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# Community Update

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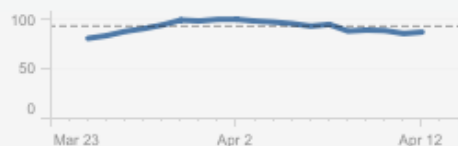
# COVID Pau Dashboard

## 7-Day Avg of New Cases

Region: State

**86.9**

As of Apr 12



## Clusters Under Investigation (Top 3 In Last 14 Days)

Region: Honolulu County

Exposure Setting	Total Cases	Clusters
Food Suppliers	23	2
Restaurants	23	3
Social Gatherings	20	2

As of Apr 8

## 7-Day Avg of % Tests Yielding Positive Results

Region: State

**1.6%**

As of Apr 11



## Total Vaccine Doses Administered

State Value

**973,793**

As of Apr 13

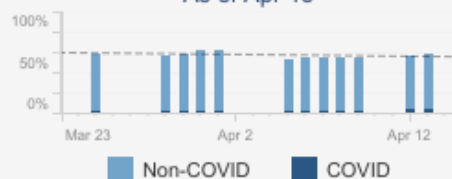


## ICU Occupancy Rate

State Value

**58%**

As of Apr 13

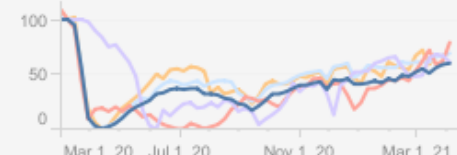


## UHERO Economic Pulse Index

State Value

**60** ↑

As of Apr 3





# State Reopening Strategy for Businesses & Operations

(Strategy is being implemented by county, and is subject to change)

**Stay at Home**  
(Major Disruption)

**Safer at Home**  
(Moderate Disruption)

**Act with Care**  
(Minor Disruption)

**Recovery**  
(Minimal Disruption)

**New Normal**  
(No Disruption)

The "Act with Care" impact level anticipates some new COVID-19 cases, which are manageable, along with improved capacity utilization for testing, hospitals, and/or contact tracing.

## Our Shared Responsibility under the Current Impact Level:



### Safe Practices

Under all impact levels, follow the recommended Safe Practices: wash, mask and distance.



### Stay at Home

Under the Act with Care impact level, at increased risk populations and kūpuna recommended to stay at home.



### Gatherings

Under all impact levels, adjust gathering size in accordance with health guidance.



# COVID-19 Updates

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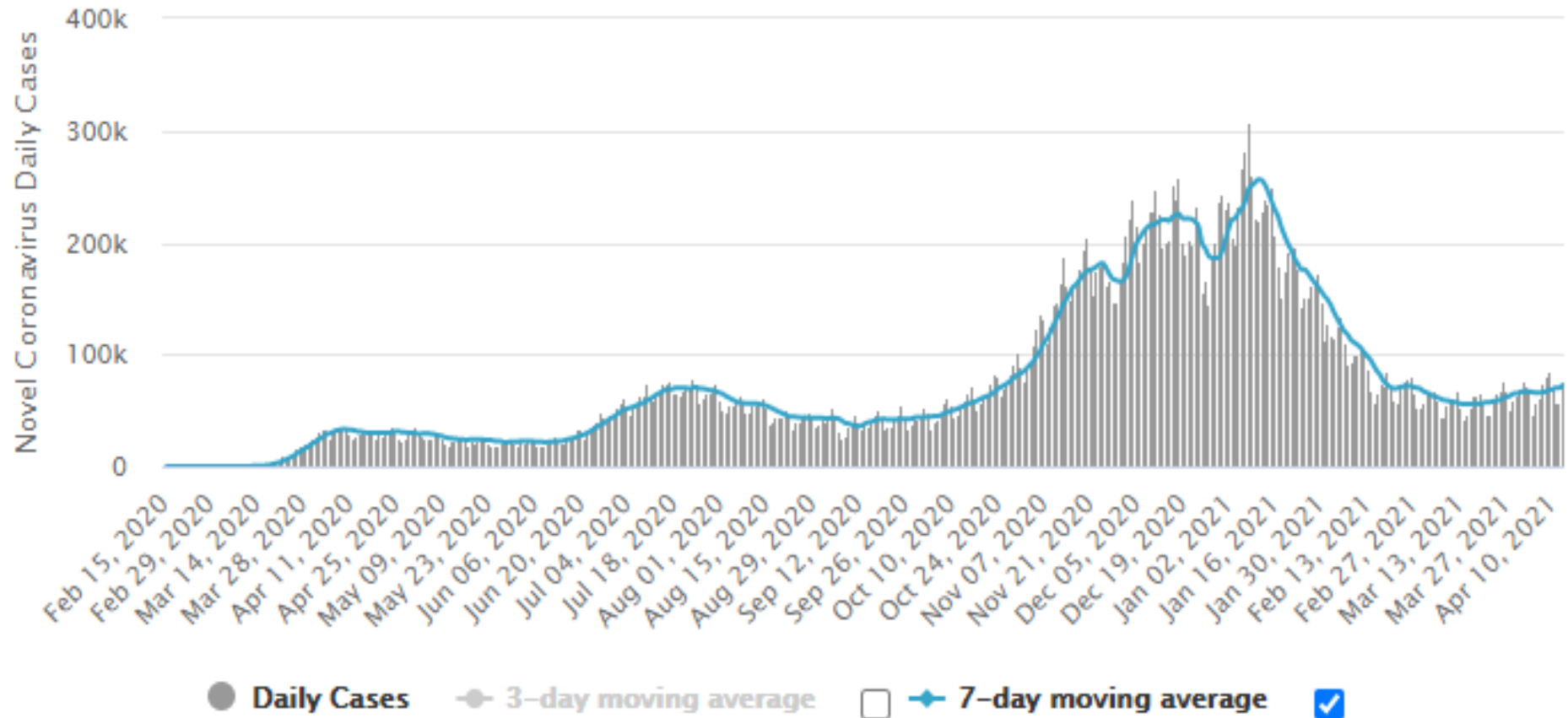
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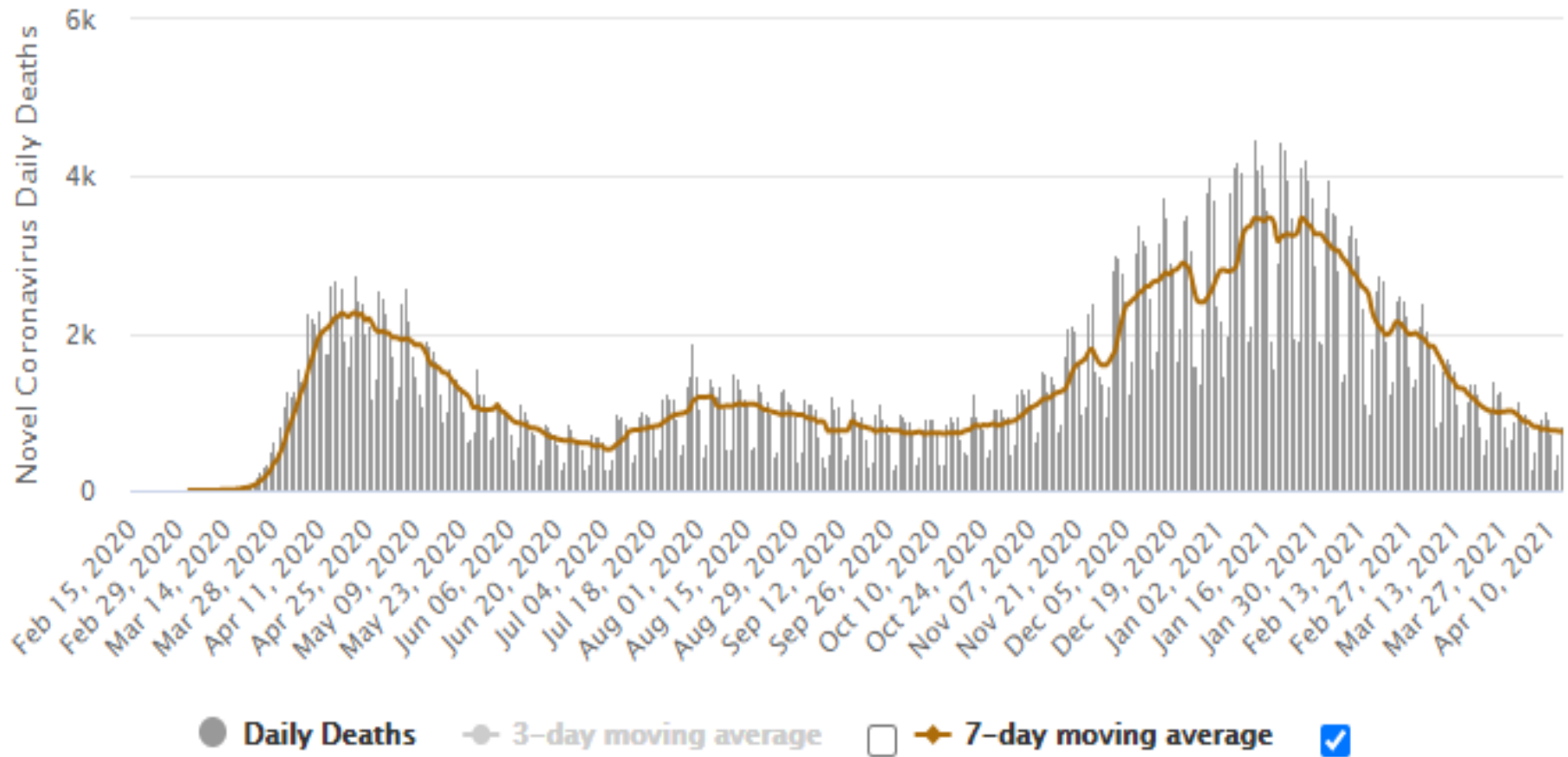
# United States Daily New Cases

Cases per Day  
Data as of 0:00 GMT+0



# United States Daily Deaths

Deaths per Day  
Data as of 0:00 GMT+8



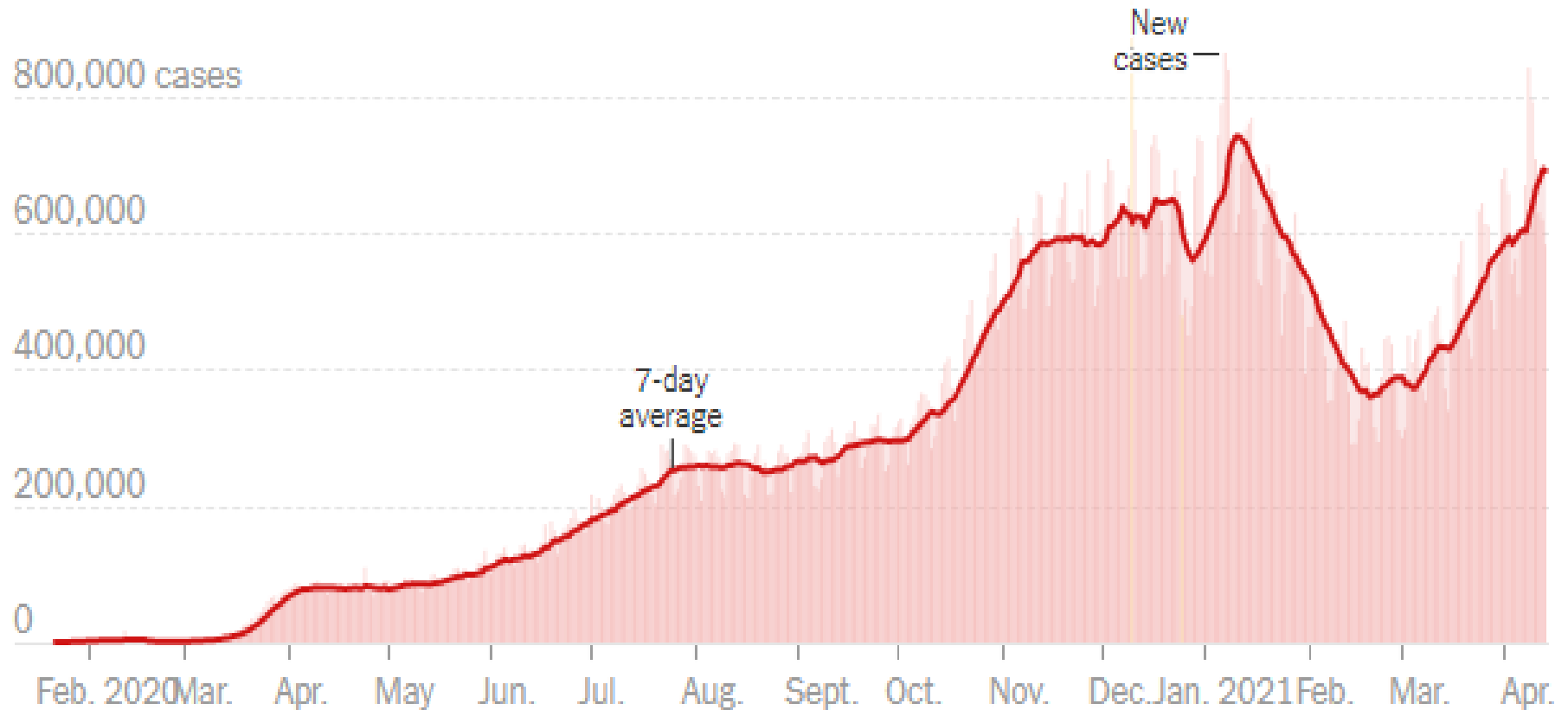
Source: Worldometer - [www.worldometers.info](http://www.worldometers.info) 

