



Updates on COVID-19 in New York City

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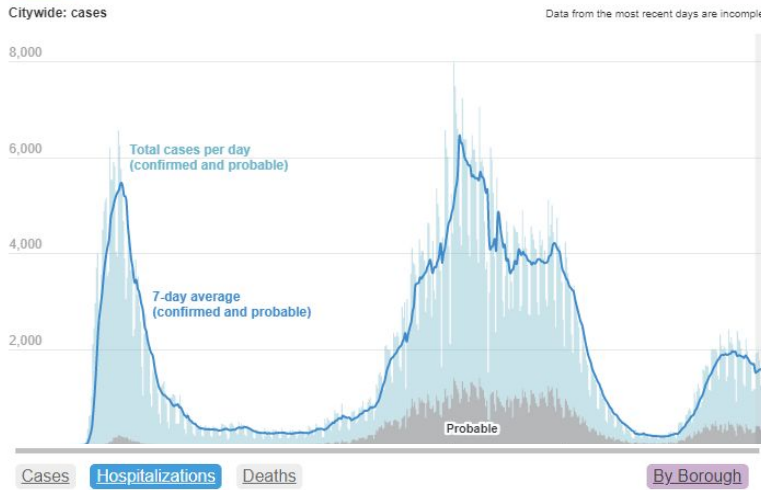
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Trauma Acknowledgement

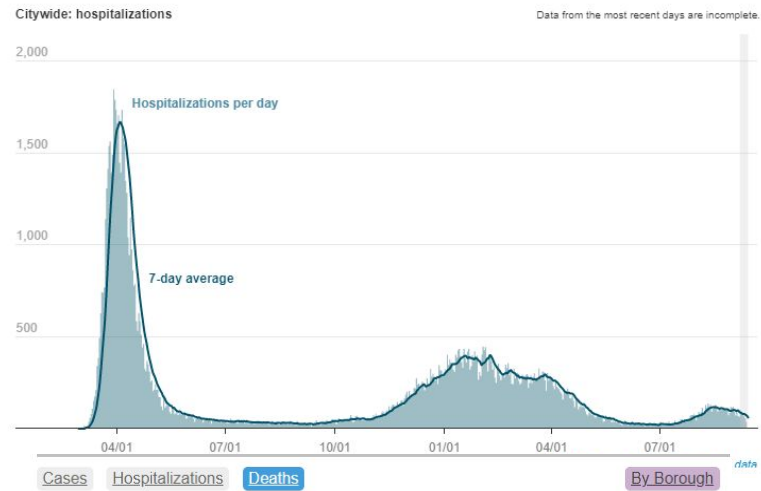
The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Department) acknowledges how stressful and painful this past year has been. The loss of loved ones, jobs, businesses, homes, and livelihoods, combined with feelings of uncertainty, sadness, fear, and worry, have been a huge weight on us all.

We acknowledge the historical and contemporary injustices in government and health care that have deepened distrust and contributed to the causes of individual and collective trauma and structural inequities.

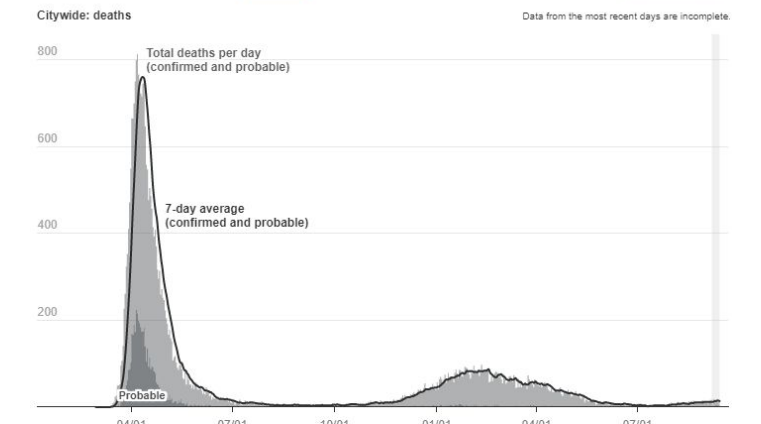
The Health Department names racism as a public health crisis and commits to becoming an anti-racist institution that acknowledges our history, the overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination, takes action to eliminate inequities, and protects and promotes the health of all New Yorkers.



