

# CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)

## Situational Update

December 29, 2021

[CORONAVIRUS.DC.GOV](https://coronavirus.dc.gov)



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## COVID-19 Key Metrics Summary Table

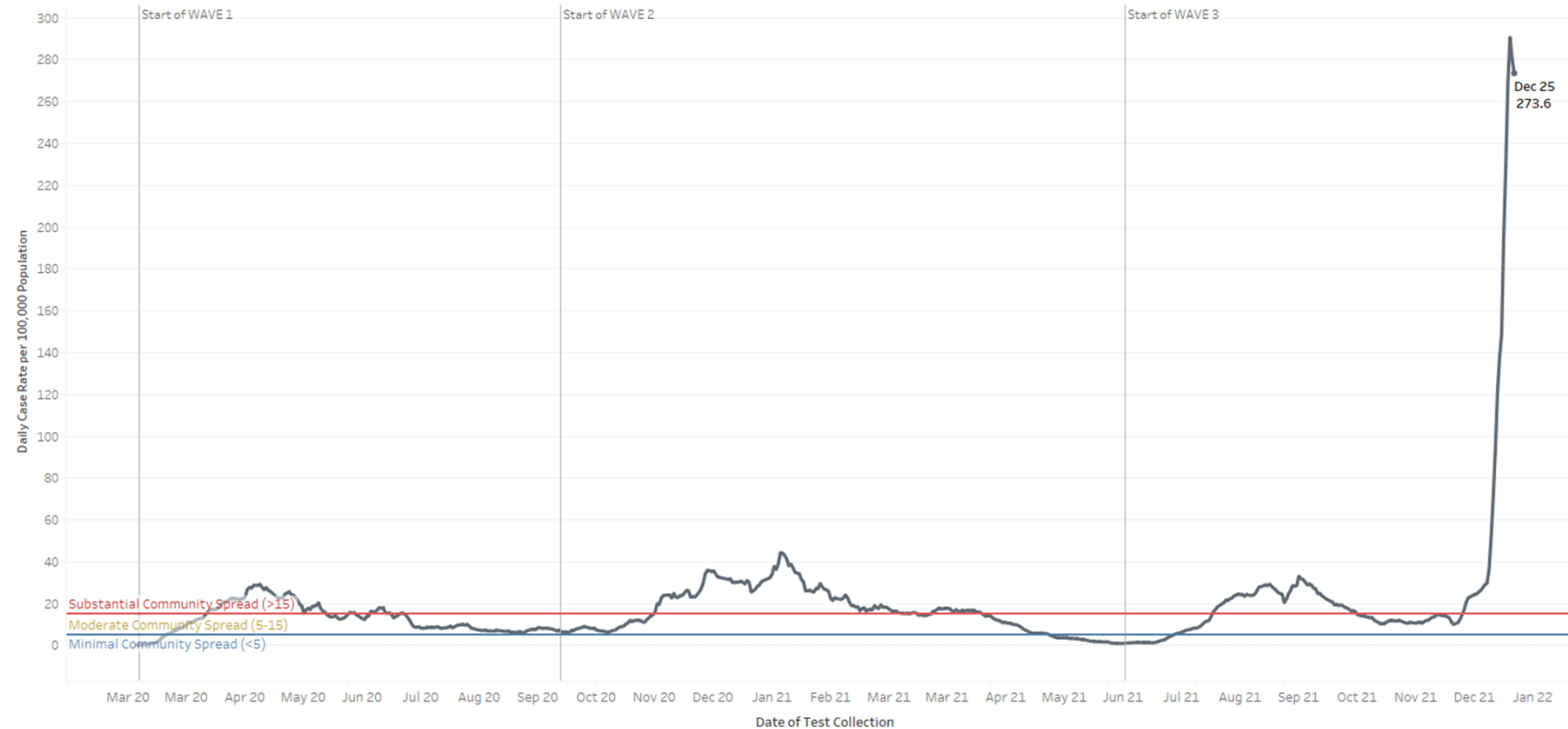
Data through December 27, 2021

	Weekly Case Rate per 100,000 population	Daily Case Rate per 100,000 population	Hospitalization % of COVID-19 Cases	Contact Attempts among "high risk" cases	Interviews among "high risk" cases	Fully Vaccinated DC residents
Recent Value	<b>1,915.2</b>	<b>273.6</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>74.6%</b>	<b>62.7%</b>	<b>65.8%</b>
One Month Prior	<b>92.4</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>85.2%</b>	<b>63.9%</b>
7 Day Trend	<b>Worsening</b>	<b>Worsening</b>	<b>Improving</b>	<b>Worsening</b>	<b>Worsening</b>	<b>Improving</b>

# COVID-19 METRICS: DAILY CASE RATE

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**District of Columbia COVID-19 Daily Case Rate**  
per 100,000 population (7-day average)



Daily Case Rate:  
per 100,000 population **273.6**

Data Source: DC Health. Data subject to change on a daily basis.