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## New reported cases by day across the world

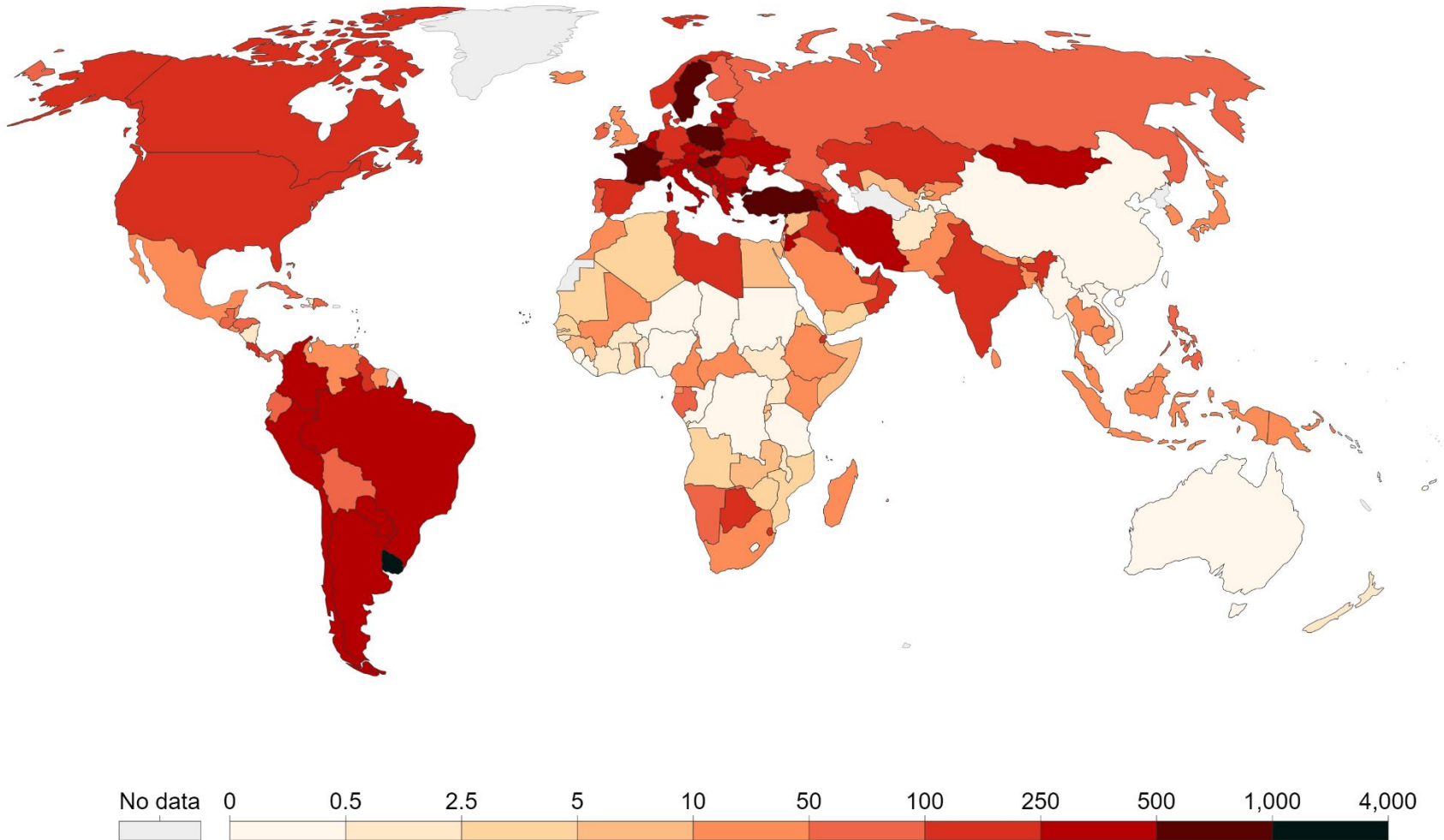


## Reported deaths by day across the world



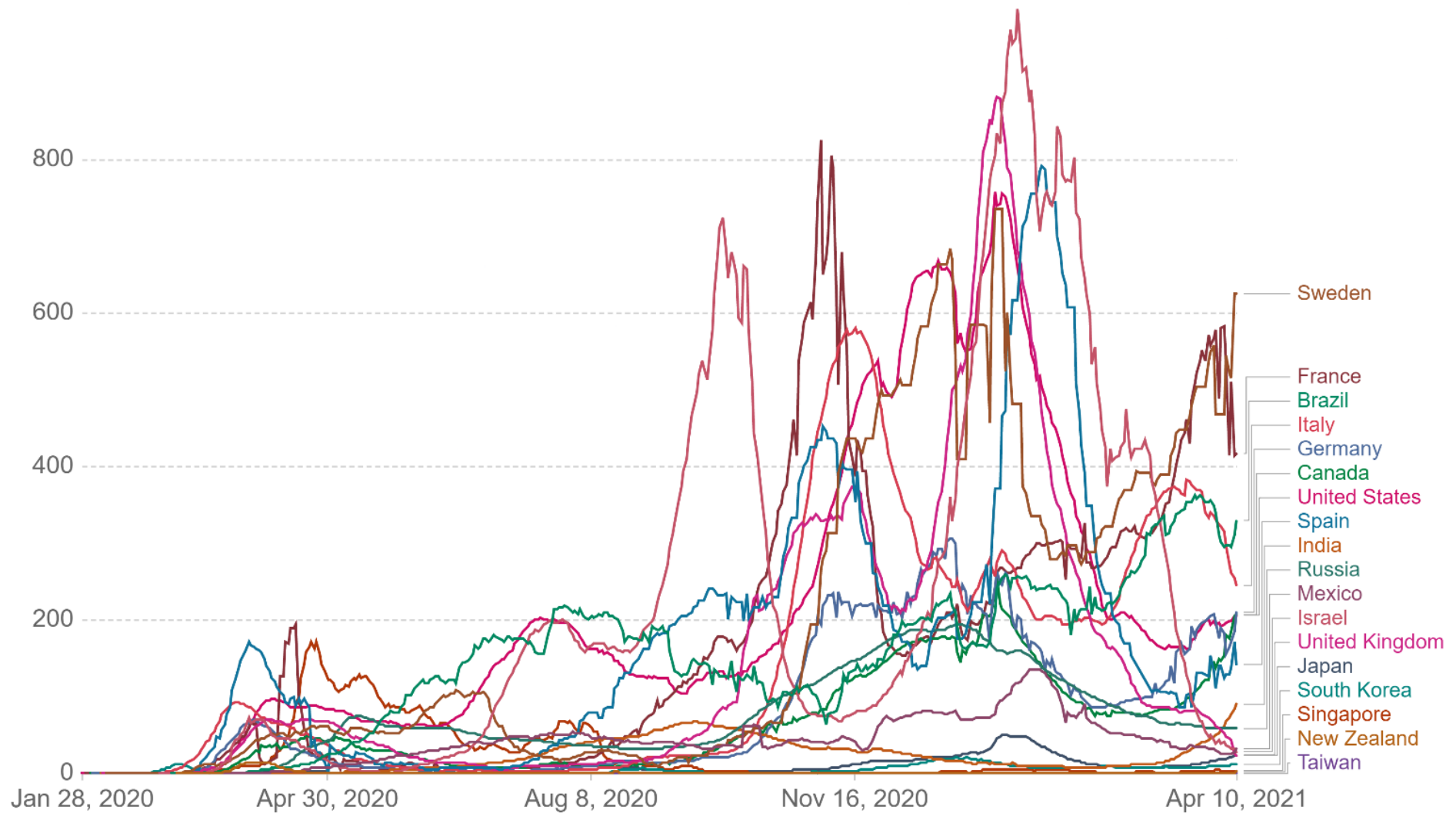
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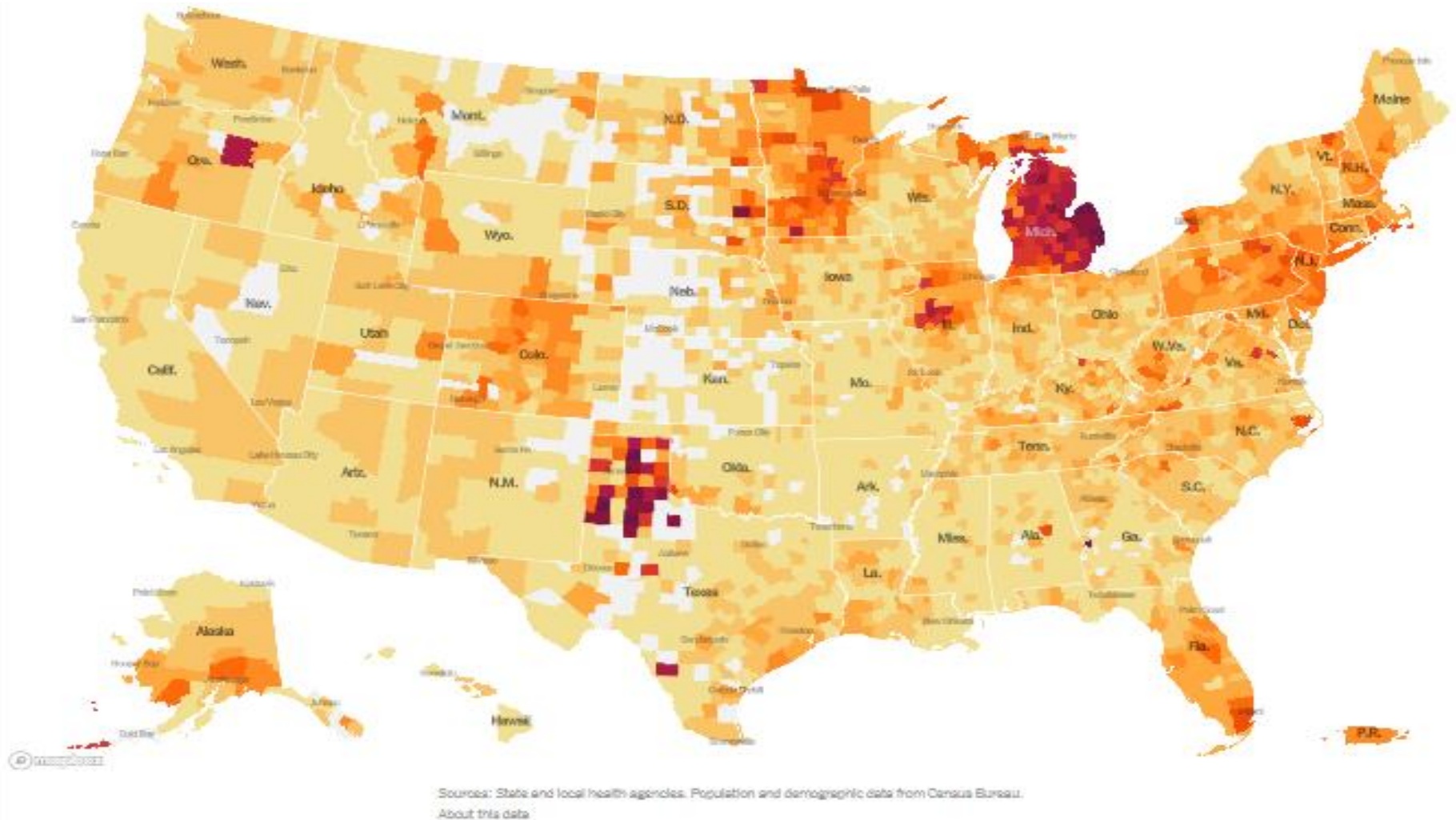


