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Changes to COVID-19 Data Reporting

This week, Public Health moved to a once-a-week reporting schedule

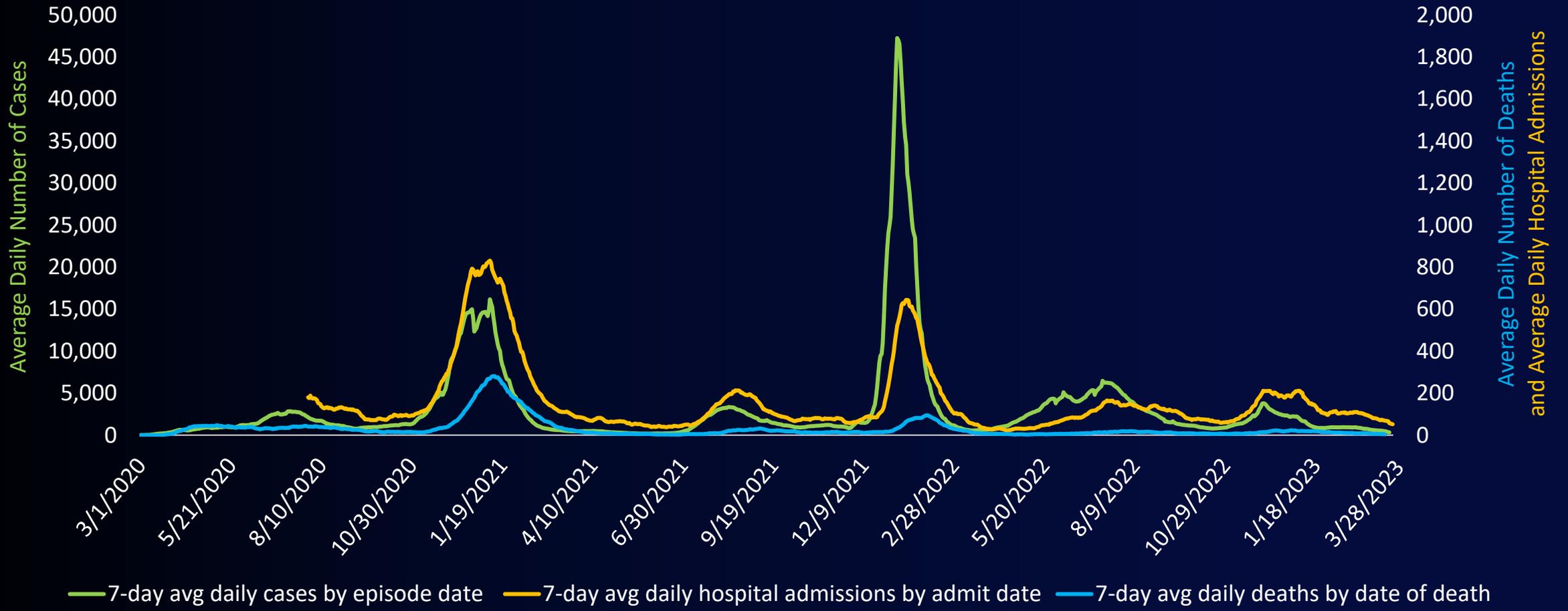
- This aligns with the CDC and CDPH, which also report weekly
- Weekly LACDPH data will be posted online on Thursdays



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7-Day Average Daily COVID-19 Cases by Episode Date, Deaths by Date of Death, and Hospital Admissions by Admit Date* March 1, 2020 – March 28, 2023

