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# COVID-19 Update

February 25, 2021

Austin Public Health

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# 25 February 2021

237 Confirmed new cases

304 Confirmed COVID-19 Inpatients (**38 in Alternate Care Site**)

102 Confirmed COVID-19 ICU Inpatients

71 Confirmed COVID-19 Inpatients on Ventilators

35 Confirmed COVID-19 Admissions

50 Confirmed COVID-19 Discharges

# Daily COVID-19 Update

APH Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness



Total cases Reported

**76016**

Confirmed Cases  
Transferred by APH

**1418**

Travis County  
Confirmed Cases

**74598**

Travis County Deaths

**727**

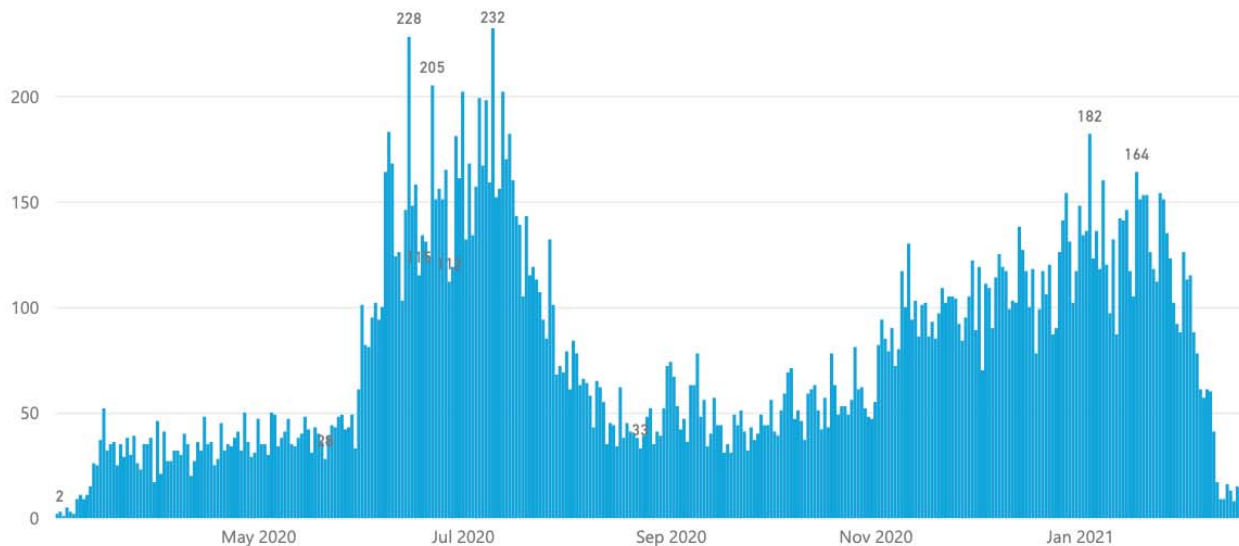
Travis County  
Recovered

**72717**

Travis County History  
of Hospitalization

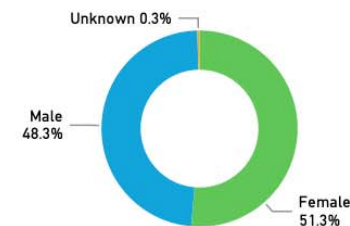
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Onset date of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Travis County, 2020



Race	Race Percent
Asian	2.8%
Black	7.6%
Native American/Alaskan	0.4%
Other	14.3%
Pacific Islander	0.1%
Unknown	17.4%
White	57.3%