1,096,406 Cases



123,005 Hospitalizations



34,355 Deaths

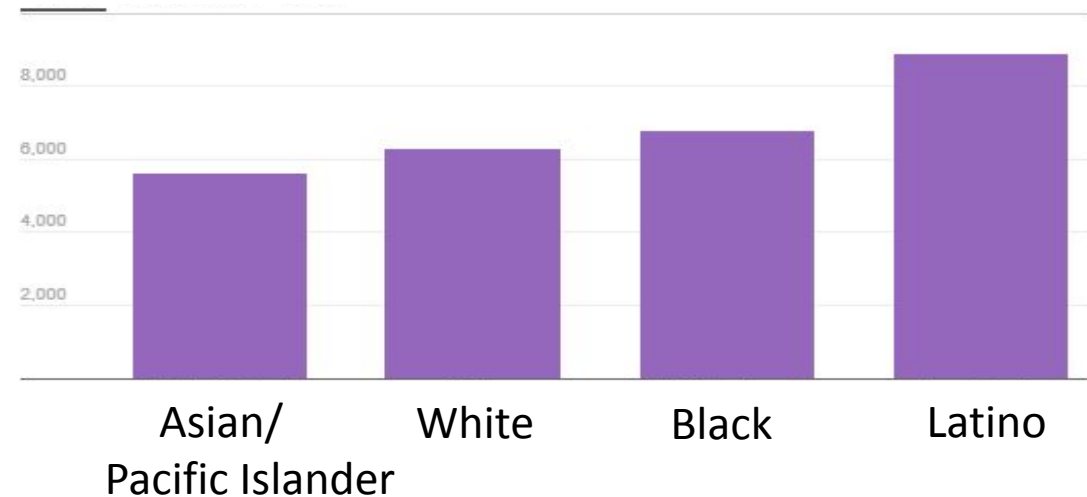
**New York City
COVID-19
Totals
January 2020 –
October 2021**

New York City COVID-19 Rates* January 2020 – October 2021

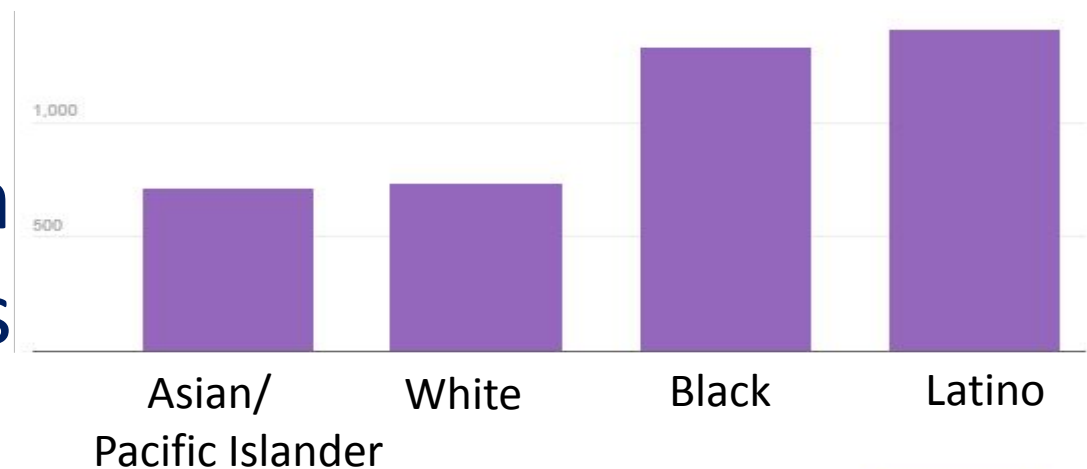
*Rates per 100,000 people
(age-adjusted)

[COVID-19 Data](#) (as of 10/8/ 2021)

