Briefing to Begin at 2:00 p.m.

Past Week Status

	Th 3/10	W 3/9	Tu 3/8	M 3/7	Su 3/6	Sa 3/5	F 3/4
Daily new cases	1,372	1,157	852	1,144*	531*	1,382	1,427
Daily deaths	40	55	39	43**	N/A**	48	47
Daily hospitalizations of confirmed cases	632	666	706	731	755	792	817
Daily Positivity Rate^ (7-day avg)	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Daily Case Rate^ (7-day avg)	11	11	12	12	11	14	15

*Number reflects an undercount due to a lag from weekend reporting.
**Monday's reported death count is a cumulative report of Sunday and Monday and reflects an undercount due to a lag from weekend reporting
^ Daily case rates and daily positivity rates do not include data from Long Beach and Pasadena

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CDC COVID-19 Community Levels

New Cases (per 100,000 people in last 7 days)	Indicators	Low	Medium	High	LA County Current Values New Cases: 88.6/100,000 (as of 3/10/22)
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0	7.2
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%	4.1%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0	N/A
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%	N/A

The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.

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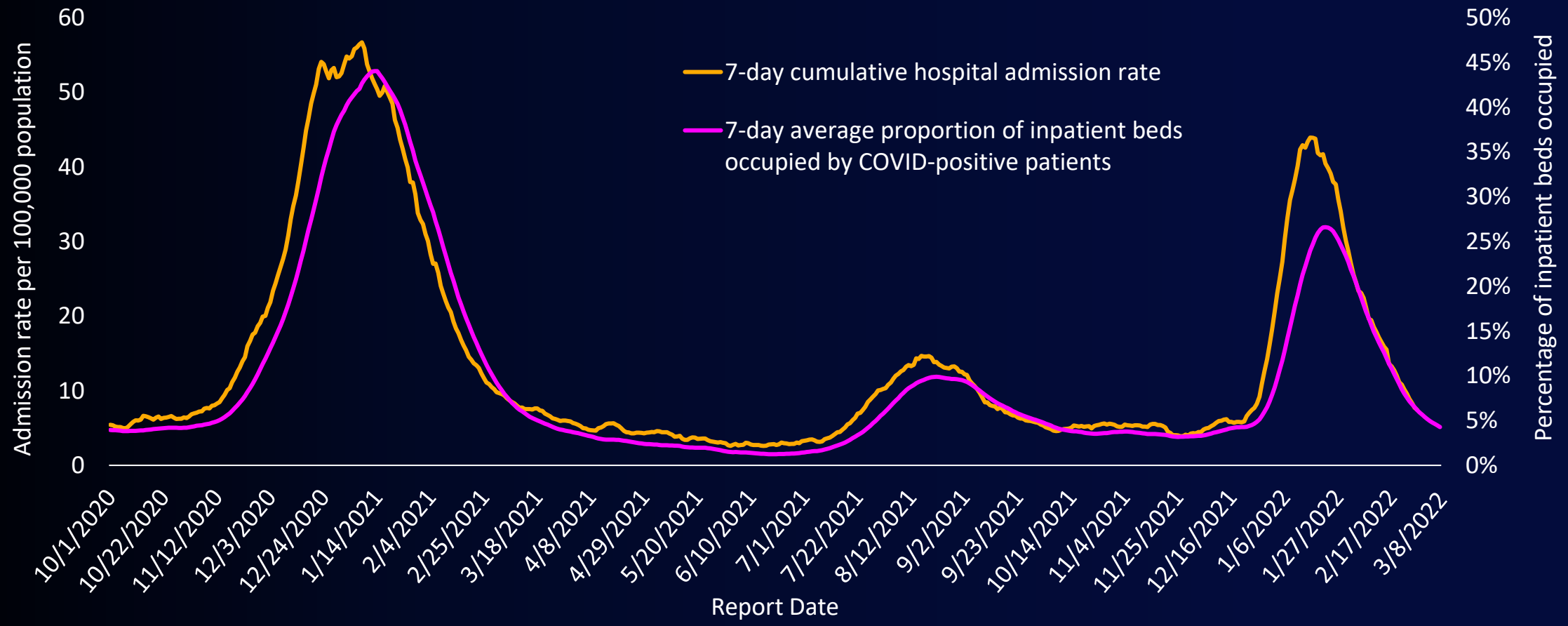
7-day average proportion of inpatient beds occupied by COVID-positive patients and 7-day cumulative hospital admission rate per 100,000 population*
October 1, 2020 – March 8, 2022



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*Both metrics include Long Beach and Pasadena

LA County Early Alert Signals

Indicator	Thresholds			LA County Current Values
	Low Concern	Moderate Concern	High Concern	
Percent of specimens sequenced that are identified as a new variant of concern *(based on WHO designation)*	< 5%	5%-10%	> 10%	N/A
7-day average percent of Emergency Department encounters classified as coronavirus-related[1]	< 5%	5%-10%	> 10%	**4.3%**
7-day cumulative crude case rate for the lowest income areas (30-100% area poverty)[2]	< 100 per 100,000	100-200 per 100,000	> 200 per 100,000	**51 per 100,000**
Number of new outbreaks in skilled nursing facilities in past 7 days[3]	≤10	11-20	>20	**4**
Number of new outbreaks in TK-12 school classrooms in past 7 days[3]	≤ 3	4-9	≥ 10	**4**
Number of new outbreaks in PEH settings in past 7 days[3]	≤ 10	11-20	>20	**8**
Number of worksite cluster reports in past 7 days[4]	< 100	100-300	> 300	**30**