Ethnicity	Ethnicity Percent
Hispanic	46.4%
Non Hispanic	35.9%
Unknown	17.6%



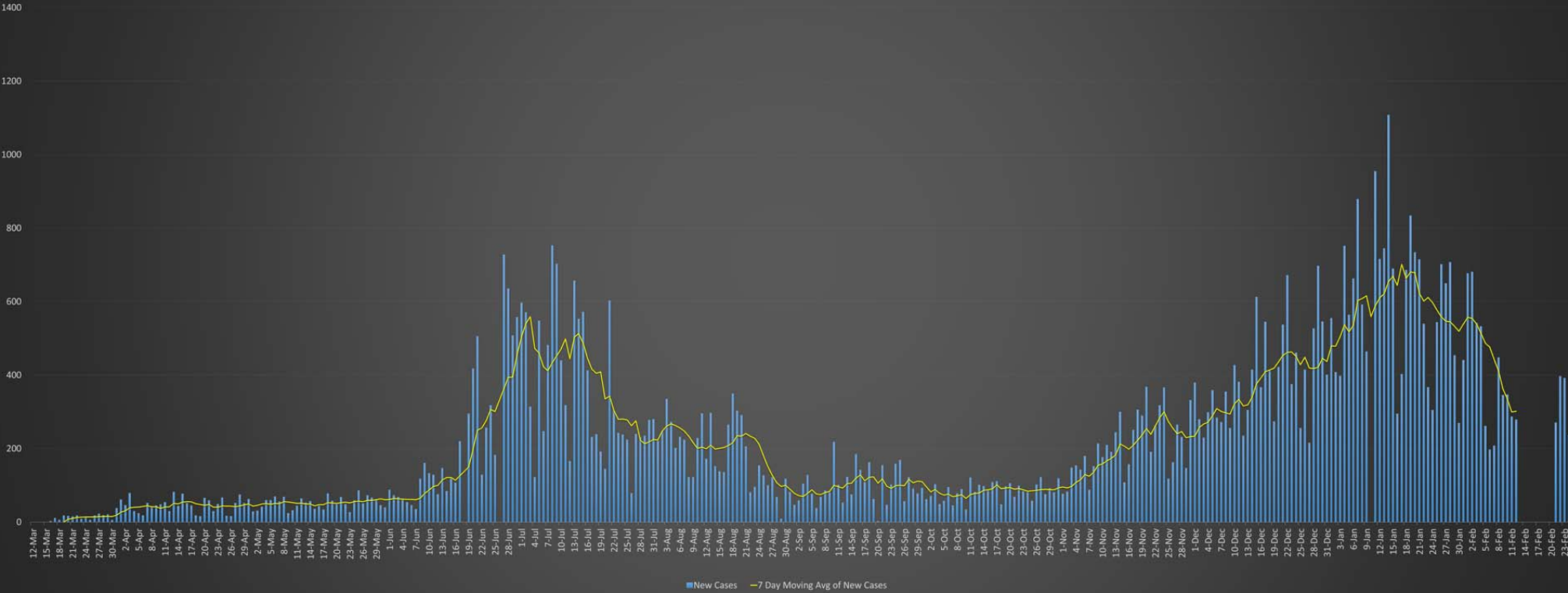
Asymptomatic Travis  
County  
**4802**

Age Group	Count	Female	Male
<1	454	199	252
01-09	3034	1482	1534
10-19	7656	4025	3609
20-29	19189	10037	9063
30-39	15426	7785	7590
40-49	11234	5679	5521
50-59	8502	4253	4220
60-69	5006	2501	2496
70-79	2465	1321	1137
80+	1632	1020	608
<b>Total</b>	<b>74598</b>	<b>38302</b>	<b>36030</b>

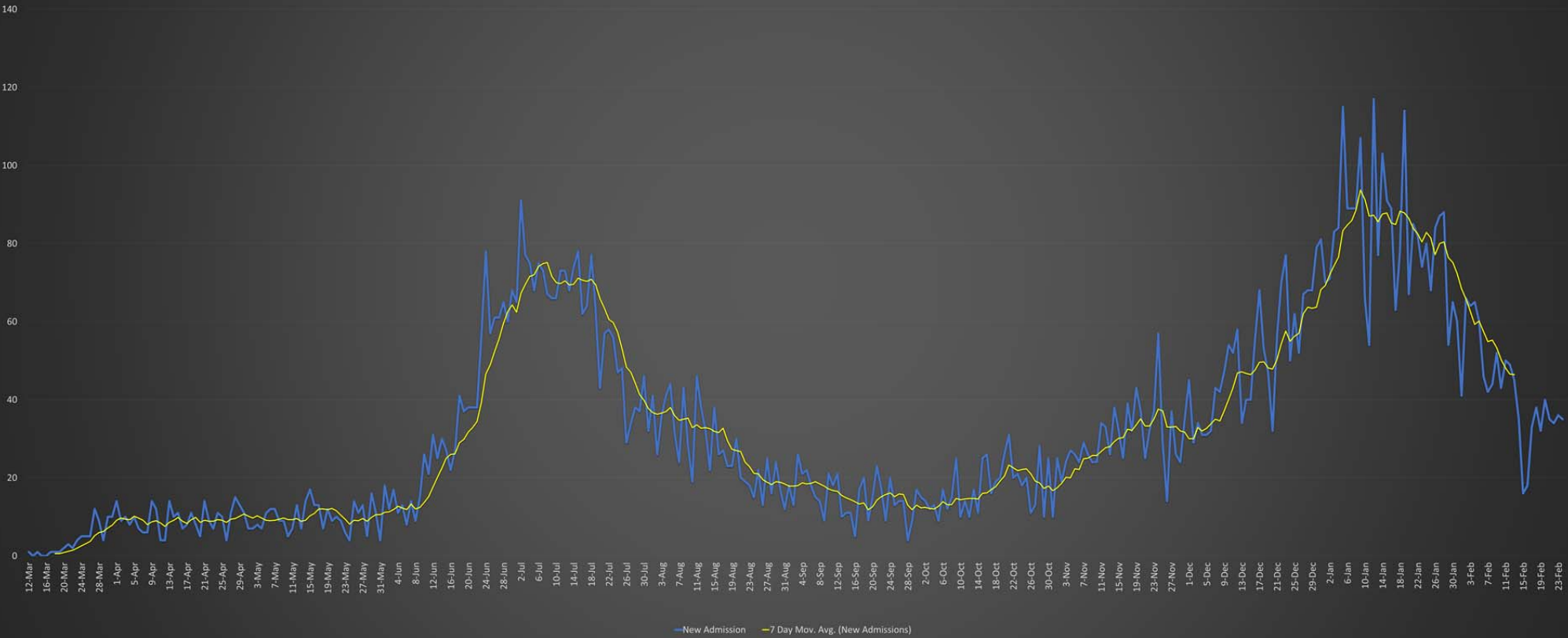
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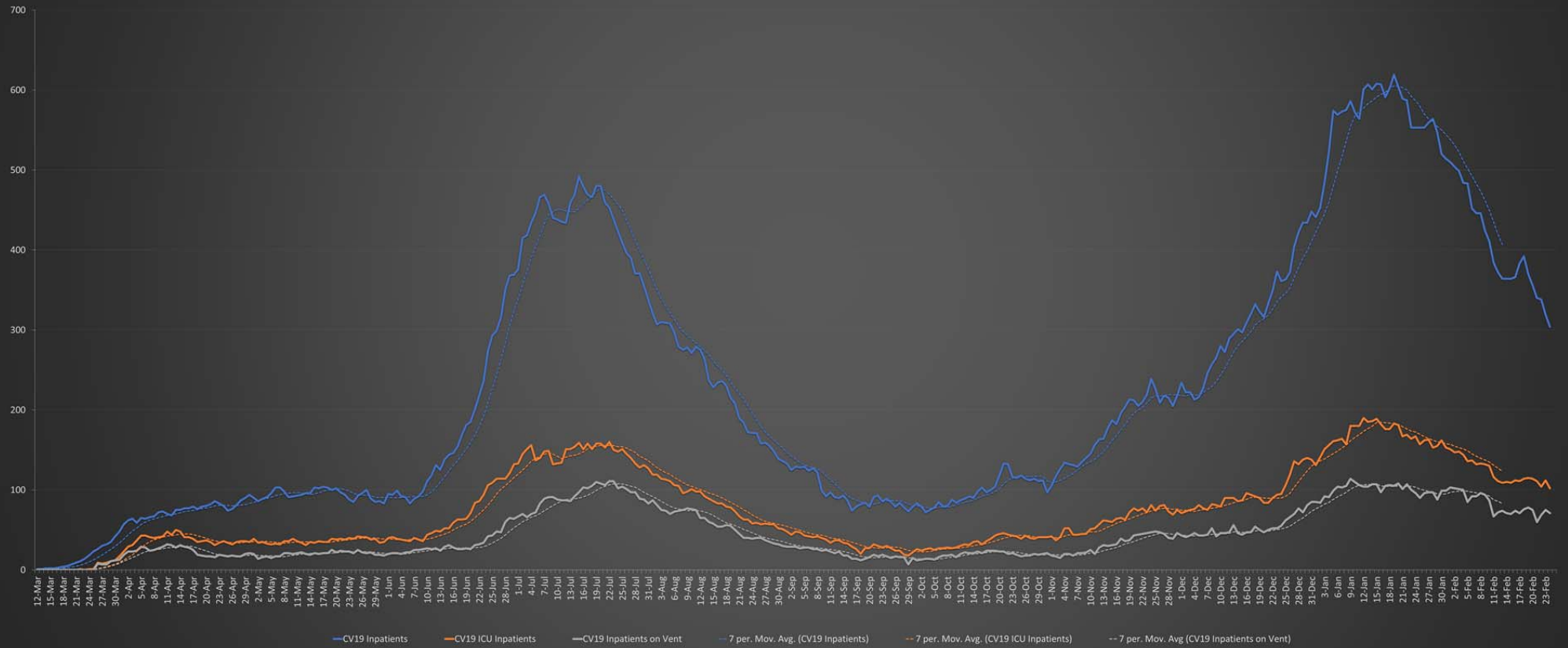
COVID-19 Travis County New Confirmed Cases