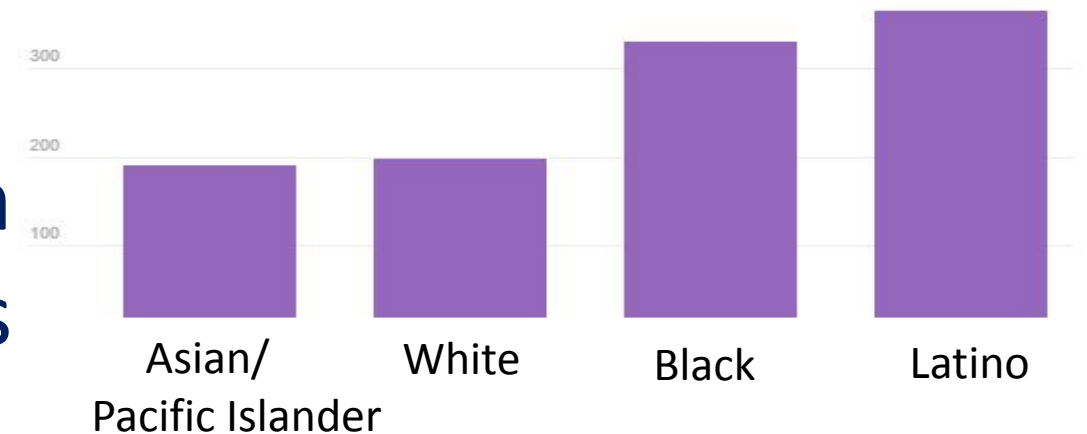
Case Rates



Hospitalization Rates



Death Rates



