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# DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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Press Briefing  
January 4, 2022

[de.gov/covidvaccine](https://de.gov/covidvaccine)

STATE OF DELAWARE

# DATA UPDATE

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**2,584.3**

**New Cases**

*7-day Average*

**26.9%**

**Positive Tests**

*7-day Average*

**602** with **72** critical  
**Hospitalizations**

**2,286**  
**Lives Lost**

*Data as of: January 3, 2022 - 6:00pm*

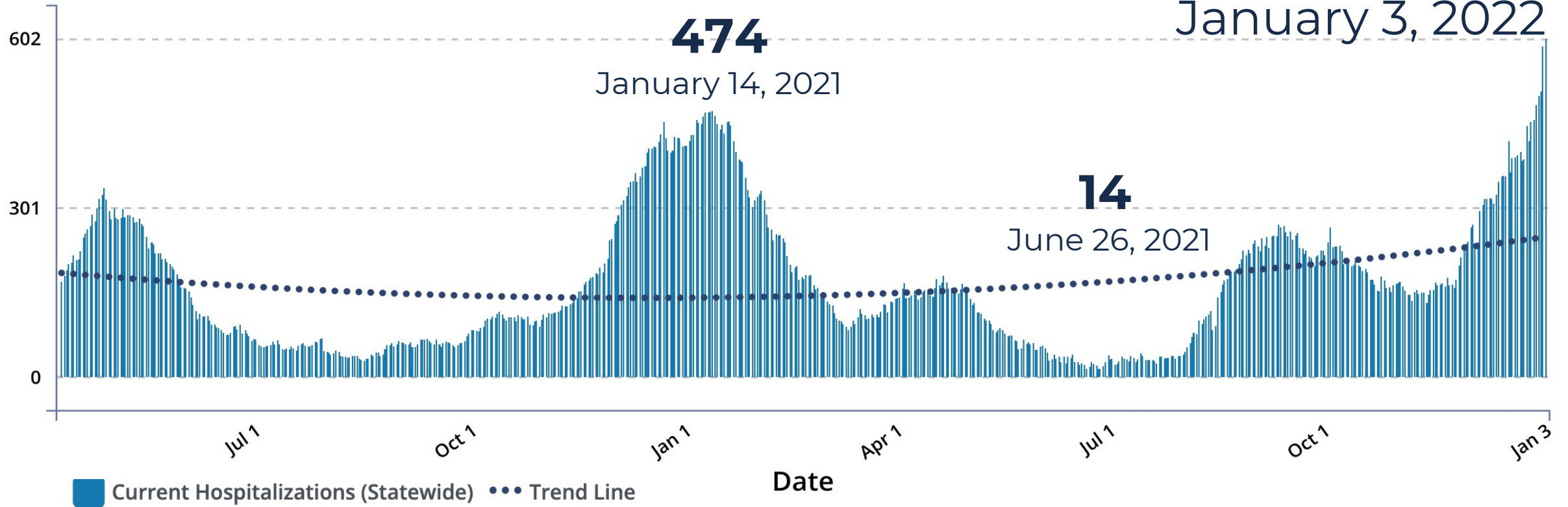
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# HOSPITALIZATIONS