COVID-19 Austin MSA New Admissions



## COVID-19 AUSTIN MSA CURRENT HOSPITALIZATIONS, ICU ADMISSIONS, AND VENTILATOR USE



# No 7-day average until Feb 27

- Sustained severe weather event Feb 13-19
  - Testing sites closed
  - Data collection site without power or water
- Hospitals operating in disaster mode
  - Computer interruption affecting data reporting
  - Clinicians may have altered testing behaviors due to extreme workload
- Patient behavior change:
  - Delayed presentation to hospitals
  - Change in overall patient types
  - Dialysis patients with shortness of breath- more or less testing?
- 7 day average drives changes in risk based guidelines
- Whatever data we get from 2/13-19 may not accurately reflect the disease spread in community



## Regional Infusion Center

- TDEM opened on 1/6
- 658 patients treated
- Current capacity: 90/day
- Regional Call Center



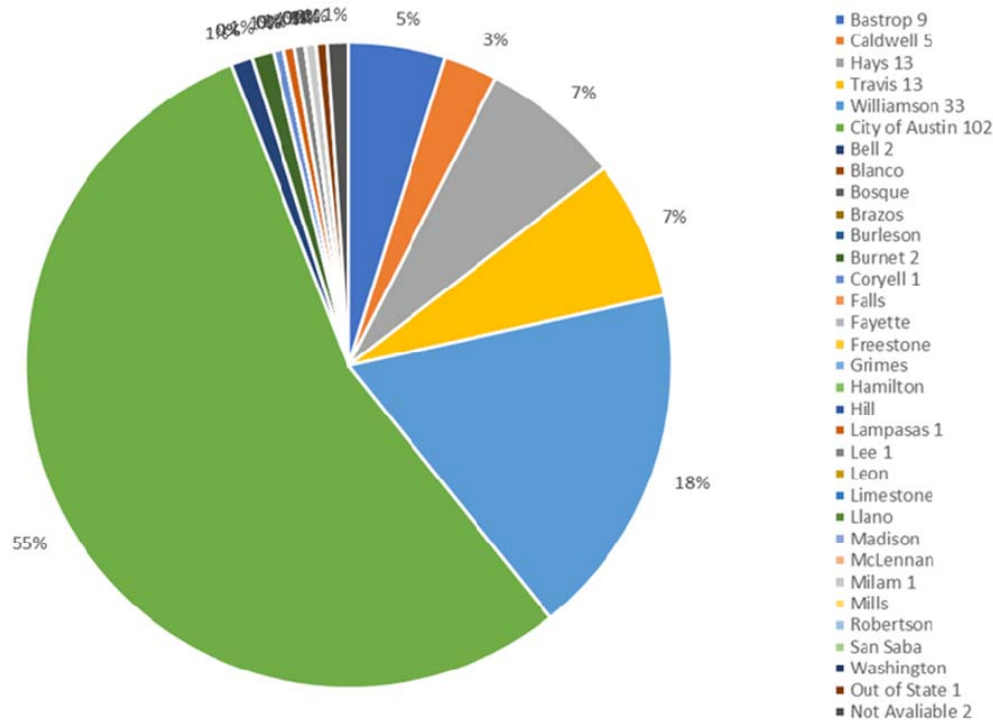
# Austin/Travis County Alternate Care Site

- 37 patients in ACS on 2/24
- 154 patients treated and discharged
- Capacity to care for up to 75 patients.
- Average LOS: 9 days



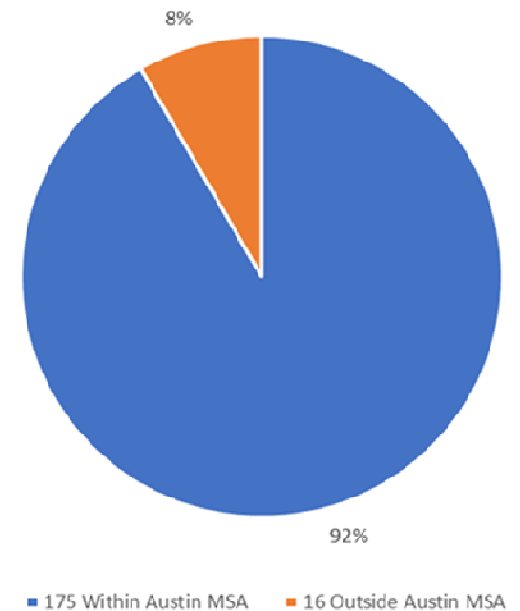
# Austin/Travis County Alternate Care Site