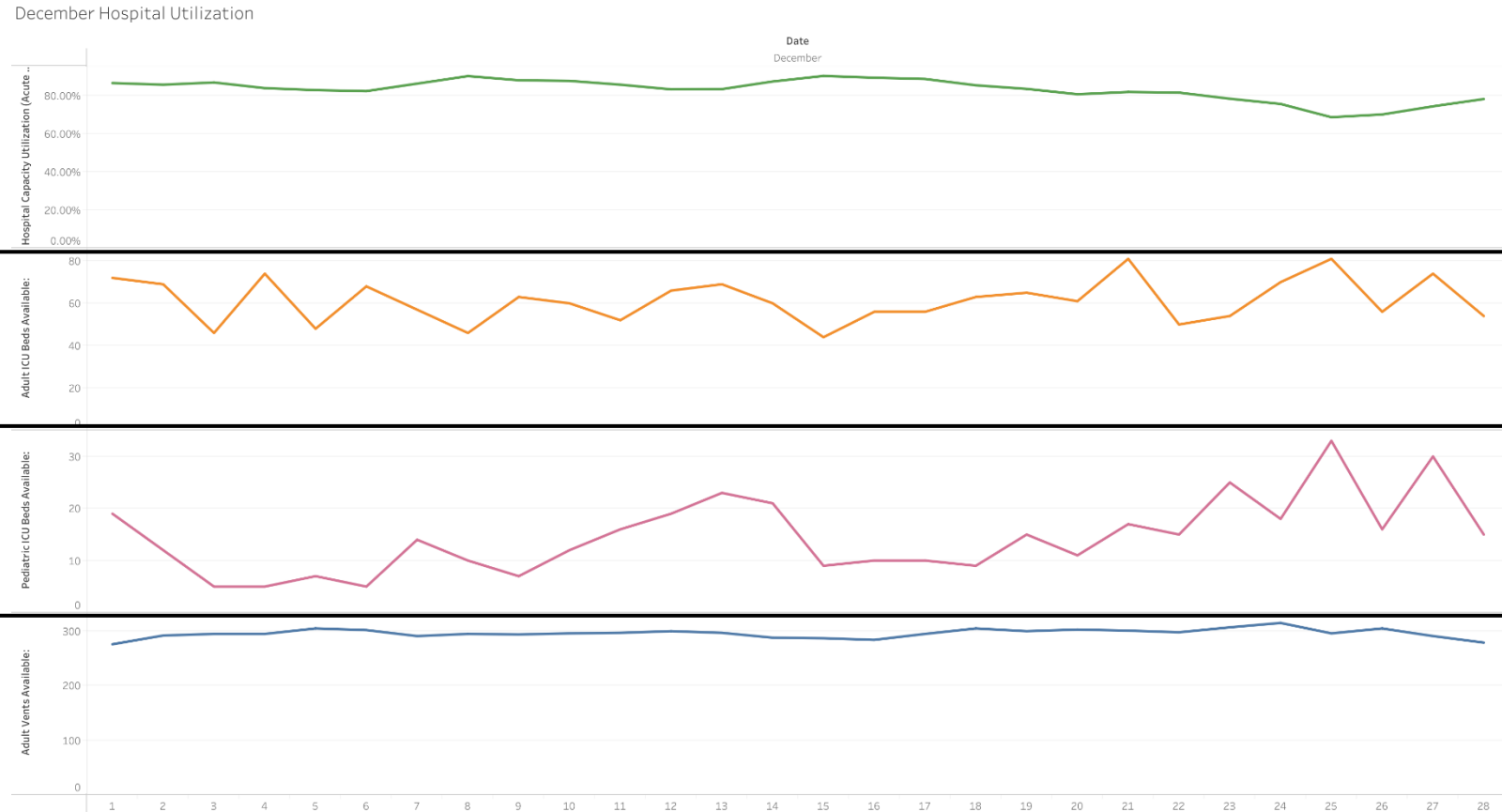
Data Notes: The line represents a seven day average of the daily case rate per 100,000 population. The number of daily cases is subject to the timeliness of test results reported from laboratories and may not always reflect the number of new positive tests on a given day. Weekly case rate is the total number of new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days. Data reflect ongoing data quality improvements.

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## Hospital Utilization, December 2021

Hospital Capacity Utilization (Acute Care)