**Latest: 602**

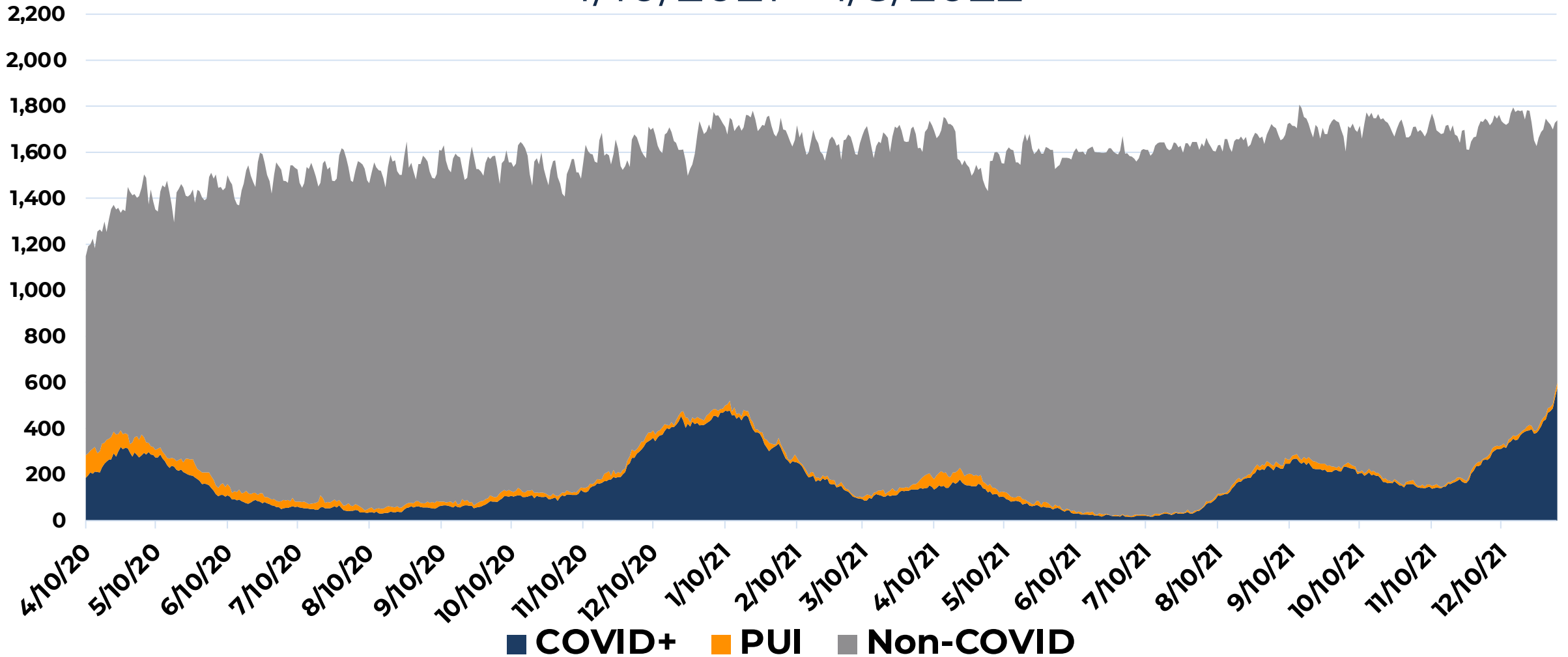
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# Delaware Hospitalizations: COVID+, Patients Under Investigation (PUI), and Non-COVID

4/10/2021 – 1/3/2022



*Week of 12/20/2021– 12/26/2021*

**71%**

**of COVID-19 hospitalizations  
were unvaccinated or partially  
vaccinated individuals**

STATE OF DELAWARE

# VACCINE UPDATE

**Total Vaccines  
Administered**

**1,582,493**

**Fully  
Vaccinated**

**624,808 (64.2%)**

**68%**

**Delawareans 5+  
fully vaccinated**

**73.1%**

**Delawareans 12+  
fully vaccinated**

**74.7%**

**Delawareans 18+  
fully vaccinated**

**92.8%**

**Delawareans 65+  
fully vaccinated**

*Data as of: December 30, 2021 - 6:00 am (COVID Data Tracker did not update on Monday, January 3, 2022. Updates will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.)*

