

Omicron Variant

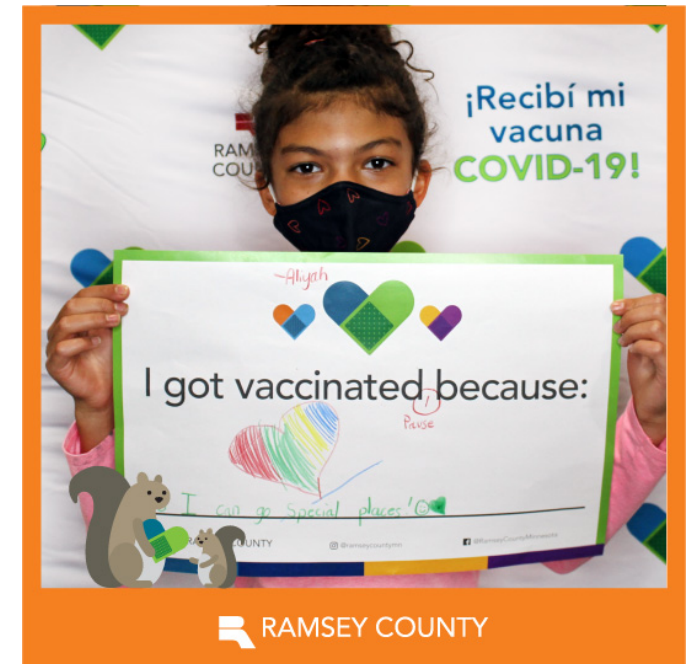
- On Dec. 2, the state's 1st COVID-19 case involving the Omicron Variant in a Hennepin County resident.
- On Dec. 16, the first case of Omicron was identified here in Ramsey County (8th in the state).
- Omicron is classified by the World Health Organization as a Variant of Concern.
- CDC surveillance data predict that the Omicron variant represents about **73% of COVID-19 cases** in U.S. for the week ending Dec. 18, 2021. Omicron has increased even further in some places in the U.S. and may represent more than **90% of cases** in those areas.

Layered prevention can slow Omicron

- Scientists are still working to determine how it compares with Delta in terms of transmissibility and disease severity.
- Current research suggests that a **two dose, MRNA- vaccine plus a booster is the best way for us to protect ourselves.**
- It is important to remember we have more tools to slow the spread of COVID-19 than we did at this time last year.
- We know layered prevention strategies can slow the spread of COVID-19
 - Get vaccinated
 - Get boosted
 - Wear masks in public indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status
 - Take a COVID-19 at home test prior to gathering with others over the Holidays.

Good news

- Since pediatric (5 to 11-year-olds) Pfizer was approved October 29, we've given 4039 doses at our Department clinics.
 - Currently, 71% of all Minnesota residents ages 5+ have received at least one dose. In Ramsey County, 77% of residents 5+ have.
- Boosters for all adults were approved on October 15 (boosters for 16–17-year old's just last week). We've given 2324 booster doses since then. Our primary focus remains on:
 - Children ages 5-11
 - Adults with 0-1 doses



New School Site

- Starting Jan. 6 -
Thursdays, 3-6 p.m., 360
Colborne St., Saint Paul.

Vaccine progress

- Among all residents 12+, ~~76%~~ 81% have received at least one dose (5% in two months).
 - Among individuals 16+, ~~76.4%~~ 82% have received at least one dose
 - Among individuals 12+, ~~75.8%~~ 82% have received at least one dose

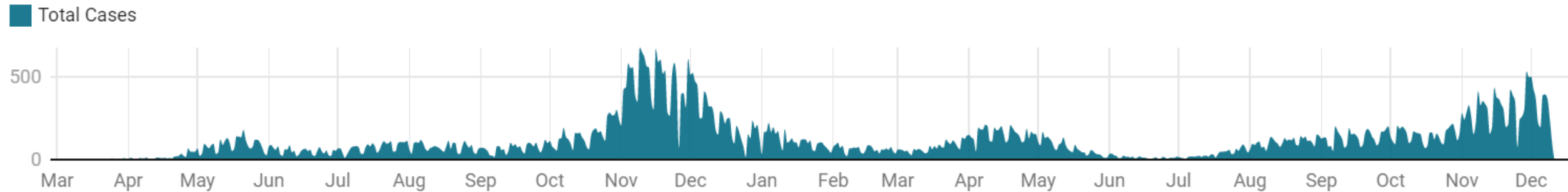
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<https://data.ramseycounty.us/stories/s/v3gu-4zh7>

Daily cases (impact of Delta)

Ramsey County COVID-19 New Cases by Day

The number of people confirmed to have or have had COVID-19, by date of test specimen collection.