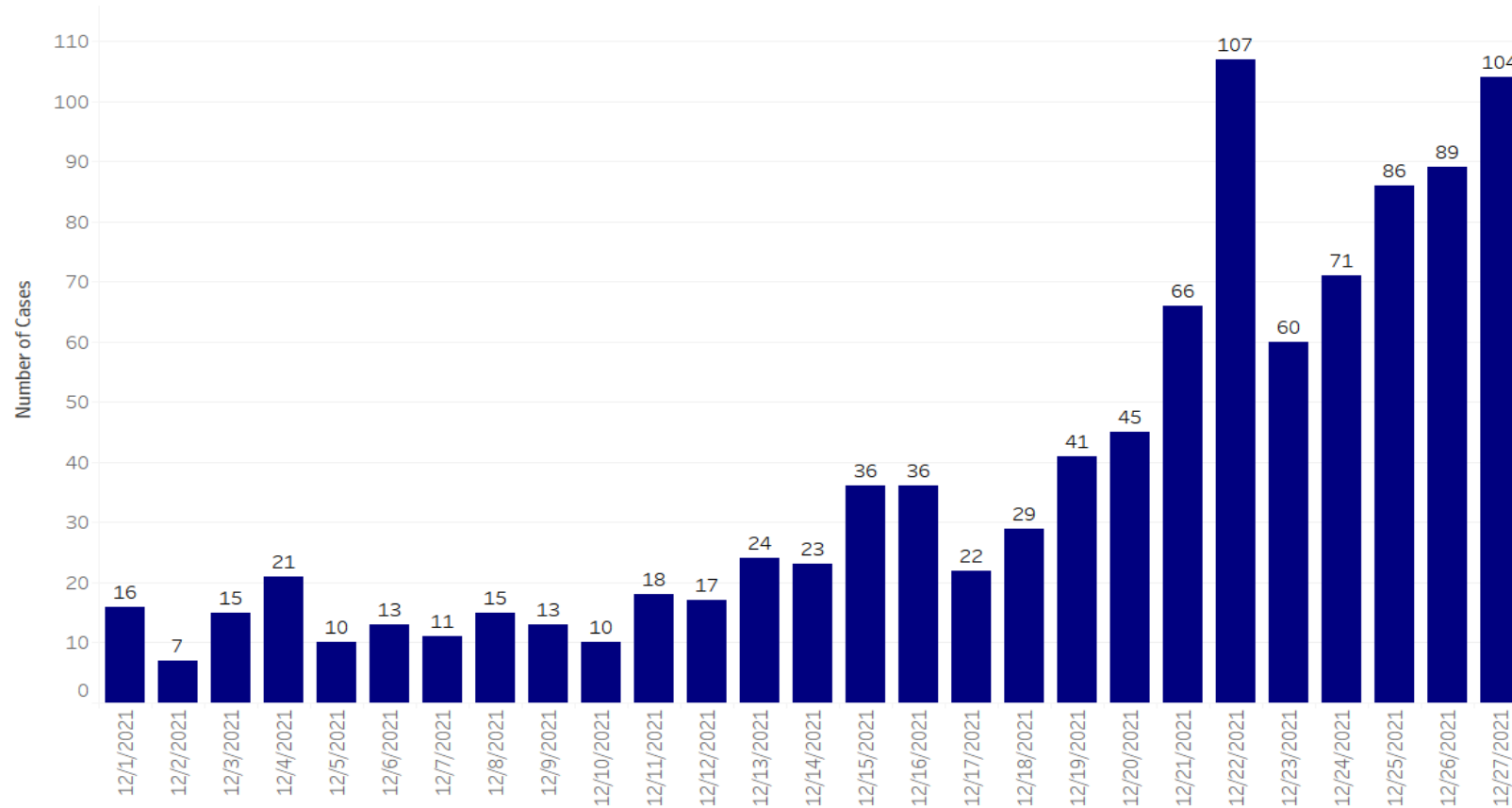
Adult ICU Beds Available

Pediatric ICU Beds Available

Adult Ventilators Available

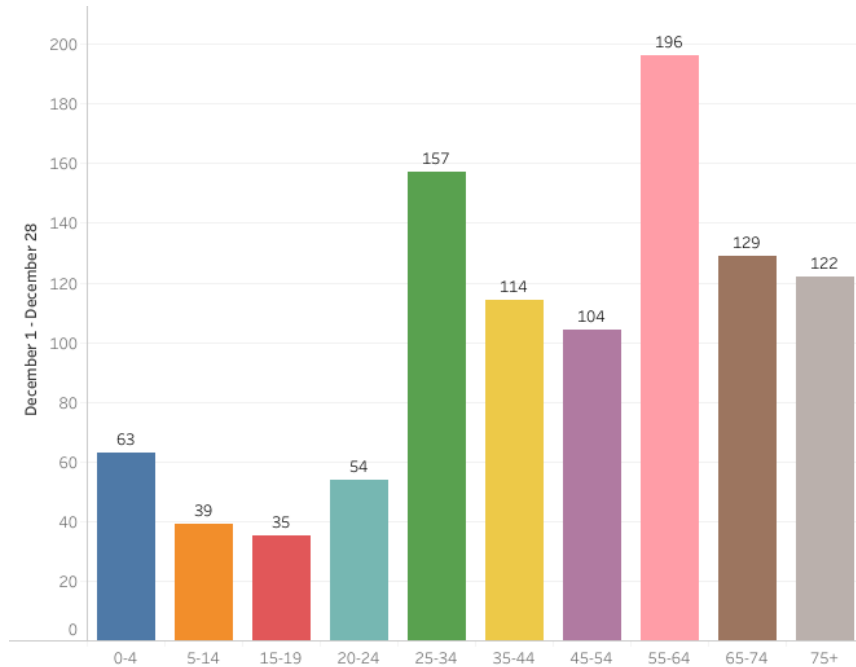


## COVID-19 Related Inpatient Hospitalizations, December 2021

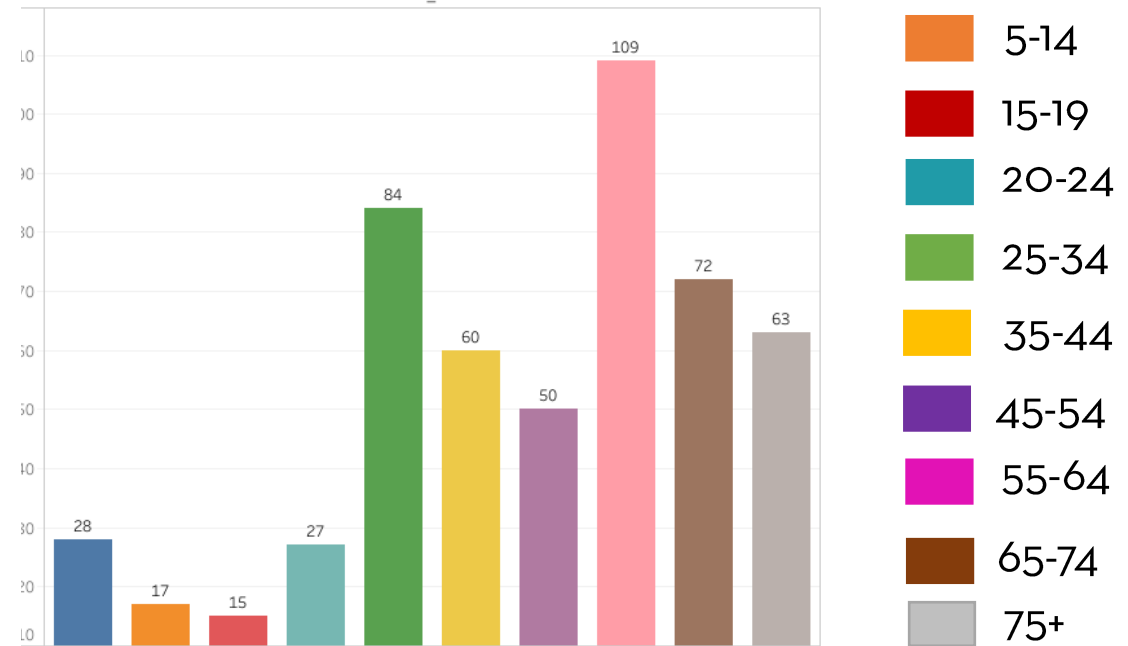


# COVID-19 METRICS: HOSPITALIZATIONS BY AGE

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All December 2021



Dec 22 - Dec 28