Source: Johns Hopkins University CSSE COVID-19 Data

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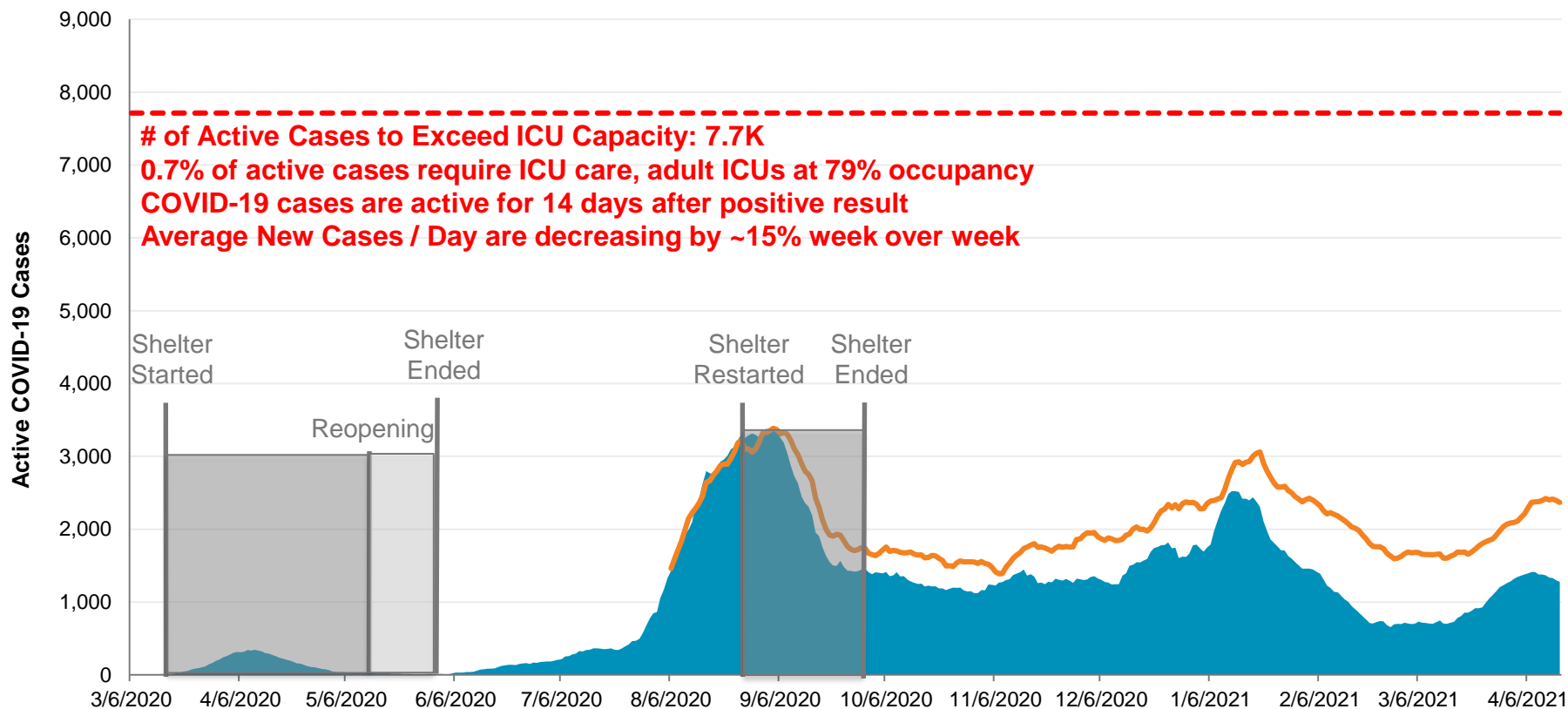
# Hotspots are changing...