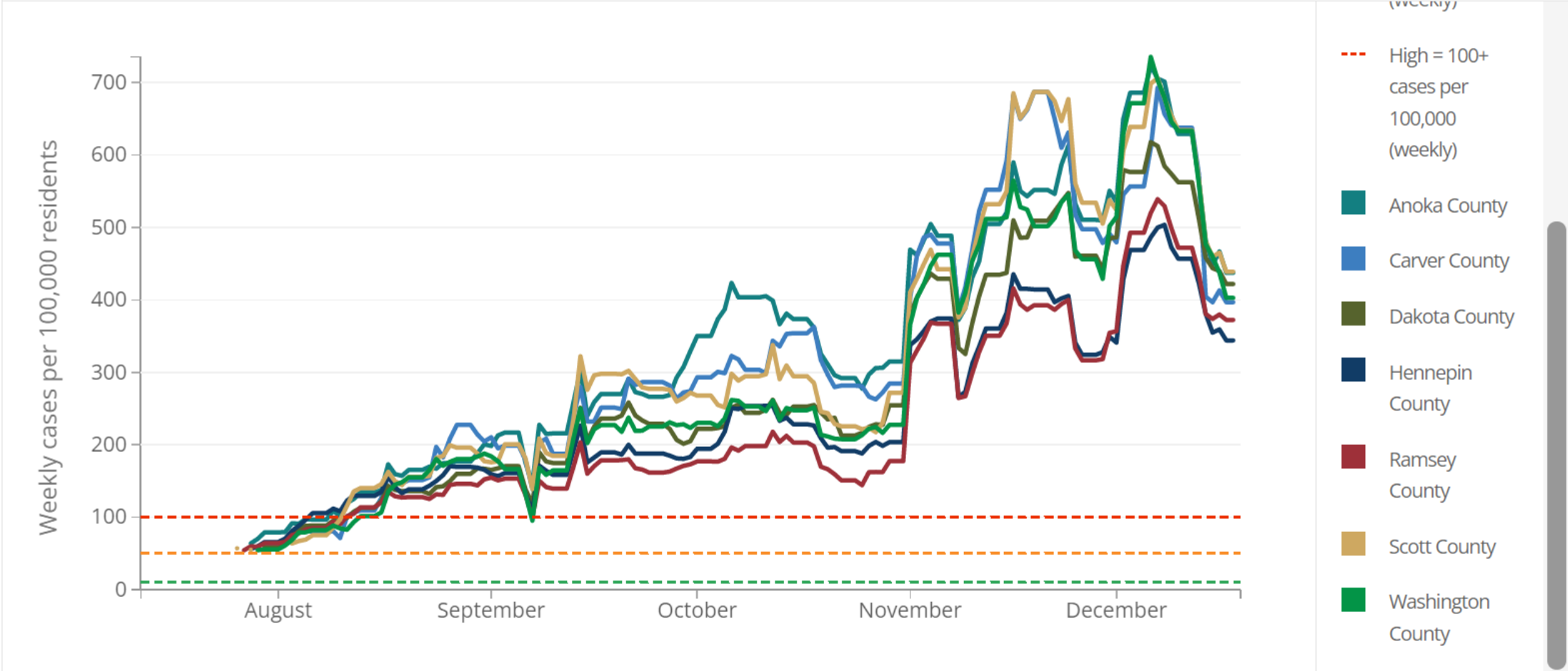
This chart gets updated once a day.

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COVID-19 Weekly Case Rates per 100,000

The number of new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days by county of residence.