Patients by DSHS Region 7 Counties at the ACS

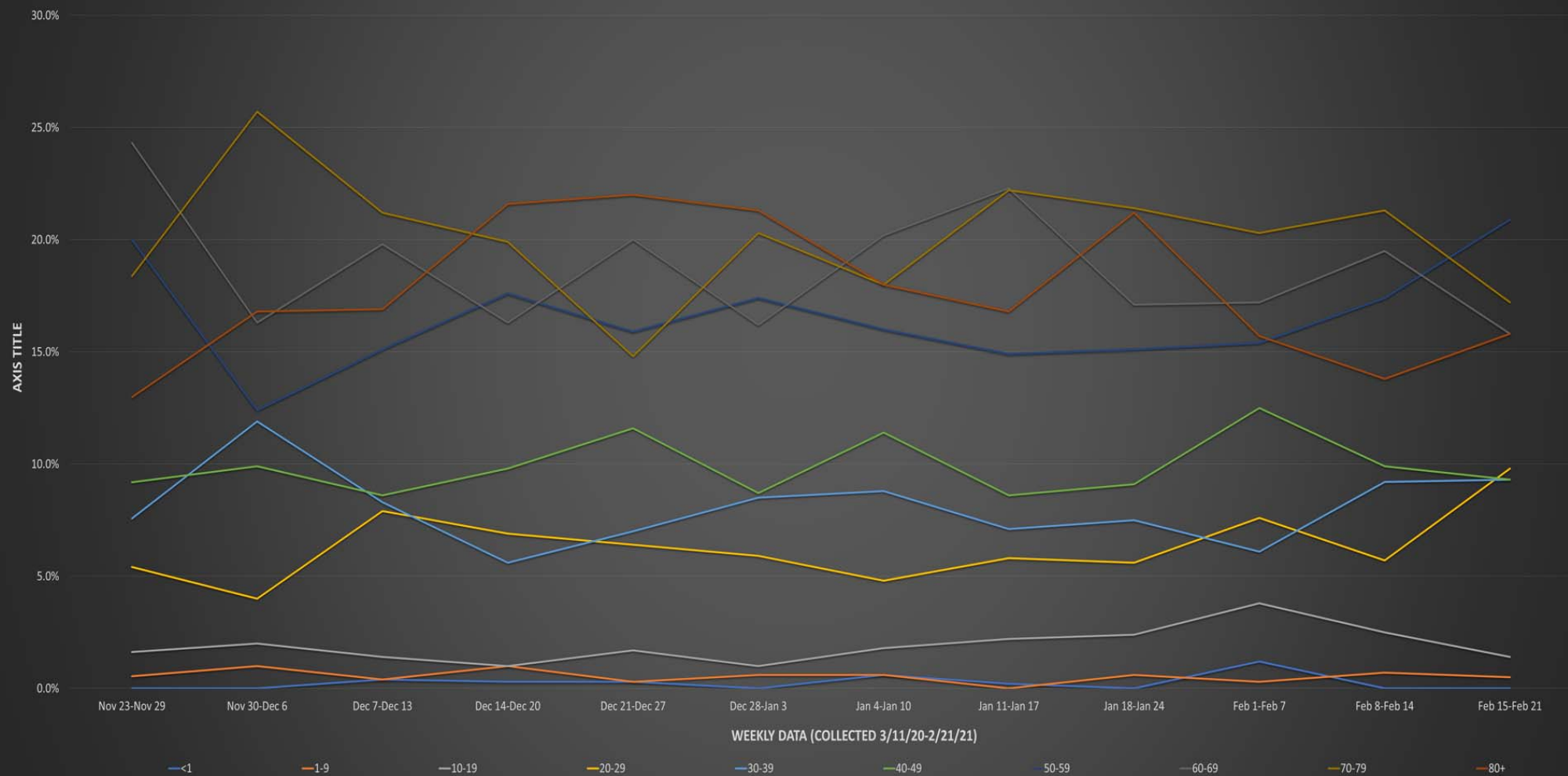


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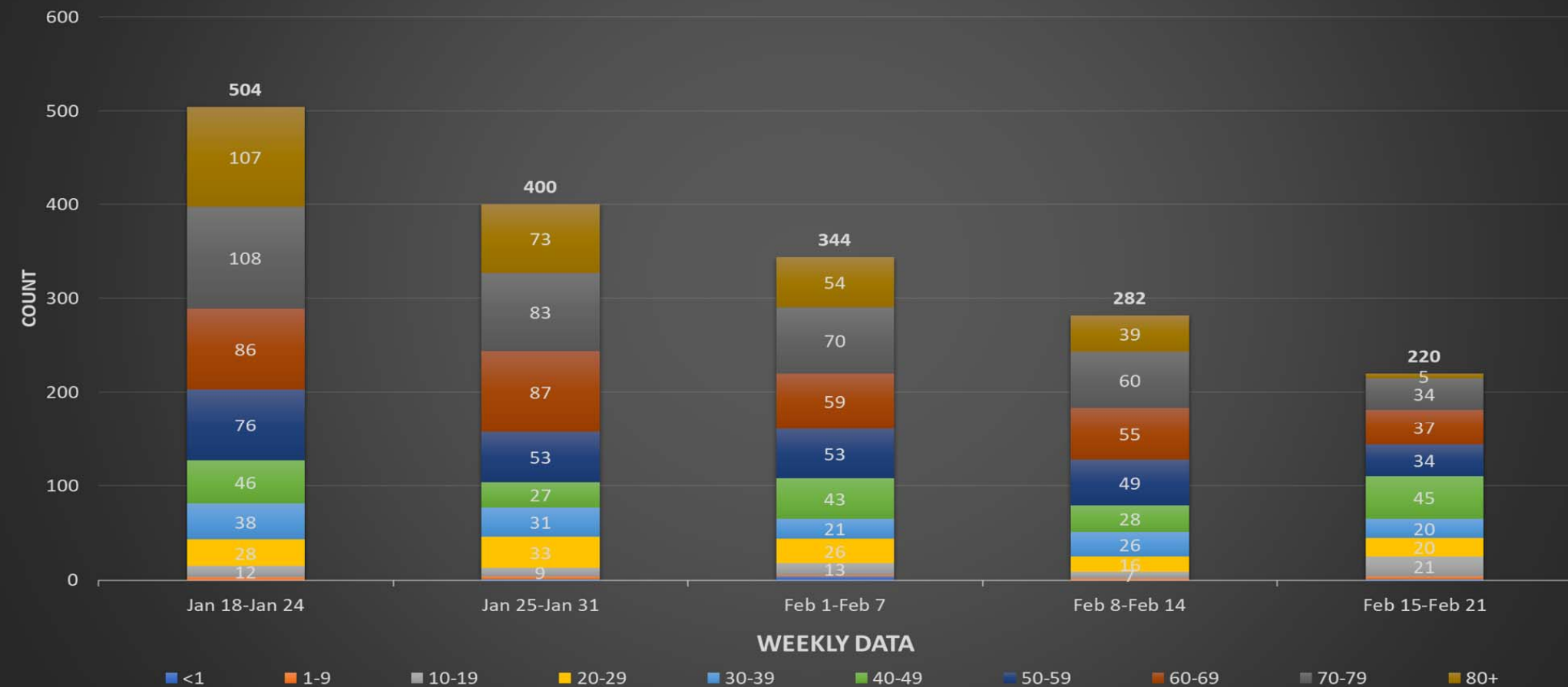
ACS Patients from Within the Austin MSA