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1 Current 7-day period is 2/28/22-3/6/22
2 Current 7-day period is 2/28/22-3/6/22
3 Current 7-day period is 3/2/22-3/8/22
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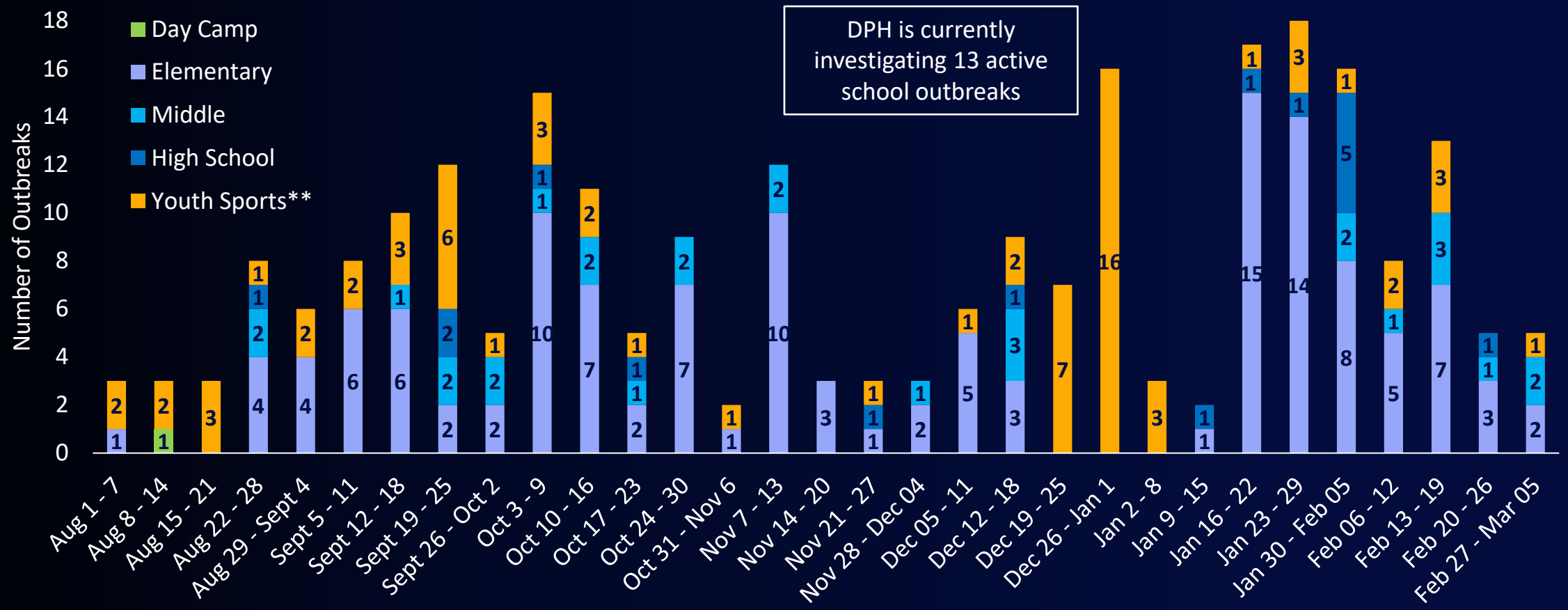
Outbreaks in TK-12 Schools and Programs
August 1, 2021 – March 5, 2022*



*Outbreaks are reported by the date the outbreak investigation was opened. Outbreaks may still be open and under investigation. Location of outbreaks in TK-12 include classroom and other locations within the school setting.

