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MDH Update on COVID-19

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CDC COVID-19 Community Levels

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- CDC announced they are shifting their focus to prevent the most severe outcomes and minimize healthcare strain
- Recognizes that the risk of severe Covid-19 is lower with vaccination, boosters, and prior infection.
- Changes alert system to **Low, Medium, and High**
- Shifts to individual decision making on prevention measures like masking, testing etc. Based on new levels. Special measures for those at high risk.
- Sector-specific guidance will be coming soon from CDC.

CDC Guidance: Community Level Chart

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COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html

Prevention /Mitigation Measures Tied to the CDC Community Measures

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Community Burden Levels		
Low	**Medium**	**High**
•Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines •Get tested if you have symptoms	•If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions •Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines •Get tested if you have symptoms	•Wear a mask indoors in public •Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines •Get tested if you have symptoms •Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness
People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.		

- Shifts to individual decisionmaking on prevention measures like masking, testing etc. based on new community measures and levels.
- Special recommendations for those at risk for severe illness.
- Only recommends masking for all at Orange-high levels.

CDC Community Levels

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Regardless of their Community Level, people should:

- Stay up to date on their vaccines and get tested when needed,
- Wear a mask if they have symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Details at https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/prevention.html.

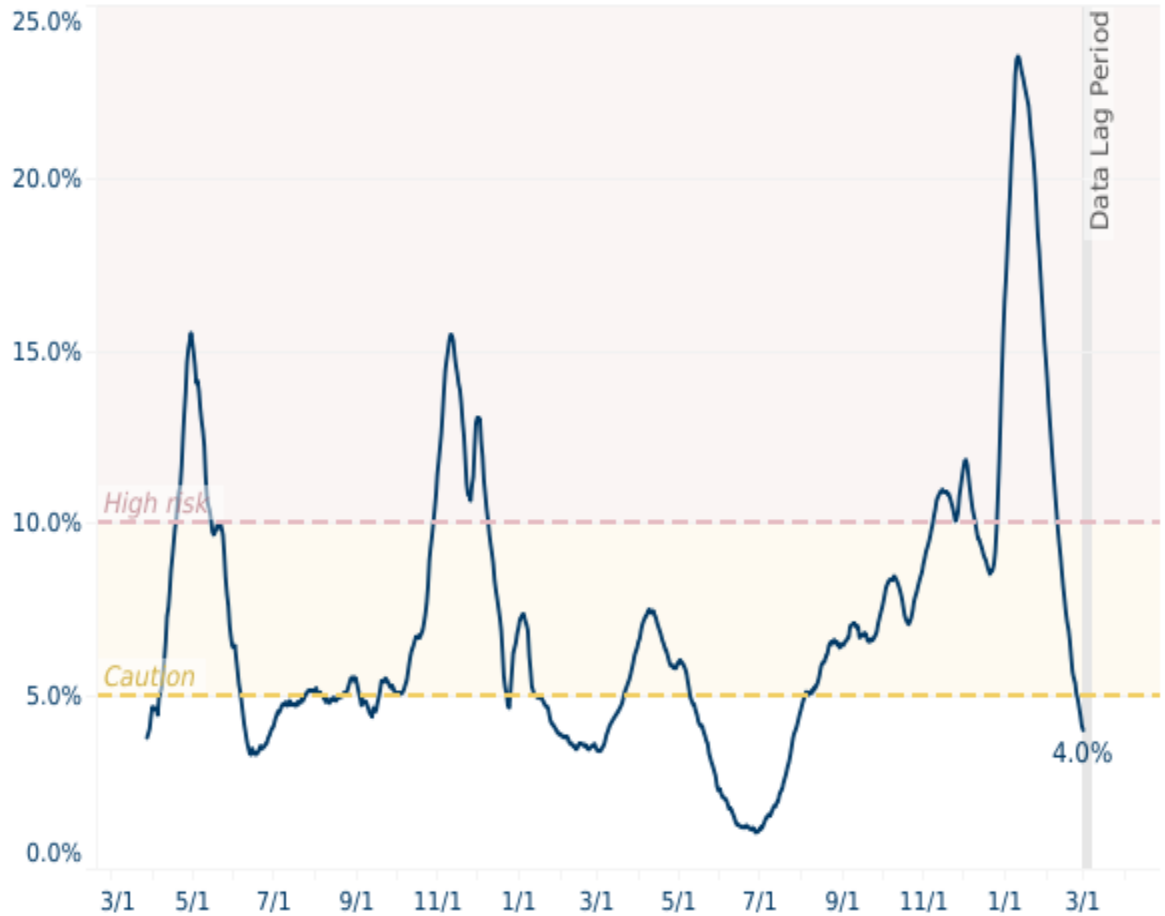
CDC Masking Recommendations include

- Wearing a mask in public indoor settings where the Community Level is high,
- Recommendations for people who are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease per CDC framework for Community Levels,
- No masking recommendations based on vaccination status.
- Details at https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/facecover.html

POSITIVITY RATE

% OF TESTS COVID POSITIVE

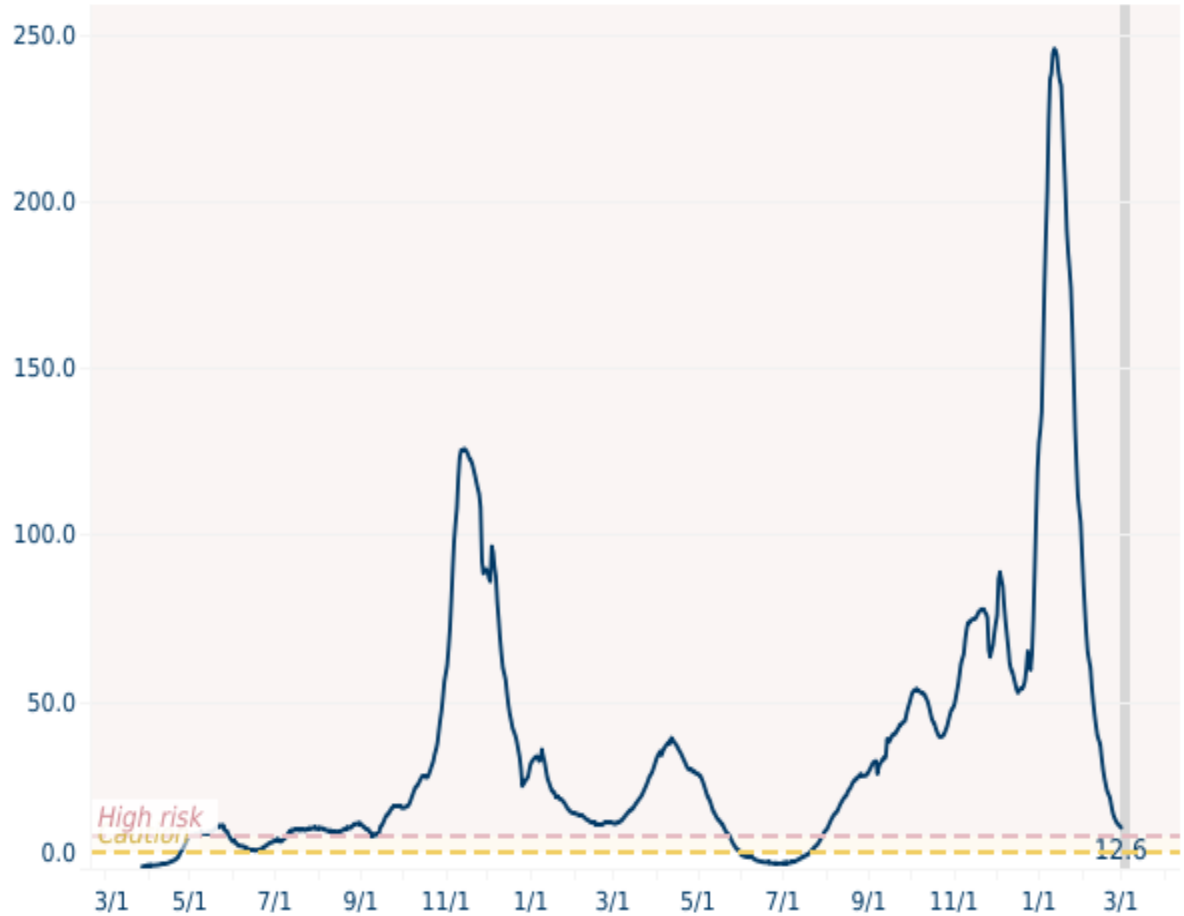
7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE



