and effective for children 5 and older. Vaccinated youth are protected against serious illness caused by COVID-19 and don't have to quarantine if exposed to someone with the virus. So, the best way to protect our kids and keep them in school is to get them vaccinated.

Learn all the facts at de.gov/youthvaccine



Omicron variant (B.1.1.529)

What we know

- **First reported in South Africa**
- **Cases now reported in U.S. (including PA, MD, NJ)**
- **No cases in Delaware as of 12/6/21**
- **DE Public Health Lab sequencing for variant**

What we don't know

- **How transmissible?**
- **Is it more infectious than Delta?**
- **Does it cause more severe disease?**
- **How well do vaccines work against it?**

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What we can do

- **Get vaccinated – 1st dose, 2nd dose, booster dose**
- **Wear a mask indoors**
- **Socially distance from others**
- **Test as recommended**
- **Stay home if you have COVID symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID**



BOOST YOUR PROTECTION!

Adults 18+ are eligible • de.gov/boosters



- Recommended for **all adults 18 and older**.
- **Increase strength of antibody response** to protect you from the virus, and many of its mutations.
- **Vaccines are effective against hospitalization and death.**
- State and national **booster campaigns coming.**

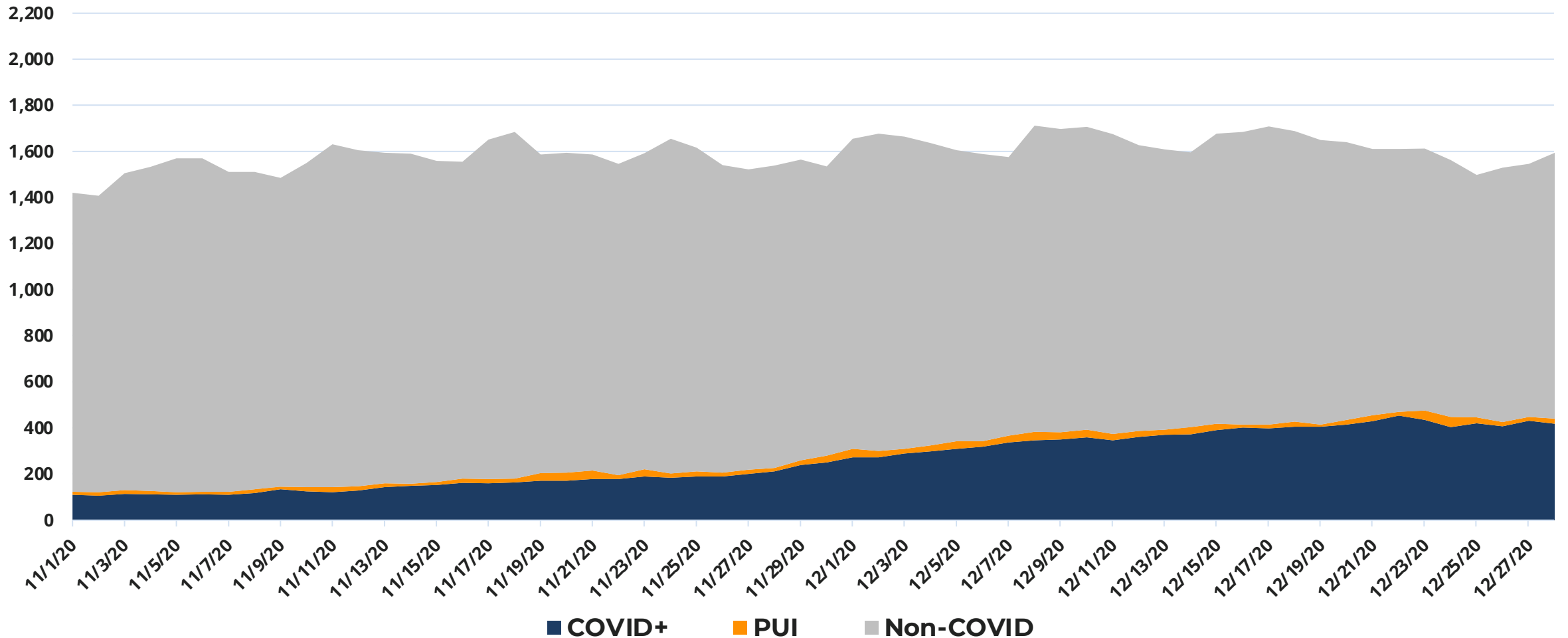
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AJ Schall**

