

The background of the slide features a large, faint, circular seal of the State of Delaware. The seal contains the text "SEAL OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE" around the top and "LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE" around the bottom. In the center of the seal is a figure holding a scale and a sword, with a ship below it.

DELAWARE COVID-19 UPDATE

Press Briefing
February 8, 2022

de.gov/covidvaccine

THANK YOU
to all who have
supported Laurel
families impacted by
the January 27
Rigbie Apartment fire

Photo: Good Ole Boy Foundation Facebook



STATE OF DELAWARE

DATA UPDATE

450.7

New Cases

7-day Average

12.3%

Positive Tests

7-day Average

237 with **21** critical
Hospitalizations

2,593
Lives Lost

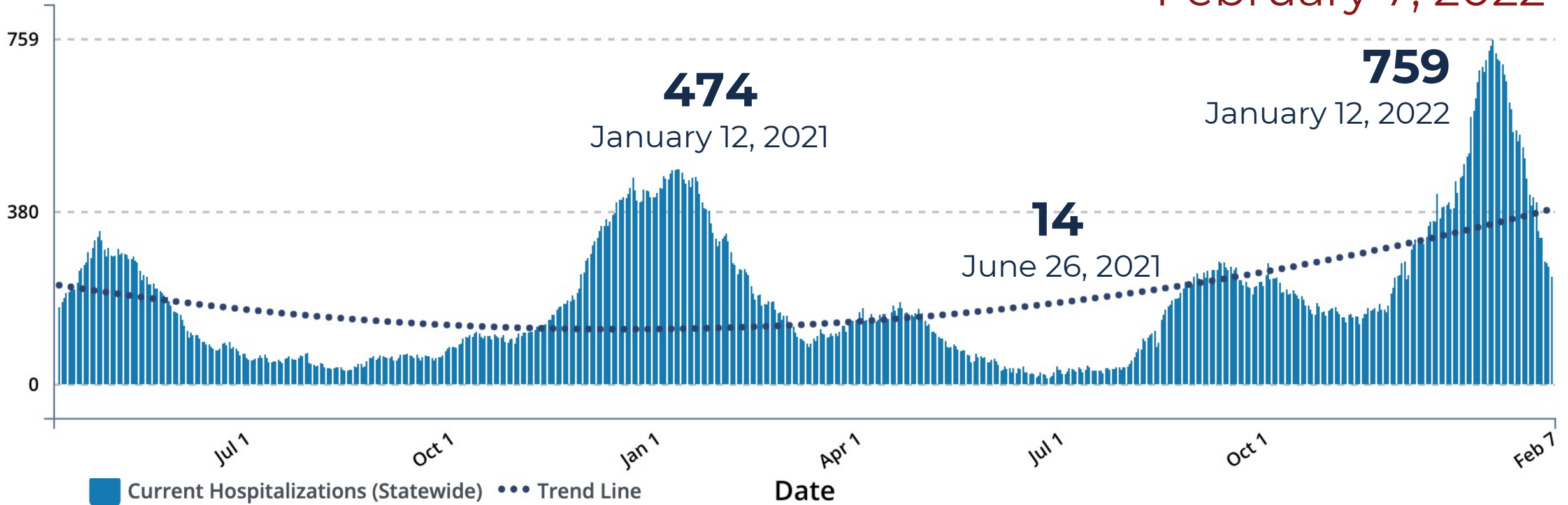
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View more COVID-19 data: de.gov/healthycommunity