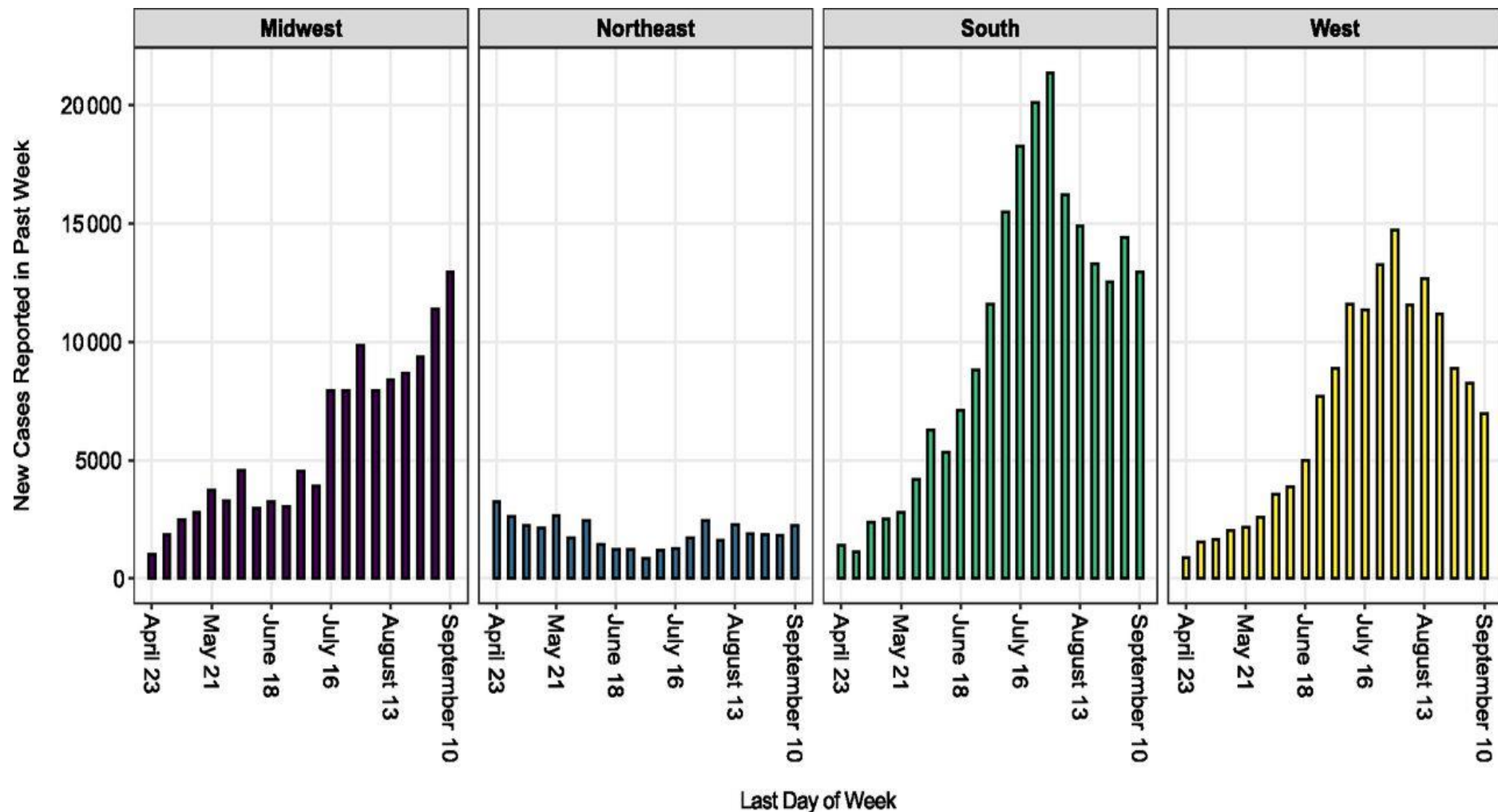
# Projected Active COVID-19 Cases

## Hawaii Actual v. Projected Active COVID-19 Cases Updated 4/15/2021

■ Calculated (14-Days)    — Projected (14-Days)    - - - ICU Capacity



# Current Drivers: Pediatric COVID-19

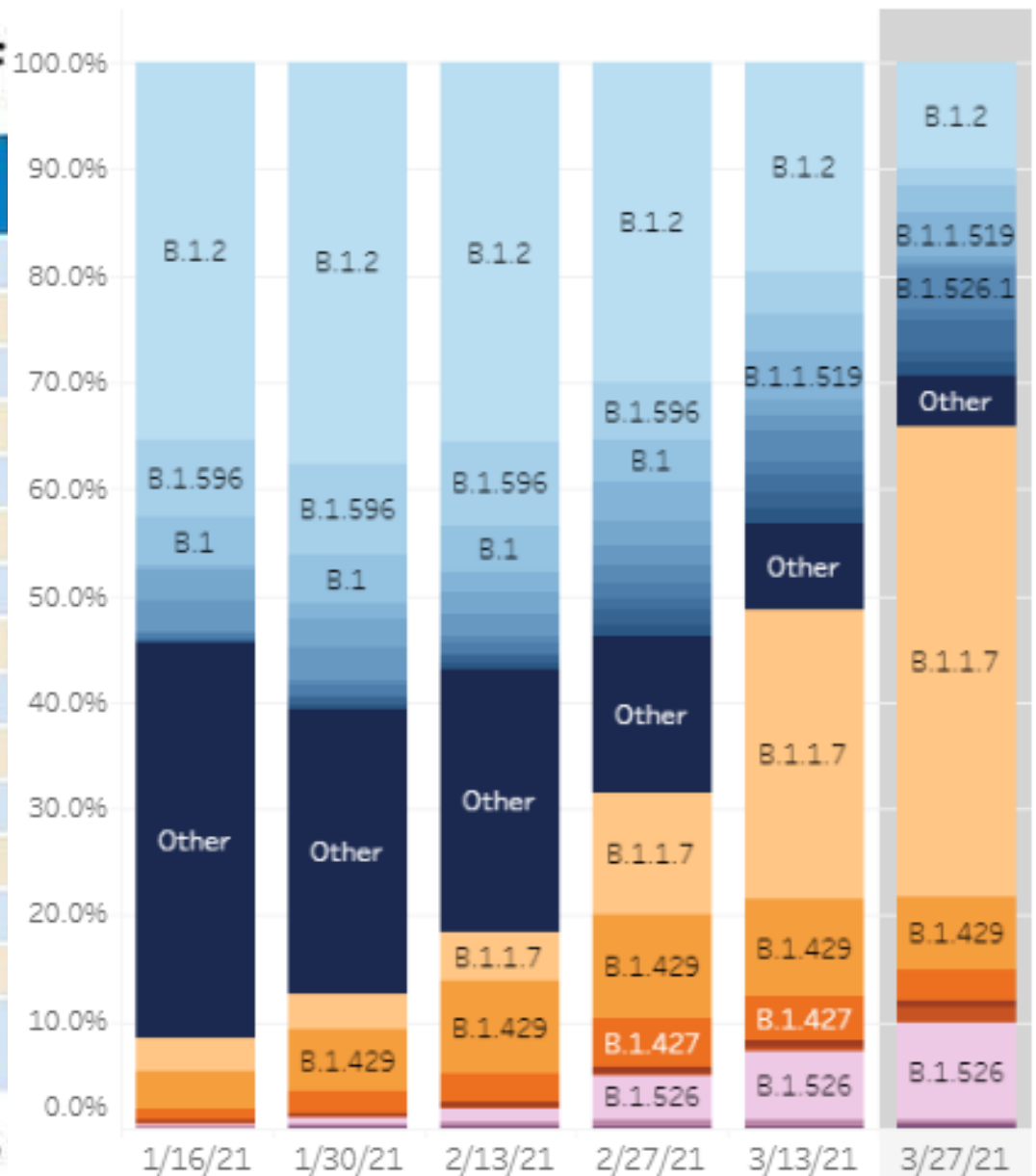


# Current Drivers: Variants

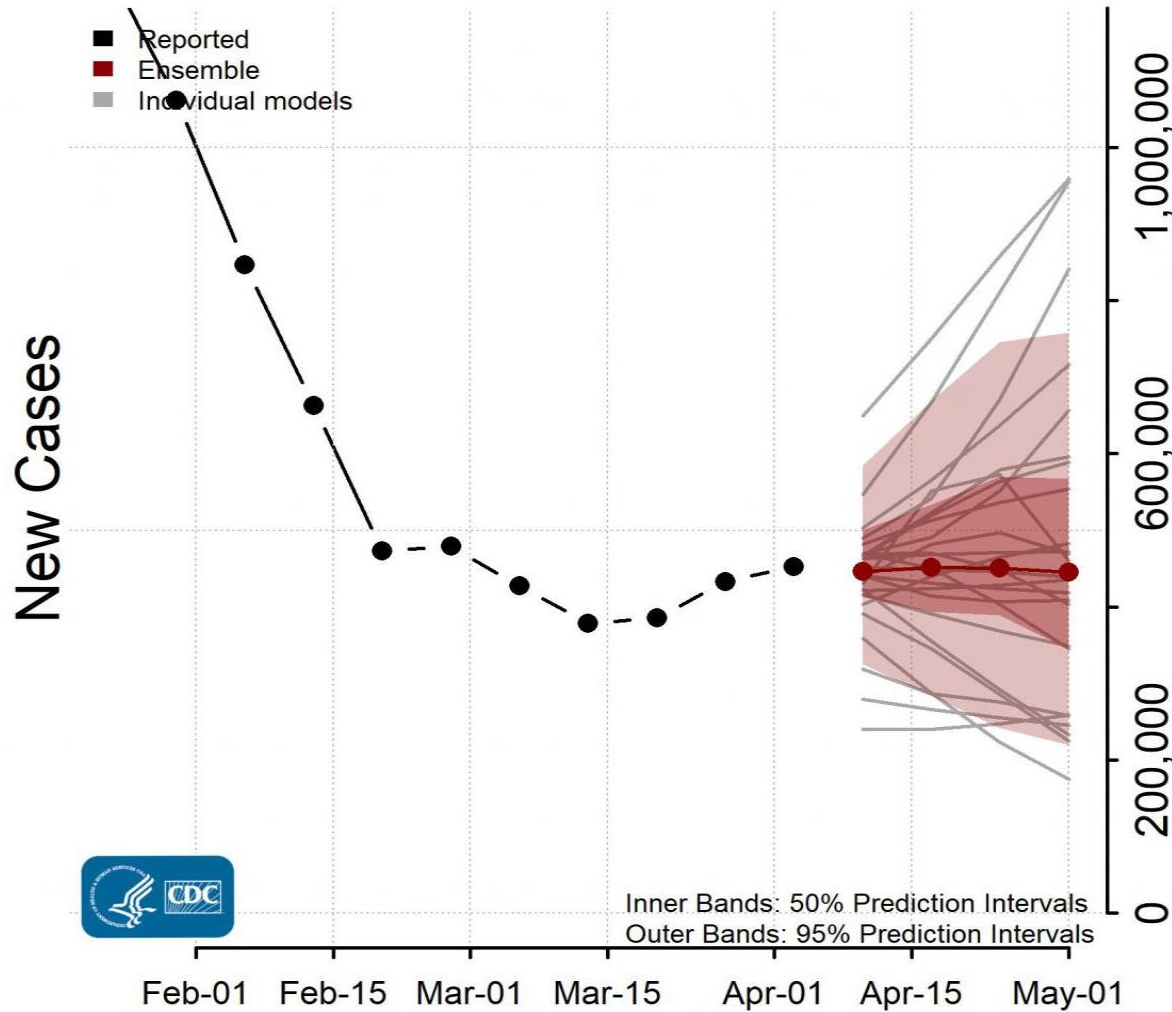
## Known genetic variants of

Variant	First identified in
B.1.1.7	United Kingdom
B.1.351	South Africa
P.1	Brazil
B.1.526	New York
B.1.525	New York
P.2	Brazil
B.1.427	California
B.1.429	California
P.3	Philippines
A.23.1 with E484K	England
B.1.1.7 with E484K	England
B.1.525	England
B1.1.318	Unknown
B1.324.1 with E383K	Unknown
B.1.111 with E383K and 429S	Columbia

Sources: Rappler.com, CDC.gov, Health.com, WHO



# National Forecast



Ensemble forecast. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/images/case-updates/National-Forecast-Incident-Cases-2021-04-05.jpg>

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# TOTAL PEOPLE VACCINATED

Partially vaccinated Fully vaccinated

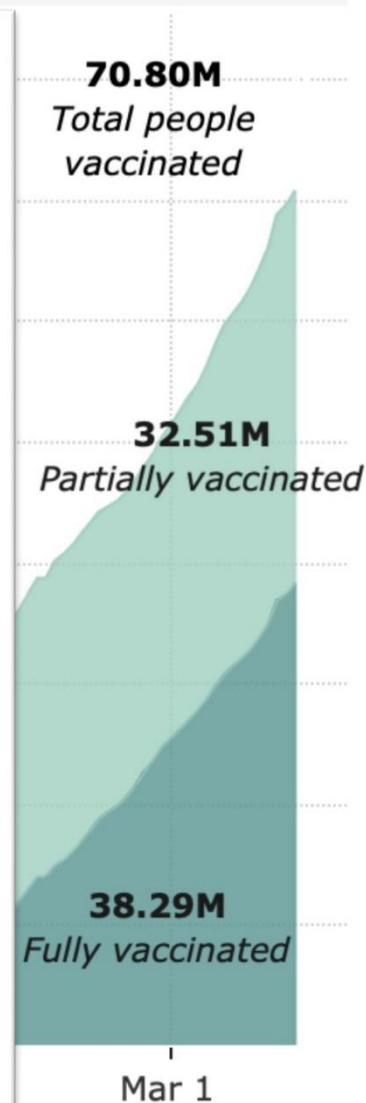
**At the current pace of vaccination, everyone could get a shot this year. But no vaccine has been authorized for children under 16.**

Based on the seven-day average of people receiving a first or single dose each day.

100% of the total U.S. population



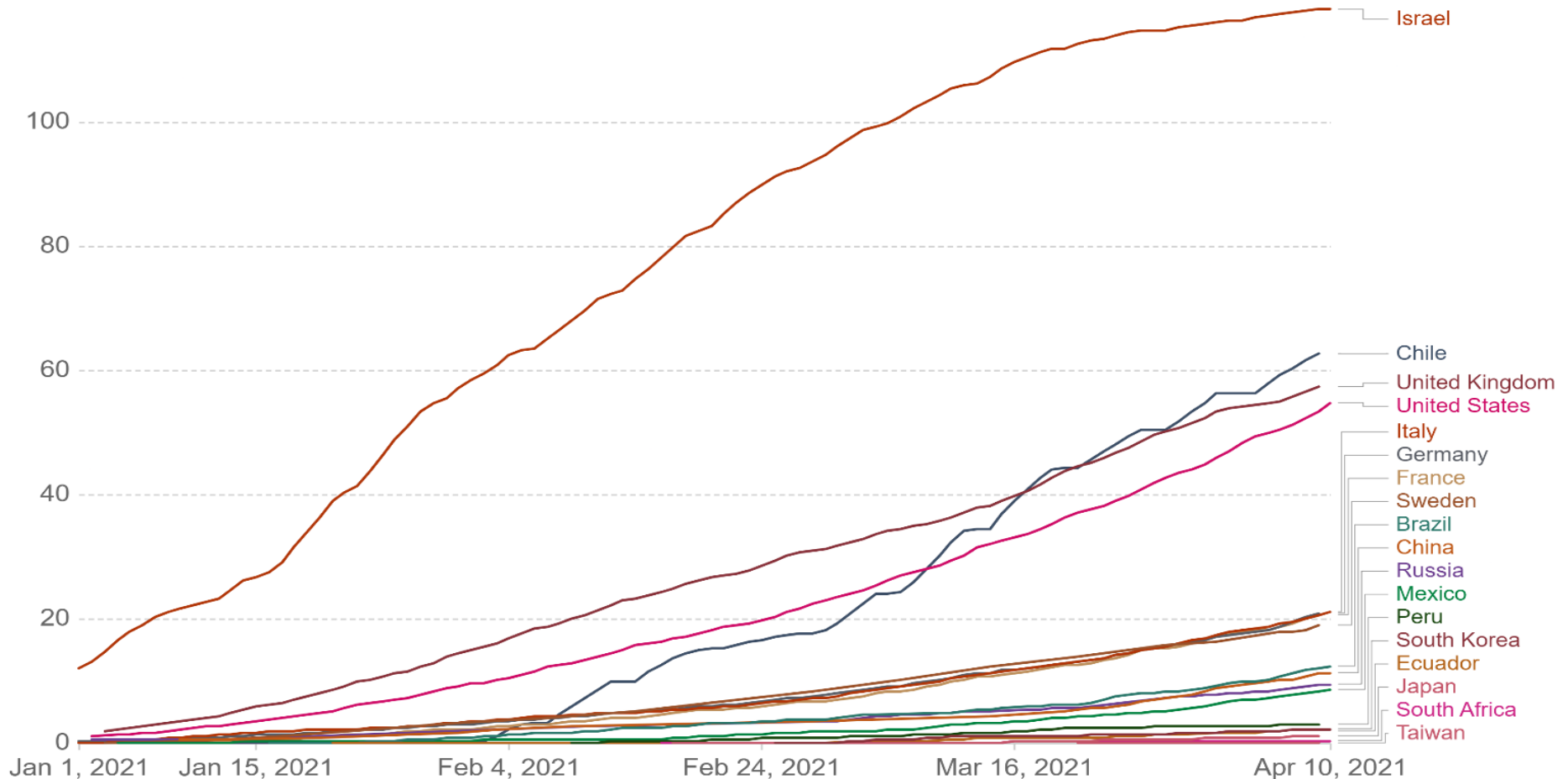
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Note: Total population includes states, territories and three countries with [special agreements](#) with the United States: Palau, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands



# COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people

Total number of vaccination doses administered per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).

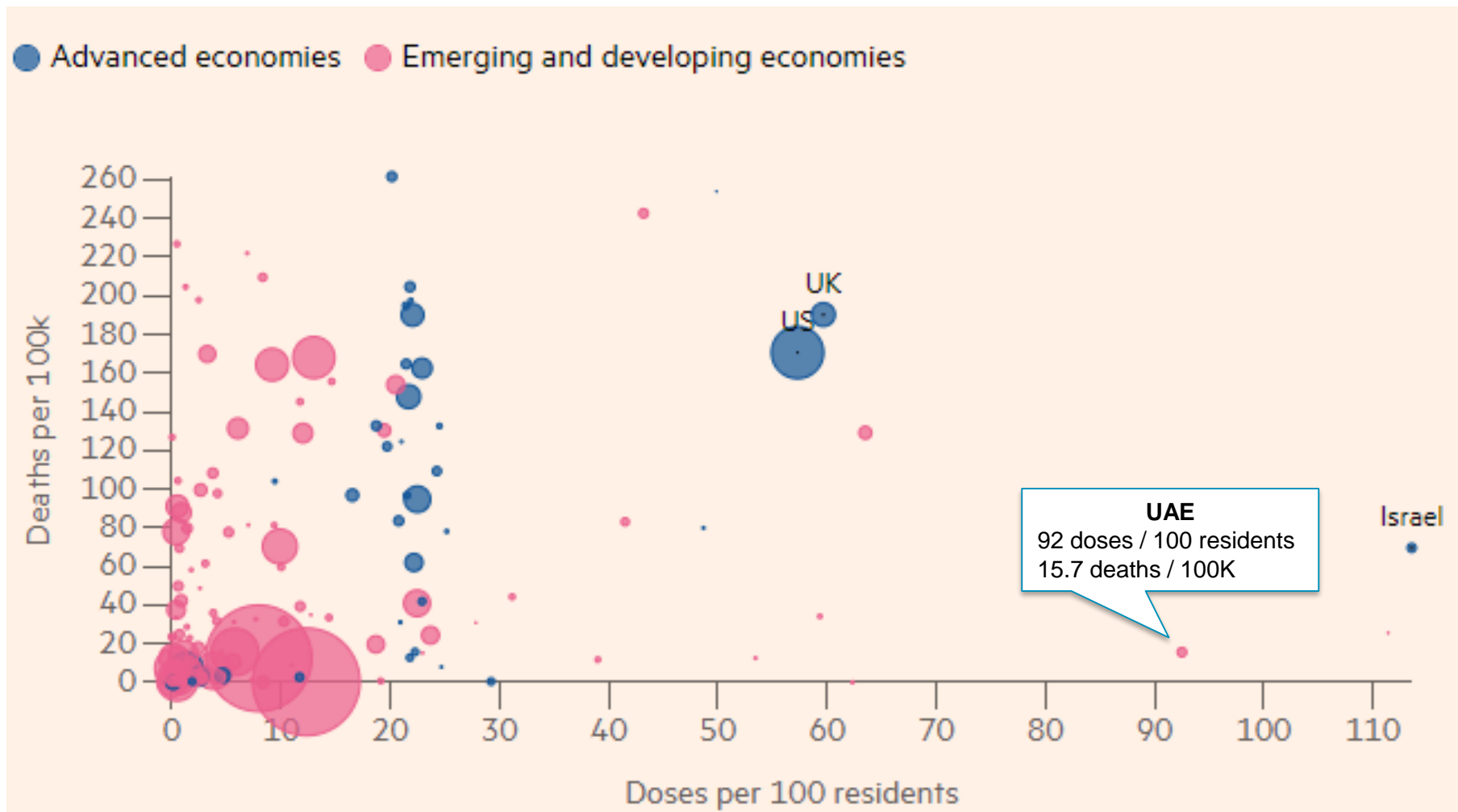
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Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data

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# Vaccine Equity



<https://ig.ft.com/coronavirus-vaccine-tracker/?areas=gbr&areas=ISR&areas=USA&areas=EUE&cumulative=1&populationAdjusted=1>