## \$15 Million Grant Initiative

To support COVID-related increased staffing costs:

- \$5 million base funding (% of Operating Bed)
- \$10 million variable funding (% increase in expenditure)
  - Model weights towards smaller hospitals

Approximately a quarter of staff are currently out on isolation or quarantine

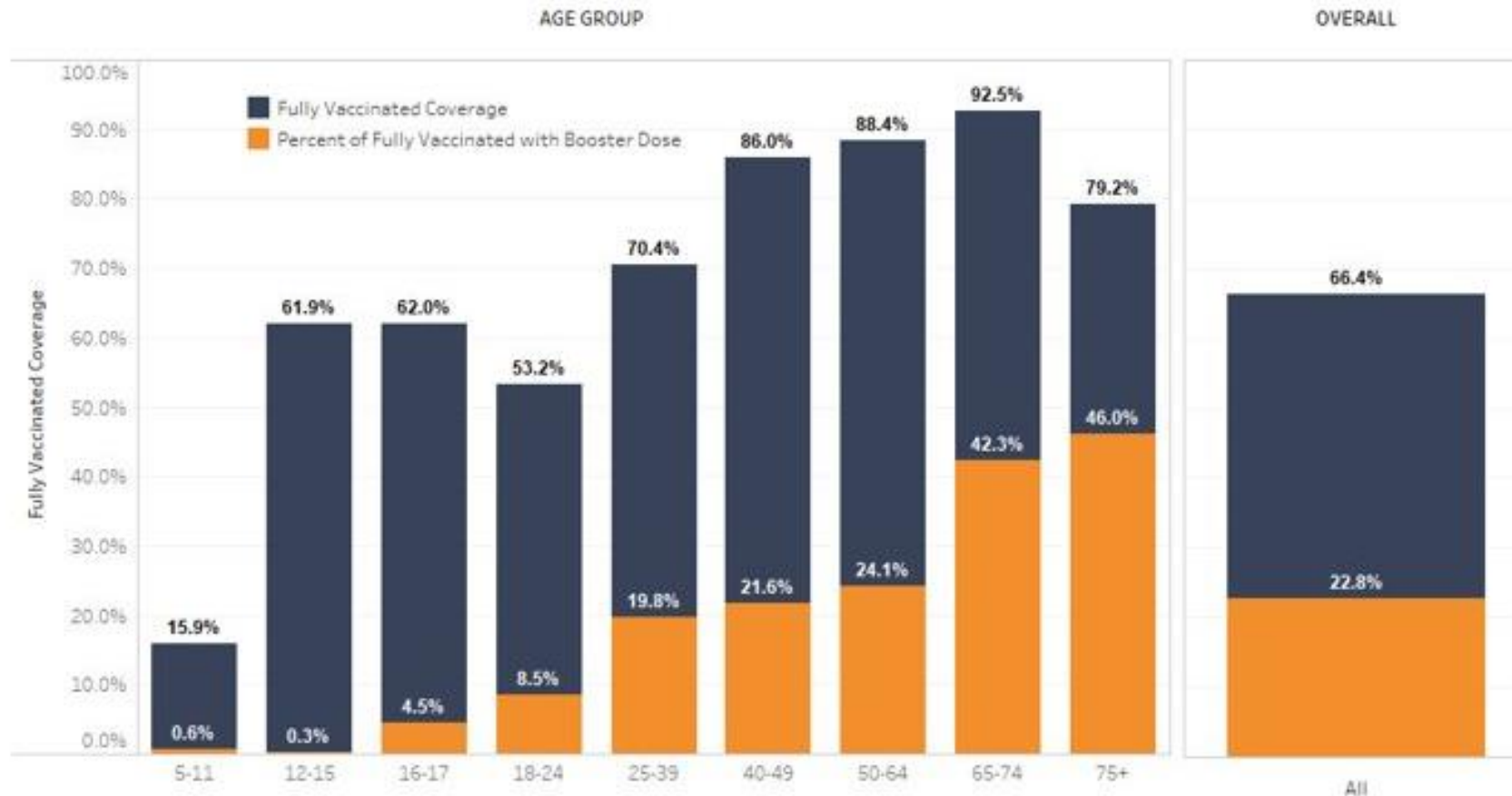
More than twice as many Traveler Nurses supporting hospitals than pre-pandemic

