

Innovator Agent Update for IHN Regional Community Advisory Council (January 10th, 2022)

- Innovator Agent Transition Announcement:



Please welcome Kristty.Zamora-Polanco as the new Innovator Agent with IHN! Kristty will be accompanying Joell to all IHN meetings in January, then will be your point of contact going forward in February. Kristty.Zamora-Polanco@dhsoha.state.or.us

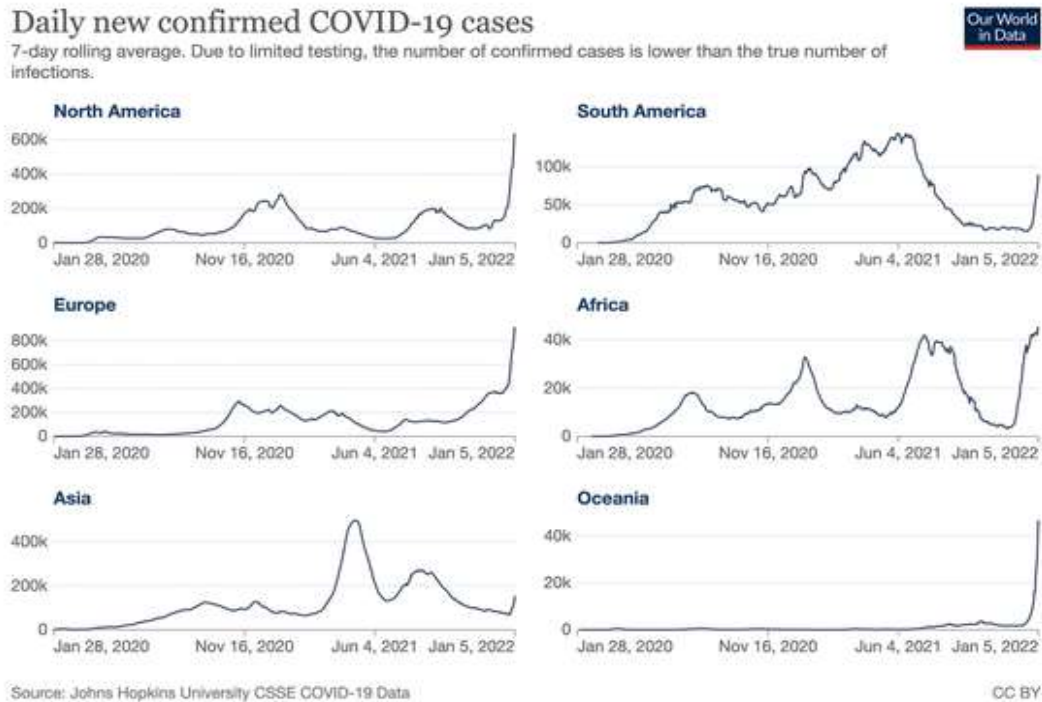
Kristty comes with a history and knowledge of the IHN region, great professional experience and a bilingual, bicultural perspective.

Joell Archibald will continue to work with Jackson Care Connect and Columbia Pacific CCOs and also to support the OHA Waiver submission and implementation and other OHA Policy Work.

