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DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Press Briefing
January 11, 2022

de.gov/covidvaccine

STATE OF DELAWARE

DATA UPDATE

2753

New Cases

7-day Average

29.9%

Positive Tests

7-day Average

734 with **72** critical
Hospitalizations

2,373
Lives Lost

Data as of: January 10, 2022 - 6:00pm

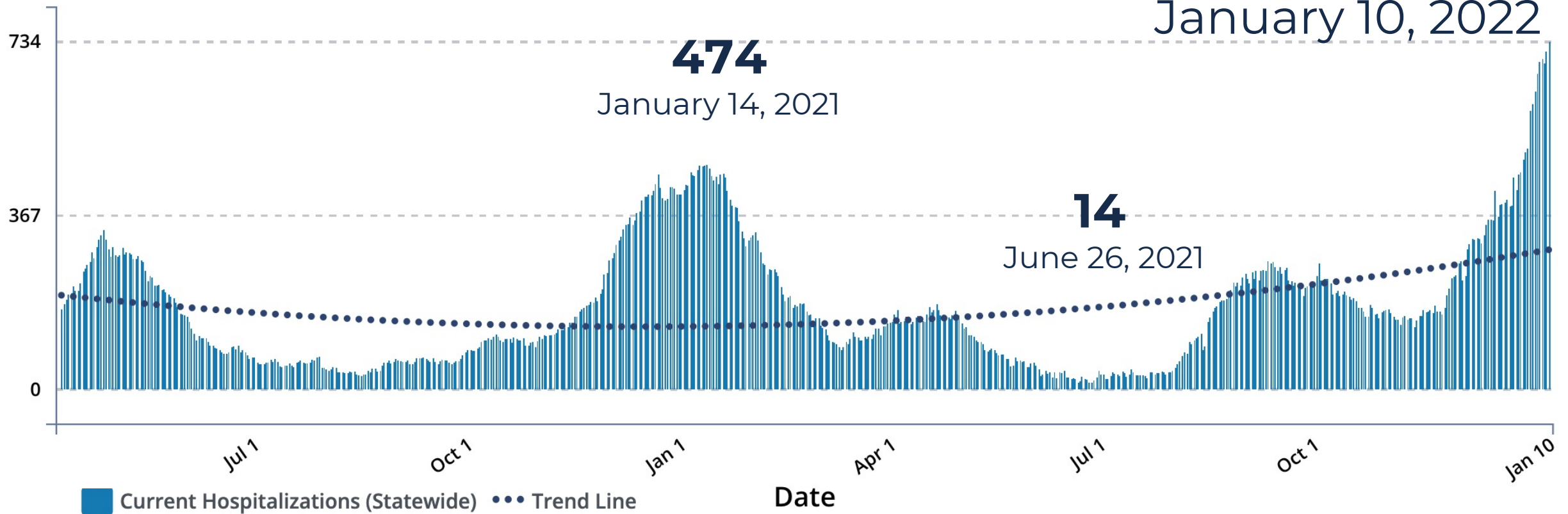
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HOSPITALIZATIONS