**CDC Data:** [covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations)

Over the last week,

**1 in 4**

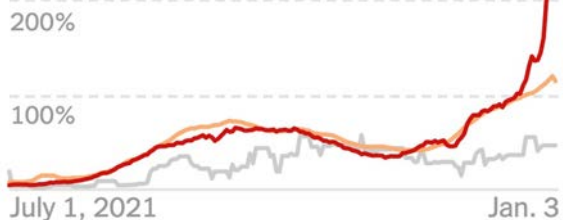
**COVID-19 tests  
were positive.**

**If you have COVID-19 symptoms,  
assume you have COVID-19.**

# Cases & Hospitalization Trends

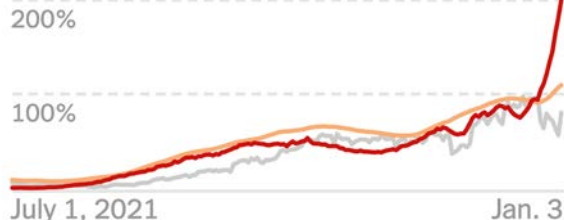
## Delaware

300% of last winter's peak



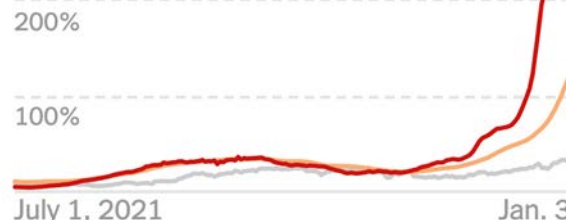
## Pennsylvania

300% of last winter's peak



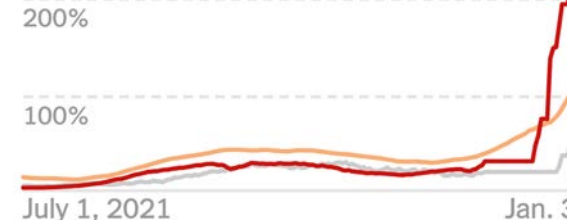
## New Jersey

300% of last winter's peak



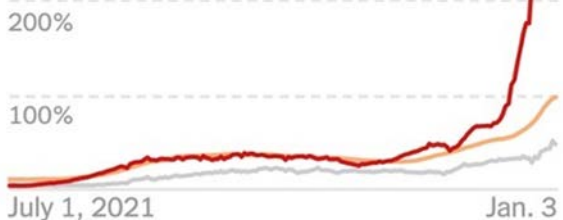
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300% of last winter's peak



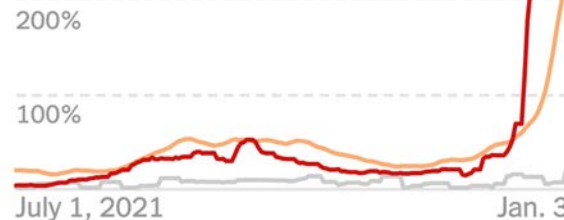
## New York

300% of last winter's peak



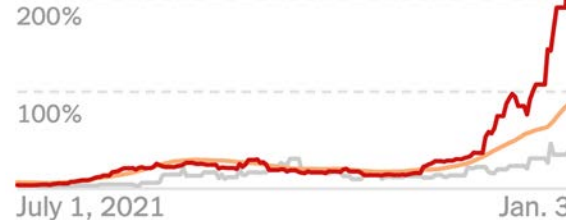
## Washington, D.C.

300% of last winter's peak



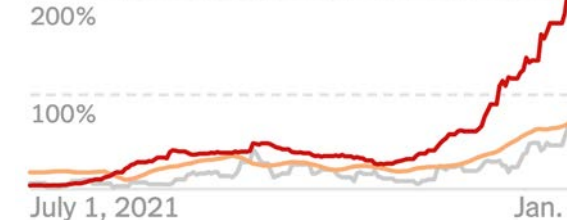
## Connecticut

300% of last winter's peak



## Rhode Island

300% of last winter's peak



■ Cases ■ Hospitalizations ■ Deaths

“Each chart shows how these three metrics compare to the corresponding peak level reached nationwide last winter. For example, a state’s case line exceeds 100 percent on the chart when its number of cases per capita exceeds the highest number of U.S. cases per capita reached in January 2021.”

Source: *New York Times* - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html>

# Fighting the Surge

# Protecting Hospital Capacity

## State of Emergency Declaration

- Allows the Public Health Authorities to ease regulations **in order to combat the surge in cases.**
- **Increases bed capacity in acute care facilities** with assurances for adequate staffing, maintenance, and safety, and approval by the Division of Public Health.

# Protecting Hospital Capacity

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100 members of  
the Delaware  
National Guard  
training to work as  
certified nursing  
assistants



We've heard it  
from doctors:  
**This is a  
preventable  
crisis.**

Like many hospitals, ChristianaCare sees record number of patients



Wednesday, December 29, 2021 7:48PM



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With nearly 80% of COVID patients unvaccinated, Wilmington Hospital's Chief Medical Officer Dr. LeRoi Hicks says it's a preventable crisis.



## State hits record for COVID hospitalizations

State of emergency resumes today as positive cases also reach highest mark

By **Tim Mastro**  
Delaware State News

DOVER — The number of individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 in Delaware is up to a record 509, as Delaware reenters a state of emergency order today.

Hospitalizations went above the 500 mark for the first time in Saturday's report by the Delaware Division of Public Health with 501 and

increased by another eight in Sunday's update. The previous high a year ago was 474, set on Jan. 12, 2021.

Today's state of emergency order will allow the state to mobilize the National Guard to help hospitals and manage the current COVID-19 surge, Gov. John Carney said last week. Approximately 100 members of the Delaware National Guard are being trained to become certified nursing assistants.

The order comes as Delaware is posting all-time highs in its COVID-19 case rates as well.