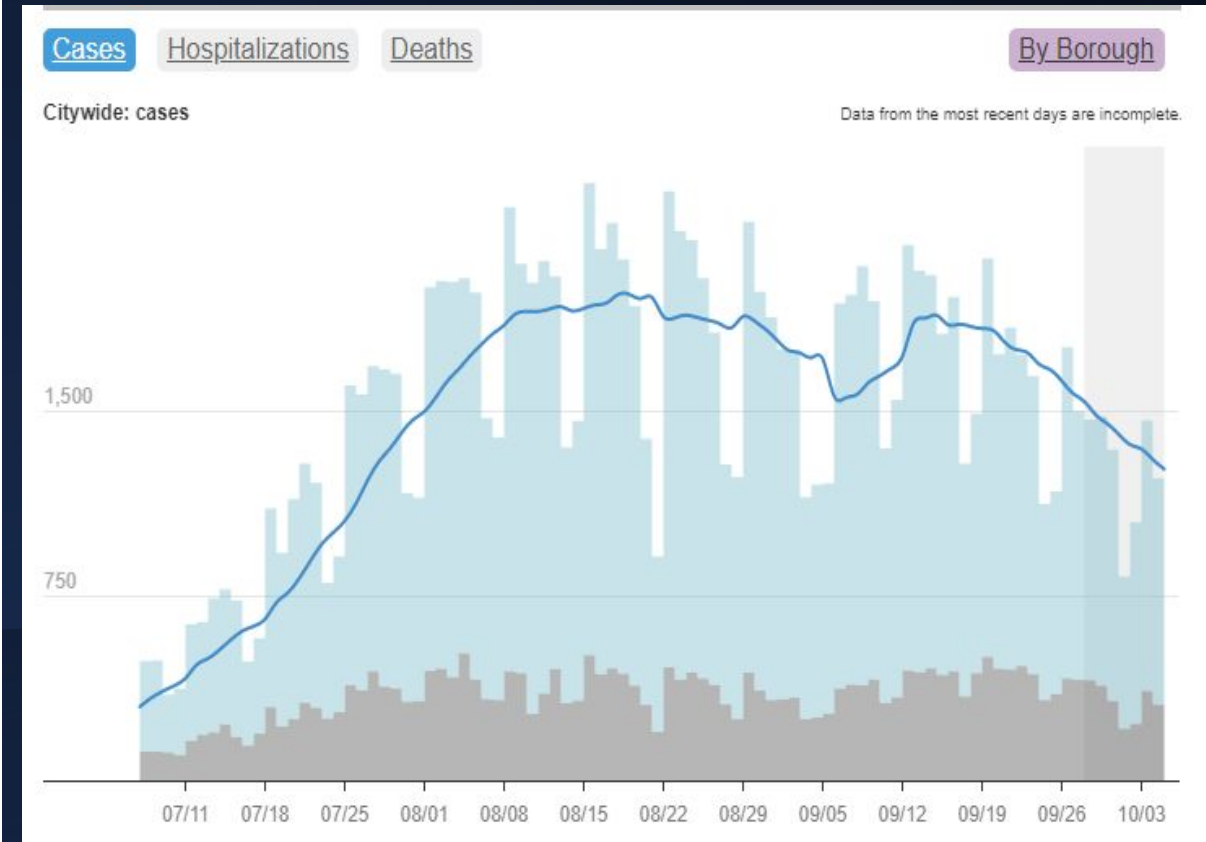
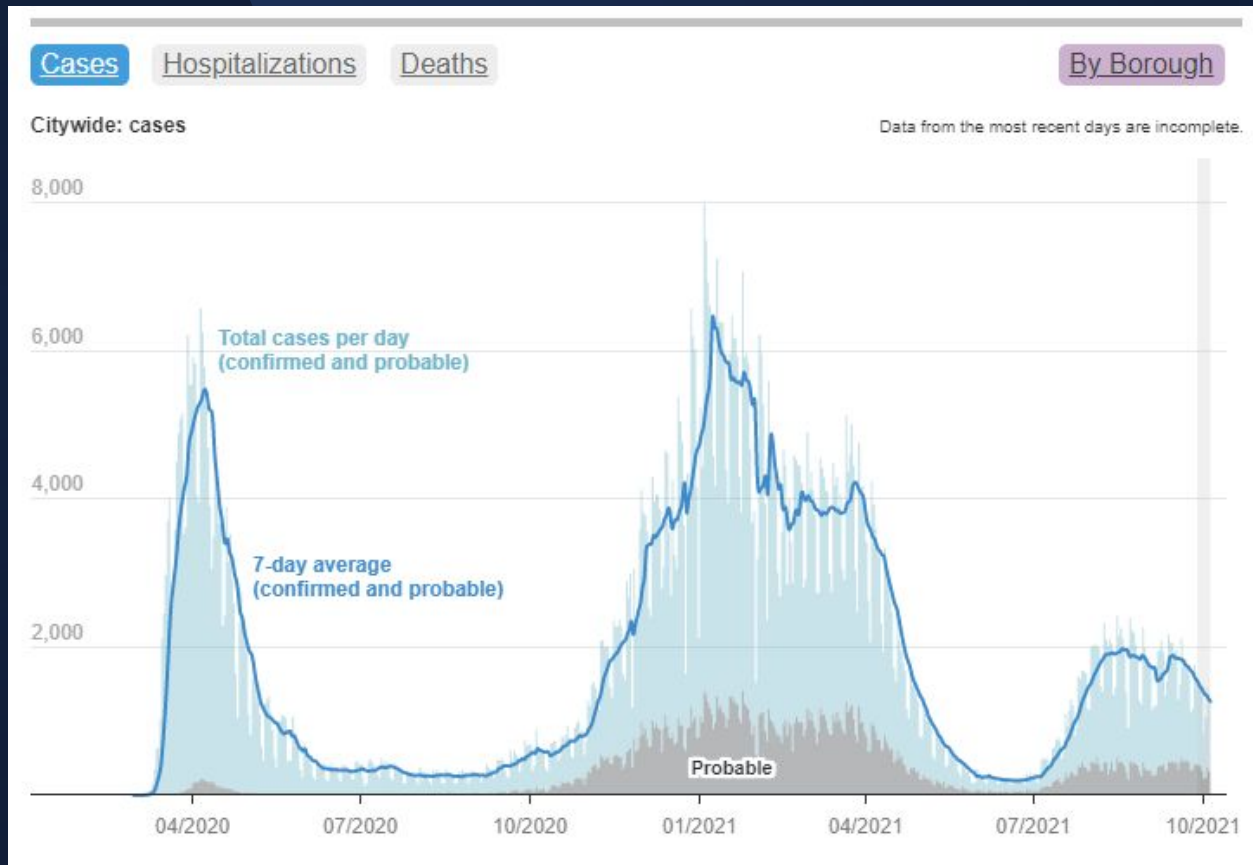
Vaccine Updates