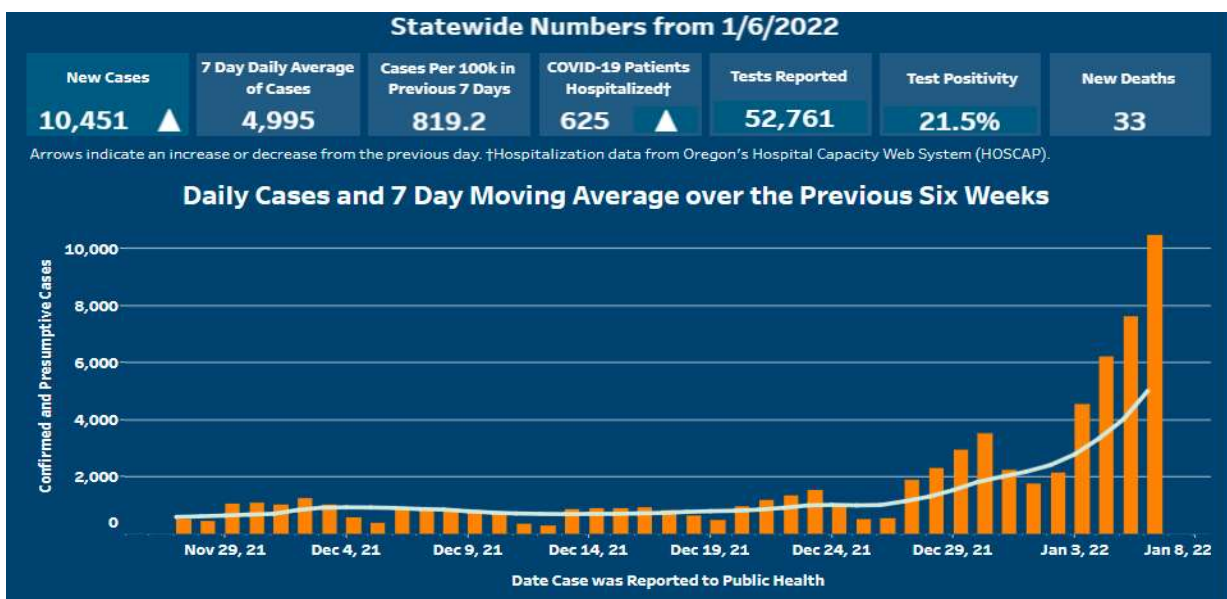
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- COVID-19 cases related to the Omicron Variant have increased internationally over the 2 months since Omicron was identified by the World Health Organization as a Variant of Concern.
- The world reported more than [9.5 million](#) cases last week, which is a 71% increase compared to the previous week. Although the greatest increase is still in the Americas (+100%), every region in the world now has increasing case trends.
- Cases continue to skyrocket in the United States with a [226%](#) increase in the past 14 days. continues to be the case leader: Rhode Island has 413 daily cases per 100,000, followed by New York (369 per 100K), New Jersey (351 per 100K), and Massachusetts (289 per 100K).

But the South, Midwest, and West are closely following behind now. The South is accelerating the fastest with Mississippi as the case growth leader (+702%), followed by South Carolina (+652%), Texas (+614%), and Louisiana (+546%)

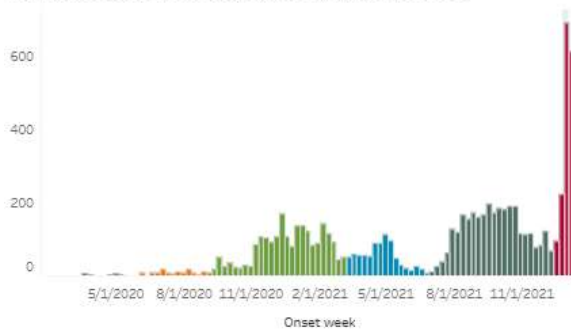


- Oregon Case Counts set new daily records each day last week; Friday there were 10,451 cases reported in a single day.



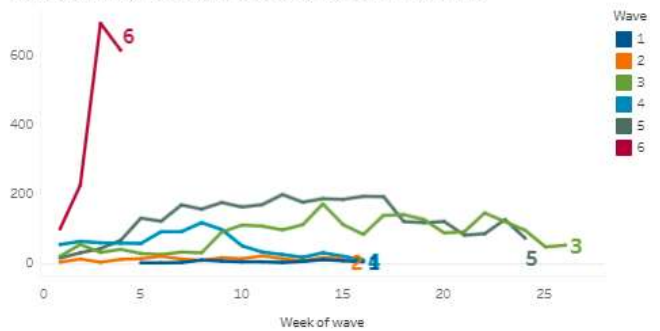
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Benton cases by onset week, labeled by statewide wave



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Benton cases by week of wave, labeled by statewide wave