DPH reported 2,328 new positive

cases in Sunday's update, which reflects data as of Saturday at 6 p.m. It was the fourth consecutive day new cases tallied more than 2,000.

Saturday's case total is likely to increase as DPH needs more time to process the reported results into its database due to the large volume of lab results received last week.

To that point, the total of new positive cases on Friday increased to 3,554, a positive case high, after remaining lab results for that day were processed. Before the final week of December, Delaware's record for most new positive cases in a single day was 1,217 on Jan. 6,

2021.

Delaware's seven-day rolling average for percentage of positive tests was up to 23.1%, in Sunday's report. That number reflects data as of Thursday at 6 p.m. due to a two-day lag to account for the time delay between the date of the test and the date DPH receives the test result.

DPH encourages those seeking testing to make an appointment in advance. A full list of testing sites and registration options are available online at [Curative.com](http://Curative.com) or

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HEALTHCHECK

PATIENT RECORDS AT CHRISTIANACARE



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HEADLINES

PHILADELPHIA WILL END THE YEAR WITH THE ALL-TIME RECORD NUM

# Health care workers are still working hard to fight COVID.

## Battle against COVID-19 rages on in Delaware, with health care workers on forefront

December 29, 2021 by Hannah Cechini



**Dr. Ellie Salinski**  
BAYHEALTH KENT GENERAL EMERGENCY DEPT.



DELAWARE — The fight against COVID-19 is continuing to rage on in Delaware's hospitals. But, hospital personnel say it's not just COVID-19 they're battling.

# Fighting the Surge

We are almost 2 years into this.

**You know what to do.**

- ▶ Wear a mask
- ▶ Get vaccinated
- ▶ Get your booster
- ▶ Stay home when you're sick

# THANK YOU, HEALTH CARE WORKERS!

**Ease their burden.  
Do the things we know work.**

*Wear a mask. Keep your distance.  
Get vaccinated and boosted if you are eligible.*



*Get your*  
**COVID-19 VACCINE**

[de.gov/getmyvaccine](https://de.gov/getmyvaccine)

**Dr. Karyl  
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**Director**

Division of Public  
Health

# ISOLATION & QUARANTINE

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## COVID-19 Positive: Isolate and wear a mask

- ***Isolate for 5 days***
- ***After 5 days:*** If no symptoms, or symptoms are improving, you **can end isolation. You must wear a mask for another 5 days around others at home/school/other locations.**
- ***After 5 days and still have a fever:*** **Continue to isolate until 24 hours with no fever** without the use of fever-reducing medications.

# ISOLATION & QUARANTINE

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## COVID-19 Exposure: Quarantine & wear a mask

- ***Quarantine at home for 5 days is required if:***
  - Unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated
  - Fully vaccinated more than six months ago (Pfizer/Moderna) or two months ago (J&J), but have not gotten a booster yet.
  - **Quarantine for 5 days, then wear a mask around others for another 5 days** at home/school/other locations.
- ***Quarantine not required for:***
  - Boosted; vaccinated within the last six months (Pfizer/Moderna) or two months (J&J); and those not eligible for a booster.
  - **Wear a mask around others for 10 days.**

# ISOLATION & QUARANTINE

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## COVID-19 Exposure: Close Contacts

- ***For all close contacts:***
  - **Test on day 5 after exposure, if possible.**
  - If symptoms develop during 10-day window, immediately isolate at home and get tested.

# **ISOLATION & QUARANTINE**

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**Guidance for schools**  
**may change in the coming**  
**days, based on CDC guidance.**

# Keep wearing masks in indoors settings.

## 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



# BOOSTER UPDATES

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- FDA expanded the use of Pfizer boosters to **include individuals 12 to 15.**
- **If fully vaccinated with Pfizer, FDA has approved the booster after 5 months** (instead of after 6 months).
- **Certain immunocompromised children between ages 5-11 can receive a third dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.** *Conditions that would apply include children who received a solid organ donation.*

# PREVENT COVID-19

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**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.**