\$160-200 per hour for a Travel Nurse



# MORE WASHINGTONIANS NEED TO GET BOOSTED

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## A Fast Pass to Get Vaxed

People 65 and older  
can move to the front of  
the line at District-  
operated walk-up  
vaccination sites.

### WALK-UP VACCINATION SITES FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29



FREE COVID-19 vaccine | No appointment needed.

<b>Fort Stanton Recreation Center</b> 1812 Erie Street, SE Pfizer (Ages 12+) & Moderna (Ages 18+) & Flu Shots (Ages 3+) 10am - 6pm	<b>Capitol View Neighborhood Library</b> 5001 Central Avenue, SE Pfizer (Ages 5+) & Moderna (Ages 18+) & J&J (Ages 18+) 1pm - 7pm	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library</b> 901 G Street, NW Pfizer (Ages 5+) & Moderna (Ages 18+) & J&J (Ages 18+) 1pm - 7pm
<b>Petworth Neighborhood Library</b> 4200 Kansas Avenue, NW Pfizer (Ages 5+) & Moderna (Ages 18+) & J&J (Ages 18+) 1pm - 7pm	<b>Woodridge Neighborhood Library</b> 1801 Hamlin Street, NE Pfizer (Ages 5+) & Moderna (Ages 18+) & J&J (Ages 18+) 1pm - 7pm	

People 5+ can get vaccinated (including boosters for 16+) at all sites listed in green.

People 5-11 and accompanying adults can get vaccinated at purple sites.

Find appointments at pharmacies, clinics and health care providers across DC: [Vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov)