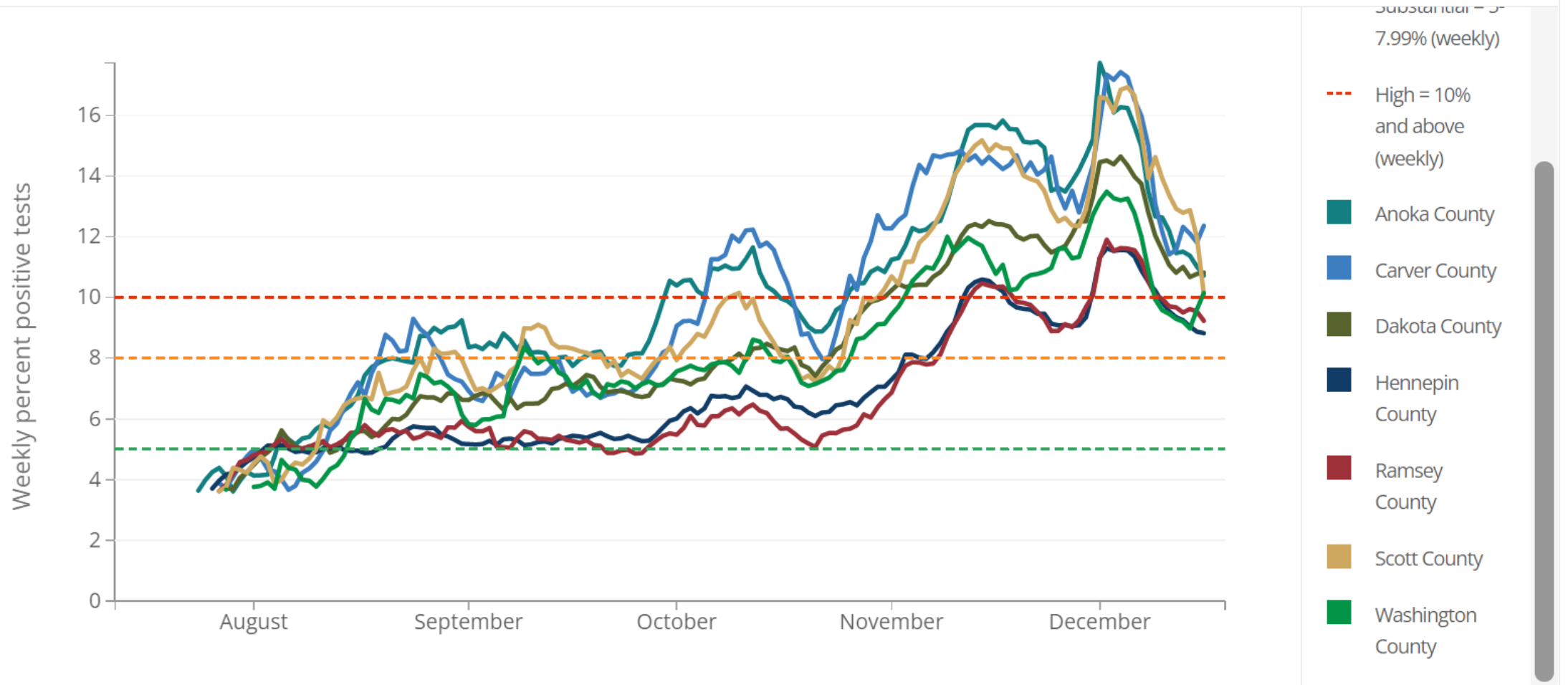


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COVID-19 Weekly Percent Positive Tests

The percent of positive tests by county of residence by week of specimen collection.



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Testing and medical staffing from our State partners (update)

- National Guard training a new cadre of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) to provide staffing support at Minnesota's long-term care facilities;
- Department of Human Services releasing ARPA dollars to support recruitment/retention of nursing at staff long-term care facilities.
- Antigen testing options alongside your saliva (PCR) testing at the Vault sites here locally, as well as at our Department sites (pilot project, likely to be extended).

Monoclonal antibody treatment from our State partners

Remember... Eligible persons are those who:

- Test positive for COVID-19.
- Symptoms started less than 10 days ago.
- Are not hospitalized.

If you have been close to someone with COVID-19 or are at high risk of being close to someone with COVID-19, you may also be able to get medication if:

- You are not fully vaccinated and
- You have a weakened immune system (for example, if you have an immunocompromising condition, or are taking immunosuppressive medications).

Visit COVID-19 Medication Options (health.mn.gov/covidmeds) or talk with your health care provider. You can also call the COVID-19 Public Hotline at 1-833-431-2053, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to get connected.

Visit our clinics! Vaccine opportunities in St Paul for 5+

Vaccine Summary as of December 21, 2021

- 65,967 doses have been administered at 447 clinics.
- 4,039 pediatric doses and 2,324 booster doses have been administered (see slide 2)

During the past week, 1,303 doses were administered through 9 COVID vaccine clinics and across existing client services.



Community vaccine clinics

Community centers	Pop-up clinics	MSP Airport and MOA
<p>Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health offers free COVID-19 vaccine clinics for all eligible individuals. Pfizer booster shots are now available by appointment only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pfizer (first or second doses) available to those 12 years and older.• Pfizer (booster shots) for eligible people who received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at least six months ago.• Moderna (first or second doses) available to those 18 years and older.• Limited walk-ins available for first and second doses, up to 15 minutes before end time.• You can get your first or second dose with Ramsey County. <p>Call Public Health's vaccine phone line with questions: 651-266-1190 (Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)</p> <h3>Arlington Hills Community Center</h3> <p>1200 Payne Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55130</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited walk-ins available for first and second doses. If you walk in, you will need to register at the clinic.• Pfizer booster shots are available by appointment only.• Gift cards are not available for booster shots. <p>Register:</p> <p>Oct. 21 3 - 6 p.m. (Pfizer - first or second dose, Pfizer booster shots by appointment only)</p> <p>Oct. 28: CLOSED</p> <p>Nov. 4 3 - 6 p.m. (Pfizer - first or second dose, Pfizer booster shots by appointment only)</p> <h3>Oxford Community Center</h3>		