- -6 Million new Yorkers vaccinated
- -Over 84% of all NYC adults have had at least one dose
- -75% of teenagers have received at least one dose
- -As vaccinations go up, hospitalizations go down
- -There's only about 1 million adults left to be vaccinated and they keep coming in

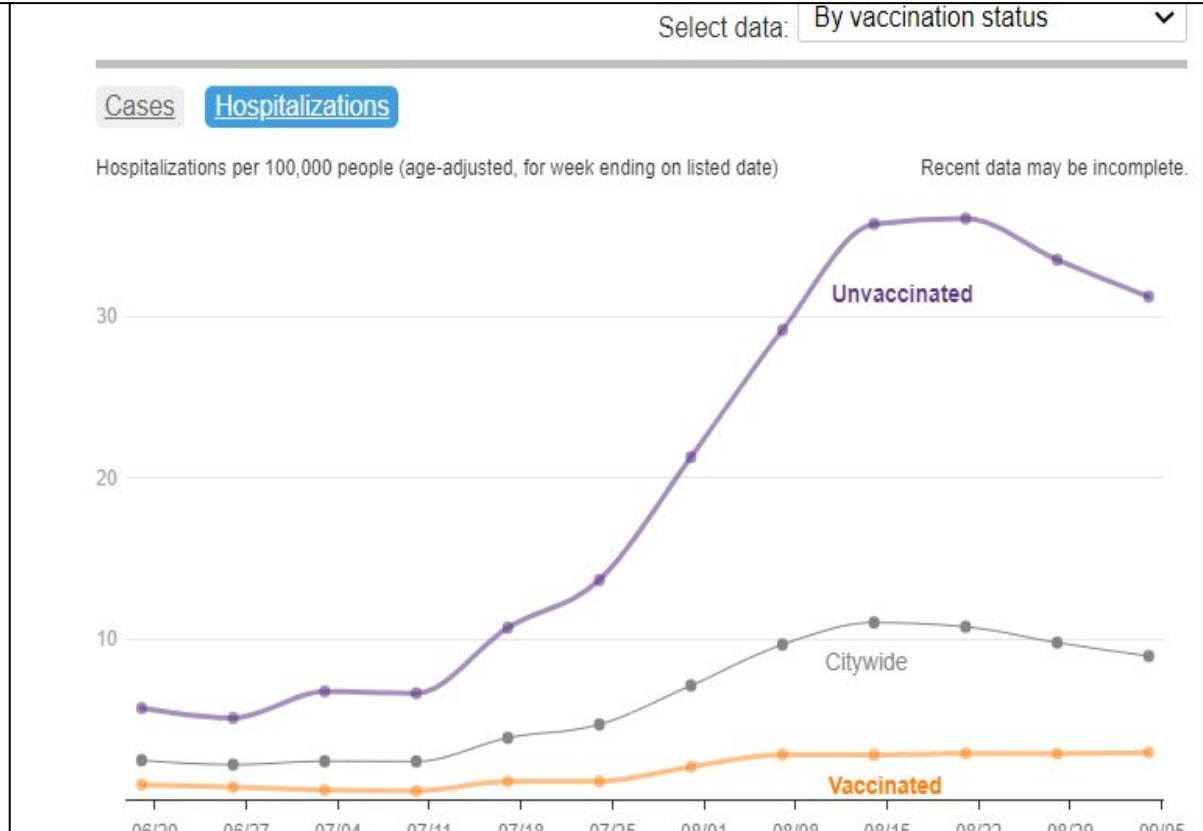
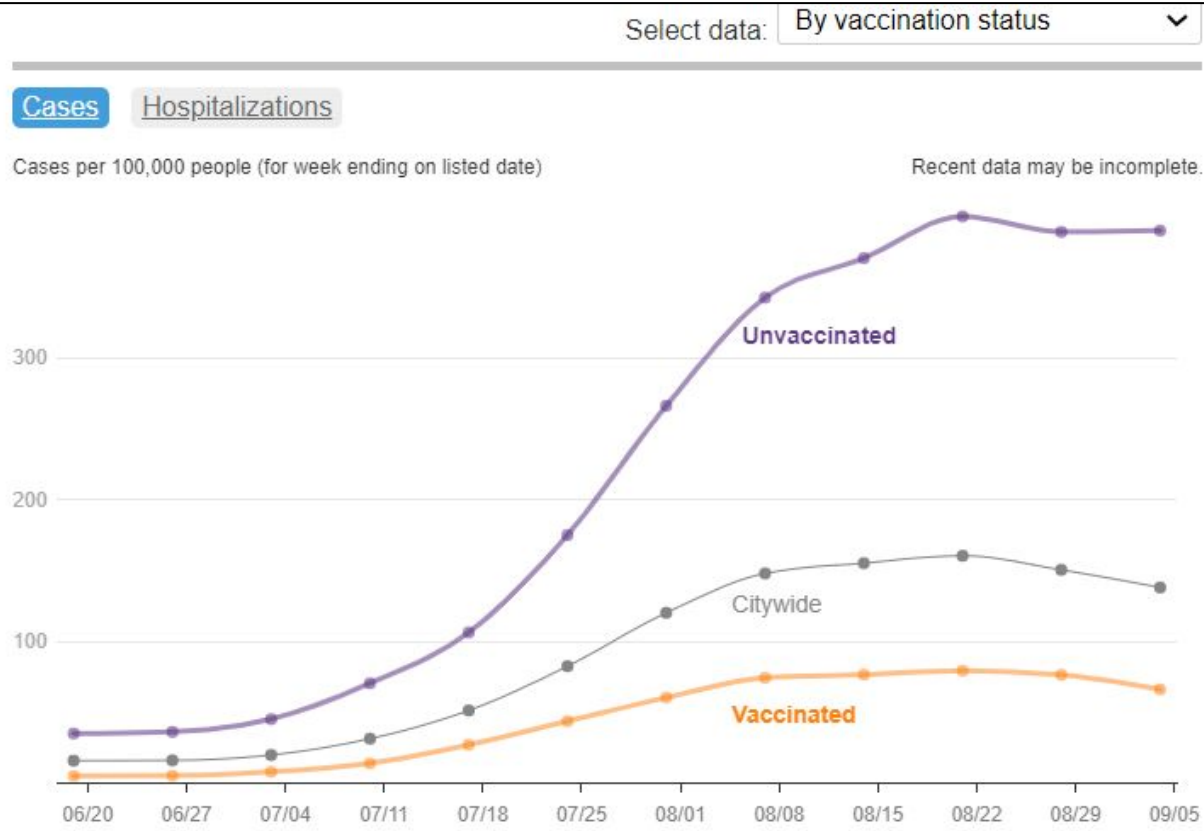
Third Wave