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HOSPITALIZATIONS

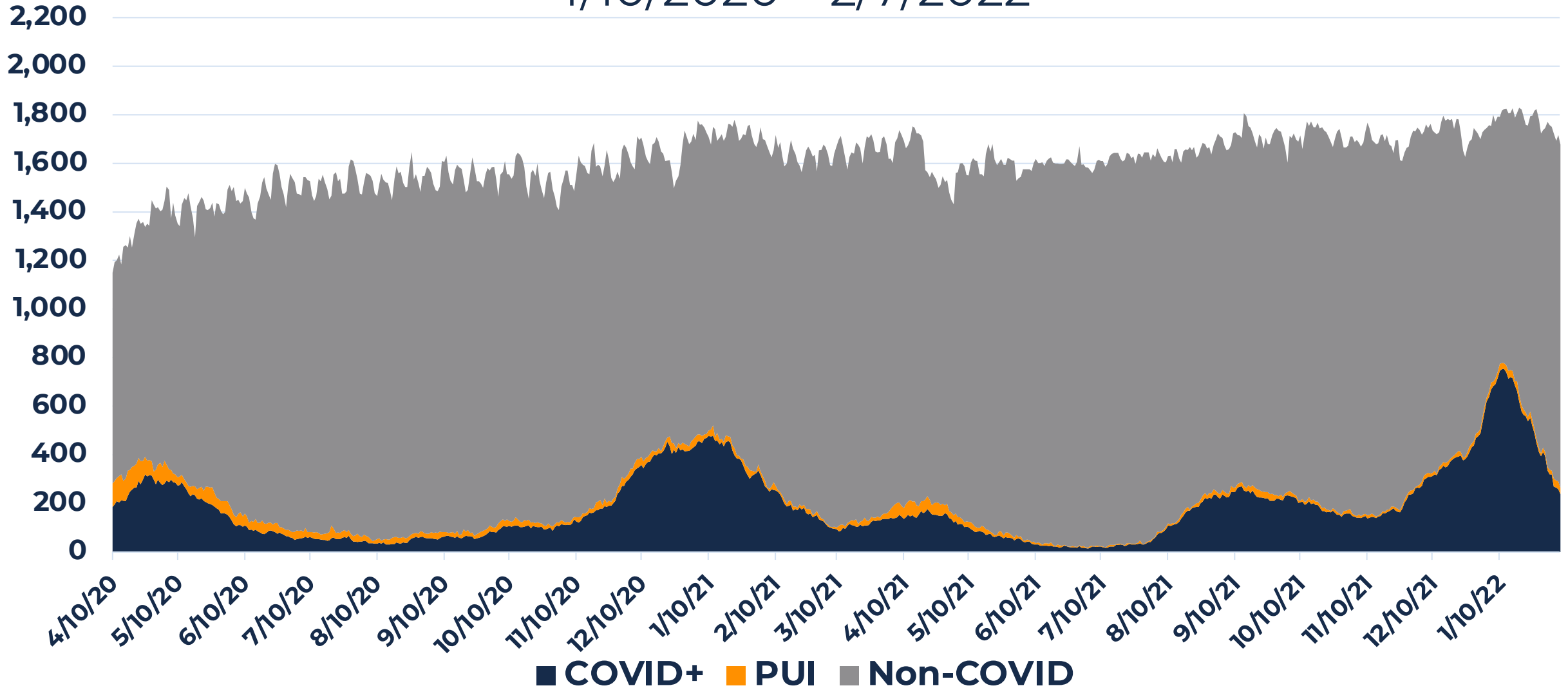
Latest: 237
February 7, 2022



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

4/10/2020 – 2/7/2022



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VACCINE UPDATE

**Total Vaccines
Administered**

1,696,033

**Fully
Vaccinated**

648,215 (66.6%)

(Total Population)

70.5%

Delawareans 5+
fully vaccinated

75.2%

Delawareans 12+
fully vaccinated

76.7%

Delawareans 18+
fully vaccinated

93.8%

Delawareans 65+
fully vaccinated

Data as of: February 7, 2022 at 6:00 AM

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

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BOOSTER UPDATE

Of the **648,215** who are fully vaccinated,
274,833 received booster
(42.4% of total population)

43.5%

Fully vaccinated 12+
received booster

45.3%

Fully vaccinated 18+
received booster

65%

Fully vaccinated 65+
received booster

Data as of: February 7, 2022 at 6:00 AM

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

Universal Indoor Mask Mandate Ends Friday, February 11 at 8:00 a.m.