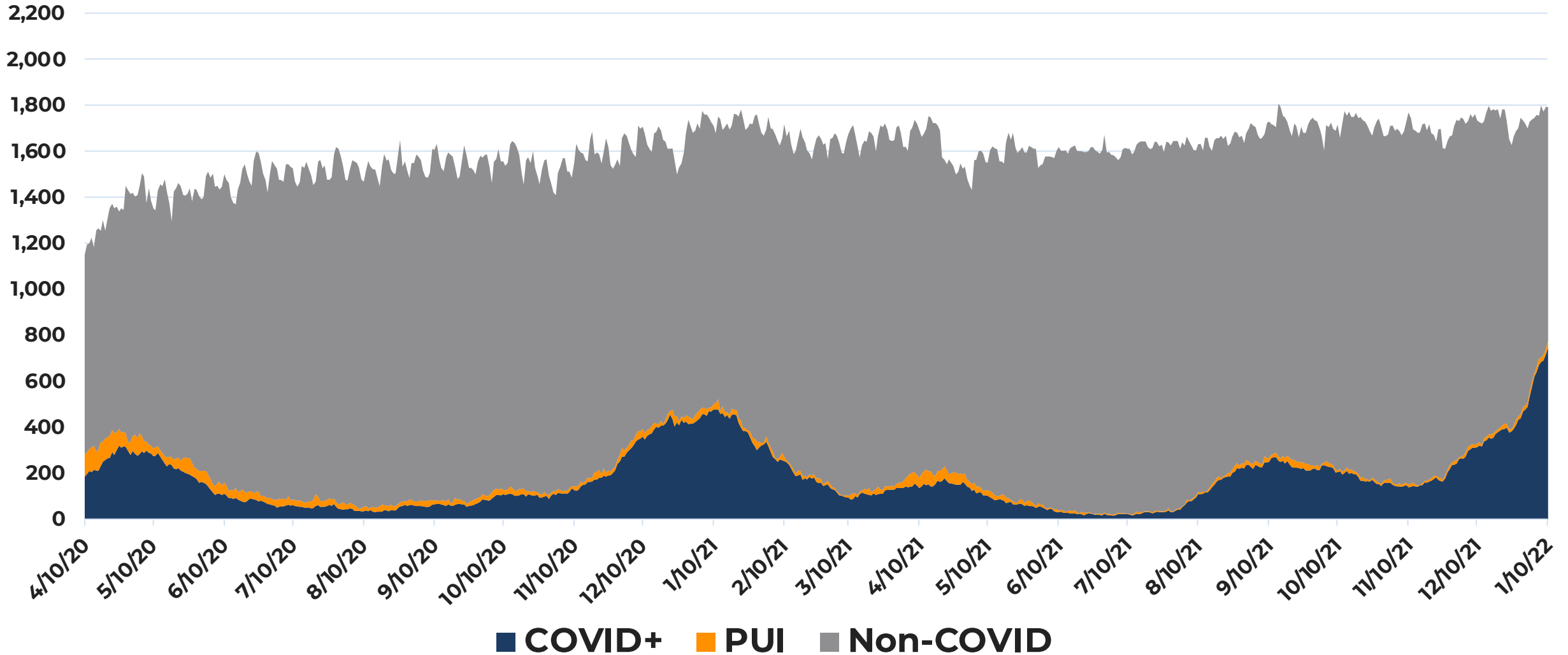
Latest: 734

January 10, 2022



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Delaware Hospitalizations: COVID+, Patients Under Investigation (PUI), and Non-COVID 4/10/2021 – 1/10/2022



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VACCINE UPDATE

**Total Vaccines
Administered**

1,612,849

**Fully
Vaccinated**

629,822 (64.7%)