# TESTING, ISOLATION & QUARANTINE

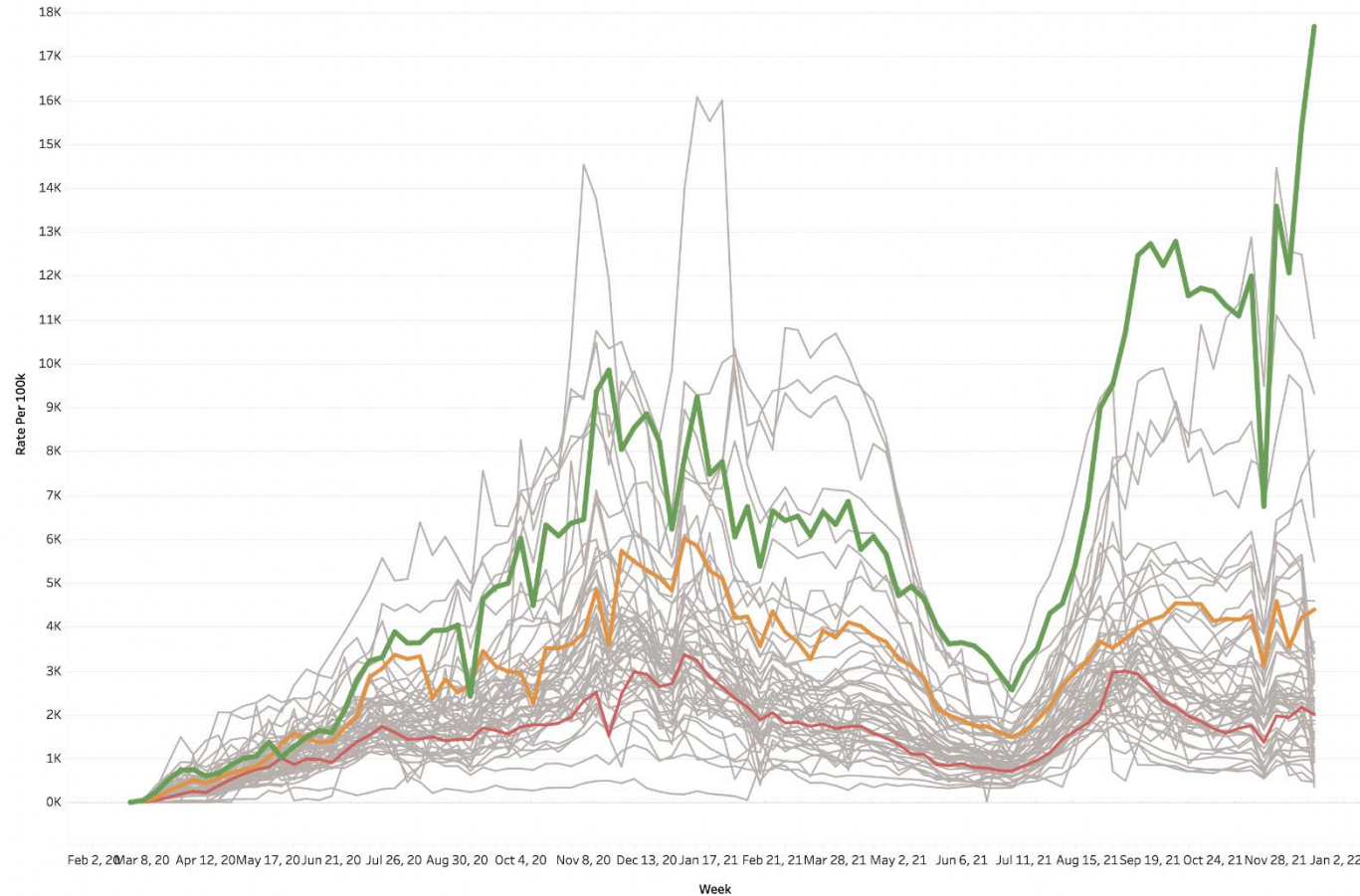
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DC is leading the nation  
in testing. Continue to  
use testing to know  
your status.

Washington, DC

Maryland

Virginia



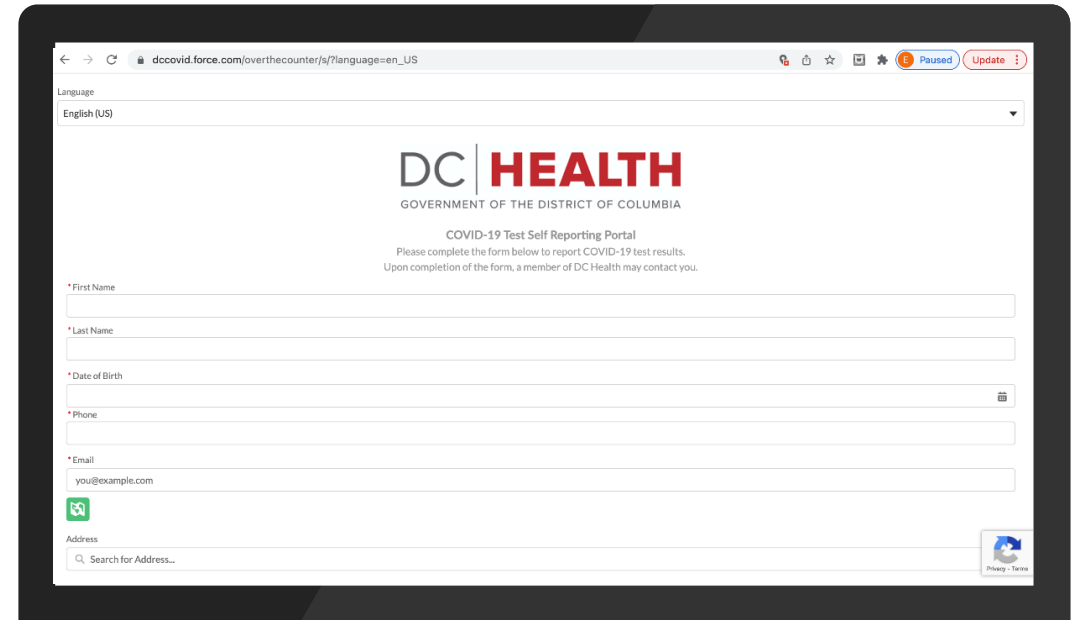
Since the Test Yourself Express program launched last Wednesday, DC Health has distributed more than 108,000 rapid antigen test kits to DC residents.