- ▶ **Masks will not be required by State in:**
 - Convenience stores
 - Grocery stores
 - Gyms
 - Restaurants
 - Bars
 - Hair salons
 - Malls
 - Casinos
- ▶ Masking will **continue in State buildings, certain health care facilities, long-term care facilities, and public transit**

Mask Requirement in Schools and Child Care Facilities

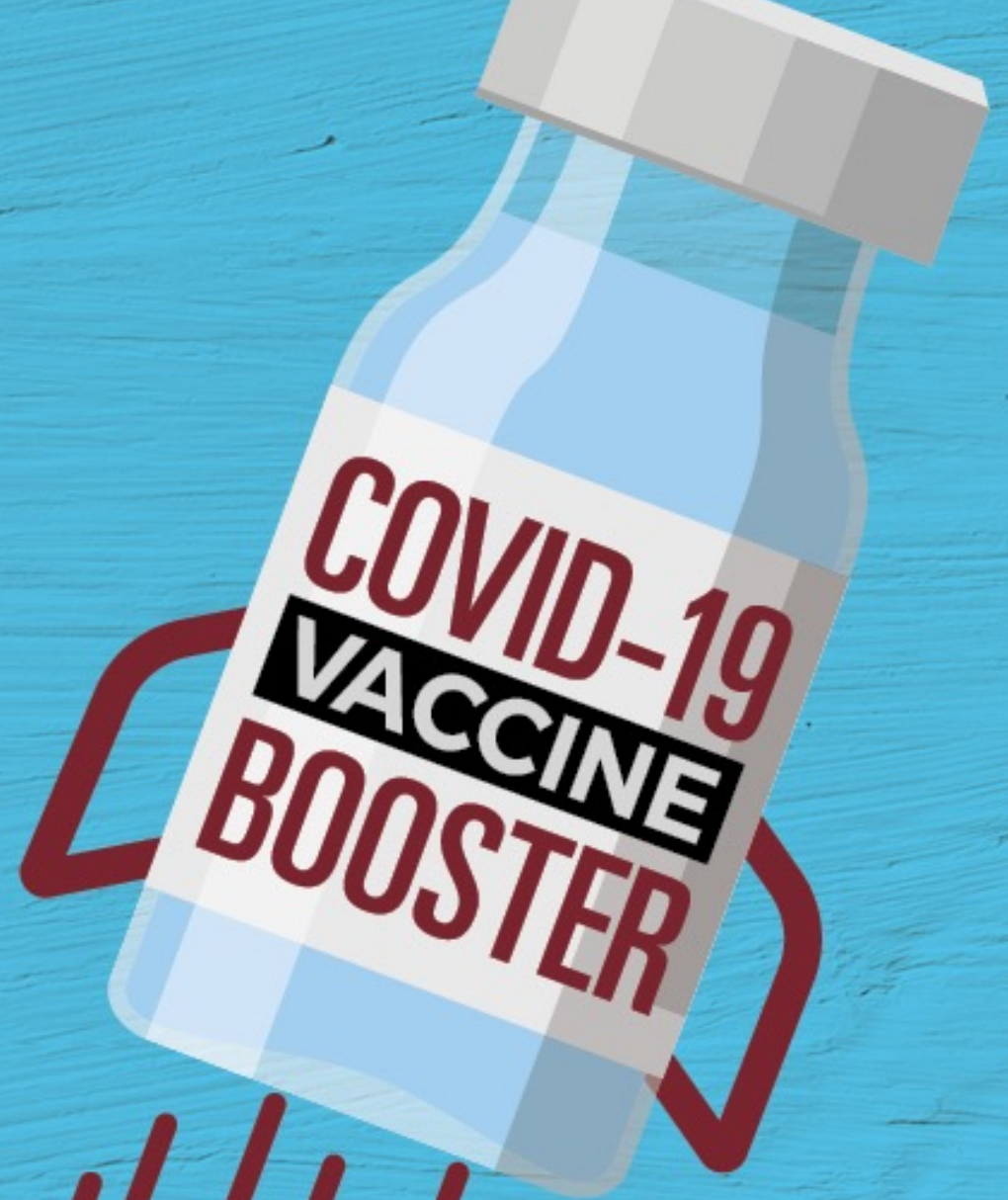
Ends Thursday, March 31 at 11:59 p.m.

- ▶ Time to get **children vaccinated**
- ▶ Time to consider **local** mask requirements
- ▶ Time to **update** quarantine and contact tracing guidance

Masking has helped keep kids in school

Vaccine effectiveness decreases over time. The booster can help.

de.gov/getmyvaccine



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PEDIATRIC VACCINATION RATES

Age	1 Dose	2 Doses	Boosters
5-11	30.2%	22.7%	N/A
12-17	64.0%	56.1%	11.2%

Data as of: February 6, 2022 - 6:00 PM

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ADVISORY ON MISINFORMATION

“Health misinformation, including disinformation, have threatened the U.S. response to COVID-19 and continue to prevent Americans from getting vaccinated, prolonging the pandemic and putting lives at risk...”