68.5%

Delawareans 5+
fully vaccinated

73.5%

Delawareans 12+
fully vaccinated

75.1%

Delawareans 18+
fully vaccinated

93%

Delawareans 65+
fully vaccinated

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

Universal Indoor Mask Mandate

IN EFFECT

**Requires Delawareans to wear masks in
indoor public settings**

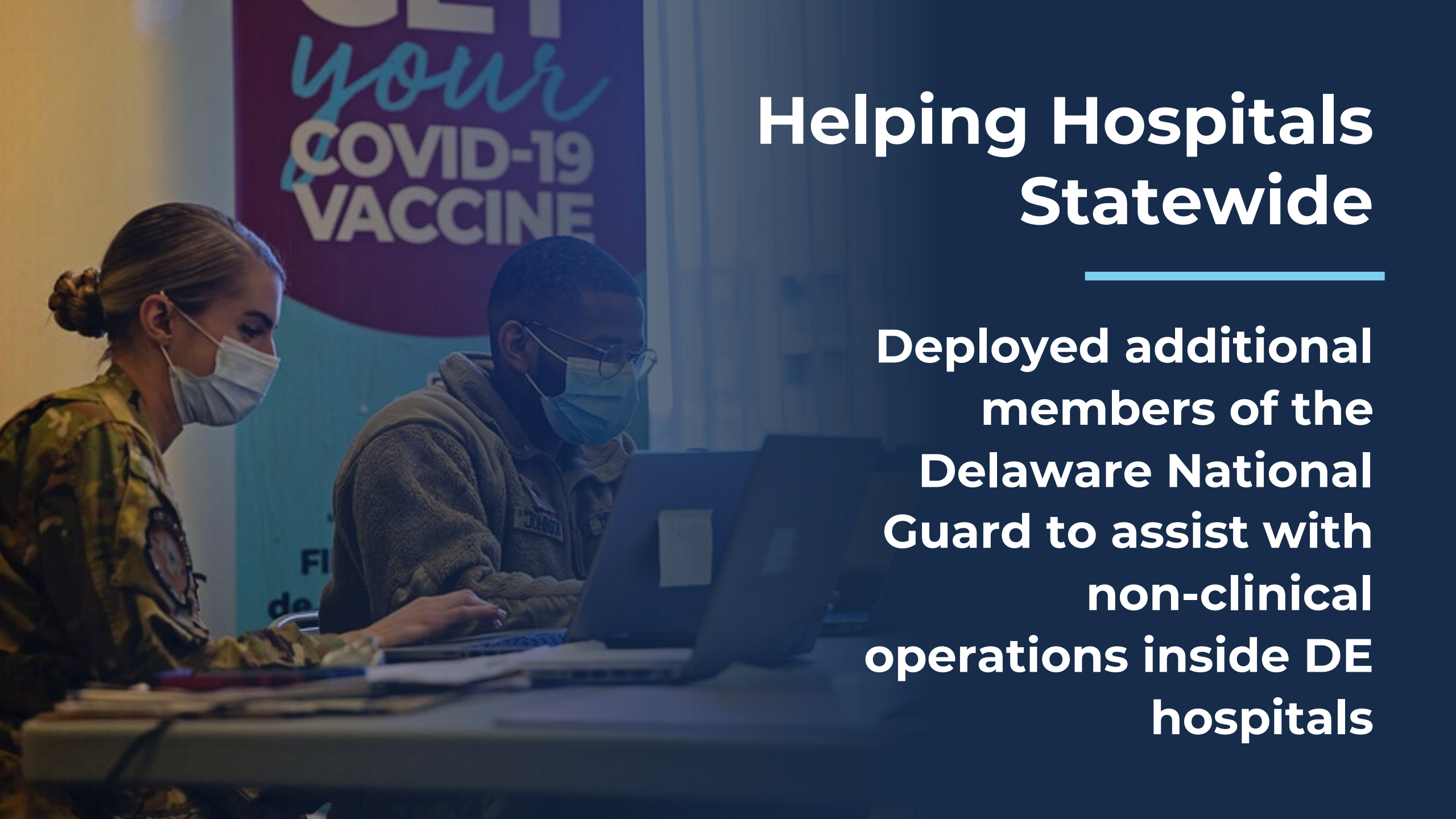


Fighting the Surge

Our hospital systems are facing a crisis-level situation.

Record numbers of Delawareans seeking emergency care.

We need all Delawareans in the fight to make sure our hospitals are not overrun.



Helping Hospitals Statewide

Deployed additional
members of the
Delaware National
Guard to assist with
non-clinical
operations inside DE
hospitals

More than 300 members of the Delaware National Guard are assisting with COVID-19 response efforts



COVID-19 WINTER SURGE: WHAT BUSINESSES CAN DO

- ▶ **Require everyone in your facility to wear a mask.**
- ▶ **Printable signs are available: de.gov/bizsigns**



COVID-19 WINTER SURGE: **WHAT BUSINESSES CAN DO**

Tell your employees to stay home if they're showing symptoms.