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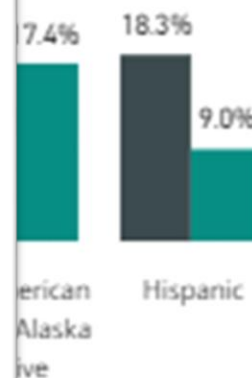
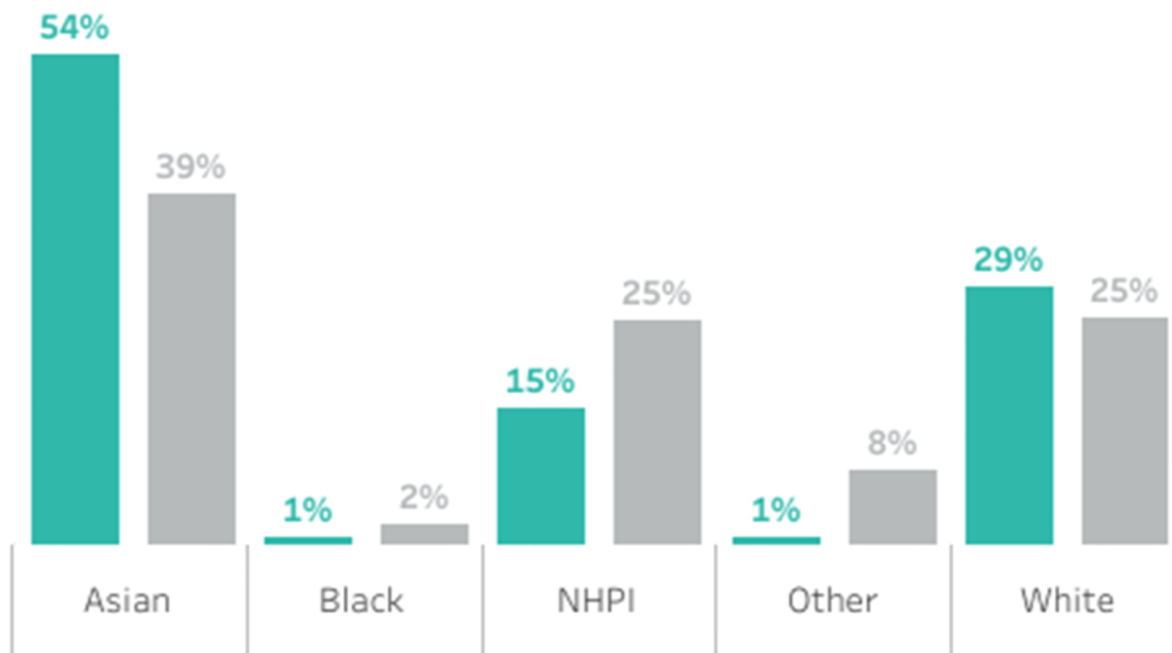
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# Vaccine Equity

## Coverage by Race - State Level

Percent of **Vaccine Recipient Population** Compared to State Population



SOURCE: Vaccination data based on KFF analysis of publicly available data on state websites; total population data used to calculate rates based on KFF analysis of 2019 American Community Survey data.

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Israelis get a "green pass" after vaccination which is being used to grant access to venues.

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- Belize
- Ecuador
- Estonia
- Georgia
- Guatemala
- Iceland
- Madeira
- Seychelles



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### Excelsior Pass



#### What is Excelsior Pass?

Excelsior Pass provides secure, digital proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test results.



#### Access Your Pass On the Go.

Print your Pass or use the Excelsior Pass Wallet app to store Passes on a mobile device for easy access at any time.



#### Safely Visit Businesses

Easily present your Pass at participating businesses and become part of New York's safe reopening. Businesses will scan your Pass with a mobile device or tablet.



#### Get Started

To receive your Pass, you'll need to complete some brief information to verify your identity.

Any personal information provided is processed in compliance with data protection laws. It's not used for marketing purposes.

GET STARTED



# COVID-19 Vaccination Updates

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# **Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine and Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia – Update for Clinicians on Early Detection and Treatment**

Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Webinar

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## AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine: EMA finds possible link to very rare cases of unusual blood clots with low blood platelets

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April 7, 2021

EMA confirms overall benefit-risk remains positive

EMA's safety committee (PRAC) has concluded today that unusual blood clots with low blood platelets should

Very rare cases of blood clots combined with low levels of  
...platelets...within 2 weeks of vaccination.

Most of the cases....in women under 60 years of age....

or very rare cases of blood clots combined with low levels of blood platelets occurring within 2 weeks of vaccination. So far, most of the cases reported have occurred in women under 60 years of age within 2 weeks of vaccination. Based on the currently available evidence, specific risk factors have not been confirmed.

.....occurred in the veins in the brain...and the abdomen

The PRAC noted that the blood clots occurred in veins in the brain (cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, CVST) and the abdomen (splanchnic vein thrombosis) and in arteries, together with low levels of blood platelets and sometimes bleeding.

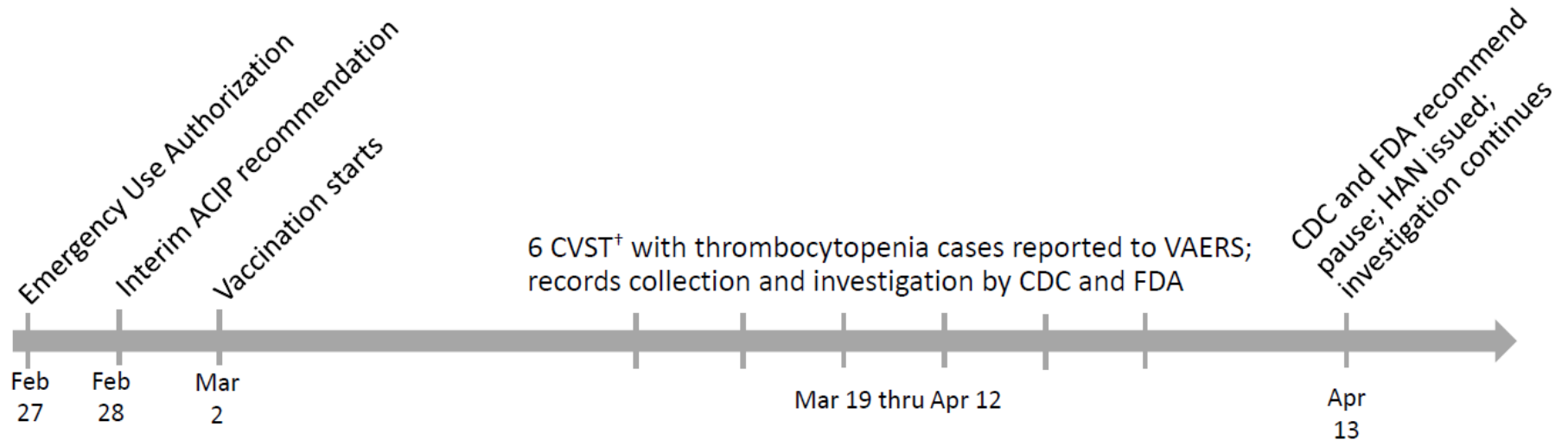
The Committee carried out an in-depth review of 62 cases of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis and 24 cases of splanchnic vein thrombosis reported in the EU drug safety database (EudraVigilance) as of 22 March 2021

.....62 cases.....18 fatal.... 25 million doses

COVID-19 is associated with a risk of hospitalisation and death. The reported combination of blood clots and low blood platelets is very rare, and the overall benefits of the vaccine in preventing COVID-19 outweigh the risks of side effects.

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/astrazenecas-covid-19-vaccine-ema-finds-possible-link-very-rare-cases-unusual-blood-clots-low-blood>

# Janssen COVID-19 vaccine timeline\* (2021)



\* For illustrative purposes, not drawn to scale, <sup>†</sup> cerebral venous sinus thrombosis

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# Cerebral venous sinus anatomy

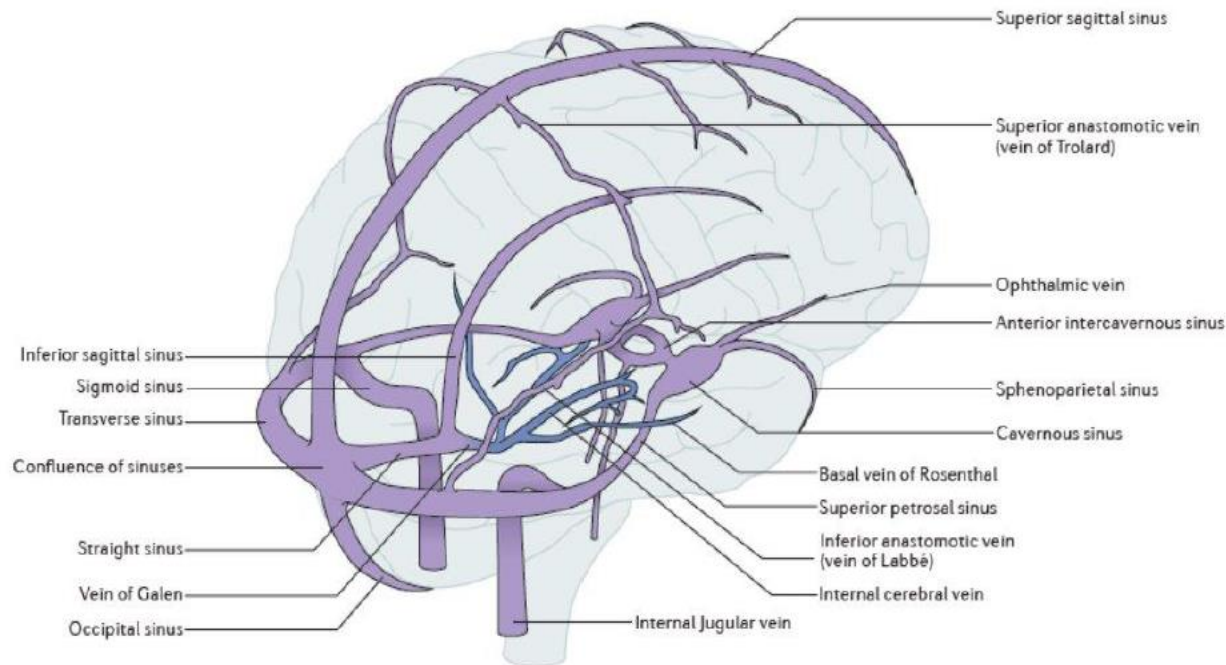


Figure 1 | **Anatomy of the cerebral venous system.** Diagram showing the main components of the cerebral venous system. Blue vessels represent the deep venous system.

Silvis SM et al, Nature Reviews Neurology 13, 555-565(2017)

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# Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST)

## Background epidemiology<sup>1-3</sup>

- Rare, 0.22–1.57 per 100,000, ~0.5-1% of all strokes
- Median age 37 years
- 8% of patients >65 years
- Female:male ratio of 3:1

## Risk factors<sup>4</sup>

- Prothrombotic conditions (genetic or acquired)
- Oral contraceptives
- Pregnancy and the post-partum period
- Malignancy
- Infection
- Mechanical precipitants (lumbar puncture)

<sup>1</sup> Cerebral vein and dural sinus thrombosis in Portugal: 1980-1998. Ferro JM, Correia M, Pontes C, Baptista MV, Pita F, Cerebral Venous Thrombosis Portuguese Collaborative Study Group (Venoport) Cerebrovasc Dis. 2001;11(3):177.

<sup>2</sup> The incidence of cerebral venous thrombosis: a cross-sectional study. Coutinho JM, Zuurbier SM, Aramideh M, Stam J. Stroke. 2012 Dec;43(12):3375-7.

<sup>3</sup> Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis Incidence Is Higher Than Previously Thought: A Retrospective Population-Based Study. Devasagayam S, Wyatt B, Leyden J, Kleinig T. Stroke. 2016 Sep;47(9):2180-2.

<sup>4</sup> Diagnosis and management of cerebral venous thrombosis: a statement for healthcare professionals from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. Saposnik G, et al. 2011;42(4):1158.