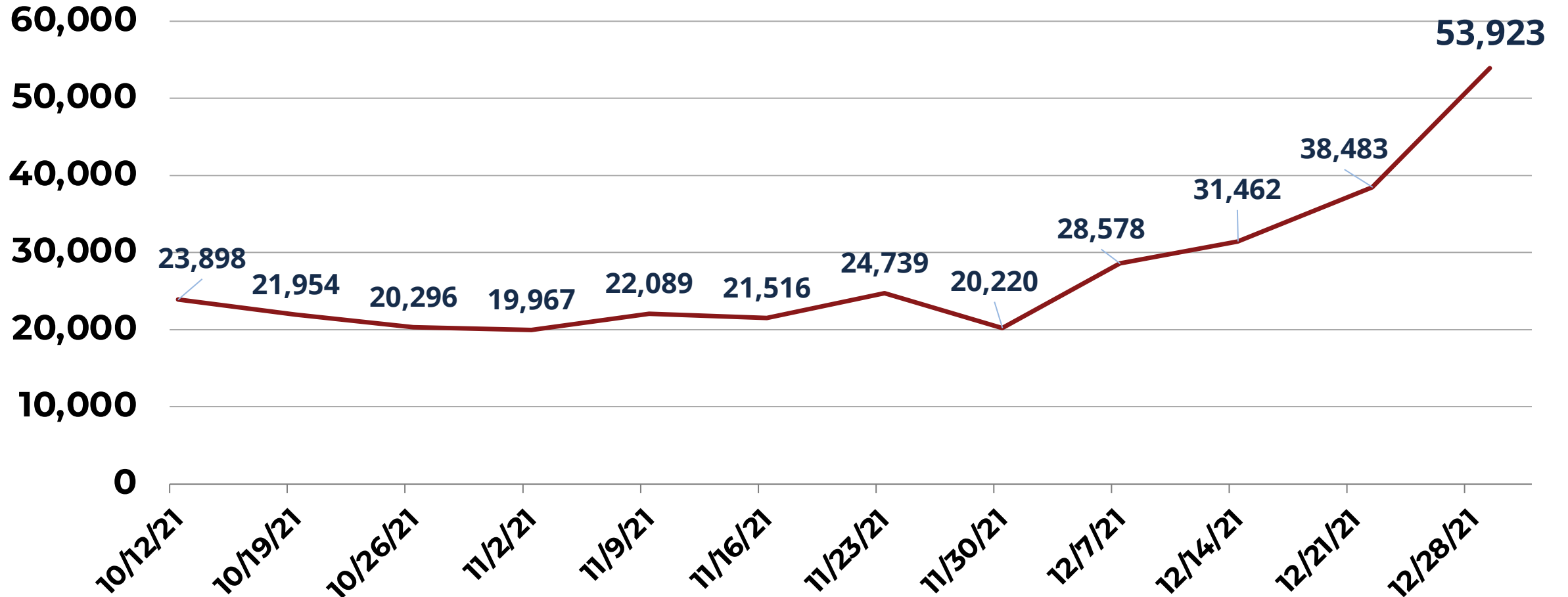
**Director  
AJ Schall**

**Director**

Delaware Emergency  
Management Agency

# CURATIVE TESTING

10/12/2021 - 12/28/2021



For testing location updates, closures, changes, and more, visit [de.gov/gettested](https://de.gov/gettested)

The screenshot shows the Delaware.gov website's COVID-19 response page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Delaware.gov' and links for 'Agencies', 'News', 'Topics', and 'Contact'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'TESTING', 'UPDATES', 'PREVENTION', 'INFLUENZA', and 'CONTACT'. The main header reads 'Delaware's (COVID-19) Response We're in this together.' The page content includes a breadcrumb trail 'Home / Delaware COVID-19 Testing', a 'Listen' button, and a yellow alert box stating that Delaware is experiencing record COVID cases and that testing availability is limited due to a winter storm. It also notes that the state does not manage retail pharmacy testing availability. A section titled 'Get tested, Delaware.' features a map of the state with testing sites marked in Wilmington, Dover, and Georgetown. Below the map is a search box for ZIP codes and a 'View All Testing Locations' button. A note provides a 2-1-1 helpline for help. A pink box contains updates on testing cancellations and delays at various locations. A final yellow alert box mentions that some testing sites will start collecting insurance information.

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Delaware's (COVID-19) Response *We're in this together.*

Home / Delaware COVID-19 Testing

Listen

Delaware is experiencing record COVID cases. The demand for testing has never been higher. The winter storm event has further limited testing availability.

Please take the extra step and confirm that testing centers are open and accepting walk-ins if you are unable to make an appointment.

The State of Delaware does not manage retail pharmacy testing availability.

**Get tested, Delaware.**

There are permanent and temporary testing sites throughout Delaware.

Find a location near you now.