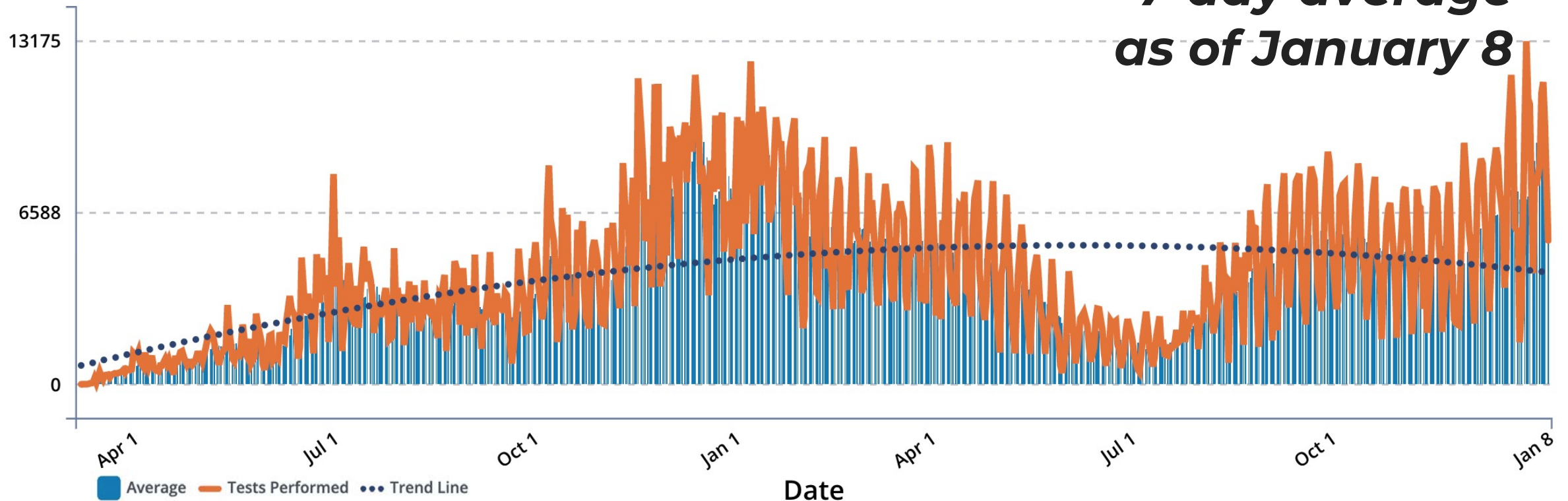
- ▶ Requiring workers to be in person while sick contributes to the spread of COVID-19 and increases staffing problems.

STATE OF DELAWARE

DAILY TESTS PERFORMED

8,913

*7-day average
as of January 8*



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State of Delaware Fixed Testing Sites

- State Service Centers
- Public Health Clinics
- Walgreens

VIEW ALL TESTING LOCATIONS:
de.gov/gettested

*Statewide Testing Total – All Locations
(1/1/22-1/7/22)*

61,128

**COMING
NEXT WEEK**

**Delaware City DMV
Testing Site**

**Night and
weekend hours**





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COVID-19 VACCINE

de.gov/getmyvaccine

**Dr. Karyl
Rattay**

Director

Division of Public
Health

Our hospitals are over capacity

734

people in DE hospitals
with COVID-19

72

in ICU

51

on ventilators

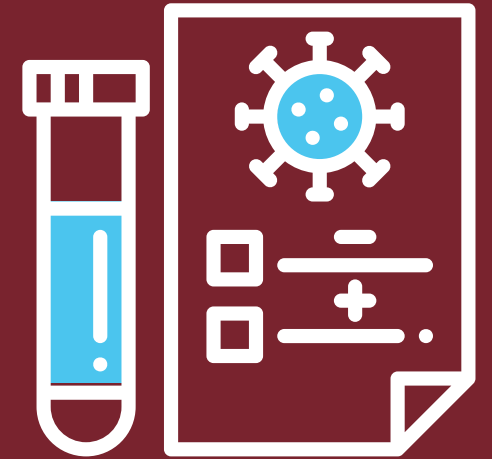
2 out of 5

people hospitalized
are positive for
COVID-19

Of those hospitalized with COVID-19:

- **70% are not vaccinated**
- **90% are not boosted**

GET TESTED FOR COVID-19



You should get tested for COVID-19 if you:

- Have symptoms, especially if you are unvaccinated or have serious or underlying chronic health conditions.
- Were exposed to someone with COVID-19. Get tested five days after exposure, if possible.
- Are not vaccinated (testing for you is recommended once a week).