# CVST signs and symptoms

- More common presentations
  - Isolated intracranial hypertension syndrome (headache with or without vomiting, papilledema, and visual problems)
  - Focal syndrome (focal deficits, seizures, or both)
  - Encephalopathy (multifocal signs, mental status changes, stupor, or coma)
- Rare presentations
  - Cavernous sinus syndrome
  - Subarachnoid hemorrhage
  - Cranial nerve palsies

# Reports of CVST to VAERS after COVID-19 vaccines as of April 12, 2021

- Janssen COVID-19 vaccine
  - 6 reports of CVST with thrombocytopenia (platelet counts  $<150\text{K}/\text{mm}^3$ ) following 6.86 million doses administered
    - Reporting rate of 0.87 cases per million doses administered
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
  - 0 reports following 97.9 million doses administered
- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
  - 3 reports following 84.7 million doses administered
  - All 3 with normal platelet counts; onset 2, 6, and 12 days after vaccination

Source of doses administered: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

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## Characteristics of patients with CVST and thrombocytopenia\* after Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, N=6

- Median age 33 years (range 18–48)
- Median time to symptom onset 8 days (range 6–13 days)
- All cases occurred in white females
- Current estrogen/progesterone use (n=1)
- Pregnant or post-partum (n=0)
- Pre-existing conditions
  - Obesity (n=3)
  - Hypothyroidism (n=1)
  - Hypertension (n=1)
  - Asthma (n=1)
  - Coagulation disorders (none known)

\* Note: Thrombosis usually does not occur in the presence of low platelets; these case presentations are atypical and consistent with cases observed after AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine

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# Initial and late signs and symptoms among CVST patients\*, N=6 (patients listed in no particular order)

	Initial features	Late features
<b>Patient 1</b>	Headaches, lethargy	Severe headache, left-sided weakness, vomiting
<b>Patient 2</b>	Headaches	Severe headache, aphasia
<b>Patient 3</b>	Headaches, vomiting, fever	Left arm weakness, right gaze deviation, left neglect
<b>Patient 4</b>	Headaches, chills, myalgias	Severe abdominal pain and fever
<b>Patient 5</b>	Headache, chills, dyspnea, fever	Bruising, unilateral leg swelling, loss of consciousness
<b>Patient 6</b>	Back pain, bruising	Headache, abdominal pain

\*All were hospitalized and admitted to the intensive care unit

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# Locations of CVST, intracerebral hemorrhage, and other thromboses, N=6

Characteristic	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5	Patient 6
Location of CVST	Right transverse sinus and right sigmoid sinus	Left transverse sinus, left sigmoid sinus, confluence of sinuses, and straight sinus	Superior sagittal sinus, inferior sagittal sinus, and straight sinus	Right transverse sinus and right sigmoid sinus	Right transverse sinus and right sigmoid sinus	Right transverse sinus
Location of intracerebral hemorrhage	Right temporo-parietal lobe	Left temporal lobe	Bilateral frontal lobes, intraventricular	None	None	Occipital lobe
Locations of other thromboses	None	None	None	Portal vein and right pulmonary artery	Bilateral lower extremity VTE, right internal jugular vein	Portal vein

# Observed vs. expected CVST cases following Janssen COVID-19 vaccine

- Estimated annual incidence of CVST ~0.5–2 cases per 100,000 population\*
- Assumed risk period of 5.6% of a calendar year: (41 days/2) ÷ 365 days
- Doses administered among women aged 20–50 years = 1,402,712 doses (as of Apr 12)

Est. annual background incidence	Obs. cases in women aged 20–50 yrs	Exp. cases in women aged 20–50 yrs	Reporting ratio, women aged 20–50 yrs
0.5 per 100K	6	0.39	15.4
1.0 per 100K	6	0.79	7.6
1.5 per 100k	6	1.18	5.1
2.0 per 100k	6	1.58	3.8

\* <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/cerebral-venous-sinus-thrombosis>, <http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/Stroke/SinusVeinThrombosis.pdf>, [https://www.nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJMra042354?url\\_ver=Z39.88-2003&rft\\_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rft\\_dat=cr\\_pub](https://www.nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJMra042354?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rft_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rft_dat=cr_pub), <https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/pdf/10.1161/STROKEAHA.116.013617>, <https://www.nature.com/articles/nrneuro.2017.104>

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# Summary

- CVST is rare, but clinically serious, and can result in substantial morbidity and mortality; not usually associated with thrombocytopenia
- Observed cases following Janssen COVID-19 vaccines appear to exceed expected based on background rates of CVST among women aged 20–50 years (3-fold or greater)
  - All 6 reports were in women age range 18–48 years, all with thrombocytopenia
  - No obvious patterns of risk factors detected
- CVST with thrombocytopenia has not been observed after the two authorized mRNA vaccines
  - 182 million mRNA COVID-19 doses administered with no reported cases to date
- Clinical features of Janssen cases are similar to those observed following the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in Europe
- Both Janssen and AstraZeneca vaccines contain replication-incompetent adenoviral vectors (human [Ad26.COV2.S] for Janssen and chimpanzee [ChAdOx1] for AstraZeneca) <sup>27</sup>



# Summary (cont.)

## ■ For clinicians

- Maintain a high index of suspicion for symptoms that might represent serious thrombotic events or thrombocytopenia in patients who have recently received the Jansen COVID-19 vaccine, including severe headache, backache, new neurologic symptoms, severe abdominal pain, shortness of breath, leg swelling, petechiae (tiny red spots on the skin), or new or easy bruising. Obtain platelet counts and screen for evidence of immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia.
- In patients with a thrombotic event and thrombocytopenia after the Jansen COVID-19 vaccine, evaluate initially with a screening PF4 enzyme-linked immunosorbent (ELISA) assay as would be performed for autoimmune HIT. Consultation with a hematologist is strongly recommended.
- Do not treat patients with thrombotic events and thrombocytopenia following receipt of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine with heparin, unless HIT testing is negative.
- If HIT testing is positive or unable to be performed in patient with thrombotic events and thrombocytopenia following receipt of Jansen COVID-19 vaccine, non-heparin anticoagulants and high-dose intravenous immune globulin should be strongly considered.
- Report adverse events to VAERS, including serious and life-threatening adverse events and deaths in patients following receipt of COVID-19 vaccines as required under the Emergency Use Authorizations for COVID-19 vaccines.



## Vaccinations All HPH Sites - HAWAII PACIFIC HEALTH SA

	4/14	FYTD
Administrations of COVID-19 Vaccine	2,582	162,065

## Wilcox Medical Center Vaccination Center (Kaua'i) - Vaccination Clinic - Kauai Medical Clinic/Wilcox Memorial Health + 1 more

	4/14	FYTD
Administrations of COVID-19 Vaccine	297	13,972
Administrations of COVID-19 Vaccine (Age 50+)	216	12,083
Administrations of COVID-19 Vaccine (Age under 50)	81	1,889

## Pier 2 Vaccination Center (O'ahu) - Vaccination Clinic - Pier 2 Cruise Terminal

	4/14	FYTD
Administrations of COVID-19 Vaccine	2,282	132,712
Administrations of COVID-19 Vaccine (Age 50+)	1,271	96,262
Administrations of COVID-19 Vaccine (Age under 50)	1,011	34,926

Pfizer vaccine	124,089
Moderna vaccine	7,099
Janssen vaccine	1,524



# COVID-19 Variant & Treatment Updates

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# COVID-19 Variants

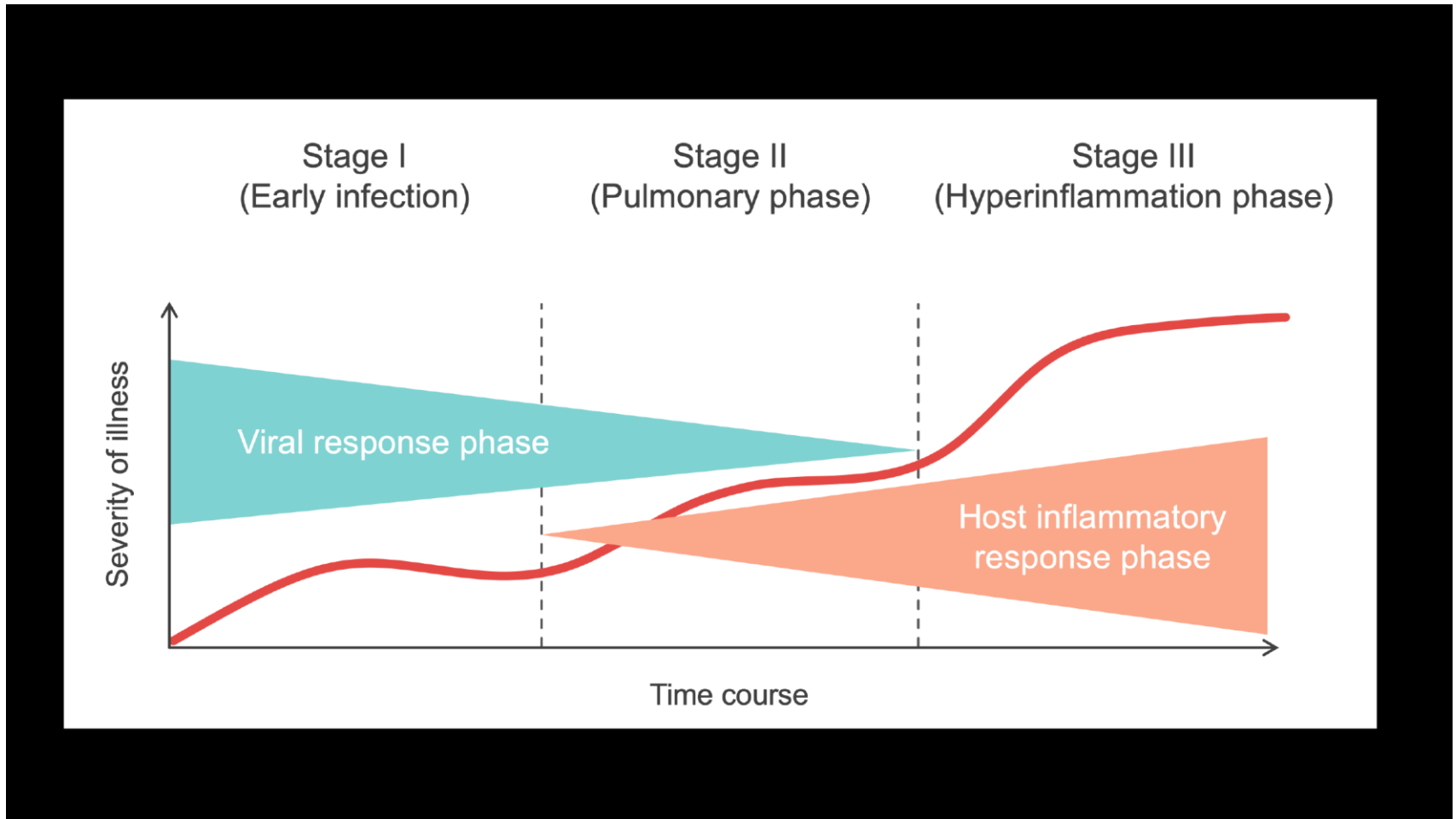
Variant	Common Name	Effect of mutations
B.1.1.7	UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increased transmission</li><li>- Might increase severity</li></ul>
B.1.351	South African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increased transmission</li><li>- Antibodies less effective</li></ul>
P.1	Brazil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Antibodies less effective</li></ul>
B.1.429	California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increased transmission</li><li>- Antibodies less effective</li></ul>

# COVID-19 Variants: Hawai'i

	B.1.429 (CA)	B.1.1.7 (UK)	B.1.351 (SA)
State	59%	8%	2%
Honolulu County	59%	8%	3%
Maui County	82%	3%	0%
Hawai'i County	19%	16%	0%

PRELIMINARY DOH DATA, March 2021

# COVID-19 Infection



# COVID-19 Treatment

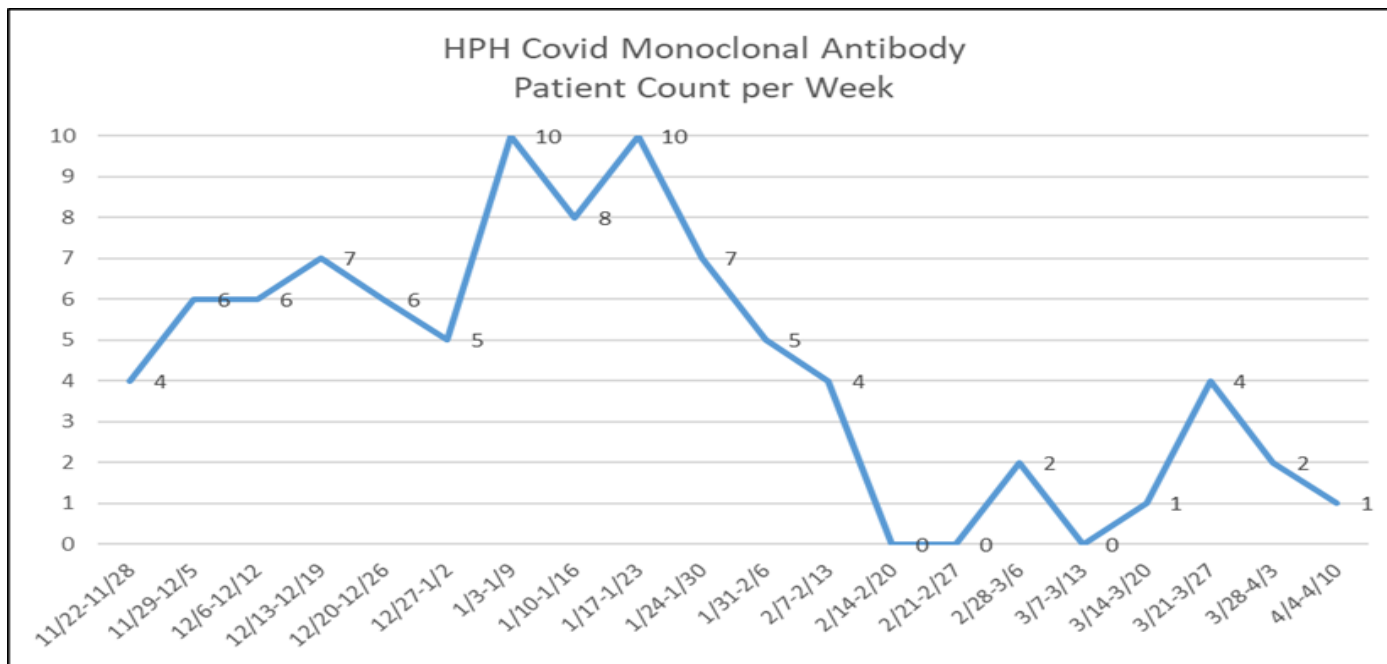
Stage	Therapy
Pre-Exposure Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vaccination</li></ul>
Post-Exposure Prophylaxis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>
<p>Not Hospitalized</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mild to Moderate illness</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supportive care</li><li>• Consider monoclonal antibody therapy if at high risk for disease progression</li></ul>