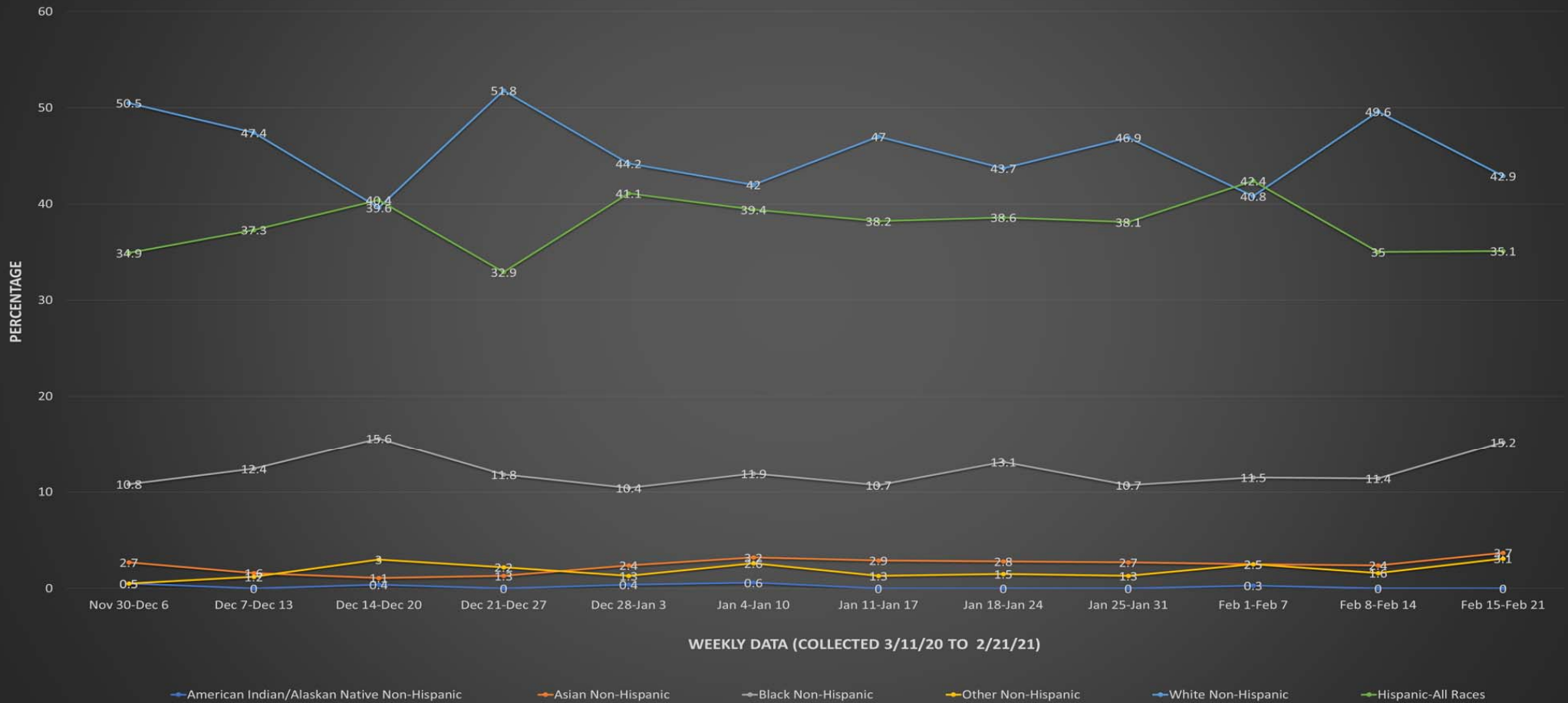
## City of Austin - Travis County COVID-19 Hospitalization by Age Group (Austin MSA)