– U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy

MISINFORMATION vs. DISINFORMATION

Misinformation – information that is **false, inaccurate, or misleading** according to the best available evidence at the time.

Disinformation – can sometimes be spread intentionally to serve a **malicious purpose**, such as to **trick people** into believing something for financial gain or political advantage.

Types of Misinformation



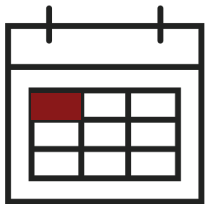
Mememes



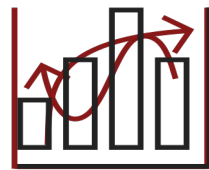
Websites designed to look professional but are not official



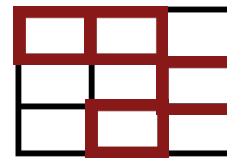
Quotations that were changed



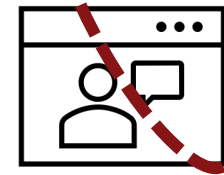
Old images



Misleading graphs



Cherry-picked statistics



Altered videos

Health Misinformation Checklist



Did you check with CDC sources or the health department to see if there is any information on the claims?



Did you ask a trusted health care professional?



Did you check online to see if it had been verified by a trusted source?



Did you review the 'About Us' page on the website to see if you can trust the sources?



If you are not sure – don't share!

Misinformation Alert – Masks



MYTH: *The CDC said that cloth face masks are no good.*

Here are **FACTS:**

- **Masks (even cloth ones) are effective at preventing spread of COVID-19.**
- **Some masks provide better protection than others.**
- The most important thing is to wear a **multi-layered mask – regardless of what it's made of – that fits well over your nose and mouth with no air gaps.**

Sources: [Masks and Respirators \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov), [Science Brief: Community Use of Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2 | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), [Face Masks \(aap.org\)](https://www.aap.org), [Association of Child Masking With COVID-19-Related Closures in US Childcare Programs | Pediatrics](https://www.aap.org) | [JAMA Network Open](https://www.jama.com) | [JAMA Network](https://www.jama.com)

Misinformation Alert – Immunity

MYTH: *A CDC study shows that immunity from COVID-19 infection is better than immunity from vaccination.*

Here are **FACTS**:

- **Vaccine immunity provides more reliable, predictable and stable immunity** than infection-acquired immunity.
- You **SHOULD** get vaccinated/boosted after you have COVID-19. **Those who get vaccinated after having COVID-19 are 2 times less likely to get re-infected than those who don't.**