** All but three of the Youth Sports Outbreaks have been in a high-school setting.

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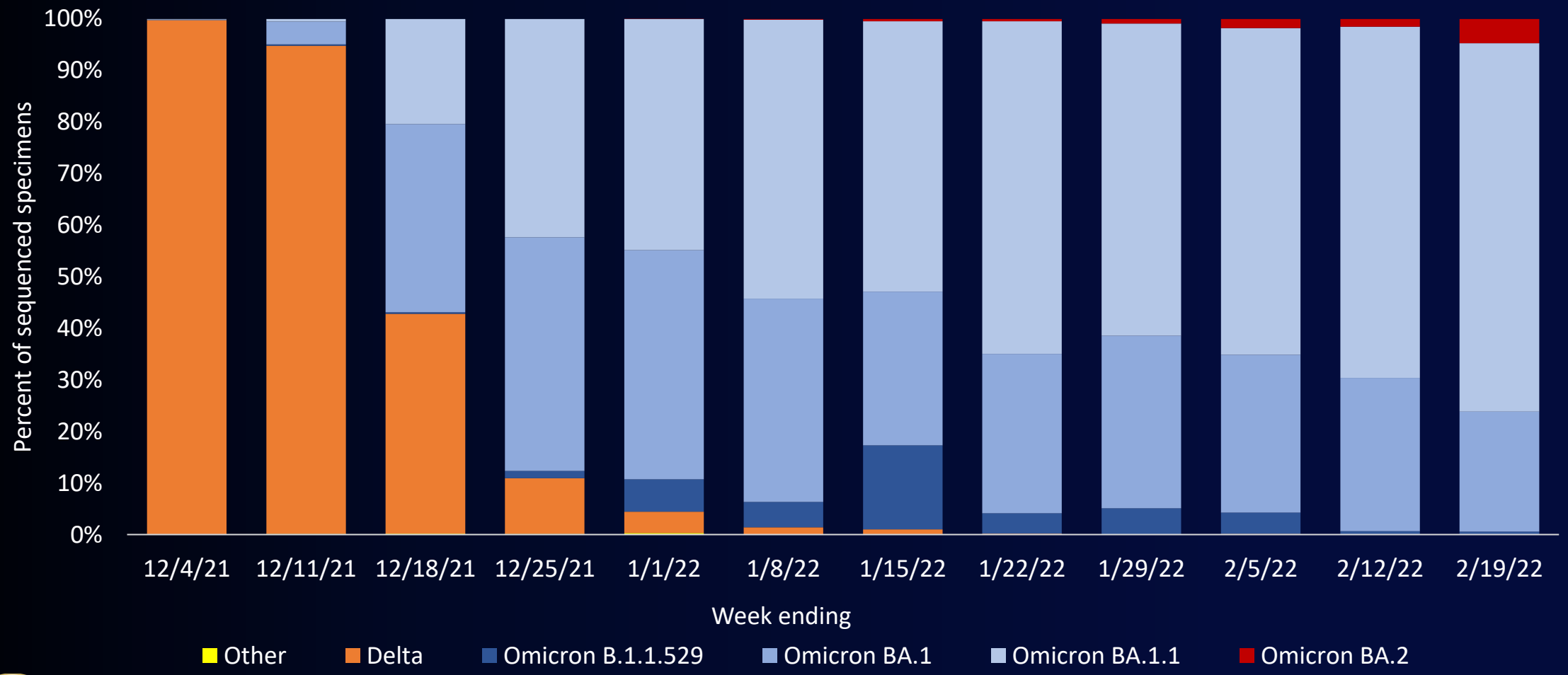
Moderate Concern: Responding to School Outbreaks

Enhanced Safety Measures

- Strongly recommend masking indoors for staff and students.
- Improve ventilation where possible.
- Monitor for symptoms.
- Conduct response testing (symptoms and/or exposures).
- Promote proper isolation of cases.
- Recommend weekly testing of unvaccinated individuals returning during quarantine
- Report all cases and outbreaks among staff and students to Public Health.

Delta and Omicron Variants as a Percentage of All Specimens Sequenced for Baseline Variant Surveillance