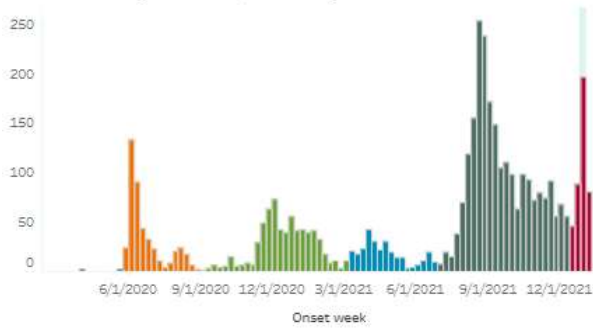


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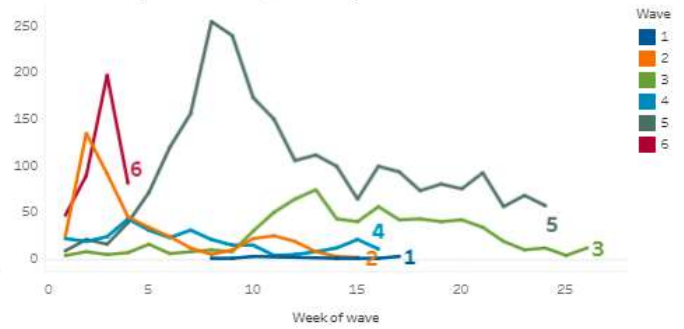
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Lincoln cases by onset week, labeled by statewide wave



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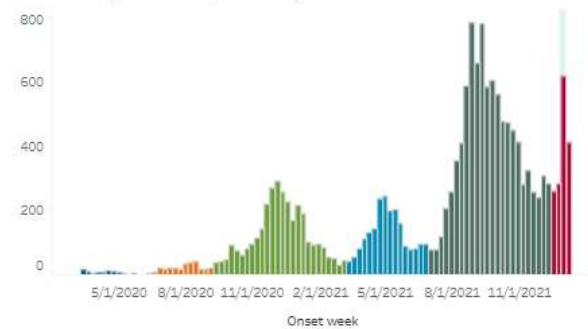


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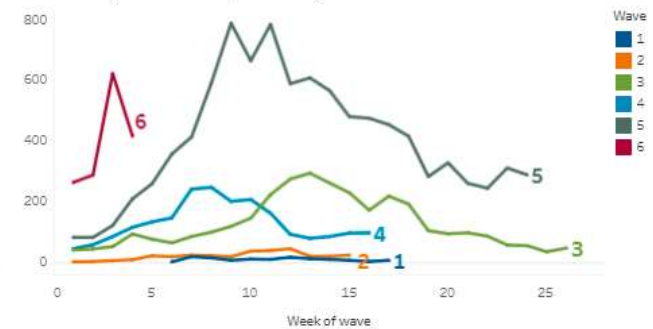
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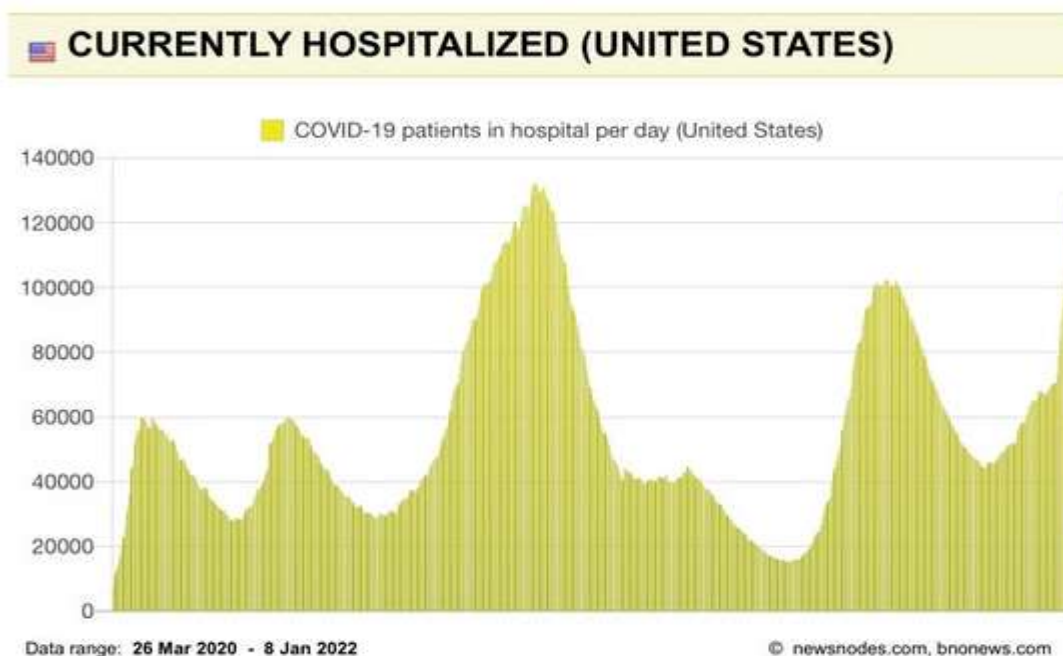
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- Hospitalizations are rapidly increasing in the United States, further stressing hospital capacity which hasn't completely covered from the Delta surge. increasing 78% in the last two weeks. Sunday, the U.S. broke the pandemic record with 135,292 hospitalizations (surpassing the previous peak of 132,474 hospitalizations on Jan 6, 2021).