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**Director
AJ Schall**

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TESTING

January 29– February 4

32,927

January 22 – January 28

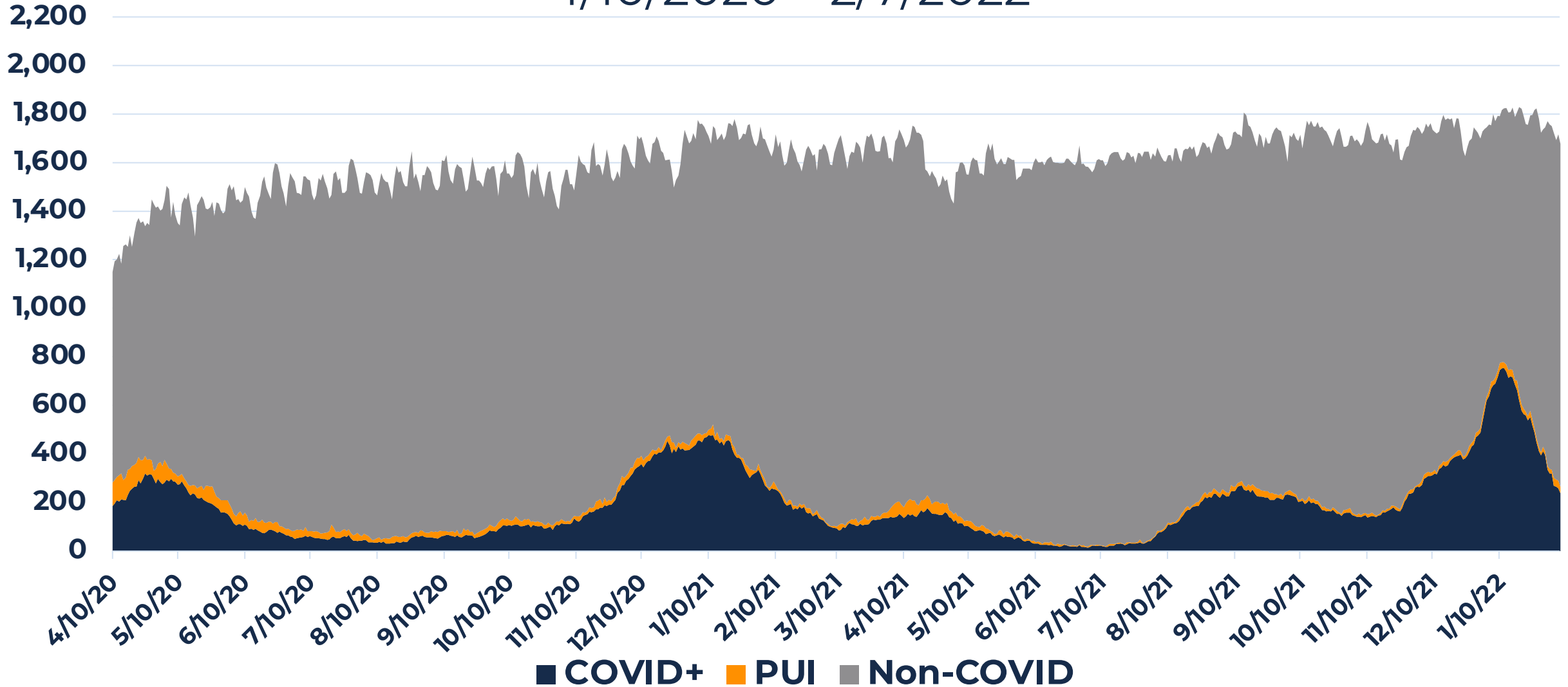
46,860

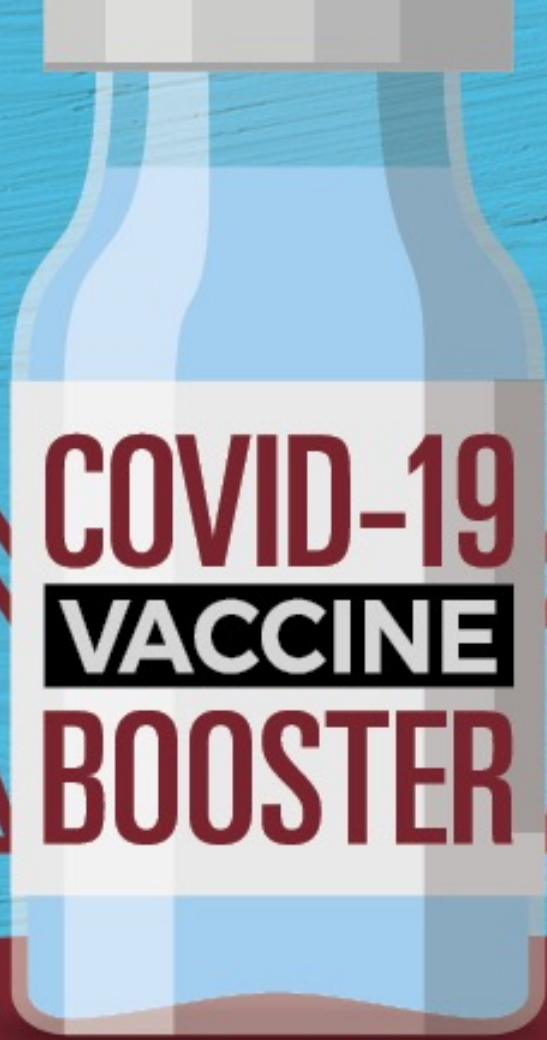
January 15 – January 21

53,304

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COVID-19
VACCINE
BOOSTER

**Keep yourself and
your loved ones safe.**