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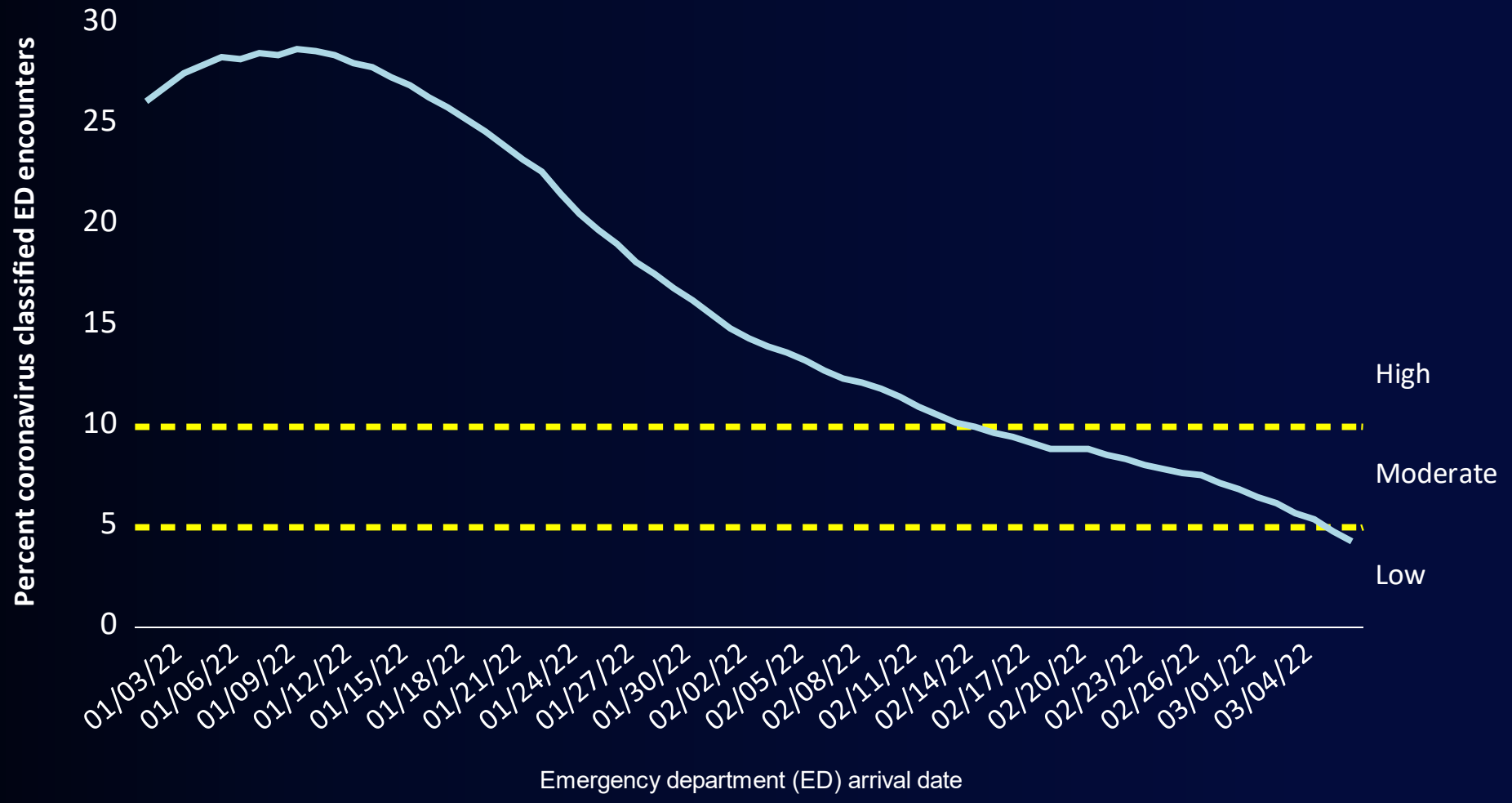
7-Day Average Percent of Emergency Department (ED) Encounters Classified as Coronavirus-Related
January 1, 2022 – March 6, 2022



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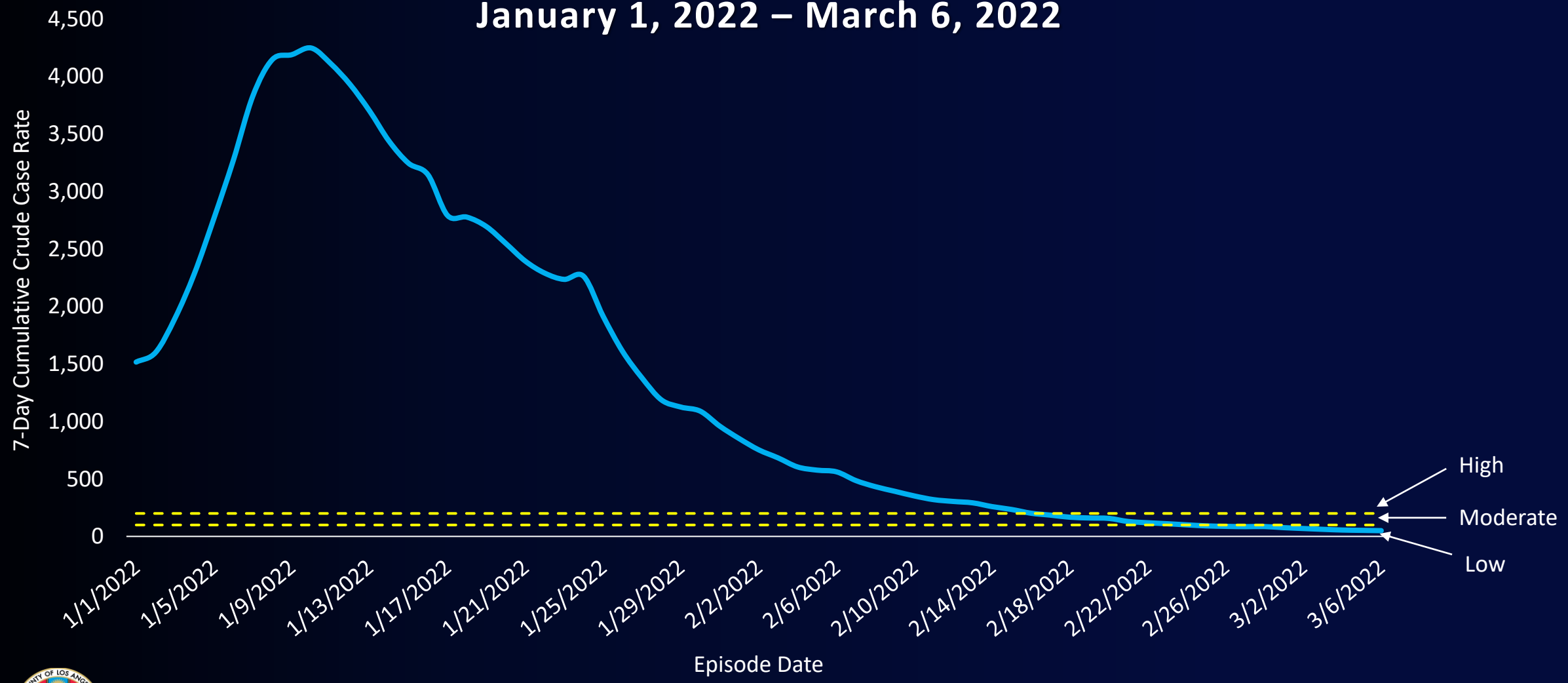
7-day Cumulative Crude Case Rate for the Lowest Income Areas (30-100% Area Poverty)*