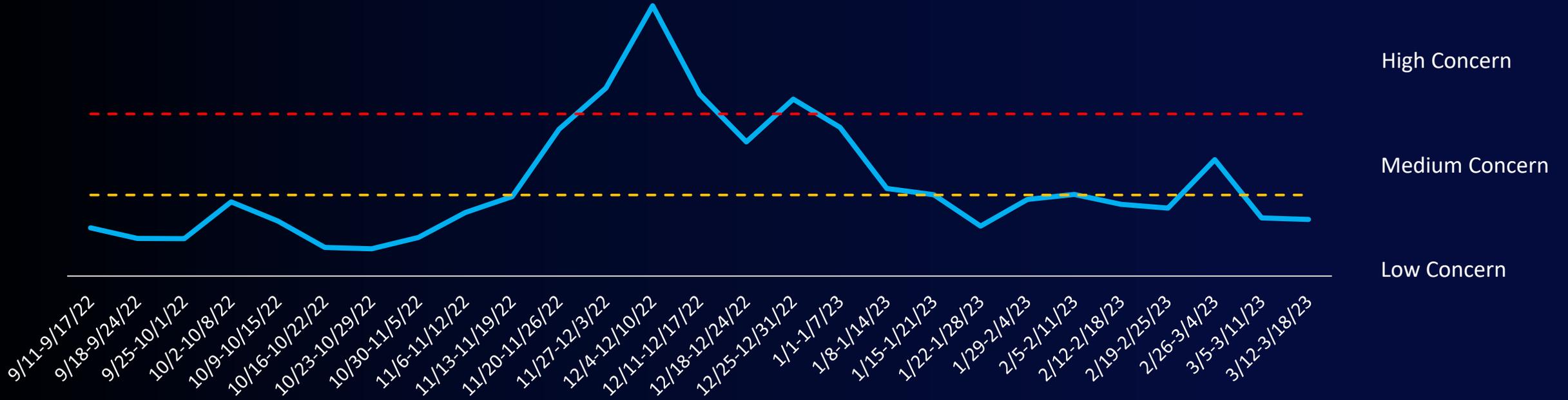


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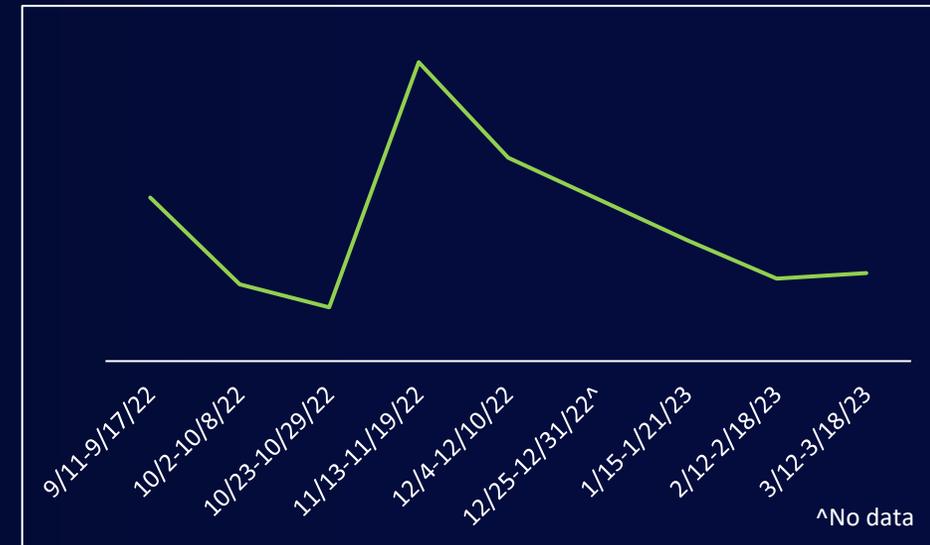
*Hospital admission data includes Long Beach and Pasadena. Case and death values DO NOT include data from Long Beach and Pasadena.

Los Angeles County Population Weighted Average Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Concentrations*



*Includes data from the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, Hyperion, and Lancaster sewersheds. Data comes from the WastewaterSCAN collaborative. Data are normalized average wastewater SARS-CoV-2 concentrations.

Tapia (Las Virgenes) Sewershed



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[^]No data

CDC COVID-19 Community Levels

New Cases (per 100,000 people in last 7 days)	Indicators	Low	Medium	High	LA County Current Values <u>New Cases:</u> 34/100,000 (as of 3/28/23)
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0	3.7
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%	2.3%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0	NA
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%	NA