**Please help us keep Emergency Departments
free for health emergencies.**

Testing Suggestions



Check for updates. Review the testing calendar and DPH social media for **closures due to weather or staffing shortages due to COVID.** Decisions are being made daily.



Everyone wants a rapid test, but not everyone needs one. Those with symptoms and children needing a return to school should seek a rapid test.



Practice patience and kindness with testing staff.

If you test positive for COVID-19:

- **Don't wait for a call from a contact tracer to isolate.**
Isolate from the day you have symptoms or get a positive test result.
- **Take charge of reaching out to your close contacts.**
Close contacts are those who you were around either 48 hours before your positive test or your symptom onset.
- **Tell your close contacts:**
 - **Quarantine based on CDC guidance** (available on de.gov/coronavirus)
 - **Test 5 days after** their last exposure to you

Appropriate types of masks:



- **Multi-layer masks**
- **Masks that fit snugly over the nose and mouth**
- **Masks that do not allow for gaps around the face**

PREVENT COVID-19



**Get
vaccinated.**



**Wear a
well-fitted
mask around
others.**



**Get
tested as
needed.**



**Stay home
if you're
sick.**



**Avoid
non-essential
in-person
social
gatherings.**

Reminder: Get Covered by January 15



Find an affordable health insurance plan and make sure you're covered:

[healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov)