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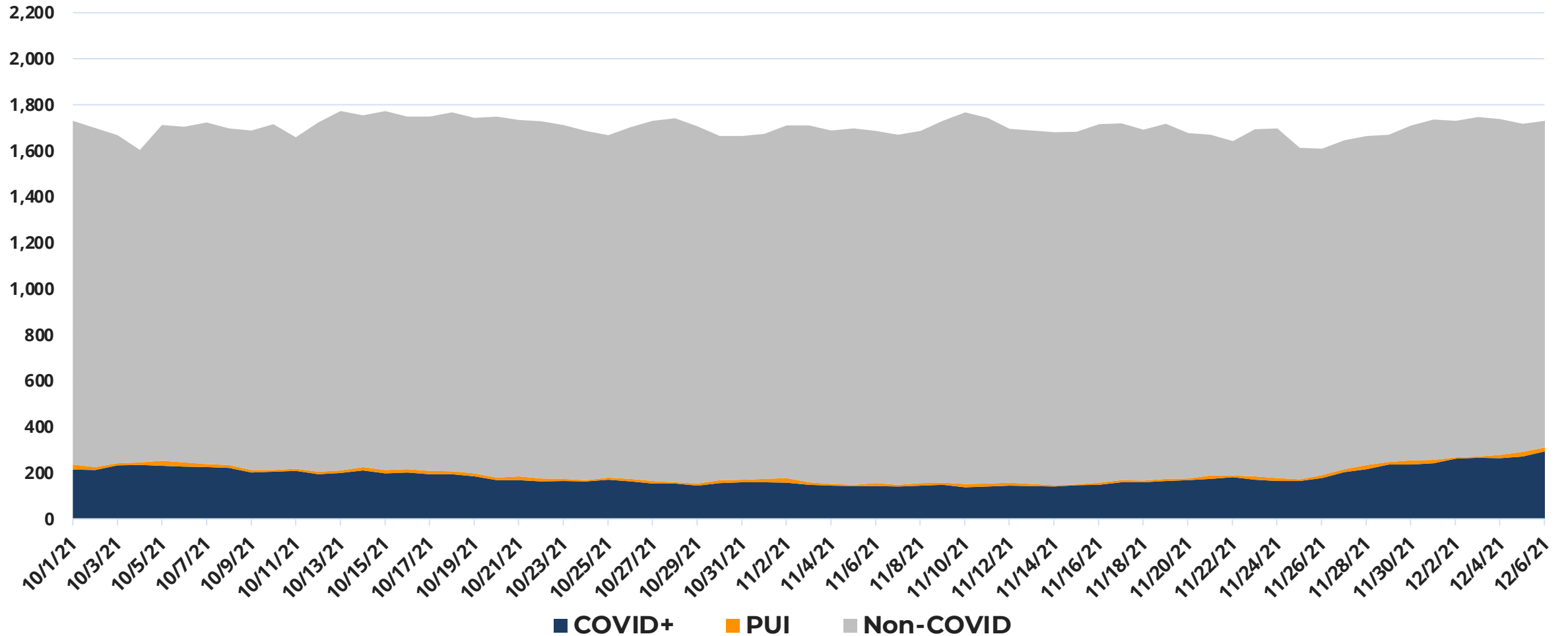
Delaware Emergency
Management Agency

Delaware Hospitalizations: COVID+, Patients Under Investigation (PUI), and Non-COVID

11/01/2020 - 12/28/2020



Delaware Hospitalizations: COVID+, Patients Under Investigation (PUI), and Non-COVID 10/01/2021 - 12/06/2021



KNOW YOUR
COVID-19 STATUS

TESTING

November 27- December 3

14,258

November 20- November 26

9,503

November 13- November 19

23,830

November 6- November 12

33,231

Rapid Testing

Rapid testing is available at some of DPH's clinics and COVID-19 vaccination sites, including:

Oxford/University Public Health Clinic

256 Chapman Road, Ste. 100
Newark, DE 19702

Blue Hen Corporate Center

655 S. Bay Road, Ste. 1A
Dover, DE 19901

Georgetown Plaza Shopping Center

19 Georgetown Plaza
Georgetown, DE 19947

Appointments are recommended. Walk-in availability is limited.

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