January 1, 2022 – March 6, 2022



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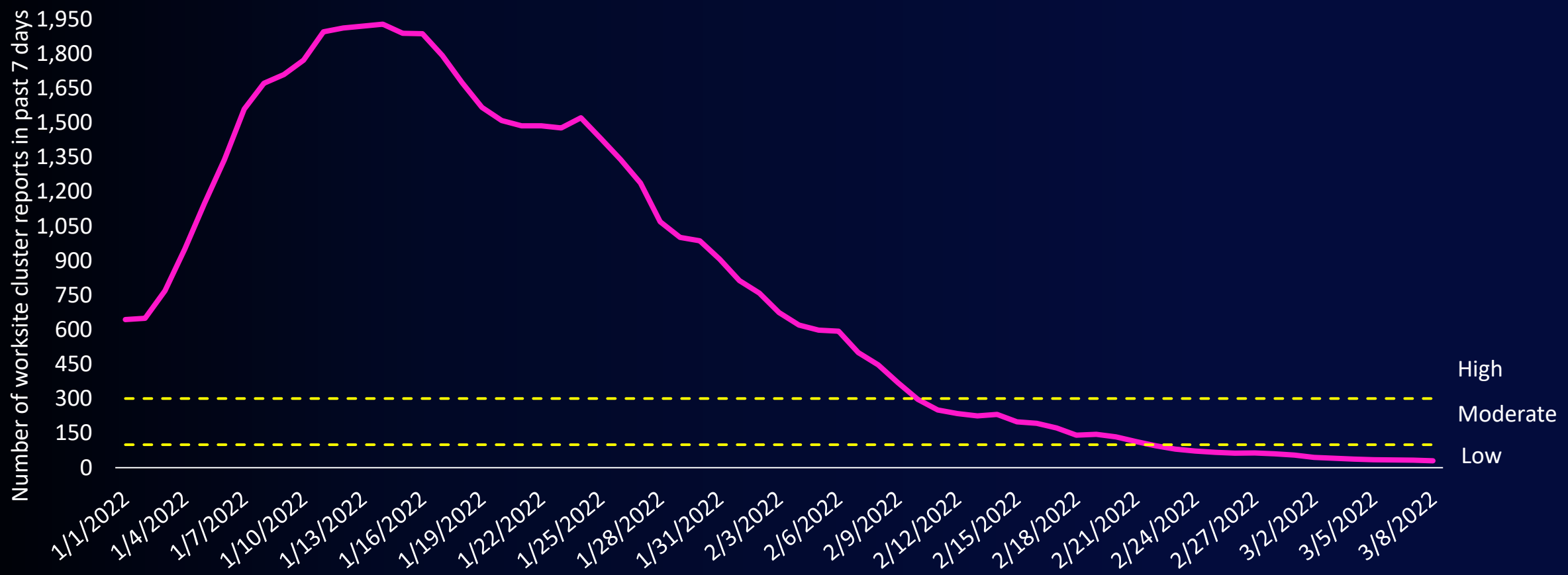
* Rate does not include data from Long Beach and Pasadena