**Director
AJ Schall**

Director

Delaware Emergency
Management Agency

TESTING

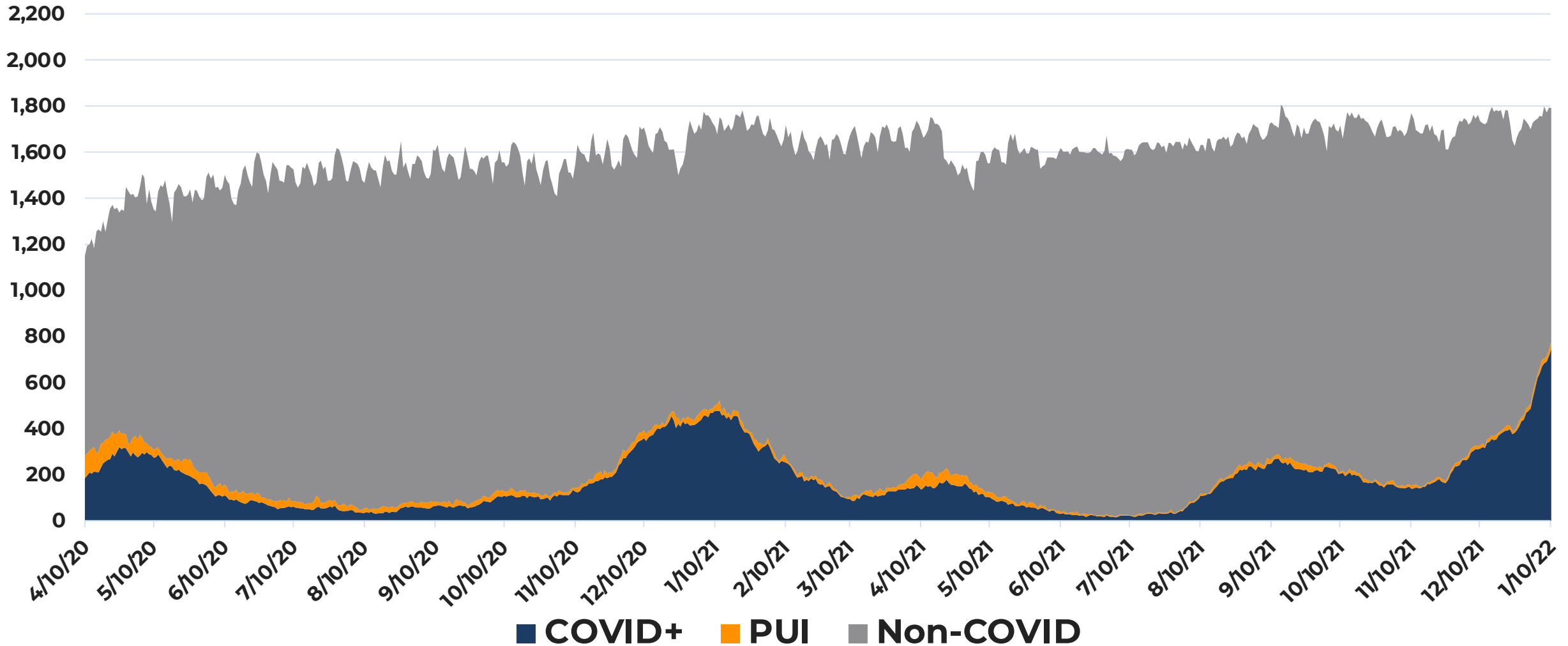
*January 1– January 7
2022*

61,128

*December 25 – December 31
2021*

52,305

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**Thank you,
Delaware
National
Guard**



**Dr. Ken
Silverstein**

**Chief Physician
Executive**

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Hospitals Operating under Crisis Standards of Care:

- ChristianaCare
- Bayhealth
- TidalHealth
Nanticoke
- Trinity Health
Mid-Atlantic-Saint
Francis Hospital

Joint Statement on COVID-19 Crisis

(WILMINGTON, Del. -- January 10, 2022) Delaware hospitals have confronted the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic for nearly two years, meeting the demand for acute care with comprehensive surge-capacity plans. We have postponed surgeries and procedures, re-purposed space within our facilities to accommodate more patients, and directed available resources, including staff, to meet the increased needs of our hospitals and emergency departments.

Our health care workers have carried the burden of caring for our community during the pandemic, and they have done extraordinary work under increasingly difficult circumstances.

Due to the dramatic increase of COVID-19 infection in recent weeks, we are treating more patients in our hospitals and emergency departments than at any time since the pandemic began. The current demand for care surpasses the normal resources that we have available. Each of our organizations is taking steps to ensure that we are able to prioritize care for those with the greatest needs.

Today, ChristianaCare, Bayhealth, TidalHealth Nanticoke, and Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic—Saint Francis Hospital are operating under Crisis Standards of Care protocols in order to have the flexibility and decision-making tools we need to deliver the best possible care to our community at this time.

We call on the community to recognize that the health care system has been stretched beyond capacity. We are in a moment of crisis, and we urgently need everyone to take action.

You can help end the current crisis in our hospitals. Get vaccinated and receive boosters as indicated. Prevent the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, maintaining distance, handwashing, testing, and staying home if you feel unwell. Please avoid the emergency department for less serious health needs.

We look forward to the time when these changes in the way we deliver care are no longer necessary. Our hospitals and practices have served our community for decades, and we will continue to do so long into the future. With your help, we can end the current surge of COVID-19.



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Crisis conditions exist when resource challenges, including staffing, space and supplies, place such a burden on the health system that it must modify the practice standards in order to provide care.



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Crisis Standards of Care

- Used in times of emergency to guide decision-making when the demand for care surpasses the available resources
- Health care providers can modify processes or change the way resources are allocated
- Care for patients with the highest need

Greater decision-making flexibility in:



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- Advancing different care models.
- Simplifying documentation requirements.
- Changing workflows.
- Modifying surgical and other procedural and diagnostic schedules
- Adjusting how supplies are allocated.
- Changing how treatment resources are distributed.
- Redeploying clinical and non-clinical staff.

Help end the current crisis in our hospitals:



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- **Get vaccinated and receive boosters when eligible**
- **Wash your hands**
- **Wear a mask**
- **Get tested as recommended**
- **Maintain distance**
- **Stay home if you feel unwell**

**Please avoid the emergency department
for less serious health needs.**



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