- In Oregon, there are over 700 individuals currently hospitalized with/for COVID. Oregon Hospitals are already over capacity. The peak of Oregon hospitalizations is expected to be 1,600 hospitalizations.....higher than Oregon's earlier Delta surge. Oregon has taken a variety of actions to attempt to manage the oncoming surge.
 - 1) The creation of a new cross-agency Health Care Surge Incident Management Team between OHA and ODHS
 - 2) A goal of administering 1 Million Booster doses by the 3rd Week of January
 - 3) The OHA/ODHS Health Care Surge Incident Management Team is procuring surge staffing. The Governor has secured the services of the National Guard to support additional staffing.
 - 4) Surge facilities/alternative care sites are being established for care.
 - 5) Oregon has developed and issued new Crisis Care Guidance for decision-making should that be necessary at the peak of Omicron.

Other OHA Information

- Care Coordination is a required function for all CCOS to benefit all OHP members. Care Coordination applies to those with specified chronic conditions or health challenges as well as those moving between settings (hospital to home, home to Skilled Nursing Facility and/or Assisted Living Center, etc.) as well as anyone who is experiencing challenges navigating care and systems. OHA's Transformation Center is beginning a year-long learning collaborative for those staff providing this function in CCOs that will begin on Thursday, January 20th. There are currently close to 100 persons registered to participate, including staff from every CCO.
- Friday, January 7th was the deadline for submitting public feedback into the OHA 1115 CMS Waiver application process. OHA is evaluating feedback now and will use the feedback to make edits before submitting the 1115 Waiver to CMS at the end of February. Waiver negotiations will occur March-June, with the plan to have a newly approved Waiver by June 30th, 2022.
- CCOs are preparing contractual deliverables detailing their Behavioral Health efforts. As those are evaluated by OHA, the results can be shared with communities.
- CCOs have submitted their Traditional Health Worker documentation as required by contract; those documents are also under evaluation by OHA.
- CCOs have completed revision of their new OHP member handbooks; watch for those to be posted on websites. IHN's website is www.IHNTogether.org
- OHA is preparing to implement COVER ALL PEOPLE on July 1st; this program will provide OHP for some of Oregon's populations without residency; prioritized populations are those between the ages of 19 and 26 and those over the age of 55. Watch for OHP enrollment opportunities.
- A Request for Grant Proposal (RFGP) process is now occurring for community-based organizations to apply for funding to support on-the-ground work to achieve health outcomes; see more at <https://ohapublichealthfunding.org/en/>
- In the interest of equity, ODHS (Oregon Dept. of Human Services) is also preparing to launch a grant opportunity in February to invite funding requests

for community projects supporting older adults and people with disabilities. Of the \$3 million available, at least \$2 million will be designated for equity-related proposals serving Oregonians who have experienced barriers in accessing services and supports. See more details at

<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/SPPD/Pages/funding-opportunities.aspx>

- The Oregon Health Authority Transformation Center is hosting a learning series for CAC members on the social determinants of health & equity. All sessions will be held via Zoom. This learning series is being held in support of OHA's goal to eliminate health disparities across Oregon by 2030 and the contractual requirements for CACs in addressing the social determinants of health & equity.
 - All consumer OHP CAC members will be eligible to receive a \$10 electronic gift card from Albertsons, Safeway or CVS for attending each session.
 - Closed captioning, ASL interpretation and Spanish-language interpretation will also be provided at each session (which will be recorded).
 - [Click here](#) to view a learning series flier in English.
 - [Haga clic aquí](#) para ver un folleto de la serie de aprendizaje en español.
- Schedule
 - Community health assessments (CHAs): Making sense of health disparities
 - January 31, 3–4:30 p.m.
 - [Register here](#)
 - Community health improvement plans (CHPs): Evidence-based strategies to address the social determinants of health & equity
 - February 24, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
 - [Register here](#)