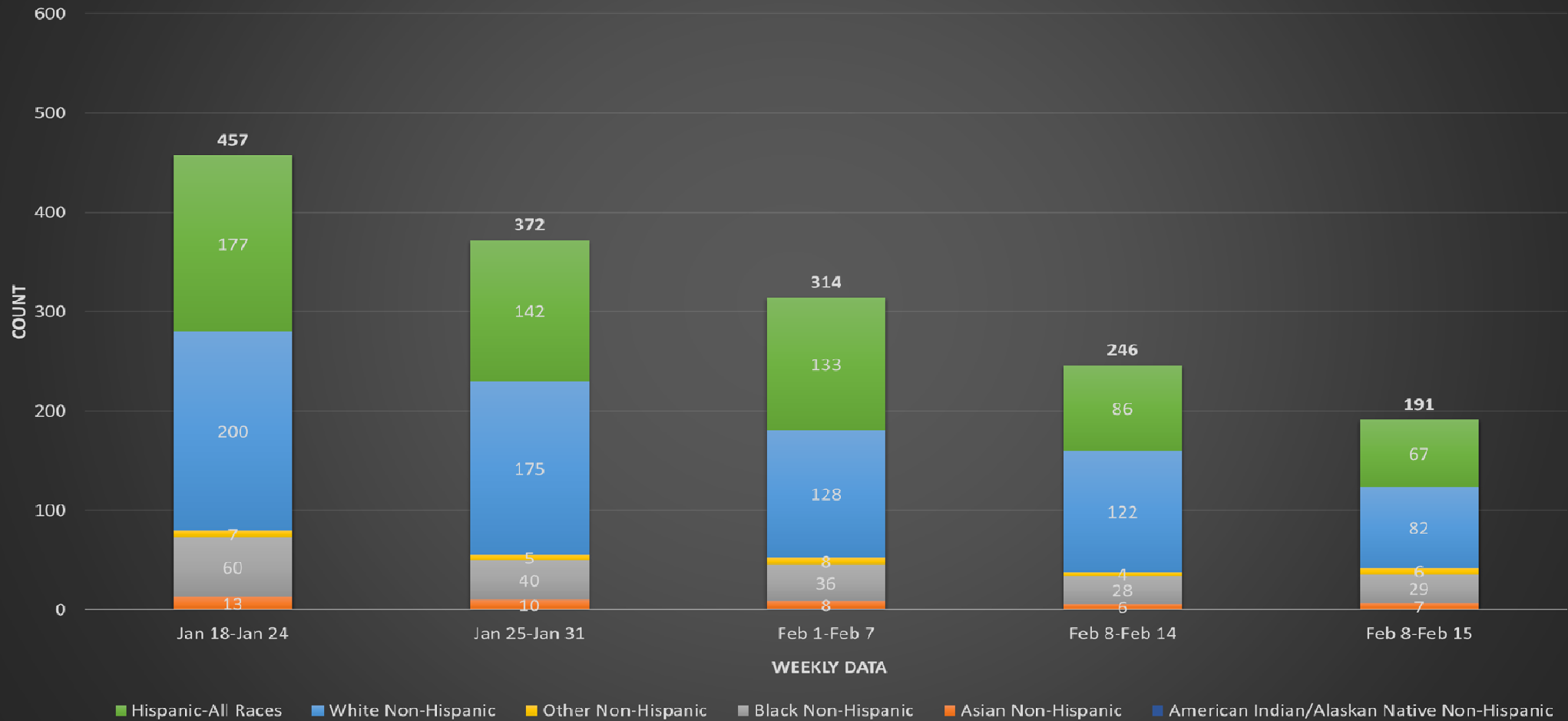
## City of Austin - Travis County COVID-19 Count of Weekly Hospitalizations by Age Group (Austin MSA)



## City of Austin - Travis County COVID-19 Hospitalization by Race & Ethnicity (Austin MSA)



## City of Austin - Travis County COVID-19 Count of Weekly Hospitalizations by Race/Ethnicity (Austin MSA)





# Austin - Travis County COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Weekly Dashboard

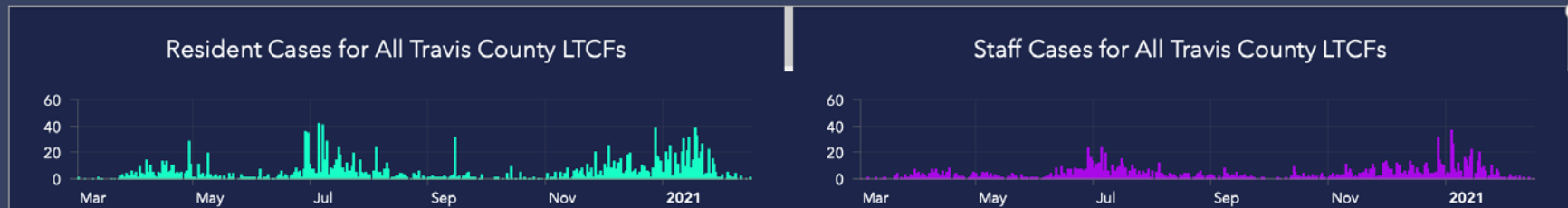
For more information on COVID-19 visit:  
<http://austintexas.gov/covid19>

Reported by Austin Public Health: Data  
Refreshed: 2/18/2021  
All numbers are provisional and subject to change.



<b>Accession Estates (AL)</b>
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0
<b>Arbor Terrace Lakeway (AL)</b>
Cases within last 14 days: 1
Cases within last 28 days: 5
<b>Arden Courts (AL)</b>
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0
<b>Auberge at Bee Caves (AL)</b>
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0
<b>Auberge at Onion Creek (AL)</b>
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 3
<b>Austin Healthcare and Rehab (NH)</b>
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0
<b>Austin R&amp;NC (NH)</b>
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0
<b>Austin SSLC (IC)</b>
Cases within last 14 days: 3
Cases within last 28 days: 9
<b>Austin Wellness and Rehab (NH)</b>
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0

Cases	New Cases Within Last 14 Days	New Cases Within Last 28 Days	Deaths	Travis County Percent Positivity
3,318	25	189	273	8.1%
Data from February 4-February 17, 2021 Source: <a href="#">Data.CMS.gov</a>				