ZIP Code Search

View All Testing Locations →

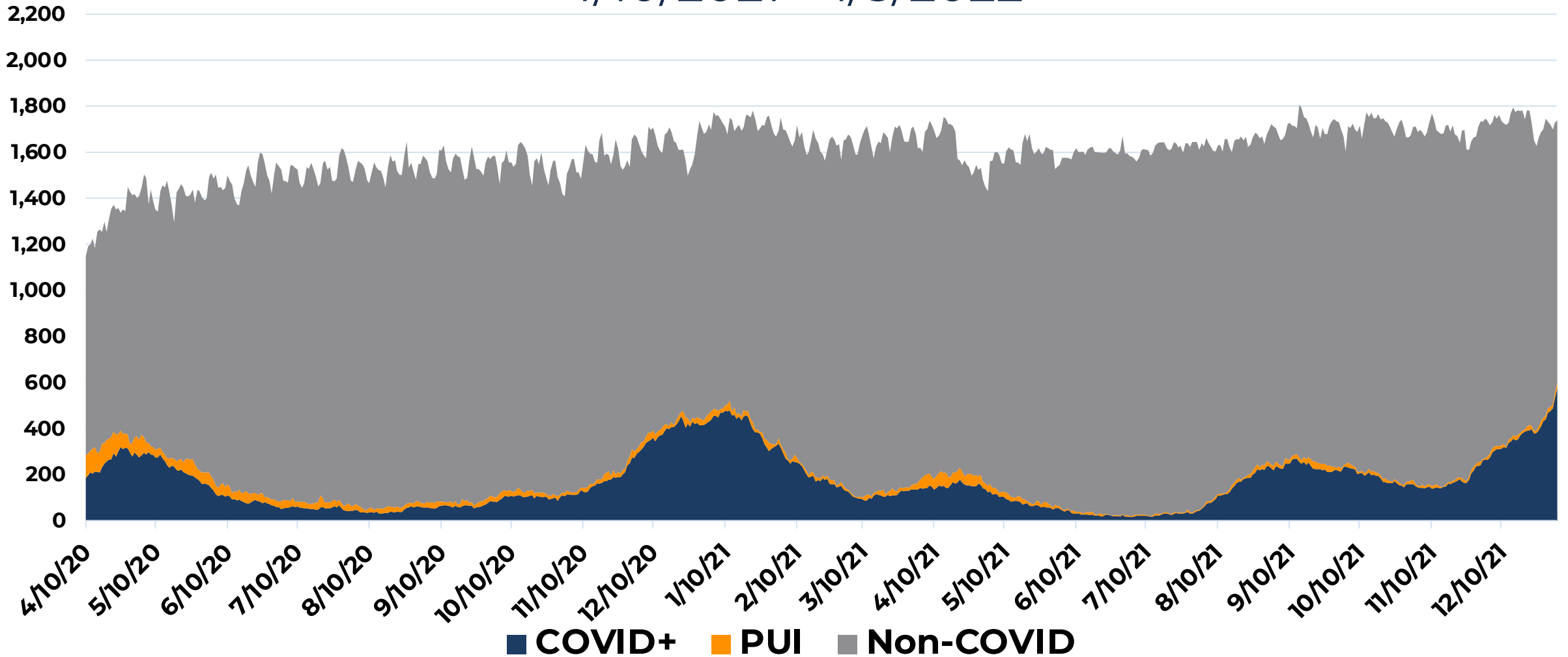
For help, call 2-1-1  
(or text your ZIP code to 898-211 for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing) and you will be connected to medical personnel about screening.

Scheduled testing at Lord Baltimore Elementary will be honored at Laurel State Service Center on Jan. 4. Appointments scheduled for Jan. 3 will be honored on Jan. 4 at State Service Centers. You must provide proof of appointment. The contracted snow removal service did not arrive today at Adams State Service Center in Georgetown. DHSS Facilities staff is now clearing the parking lot, but the center will not be able to open until 11 a.m. today. Staff and the public should not arrive until then. Testing at the Walgreens at 9202 Commercial Centre Drive in Bridgeville is canceled on Jan. 4. Check here for updated cancellations and delays.

Because of the volume of testing that the State of Delaware is doing, some testing sites will now start collecting insurance information from those being tested so insurance providers can be billed.

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# Need a COVID-19 test? Don't go to the ER.



**Our hospitals are strained by increasing numbers of patients with serious COVID illness and flu.**

**Save the Emergency Room for emergencies!**

Visit [de.gov/gettested](https://de.gov/gettested) for a list of testing options near you.

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# Protecting Hospital Capacity

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Delaware  
National Guard  
training to help  
fight winter  
surge





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