New Worksite Cluster Reports* in Past 7 Days
January 1, 2022 – March 8, 2022



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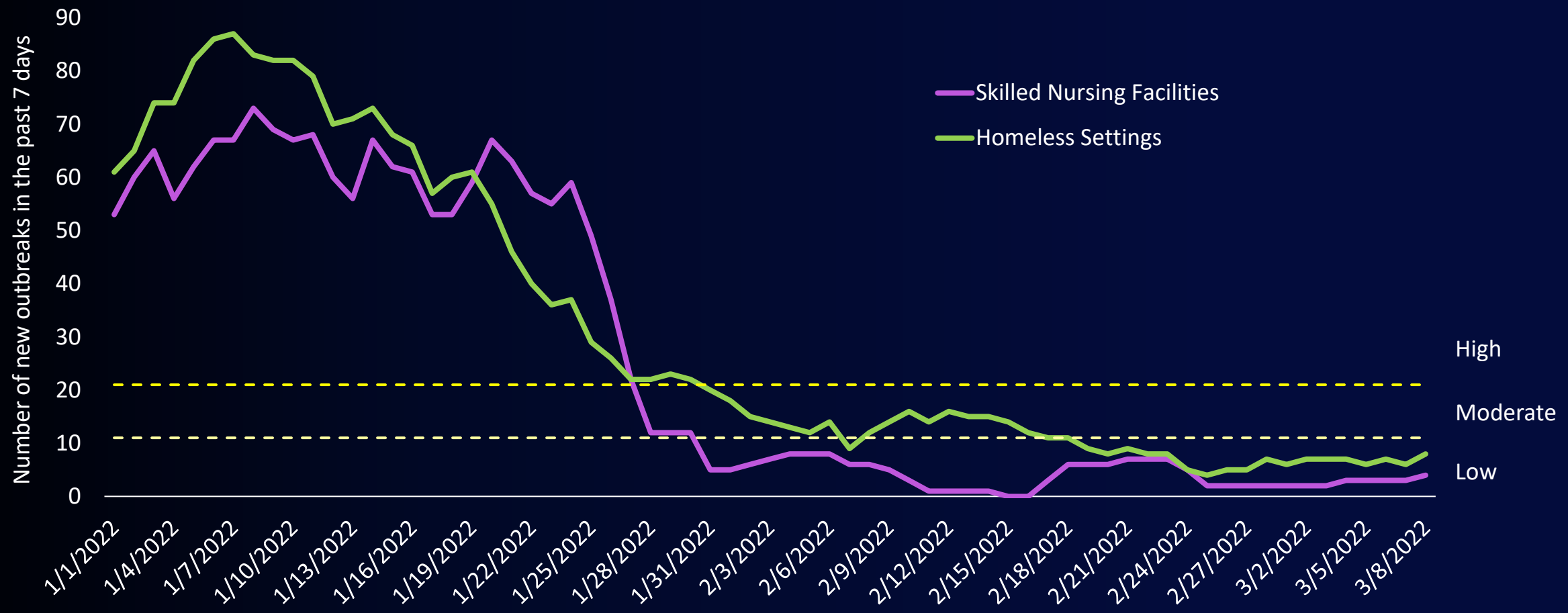
*Worksite clusters are 3 or more cases within 14 days as reported by an employer. Worksite clusters can represent outbreaks or non-outbreaks and, if there are additional cases, can be multiple reports of the same site.

New Outbreaks in Skilled Nursing Facilities and Homeless Settings in the Past 7 Days
January 1, 2022 – March 8, 2022



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LAC Post Surge Preparedness Plan

FIVE KEY FOCUS AREAS

- Outbreak management
- Testing
- Surveillance
- Vaccinations
- Therapeutics

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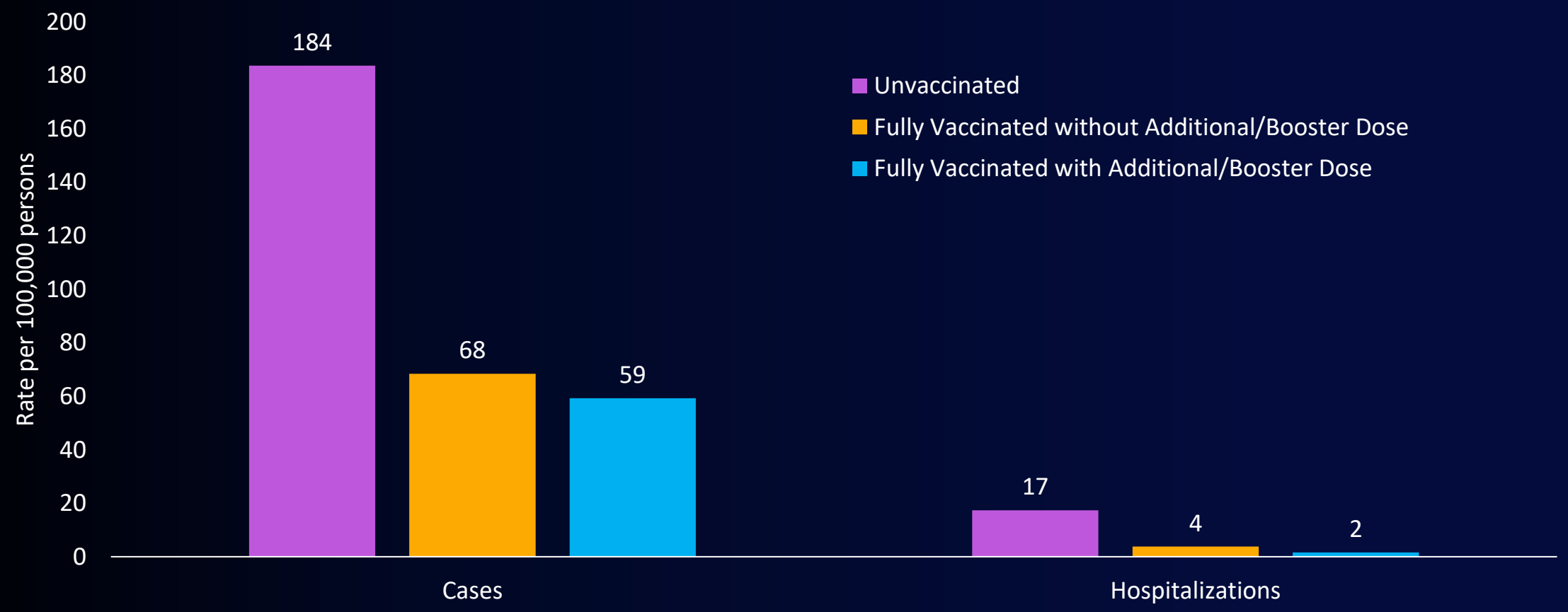
7-Day Age-Adjusted Case and Hospitalization Rates by Vaccination Status
Ages 5+, February 19-25, 2022