# COVID-19 Treatment

Stage	Therapy
Hospitalized <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No supplemental oxygen requirement</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supportive care</li><li>• Consider Remdesivir</li><li>• Consider high titer CCP</li></ul>
Hospitalized <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires supplemental oxygen</li><li>• No mechanical ventilation or ECMO</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supportive care</li><li>• Remdesivir</li><li>• Consider high titer CCP</li><li>• Dexamethasone</li></ul>
Hospitalized <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mechanical ventilation or ECMO</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supportive care</li><li>• Dexamethasone</li></ul>

# Treatment Updates: Moab Therapy

- Bamlanivimab monotherapy
  - Fair data to support use
  - Started Straub REC & Wilcox infusions on 11/24/2020
  - Five COVID-19 hospitalizations after Bamlanivimab infusion





# Treatment Updates: Moab Therapy

- Bamlanivimab monotherapy
  - No longer recommended

**Table 3: Pseudovirus Neutralization Data for SARS-CoV-2 Variant Substitutions with Bamlanivimab Alone**

Lineage with Spike Protein Substitution	Key Substitutions Tested <sup>a</sup>	Fold Reduction in Susceptibility
B.1.1.7 (UK origin)	N501Y	no change <sup>b</sup>
B.1.351 (South Africa origin)	E484K	>2,360 <sup>c</sup>
P.1 (Brazil origin)	E484K	>2,360 <sup>c</sup>
B.1.427/B.1.429 (California origin)	L452R	>1,020 <sup>c</sup>
B.1.526 (New York origin) <sup>d</sup>	E484K	>2,360 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> For variants with more than one substitution of concern, only the one with the greatest impact on activity is listed.

<sup>b</sup> No change: <5-fold reduction in susceptibility.

<sup>c</sup> No activity was observed at the highest concentration tested. Bamlanivimab alone is unlikely to be active against variants from this lineage.

<sup>d</sup> Not all isolates of the New York lineage harbor the E484K substitution (as of February 2021).

# Treatment Updates: Moab Therapy

- Bamlanivimab/Etesevimab combination therapy
  - Better data than Bamlanivimab
    - Decreased viral load by day 11 vs placebo
    - Decreased hospitalizations vs placebo

**Table 3: Pseudovirus Neutralization Data for SARS-CoV-2 Variant Substitutions with Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab Together (1:2 Molar Ratio)**

Lineage with Spike Protein Substitution	Key Substitutions Tested <sup>a</sup>	Fold Reduction in Susceptibility
B.1.1.7 (UK origin)	N501Y	no change <sup>b</sup>
B.1.351 (South Africa origin)	K417N + E484K + N501Y	>45 <sup>c</sup>
P.1 (Brazil origin)	K417T + E484K + N501Y	>511 <sup>c</sup>
B.1.427/B.1.429 (California origin)	L452R	7.4
B.1.526 (New York origin) <sup>d</sup>	E484K	17

<sup>a</sup> For variants with more than one substitution of concern, only the one(s) with the greatest impact on activity is(are) listed.

<sup>b</sup> No change: <5-fold reduction in susceptibility.

<sup>c</sup> No activity observed at the highest concentration tested. Bamlanivimab and etesevimab together are unlikely to be active against variants from this lineage.

<sup>d</sup> Not all isolates of the New York lineage harbor the E484K substitution (as of February 2021).

# Treatment Updates: Moab Therapy

- **Bamlanivimab/Etesevimab combination therapy**
  - Started Straub REC & Wilcox 4/12/2021
  - Same safety profile as Bamlanivimab monotherapy
  - Same workflows
  - Same criteria for use as Bamlanivimab monotherapy
    - Treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in patients 12 years and older (at least 40kg weight)
    - Non-hospitalized
    - Positive COVID-19 test result
    - Infuse within 10 days of symptoms onset
    - At high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization

# Treatment Updates: Moab Therapy

High risk is defined as patients who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Have a body mass index (BMI)  $\geq 35$
- Have chronic kidney disease
- Have diabetes
- Have immunosuppressive disease
- Are currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment
- Are  $\geq 65$  years of age
- Are  $\geq 55$  years of age AND have
  - cardiovascular disease, OR
  - hypertension, OR
  - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/other chronic respiratory disease.
- Are 12 – 17 years of age AND have
  - BMI  $\geq 85$ th percentile for their age and gender based on CDC growth charts, [https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/clinical\\_charts.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/clinical_charts.htm), OR
  - sickle cell disease, OR
  - congenital or acquired heart disease, OR
  - neurodevelopmental disorders, for example, cerebral palsy, OR
  - a medical-related technological dependence, for example, tracheostomy, gastrostomy, or positive pressure ventilation (not related to COVID-19), OR
  - asthma, reactive airway or other chronic respiratory disease that requires daily medication for control.

# Treatment Updates: Anticoagulation and IL-6



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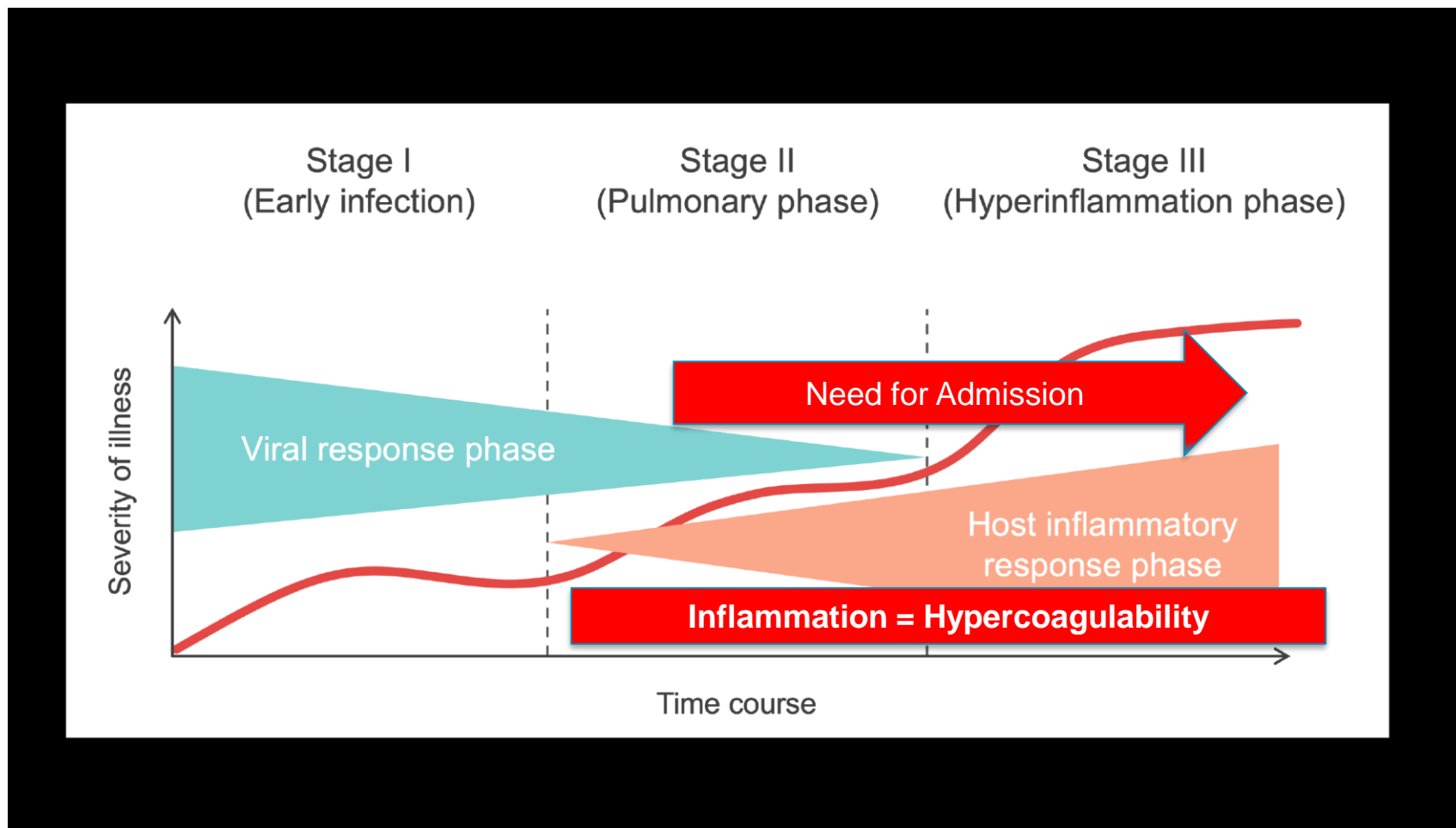
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**NIH/NHLBI: Accelerating COVID-19  
Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines-4  
(ACTIV-4)**

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# The link between blood clots and COVID-19

- Increased **inflammation** is associated with **hypercoagulability**
  - Lungs – Virchow's triad: hypercoagulable state, endothelial injury, and stasis of blood flow
  - Cytokine storm triggers the coagulation system and a hypercoagulable state
  - ARDS leads to increased microthrombi
- Autopsies of COVID-19 patients who die at home reveal pulmonary emboli/microthrombi
- Severe COVID-19 is complicated by coagulopathy and DIC which leads to a pro-thrombotic state with a high risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE)
- DIC a strong predictor of mortality (71% of nonsurvivors and 0.6% of survivors have evidence of overt DIC)



# Treating Hypercoagulability – NIH/NHLBI

- **ACTIV-4a – Hospitalized (Completed)**

ATTACC, ACTIV-4a & REMAP-CAP  
multiplatform RCT

- Full-dose therapeutic anticoagulation (AC) is superior to prophylactic dosing in **hospitalized but noncritically ill**. . . In critically ill/ICU level patients therapeutic anticoagulation was NOT beneficial and was associated with increased bleeding/mortality vs prophylactic dosing (INTERIM Conclusions!)