January 2020- October 2021

June 2021- October 2021

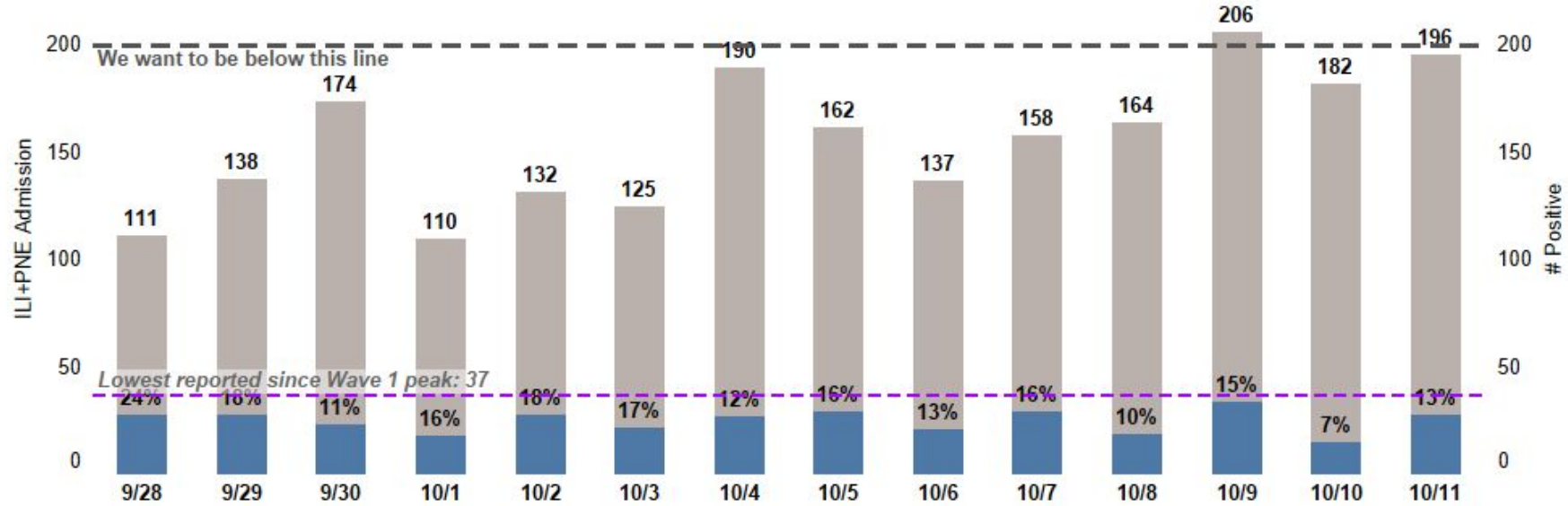


Cases by Vaccination Status

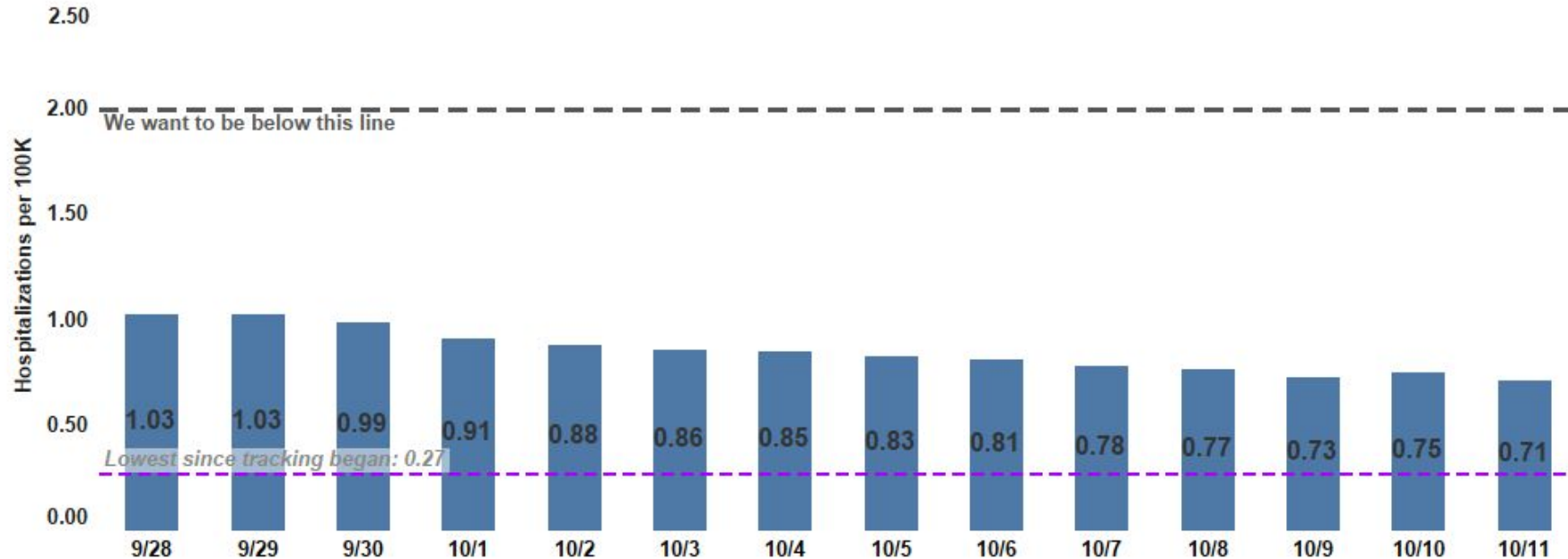


The vast majority of recent NYC cases, hospitalizations, and deaths have occurred among unvaccinated people. Vaccination remains the most important tool we have against COVID-19.

Daily number of people admitted to NYC hospitals for COVID-19-like illness, percent COVID-19 positive



New NYC COVID-19 Hospitalizations per 100K as reported by NYS, seven-day average



Progress to Date

Measure	Daily average (last 7 days)	Daily average (last 28 days)	Trend
Percent Positive Percent of people tested who test positive	See Milestones	1.73%	Increasing
Confirmed Cases People with a positive molecular test	616	377	Increasing
Probable Cases People with a positive antigen test, or symptoms and confirmed exposure, or probable death	246	137	Increasing
Total Cases	862	515	Increasing
Hospitalizations — At least* People hospitalized within 14 days of diagnosis	33	26	Increasing
Confirmed Deaths — At least* Deaths with a positive molecular test	3	3	Stable

Updated: July 26, at 1 p.m.


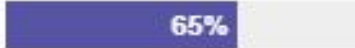