Resident/Staff Epi Curve
Cumulative Count, & Resources

Hover over segment to see details

#### Resident Ethnicity

#### Resident Age Group

#### Staff Ethnicity

#### Staff Age Group

#### Resident Race

#### Resident Sex

#### Staff Race

#### Staff Sex

Demographics
Notes

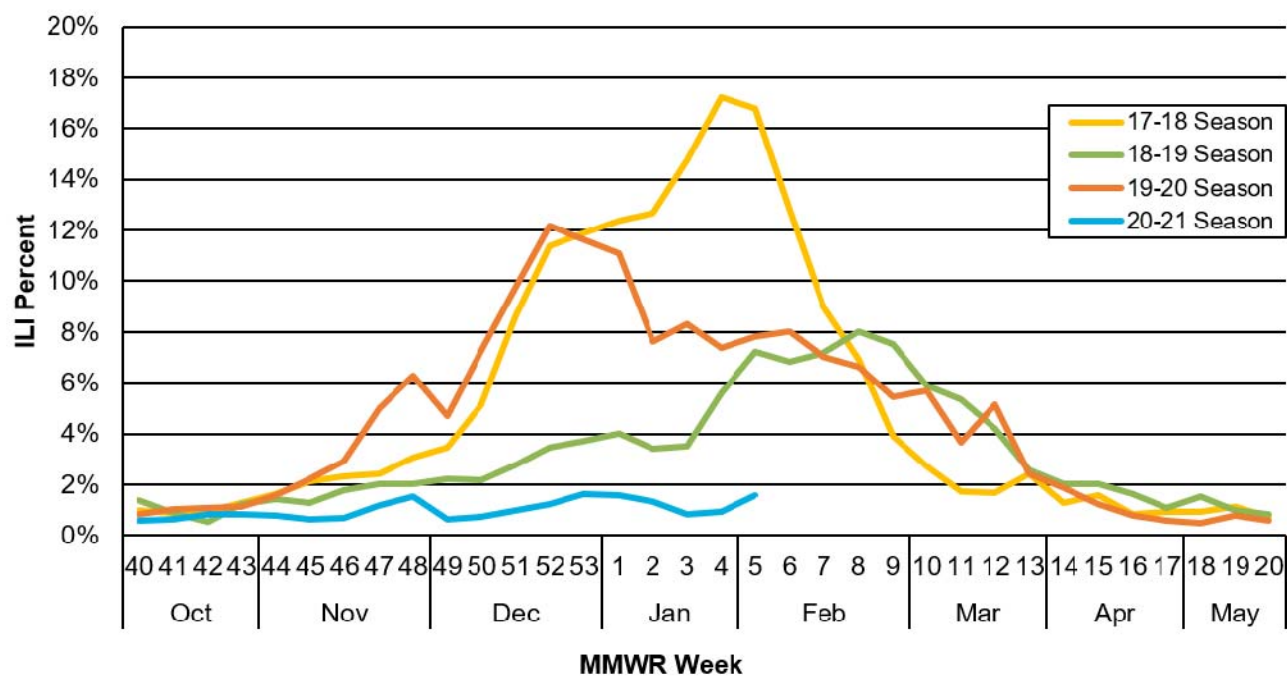
# Travis County Influenza Report

	MMWR Week 06	Season to Date
<b>Influenza Tests Performed</b>	226	7687
<b>Total Positive Influenza Tests</b>	2	92
<b>% Positive Influenza Tests</b>	0.88%	1.20%
<b>Positive Rapid Influenza A</b>	2	28
<b>Positive PCR Influenza A</b>	0	0
<b>Positive Rapid Influenza B</b>	0	59
<b>Positive PCR Influenza B</b>	0	0
<b>Positive Rapid Influenza A and B</b>	0	5
<b>Non-Differentiated Influenza</b>	0	0



# Travis County Influenza Report

**Figure 2. Percentage of Visits Due to Influenza-like Illness Reported by Travis County Participants in ILINet: 2017-2021<sup>4,6,8,11,14</sup>**



## COVID-19: Risk-Based Guidelines

Recommended thresholds  7-day average hospital admits		Practice Good Hygiene	Maintain Social Distancing	Wear Facial Coverings	Higher Risk Individuals Aged 65+, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart, lung and kidney disease, immunocompromised, obesity			Avoid Gatherings	Avoid Non-Essential Travel	Avoid Dining/ Shopping	Recommended Business Capacity	
		Stay Home If Sick			Avoid Sick People	Avoid Gatherings	Avoid Non-Essential Travel					Avoid Dining/ Shopping
0	Stage 1	•			Greater than 25		Except with precautions	Gathering size TBD			100%	
< 10	Stage 2	•	•	•	Greater than 10		Except as essential	Greater than 25			75%	
10 - 29	Stage 3	•	•	•	Social and greater than 10	•	Except as essential	Social and greater than 10			50% - 75%	
30 - (50 - 90)*	Stage 4	•	•	•	Social and greater than 2	•	Except as essential	Social and Greater than 10	•		25% - 50%	
> 50 - 90 *	Stage 5	•	•	•	Outside of household	•	Except as essential	Outside of household	•	Except as essential	Contactless options only (i.e. curbside, delivery)	

## Stage 4 Recommendations

- **High-risk individuals should stay home, except for essential trips such as buying groceries**

- **Everyone should limit non-essential travel**

- **All interactions outside of the household should include masking and 6-ft distancing**

- **Businesses should reduce operating capacity to 25-50%**

- **Schools should limit attendance at sporting events to players, coaches, and parents**

# COVID-19 Update

## February 25, 2021

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Austin Public Health Director



# UPDATE: Weather Delays

## Challenges:

- Patient/Staff transportation to and from sites
- Vaccine/Testing site Closures
- Compromised facility infrastructure
- Vaccine relocation

## Weather Mitigation Plans

- Open additional sites
- Extended hours
- Additional days
- Goal: Administer ~37,000 vaccine



# Vaccine Update

- 56,000 vaccines distributed
- Additional first & second allocations expected this week
- Vaccine Coalition Meets Monthly
- Anticipating 1-dose-vaccine pending Johnson and Johnson approval