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Proportion of LAC Residents Vaccinated by Age Group as of March 6, 2022

	≥1 Dose	Fully Vaccinated	Vaccinated with Additional/Booster Dose
% LAC Residents 65+	99%	90%	63%
% LAC Residents 5-11	35%	29%	<0.0%
% LAC Residents 12-17	85%	77%	22%
% LAC Residents 12+	88%	79%	41%
% LAC Residents 5+	83%	74%	37%
% of 10.3 million LAC residents	78%	71%	35%

3,638,083 LAC residents have received additional/booster doses

Addressing Common Myths About COVID-19 Boosters

Myth: I already had two vaccine doses, so I don't need a booster to be protected.

Fact: Being fully vaccinated provides excellent protection. Being fully vaccinated AND boosted offers the BEST protection.

Myth: If we need boosters, it must mean that the vaccines don't work.

Fact: Vaccines are very effective, but their protection fades over time. Booster doses extend their protection, boost your immune response, and provide the best protection against severe illness.

Myth: I got infected after I got my vaccines, so that can count as my booster.

Fact: Natural immunity from infection fades over time. A booster dose is the best and safest way to avoid getting reinfected and becoming seriously ill.

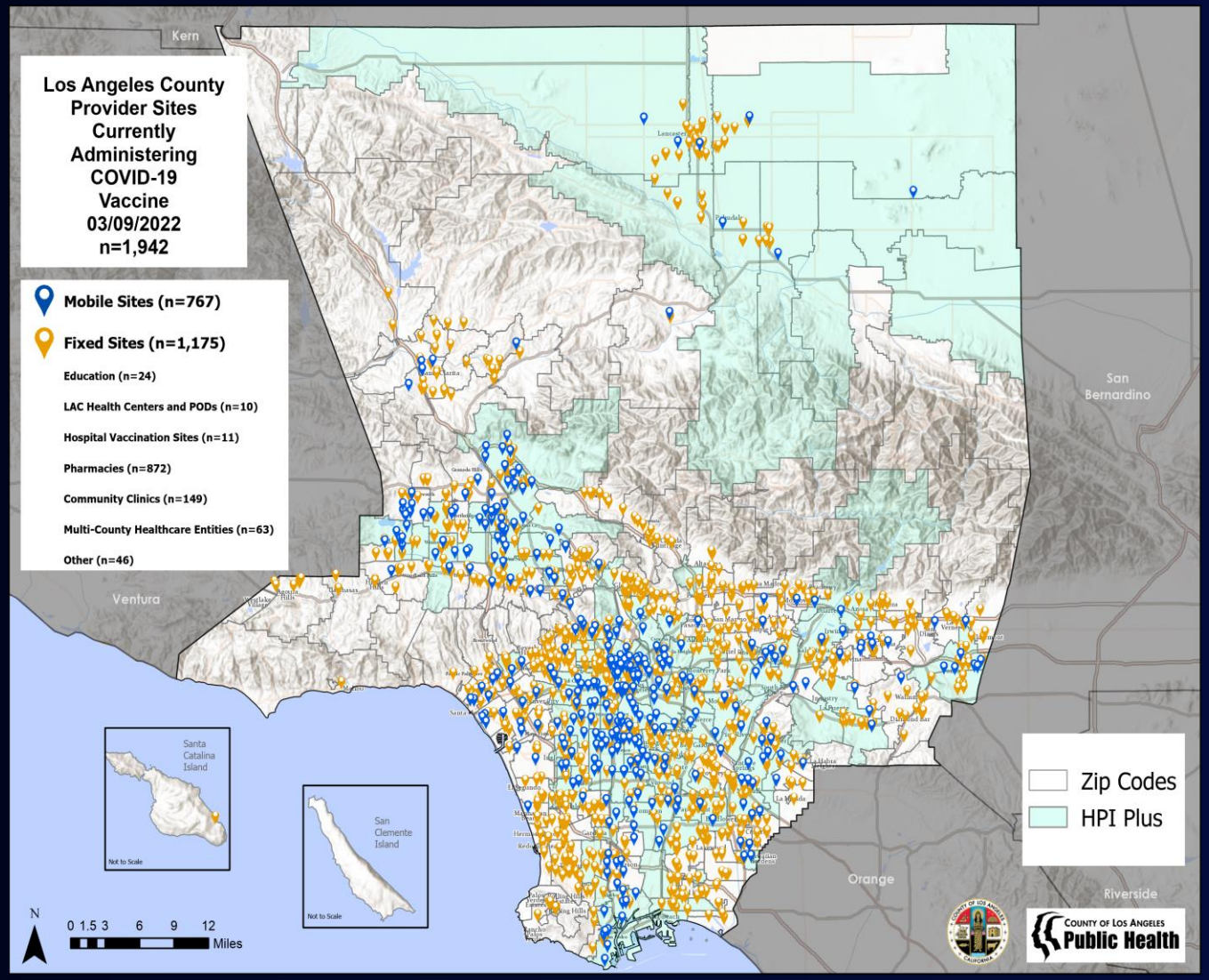
Myth: Booster doses can make me sick with COVID-19.