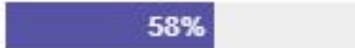








Measure	Daily average (last 7 days)	Daily average (last 28 days)	Trend
Percent Positive Percent of people tested who test positive	See Key Indicators	2.89%	Decreasing
Confirmed Cases People with a positive molecular test	944	1,224	Decreasing
Probable Cases People with a positive antigen test, or symptoms and confirmed exposure, or probable death	324	394	Decreasing
Total Cases	1,268	1,617	Decreasing
Hospitalizations — At least* People hospitalized within 14 days of diagnosis	35	68	Decreasing
Confirmed Deaths — At least* Deaths with a positive molecular test	7	12	Decreasing

Updated: October 8

Racial Disparities in Vaccination Coverage

All Ages Adults 65 and Older Doses Administered

Total NYC residents vaccinated

Borough	Population	At Least 1 Dose	At Least 1 Dose (%)	Fully Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated (%)
Citywide	8,336,817	5,988,610	 72%	5,427,629	 65%
Bronx	1,421,021	941,786	 66%	830,735	 58%
Brooklyn	2,559,903	1,650,849	 64%	1,489,609	 58%
Manhattan	1,611,420	1,300,954	 81%	1,182,645	 73%
Queens	2,268,330	1,774,226	 78%	1,632,033	 72%
Staten Island	476,143	320,795	 67%	292,607	 61%