In the past two weeks, 16,989 rapid test results have been reported through [coronavirus.dc.gov/overthecounter](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/overthecounter).



After using a rapid  
at-home test, residents  
must report their results  
to DC Health at

**coronavirus.dc.gov/  
overthecounter**



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the DC Health COVID-19 Test Self Reporting Portal. The URL in the address bar is [dcocovid.force.com/overthecounter/s/?language=en\\_US](https://dcocovid.force.com/overthecounter/s/?language=en_US). The page features the DC Health logo and the text "GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA". Below the logo, it says "COVID-19 Test Self Reporting Portal" and "Please complete the form below to report COVID-19 test results. Upon completion of the form, a member of DC Health may contact you." The form includes fields for First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, Phone, Email (pre-filled with "you@example.com"), and Address (with a search bar). There is a "Submit" button and a "Privacy - Terms" link in the bottom right corner.

# TESTING SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

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DATE	Walk-Up PCR Testing Sites	Rapid Antigen Pickup Sites
<b>Wednesday, December 29</b>	Farragut Square   8am-12pm Thrive DC   12pm-4pm Engines 4, 11, 24, 31   2:30pm-7:30pm	All Test Yourself Express library locations 12pm-8pm
<b>Thursday, December 30</b>	Farragut Square   8am-12pm Douglass Community Center   12pm-4pm Engines 8, 10, 30, 33   2:30pm-7:30pm Benning Stoddert Rec Center   3pm-7pm	All Test Yourself Express library locations 12pm-8pm
<b>Friday, December 31</b>	CLOSED	Engines 4, 8, 31, 33   12pm-4pm
<b>Saturday, January 1</b>	CLOSED	Engines 4, 8, 31, 33   12pm-4pm
<b>Sunday, January 2</b>	Rumsey Aquatic Center   12pm-4pm	Engines 4, 8, 31, 33   12pm-4pm

*More information and addresses can be found on [coronavirus.dc.gov/testing](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing)*

## Per updated CDC guidance:

**Step 1:** Start isolating from other people.

**Step 2:** Report your results online.

**Step 3:** Continue to isolate for 5 days. If contacted by the DC Contact Trace Force, please cooperate.

**Step 4:** After isolating for 5 days, continue to wear a mask around other people (including members of your household) for another 5 days.



Regardless of vaccination status, a person who tests positive for COVID-19 can leave isolation 5 days after testing positive as long as they:

- Do not have a fever; AND
- Either have no symptoms OR their symptoms are improving; AND
- Wear a mask around other people for the next 5 days



Masks should be used consistently and properly during the five days after isolation. Ensure you wear a well-fitted mask that covers your nose and do not remove it while around other people.

Per CDC guidance, if you just found out you're a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19...

If you are fully vaccinated AND boosted. (Or it has not yet been six months since your Moderna or Pfizer shots or two months since your J&J shot.)

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.

A close contact is someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. For example, three individual 5-minute exposures to a positive individual for a total of 15 minutes.

If you are unvaccinated OR if you got the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine more than six months ago or the J&J shot more than two months ago and have not yet been boosted.

- **Stay home for 5 days.** After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.



Since the beginning of COVID, the District has enhanced investments and streamlined the process for social benefit programs.

District residents can apply for SNAP, TANF/Cash Assistance and Medical Benefits or learn more about all our offered benefits at **[districtdirect.dc.gov](https://districtdirect.dc.gov)**.

For those who need to isolate or quarantine at home, Amazon, Instacart, Giant, Safeway, and Aldi accept EBT payment for eligible products.

# DCPS RETURN FROM WINTER BREAK UPDATE

We know that the best place for students to learn is in the classroom. As with all essential operations, we are going to do everything possible to keep schools and classrooms open while keeping students, staff, and families safe.

## HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES FOR SY21-22



**Practice Safe  
Routines**



**Reorganize  
Classroom Spaces**



**Notify of Cases  
at School**



**School HVAC  
Enhancements**



**Adjust Meal  
Routines**



**Follow Public  
Health Guidance**



**Deep Cleaning  
Protocols**



**Screen and Report  
Symptoms**



**Provide COVID-19  
Vaccine**



**Maintain Building  
Readiness**

Learn more at [dcpsreopenstrong.com](https://dcpsreopenstrong.com)

We expect that schools and classrooms will need to transition to situational virtual learning throughout the semester, especially in the coming weeks. Our goal is to be flexible, responsive, and guided by our students' needs.



In the event a school needs to transition to virtual learning, schools will pivot for up to 10 calendar days. Decisions about specific classrooms and grade levels within a school will be made on a case-by-case basis.