Fact: You can't get COVID-19 from the booster. The booster vaccines used in the U.S. don't contain the live virus that causes COVID-19.

Myth: Adding a booster dose is just a way for drug companies to sell more COVID-19 vaccines.

Fact: The booster dose recommendation isn't based on marketing. It's based on science. For COVID-19 and many other vaccines, you need several doses over time to stay protected.

Fixed and Mobile Vaccination Sites Currently Administering Adult and Pediatric Vaccines



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COVID-19 Therapeutics For People at Elevated Risk for Severe COVID-19 Illness, Hospitalization or Death

ORAL ANTIVIRALS		MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES			IV ANTIVIRALS
Treatment		Preventative (PrEP)	Treatment		Treatment
Paxlovid	Molnupiravir	Evusheld	Sotrovimab	Bebtelovimab	Remdesivir
• For use in persons ages 12+ testing positive at elevated risk • Treatment of mild- to-moderate COVID-19	• For use in adults 18+ testing positive at elevated risk • Not recommended in pregnancy and should only be used if other treatments are not available or clinically appropriate	• For use in persons ages 12+ who are <u>not currently infected or exposed</u> to SARS-CoV-2 if they are immuno-compromised or vaccination is not recommended	• For use to treat persons ages 12+ who are high risk and ill • Allocated to certain facilities by the MHOAC	• For use in persons ages 12+ testing positive at high risk and for whom alternative treatment options are not accessible or appropriate • For treatment of mild to moderate COVID	• For use to treat adults and children weighing 3.5kg+ • Treatment for inpatient and outpatient use • Ample supply

Distribution of Therapeutics to Providers

Therapeutic	Total Courses Allocated by DPH to LAC Providers	% Allocated to Areas in the Lowest HPI* Quartile
Paxlovid	17,840	64%
Molnupiravir	37,748	82%
Evusheld	12,936	67%

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*California Healthy Places Index

Accessing COVID-19 Therapeutics

Oral Antivirals (Paxlovid and Molnupiravir)

1

- Ask your provider if you're eligible for treatment.
- If you don't have a provider, make an appointment at a clinic that's a therapeutics provider (listed on our website).
- Once you have a prescription, take it to a participating pharmacy that's listed on our website.

2

- Go to a *One Stop Test to Treat Site* to get tested, or bring your positive test results to the site, and receive oral medications at the same visit if the on-site provider recommends treatment.
- Current Participating Locations in LA County: 20 CVS Pharmacies with Health Clinics (Minute Clinics).

Evusheld and Other Therapeutics

- Ask your provider if you're eligible for treatment and if so, coordinate your treatment with them.

Find a Clinic, Pharmacy, or Test to Treat Site Near You

Visit: www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicamentos

Call: (833) 540-0473

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Update: TK-12 School/Childcare Masking, Isolation, and Quarantine Requirements

Masking Requirements for Schools/Childcare

- Starting March 12th, the universal indoor masking requirement for TK-12 Schools will be lifted.
- CDPH and LA County Public Health strongly recommend that students, teachers, and staff continue to mask while indoors, until transmission is lower.

Isolation and Quarantine Requirements for Schools

- Schools must continue to require COVID-19 cases isolate; negative test required to exit after day 5.
- Group contact tracing is recommended when there are exposures in a shared indoor airspace at school.
  - ✓ Schools can opt for individual contact tracing, with an option for modified quarantine.
  - ✓ Under both options, contacts should be tested at Day 3-5 and wear a well-fitted mask through Day 10 after exposure.

Personal Levels of Risk

The more characteristics you check off, the higher your level of personal risk.

- ☑ **VACCINATION STATUS:** You or your household members are not fully vaccinated or boosted
- ☑ **HEALTH STATUS:** You or your household members have a chronic condition (e.g., Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Immunocompromised)
- ☑ **AGE:** You are, or live with/care for someone who is, 65 or older or too young to be vaccinated and boosted
- ☑ **EXPOSURE RISK:** You or your household members are in close contact with people at work, school, or another community setting who are unmasked, unvaccinated, or may be infected with COVID-19
- ☑ **COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION:** The risk of community spread in LA County is at Substantial or High level

Actions Based on Your Risk Level

Choose what precautions to take based on your level of personal risk.

Higher Levels of Personal Risk

- Always wear a mask in indoor public settings
- Avoid non-essential indoor gatherings, especially if you don't know others' vaccination status
- Get tested before and after gatherings
- Get vaccinated or boosted if you haven't done so already

These precautions offer people at higher risk the best protection against COVID-19, but anyone can use them to protect themselves and others.