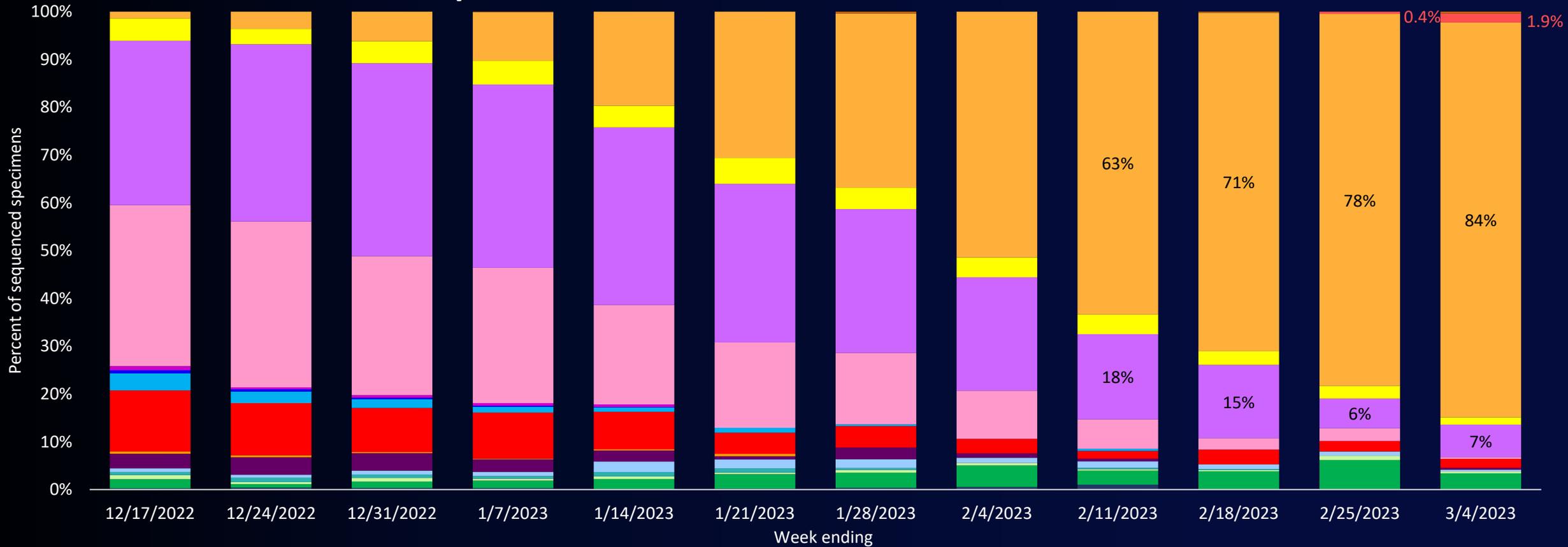
The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.



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SARS-CoV-2 Variants as a Percentage of All Specimens Sequenced for Baseline Variant Surveillance



- All other Omicron
- Omicron BA.2 (Excludes BA.2.75, BA.2.75.2, BN.1, and XBB)
- Omicron BA.2.75 (Excludes BA.2.75.2 and BN.1)
- Omicron BA.2.75.2
- CH.1.1
- Omicron BA.4.6
- Omicron BA.4 (Excludes BA.4.6)
- BF.7
- BF.11
- Omicron BA.5 (Excludes BF.7, BF.11, BA.5.2.6, BQ.1 and BQ.1.1)
- BQ.1 (Excludes BQ.1.1)
- BQ.1.1
- BA.5.2.6
- XBB (excluding XBB.1.5)
- XBB.1.5
- XBB.1.5.1
- XBB.1.9.1



90-Day Hospitalization Rates per 100,000 by Vaccination Status and Age

90-day period ending 3/14/23

	30-49	50-64	65-79	80+
Hospitalizations				
Vaccinated with updated booster	17.5	30.9	91.0	432.3
Vaccinated without updated booster	31.6	58.0	204.7	668.6
Unvaccinated	104.6	176.7	906.5	985.8

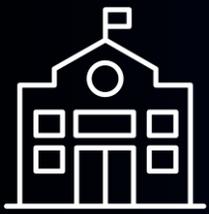


90-Day Death Rates per 100,000 by Vaccination Status and Age

90-day period ending 3/7/23

	30-49	50-64	65-79	80+
Deaths				
Vaccinated with updated booster	0.5*	2.1*	17.0	108.9
Vaccinated without updated booster	1.7	6.7	40.2	217.8
Unvaccinated	4.5*	25.9	185.6	481.2





Updated Los Angeles County School Guidance

Individuals With a Positive COVID-19 Test

Staff

Per CAL/OSHA, school staff who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for at least 5 days and wear a mask around others for a total of 10 days.

Students

Students are required to stay home for at least 5 days and should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days.

Individuals With a COVID-19 Exposure

Staff

Per CAL/OSHA, schools must identify and notify employees exposed to a COVID-19 case during its infectious period at school workplaces.

Students

Strongly recommend (but not required) that schools notify students (parents of students) who were exposed to a case during the case's infectious period at school.



Cluster Reporting Requirements for Outbreak Identification

Workplaces, residential congregate settings (e.g. shelters), educational settings:

Report 3 or more linked COVID-19 cases occurring within 14 days OR when 5% of workers/residents test positive at settings with 100+ workers/residents.

Health care facilities: Report 2 or more linked COVID-19 cases identified in patients 4 or more days after admission OR 3 or more linked cases among staff within 14 days.

Skilled nursing & community care facilities: Report 1 or more COVID-19 case in a resident OR 3 linked cases among staff within 14 days.