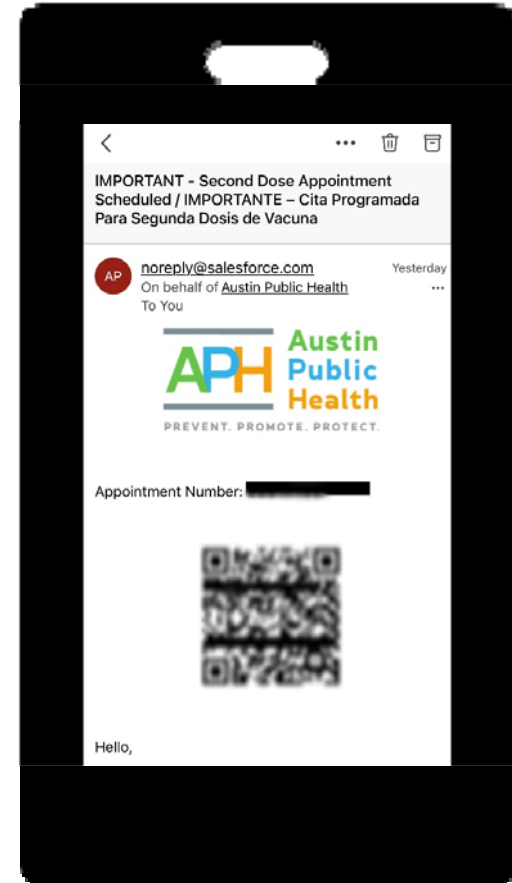
**67-year-old getting his 2<sup>nd</sup> shot**



# Vaccine Update: Second Dose

## APH Patients

- CDC Update: No maximum time between doses.
- We will reach out to individuals who received their first doses from APH to provide a date, time and location.
- The technology is evolving.
- Phone center is now functional.



# Vaccine Notifications

From: APH Information <APHInformation@austintexas.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 7:12 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Attention: Second Dose Shipment /Atención: Segundo Envío de Dosis

Austin Public Health (APH) has received the second dose shipment for people who got their first dose through APH the week of Jan. 11. APH has started contacting those people by email or phone with information on second dose appointments. Staff will work through the weekend to continue scheduling. Please note that **appointments are required** for both doses and walk-ups will not be accepted.

While the second dose should be administered as close to the recommended 28-day interval as possible, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) has released guidance](#) that allows for second doses to be administered up to six weeks (42 days) after the first dose.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have additional questions on second doses, please visit our FAQ at [austintexas.gov/vaccine-faqs](https://austintexas.gov/vaccine-faqs).

El Departamento de Salud Pública (APH) ha recibido el segundo envío de dosis para las personas que recibieron su primera dosis a través de APH la semana del 11 de enero. APH ha comenzado a ponerse en contacto con esas personas por correo electrónico o por teléfono con información sobre las citas para la segunda dosis. El personal trabajará durante el fin de semana para continuar con la programación. Tenga en cuenta que se requieren citas para ambas dosis y no se aceptarán visitas.

Mientras que la segunda dosis debe administrarse lo más cerca posible del intervalo recomendado de 28 días, el [Centro para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades \(CDC\)](#) han publicado una guía que permite administrar segundas dosis hasta seis semanas (42 días) después de la primera dosis.

Apreciamos su paciencia y comprensión. Si tiene preguntas adicionales sobre las segundas dosis, por favor visite nuestras Preguntas Frecuentes en [austintexas.gov/vaccine-faqs](https://austintexas.gov/vaccine-faqs).

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Text Message  
Mon, Feb 8, 8:32 PM

Our records indicate you will soon be due for your second dose of the COVID-19 vac... <https://evb.gg/n#mjdddfwdg/06ChbS4g> or Reply with YES to confirm receipt.

Nuestros registros indican que... <https://evb.gg/n#y4ffffw6fx/06EWXuP>

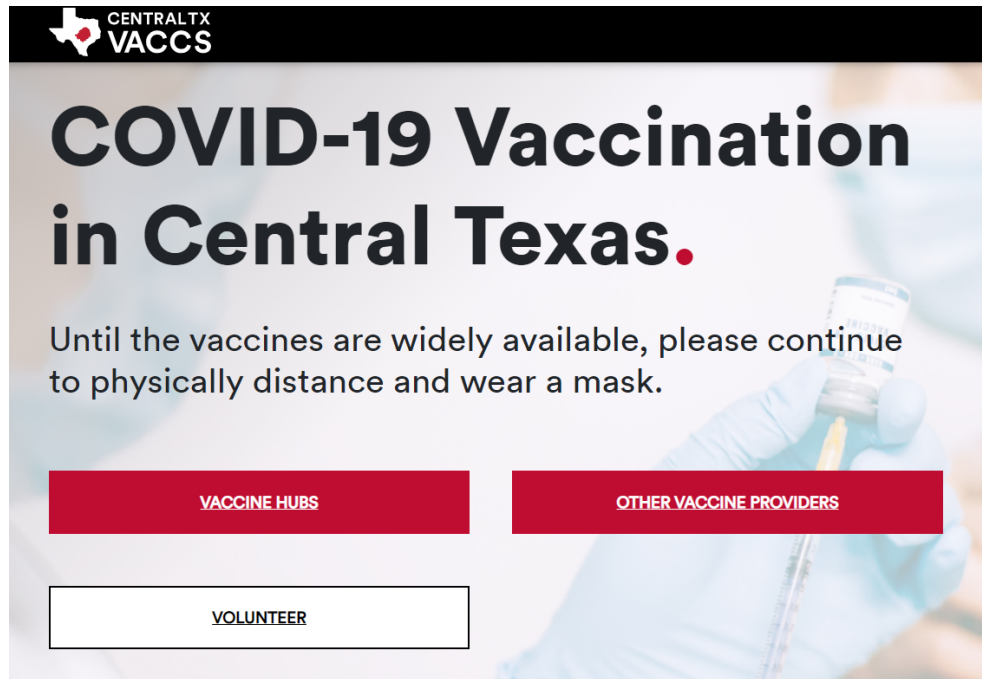


# State Allocations



- Automatic shipping of second doses four weeks after first dose allocation = ease of scheduling in the future.
- Second doses will mirror first dose allocations.
- State determines allocations to APH.
- Federal working on establishing notification process.

# CentralTXVaccs.org



Thank you