CASE GROWTH

DAILY NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE



TESTING RATE

WEEKLY COVID TESTS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS

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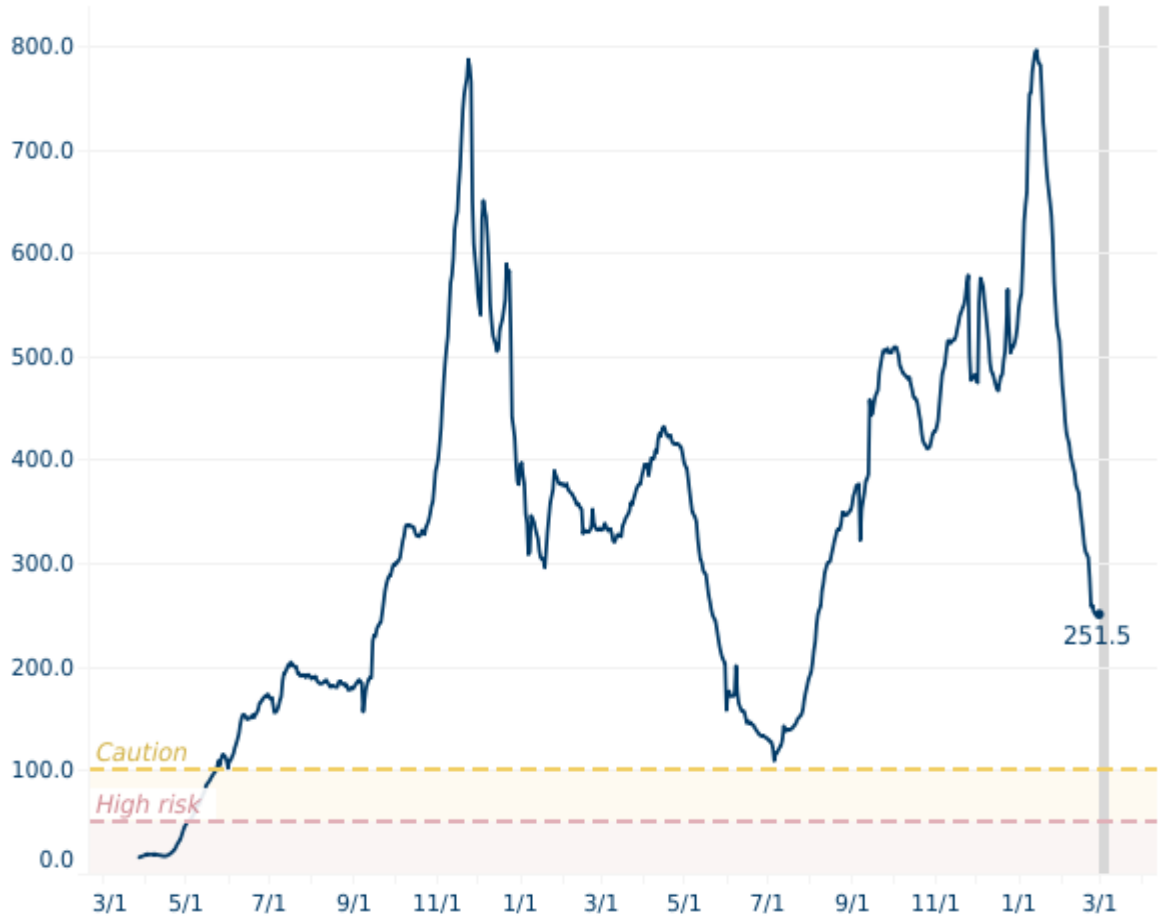
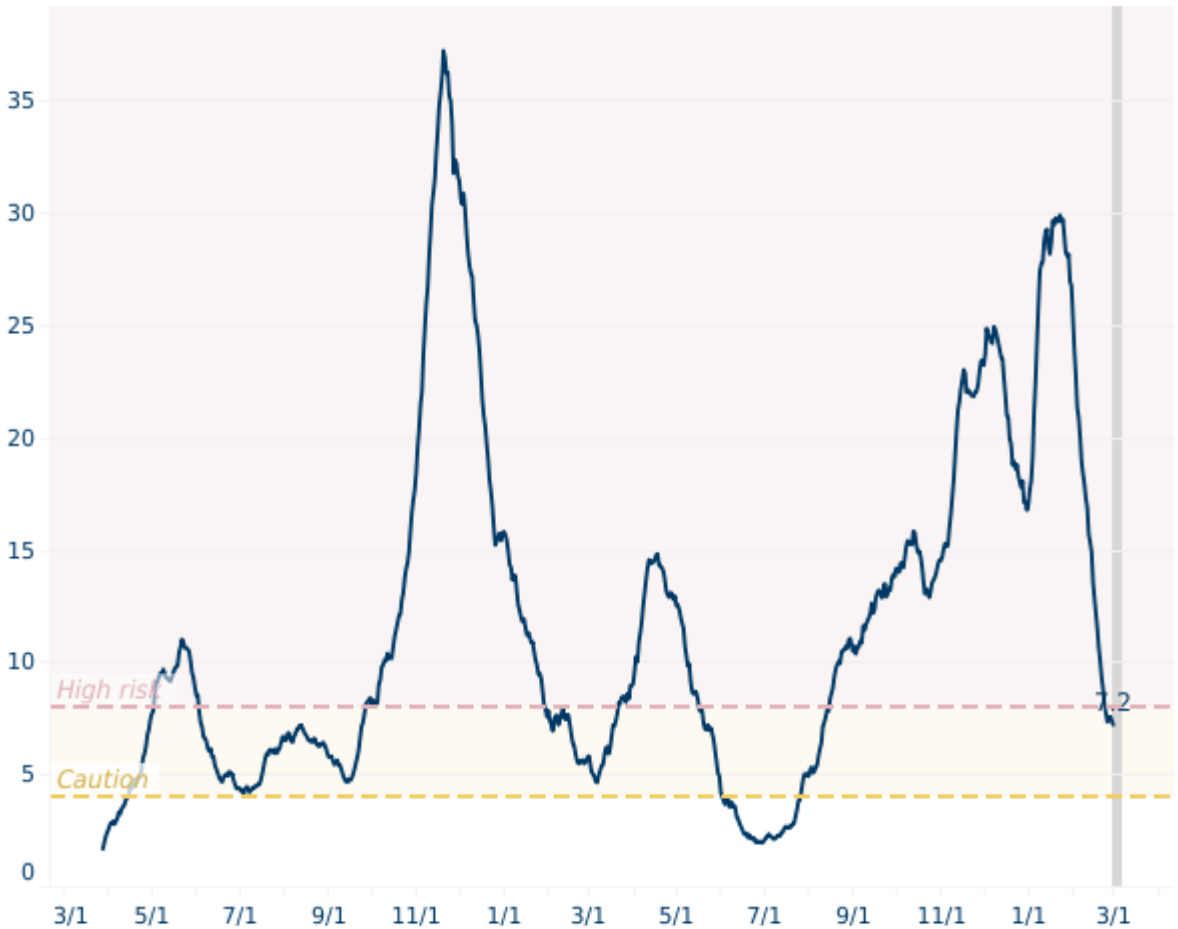