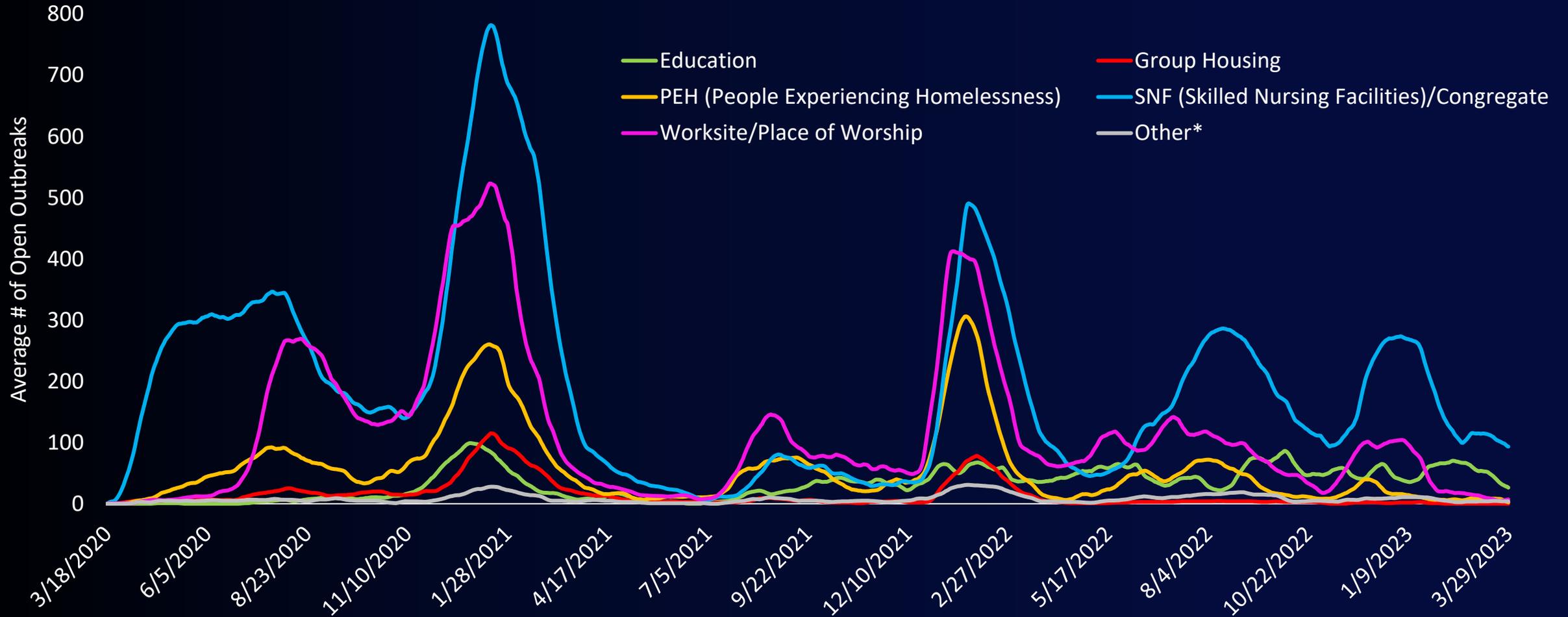
Clusters of cases must be reported to Public Health within 24 hours.



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7-Day Rolling Average Number of Open Outbreaks March 18, 2020 – March 29, 2023



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*Other includes: First Responder, Office, Other, and Provider

Outbreak Management at Schools, Worksites (Cal/OSHA)

When an outbreak occurs at a worksite (including schools), employers must:

- Provide FREE COVID-19 testing to employees immediately after an exposure, then again one week later, and at least weekly throughout an outbreak.
- Ensure all employees who had close contact with a known COVID case and remain at work take a COVID-19 test within 3-5 days after the contact.
- Exclude employees who test positive or had close contact but did not test from the workplace until return-to-work requirements are met.
- Require all exposed employees regardless of vaccination status to wear masks indoors, or outdoors when less than 6 feet from another person.



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Vaccination, Masking For Healthcare Workers

In health care settings, with so many vulnerable individuals, the following enhanced protections will continue:

- Healthcare workers need to wear a mask during patient care and/or while working in patient care areas.
- Healthcare workers need to complete their primary series vaccinations and receive at least one booster. The federal government requires vaccination with the primary series for healthcare workers in facilities accepting Medicaid and Medicare.

These requirements will be reassessed by September 2023.



LA County COVID Emergency Ending

The local LA County COVID-19 Emergency Declarations
end today, March 31, 2023.

- Free COVID-19 vaccinations, including booster doses, continue to be available to all County residents, regardless of their immigration or insurance status.
- Free COVID-19 tests are available at all public health clinics and vaccination sites to county residents, regardless of their immigration or insurance status.
- Free COVID-19 therapeutics are available for all county residents, regardless of their immigration or insurance status.

The Los Angeles County Health Officer retains non-emergency communicable disease control authority to issue future orders to protect the public's health from the risks associated with COVID-19.

For more information: lacounty.gov/covid-emergency-ending



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