- **ACTIV-4b – Pre-Hospitalization (Recruiting)**

- **Now OPEN at HPH Facilities!!**
- Apixaban (Eliquis) vs low dose aspirin vs placebo orally x 45 days **as an outpatient**
- Eligibility: Outpatient, 40-80 years, COVID-19 positive and symptomatic in last 14 days

- **ACTIV-4c – Post-Hospitalization (Pending Activation)**

- Apixaban (Eliquis) vs placebo orally x 30 days **after discharge**
- Referral/recruitment during hospitalization

# ACTIV-4b

- PI – Dr. Heidi Hillesland (WMH - Kauai),  
Sub-I - Dr. Brian Pien (Straub - Honolulu)

- To refer a patient send an email:

**activ4b@hawaiipacifichealth.org**

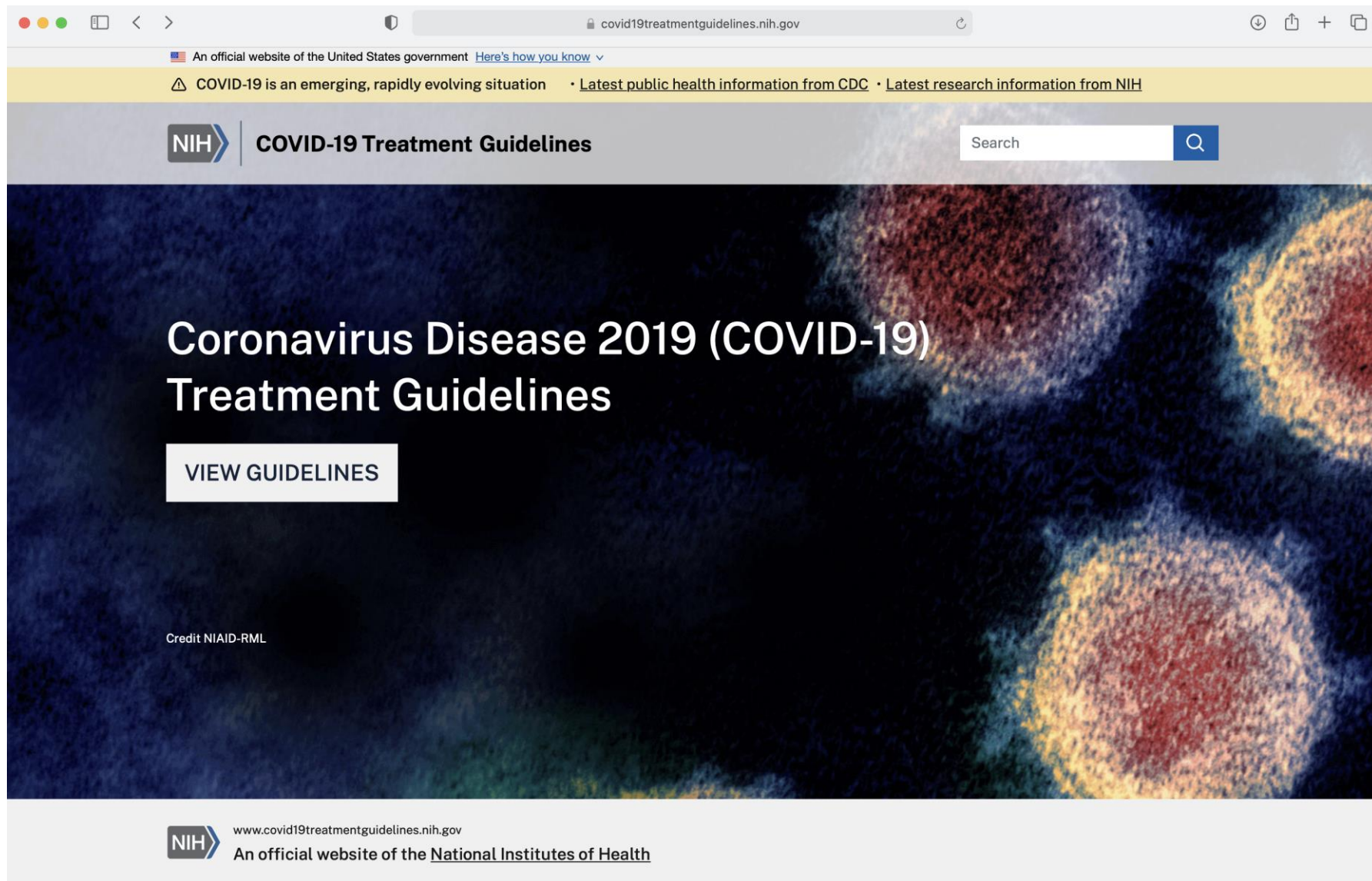
- For more information:

<https://nhlbi-connects.org/activ4b>



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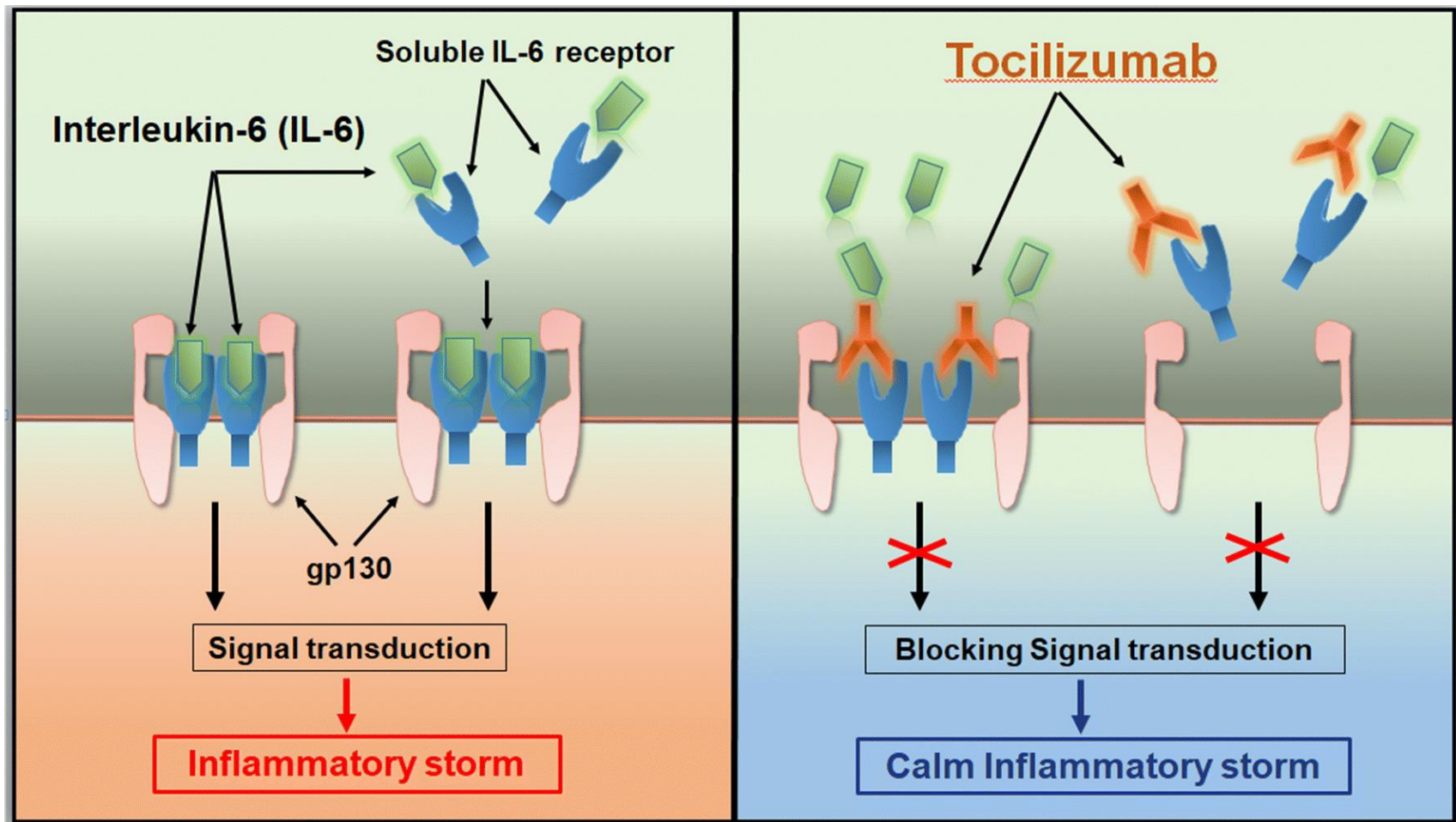
# Turning Off Inflammation – IL-6 Inhibitors

- Interleukin (IL)-6 = pro-inflammatory cytokine
- Infection by the SARS-CoV induces a dose-dependent production of IL-6 from bronchial epithelial cells
- COVID-19-associated systemic inflammation and hypoxic respiratory failure can be associated with heightened cytokine release
  - elevated blood levels of **IL-6**, C-reactive protein (CRP), D-dimer, and ferritin
- It is hypothesized that **modulating the levels of IL-6 or its effects may alter the course of disease**
- Two FDA approved inhibitors
  - Anti-IL-6 receptor monoclonal antibodies (sarilumab, **tocilizumab**)
  - Anti-IL-6 monoclonal antibodies (siltuximab)



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# Tocilizumab





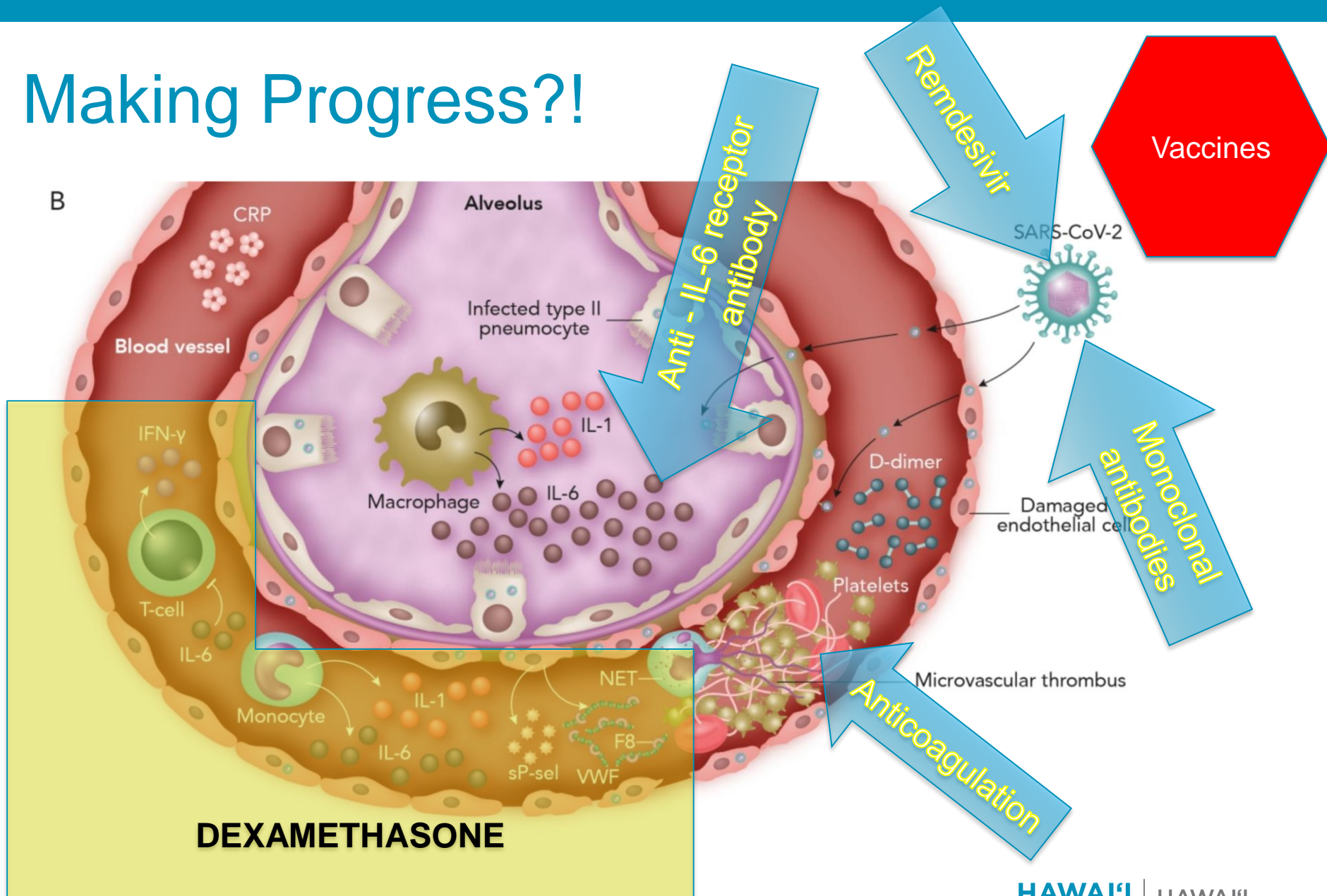
# Use of Tocilizumab – Update 3/2021

- **Evidence** from the Randomized, Embedded, Multifactorial Adaptive Platform Trial for Community-Acquired Pneumonia (REMAP-CAP) and Randomized Evaluation of COVID-19 Therapy (RECOVERY) trials **supports**:
- \*\* The Panel recommends the use of **tocilizumab** (single intravenous dose of 8 mg/kg, up to 800 mg) **in combination with dexamethasone** (6 mg daily for up to 10 days) in certain hospitalized patients who are exhibiting rapid respiratory decompensation due to COVID-19 \*\*
  - Patients admitted to the ICU within the prior 24 hours who require invasive mechanical ventilation, noninvasive mechanical ventilation (NIV), or high-flow nasal canula (HFNC) oxygen; or
  - Recently hospitalized patients (not in the ICU) with rapidly increasing oxygen needs who require NIV or HFNC and have significantly increased markers of inflammation (CRP  $\geq 75$  mg/L)
- **Insufficient evidence to use tocilizumab** for hospitalized patients with hypoxemia who require conventional oxygen supplementation, instead use: **remdesivir, dexamethasone plus remdesivir, or dexamethasone alone**
- <https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/statement-on-tocilizumab/>



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# Making Progress?!



# Q&A

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## Next Webinar:

HHP Care Model and Disease Management Webinar:

### **Heart Failure (webinar #2 in CHF series)**

**Dr. Carol Lai & Dr. Rajive Zachariah**

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

**5:30pm – 6:30 pm**

# Thank you!

- A recording of the meeting will be available afterwards.
- Unanswered question?
  - Contact us at [Covid19Bulletin@hawaiiipacifichealth.org](mailto:Covid19Bulletin@hawaiiipacifichealth.org)