HOSPITALIZATION RATE

NEW COVID+ HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

WEEKLY | 7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE



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Minnesota Wastewater Plant Data

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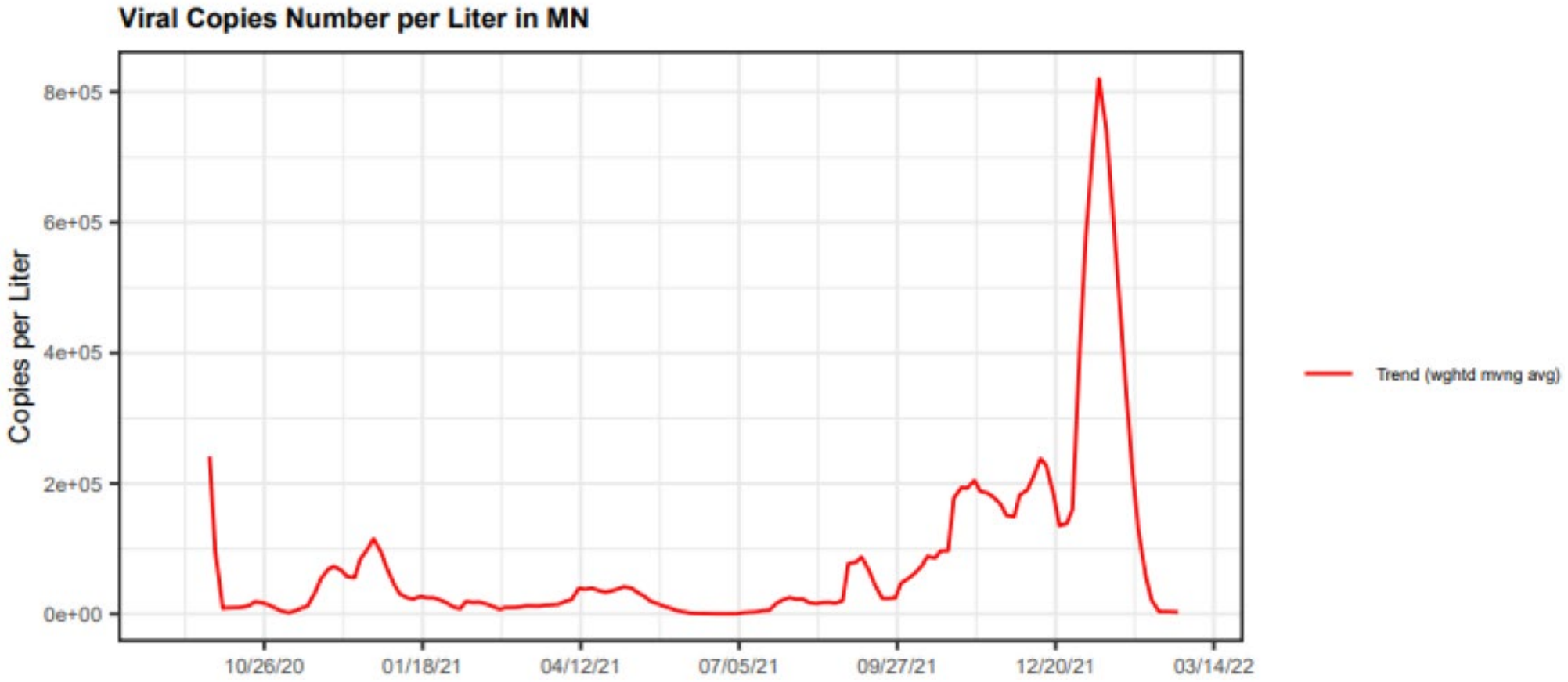
Statewide data aggregated from all wastewater plants sampled around the state



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