## Examples of data used to determine whether to transition a school to virtual learning:

- Staff availability
- Percent of students/staff are in quarantine

### Daily Cadence

Staff/student availability reviewed daily by 4PM

School posture decisions by 8PM

15 schools will serve as meal pickup sites on Monday, January 3 and Tuesday, January 4, from 10AM to 2PM:

Anacostia High School

Eastern High School

McKinley Tech

Ballou High School

Excel Academy

Roosevelt High School

Burroughs Elementary School

Hardy Middle School

Ron Brown College Preparatory High School

Columbia Heights Education Campus

Langdon Elementary School

Wilson High School

Dunbar High School

Langley Elementary School

Woodson High School

**Select meal sites will also open whenever schools transition to virtual learning.**



**All DCPS students and staff  
will be required to provide  
proof of a negative COVID-19  
test before returning to  
school on Wednesday,  
January 5, 2022.**

All school-based DCPS staff should:

- Report to schools on January 3 as instructed by their supervisor and pick up their COVID-19 rapid antigen test before noon on Monday. Staff may also utilize their own testing option as long as the test is administered on Monday, January 3.
- Administer their test and report their results by 1 PM on Monday. Staff will be provided instructions on where to report their results.

**All DCPS staff  
will have access  
to KN95 masks  
when returning  
to school.**

## To minimize disruptions to learning, DCPS families will need to:

- Pick up an iHealth rapid antigen test from a DCPS school or a Test Yourself Express pickup site. Tests will be available at every DCPS school on Monday, January 3 from 1 PM to 4 PM and Tuesday, January 4 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Families can pick up a test at any DCPS school.
- **Test your child on Tuesday, January 4.** Families may choose to utilize their own antigen or PCR testing option, but tests administered before January 4 will not be accepted.
- Upload results by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 4.



# REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S TEST RESULTS

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1. Visit **dcps.dc.gov/safereturn**
2. Enter your student's name, address, a contact email, a contact phone number, their school, the date of their test, and their test results
3. Upload a photo or pdf of your results

Problems submitting the results? We can help.  
Call **(202) 442-5885** and **Press 1** to be connected to the DCPS Family & Student Tech Call Center.



## If your child tests negative:

Continue to monitor your child for any symptoms of COVID-19. If they are showing any symptoms and/or they are required to quarantine because they are unvaccinated and have been identified as a close contact to an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, keep your student at home, regardless of their test result.

## If your child tests positive:

Reach out to your school's main office so that their absence can be noted accordingly.

Please follow all isolation guidance from DC Health and your child's healthcare provider.

All students will need to provide proof of a negative test result before returning to school.

# HOW COVID-19 CASES AT SCHOOL ARE REPORTED

Learn more at [dcpsreopenstrong.com/health/response](https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/health/response)

## REPORT & ISOLATE

**STUDENT** shares with their school they tested positive for COVID-19 after not feeling well and / or showing symptoms common with the virus.

*Student should isolate for at least 10 days and cannot attend school in person until medically cleared.*

**TEACHER or STAFF** shares with their school they tested positive for COVID-19 after not feeling well and / or showing symptoms common with the virus.

*Person will isolate for at least 10 days and not return to work until medically cleared.*

**ASYMPTOMATIC student, teacher or staff** receives a positive result from weekly testing that screens for COVID-19.

*Individual will isolate for at least 10 days and not return to school / work until medically cleared.*

## INVESTIGATE

- The DCPS COVID response team works with trained school staff to determine who is a close contact.
- DC Health reviews the determination of close contacts for each school case and will make any needed updates or revisions.
- Students in a classroom setting who are within 3 to 6 feet of another student for longer than 15 minutes are **not considered a close contact** if both students are consistently wearing well-fitting masks and other mitigating factors are in place, such as increased ventilation.
- **UPDATE:** To expedite notifications of positive reported cases at schools, close contact notifications will be sent to all students and staff in the classroom of a positive reported case only if more detailed contact tracing cannot be completed expediently.

## NOTIFY & QUARANTINE

- Using guidance provided by the DCPS COVID response team, school principals provide instructions to quarantine for school close contacts.
- Fully vaccinated students or staff who are close contacts do not need to quarantine if they are not showing symptoms.
- Unvaccinated close contacts will receive instructions to quarantine for 10 days.
- **UPDATE:** A notice will be sent to all students, families, and staff to note the total number of new cases reported within a school building. If the individual was in a classroom, that class will be notified.
- Community notices of reported cases are posted online at [dcpsreopenstrong.com](https://dcpsreopenstrong.com)



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

updated: 12/22/21

# GENERAL UPDATES





Christmas trees and holiday greenery will be collected from homes that receive DPW curbside pickup between **January 3 and February 28.**

Trees and greenery can be left at the normal point of collection for trash and recycling or at the curbside.

Items collected during this period will be composted, and in the spring, the mulch will be provided to residents at no cost.



- Use testing to know your status and the status of people around you.
- Know the vaccination status of the people you gather with.
- Wear a mask.
- Only attend (or host) small gatherings.
- Avoid crowded indoor and outdoor settings and events held in poorly ventilated spaces. Outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities.



The **Fresh Start 5K** on New Year's Day, originally scheduled to be held in person at Anacostia Park, will now be virtual.



Learn more about suggested 5K routes and opportunities to pick up a Fresh Start 5K t-shirt and medal at [fitdcfreshstart5k.com](https://fitdcfreshstart5k.com)



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