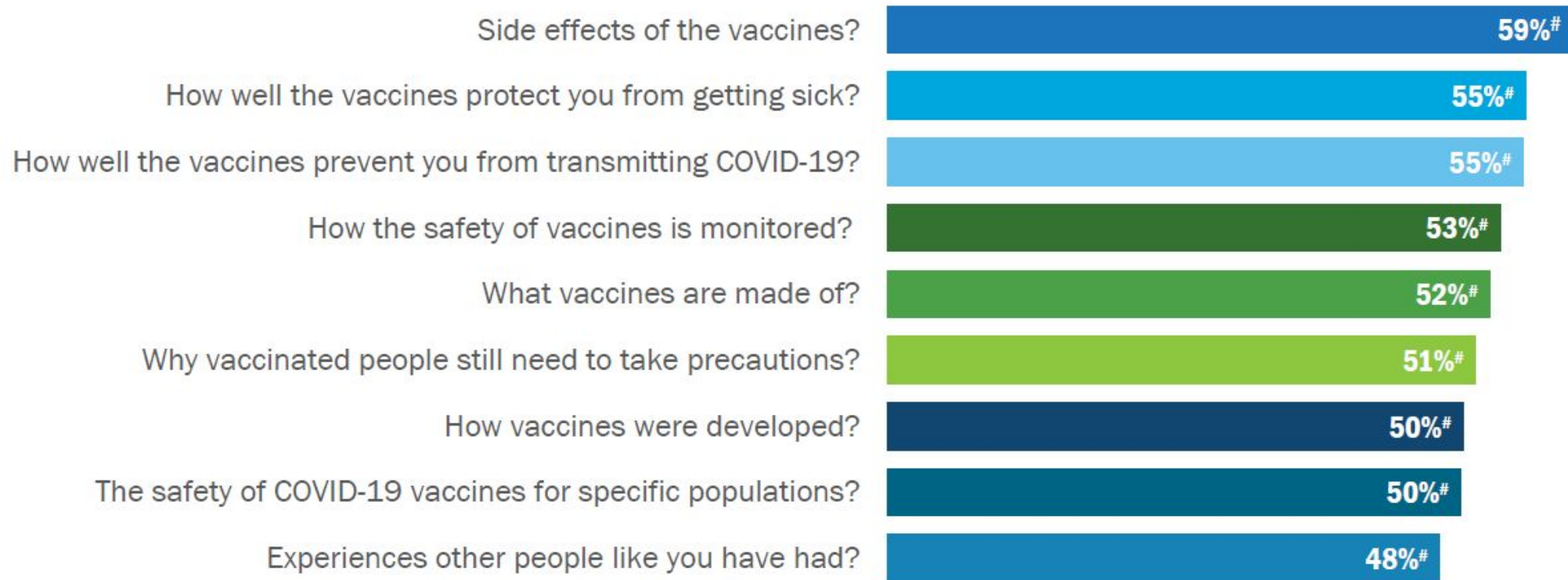
Updated: October 14, at 9:30 a.m.

[About the data for this chart.](#) [Get the data.](#)

About half of unvaccinated respondents would be more likely to get vaccinated if they had more information about the vaccines.

Would you be more likely to receive a COVID-19 vaccine if you had more information about ...

Among those who said they will not get vaccinated or said they didn't know/were unsure whether they will get vaccinated (n=93)



Lessons Learned

- **Understand the individual's concerns about getting the vaccine. Some people may be hesitant because of their experiences with the medical community.**
- **Ask why an individual is hesitant. If someone has not gotten the vaccine, you can say, "May I ask why? What have you heard?" Giving each person the opportunity to voice their concerns.**
- **Counter any misinformation. People hear and see a lot of misinformation in their social circle and on social media. Pew Research Center found that a substantial number of people believed in COVID-19 related conspiracy theories.**

Lessons Learned

- **Point people to the most trusted information source. The most trusted source for information is the person's physician followed by household member, family not living with them, friends, co-workers, community leaders and clergy/religious leaders. So, ask the person, "Have you spoken to your doctor about taking the vaccine?" "Has a family member taken the vaccine?" Or "What do your family and friends say?" All will be helpful in getting a conversation going.**
- **The most effective messages appeal to the individual's emotion and well-being. 1. Take the vaccine to protect yourself 2. Take the vaccine to protect family and friends 3. Take the vaccine to help get life back to normal**
- **Address the fears about side effects. Let them know some individuals experience mild side-effects after receiving the vaccine. Most side-effects do not include contracting COVID-19 or other serious health conditions. All research indicates that getting the vaccine is the best way to protect yourself from COVID-19.**
- **Be vaccine proud. If you got the vaccine share that with the individuals, you are reaching out to and be honest about how it impacted you.**

- Thank You!
Questions?

Questions about vaccine cards: If people need help with the Excelsior pass or lost card, or to request a copy of their vaccination records, call 311 or access [My Vaccine Record](#) online. You can also email cir@health.nyc.gov.

nyc.gov/covidvaccine

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