



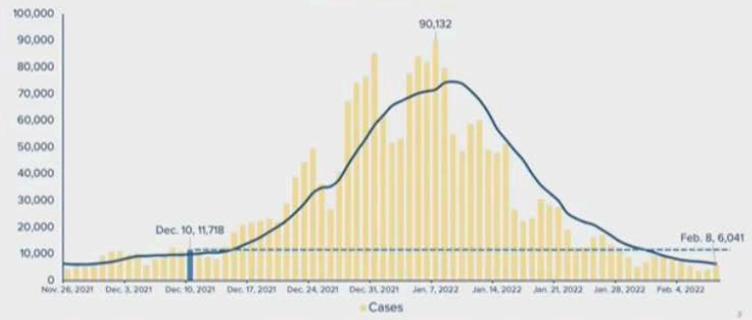
OUR EFFORTS TO FIGHT THE WINTER SURGE

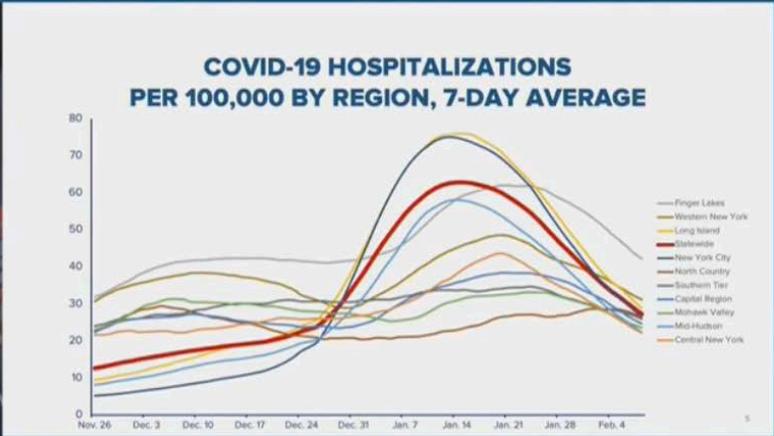
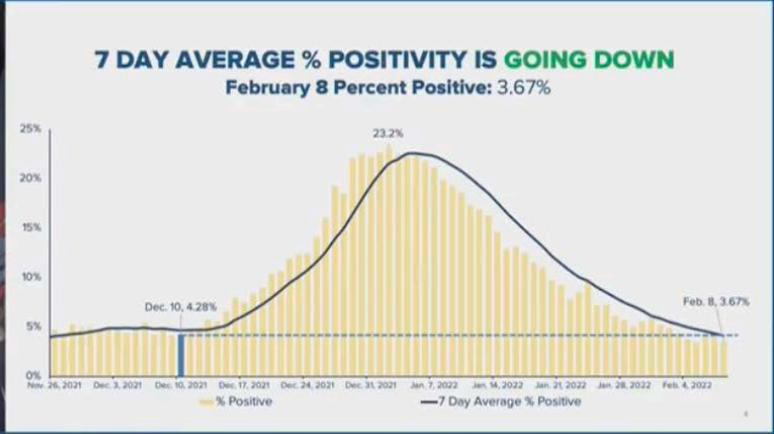
- **September 27:** All health care workers required to have at least one vaccine dose
- **November 26:** Began making preparations for winter surge, signed Executive Order to pause non-essential elective procedures at hospitals under 10% capacity
- **December 1:** Deployed National Guard to support nursing homes
- **December 10:** Launched temporary mask or vaccine protocol
- **December 31:** Launched Winter Surge Plan 2.0 to make vaccines, boosters, and tests even more widely available

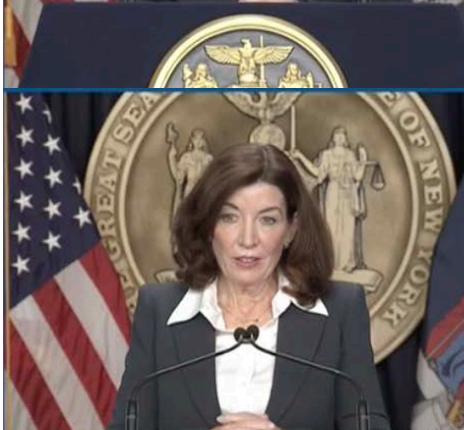


7 DAY AVERAGE CASES ARE GOING DOWN

New Cases: 6,041

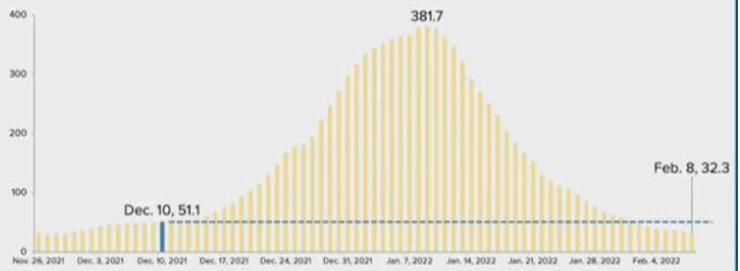




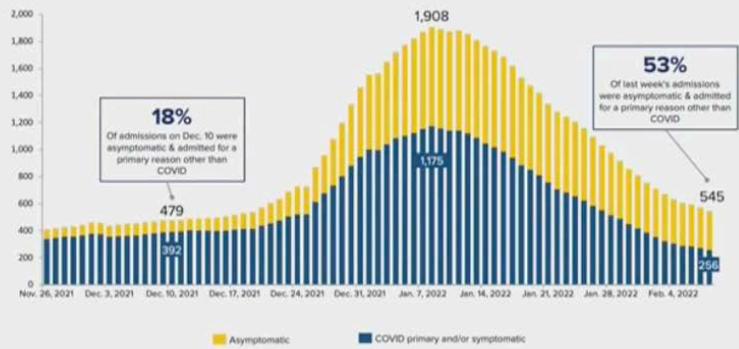


NEW CASES PER 100,000, 7 DAY AVERAGE

Below early December levels



DAILY NEW COVID ADMISSIONS, 7 DAY AVERAGE



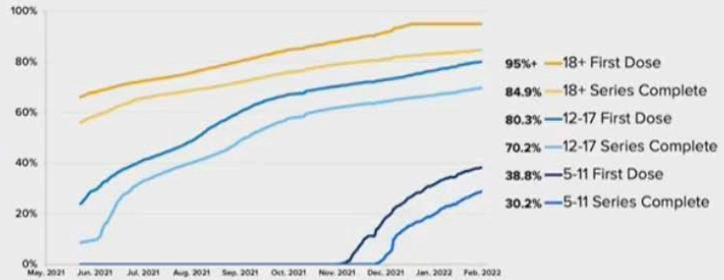
INFECTION-TO-HOSPITALIZATION RATIO (%)





FEBRUARY 8, 2022

VACCINATION PROGRESS



Note: CDC began reporting 12+ vaccination data on May 13, 2021. CDC changed vaccine data tracking guidance to cap vaccination rates at 100% on 12/9. Source: CDC Vaccination Data



PROGRESS SINCE DECEMBER 10

- ↓ Overall Cases
- ↓ Positivity Rate
- ↓ Total Hospitalizations
- ↓ Cases per 100,000
- ↓ New Admissions
- ↑ Vaccines & Boosters
- ↑ Hospital Capacity



CONSULTING EXPERTS AND LOCAL LEADERS

- Consulted with experts to determine next steps and to make decisions backed by science
 - Dr. Fauci
 - Health experts
 - Hospital leaders
- Consulted with local leaders
 - Business leaders
 - Educators, superintendents, and schools
 - Parents
 - Elected officials





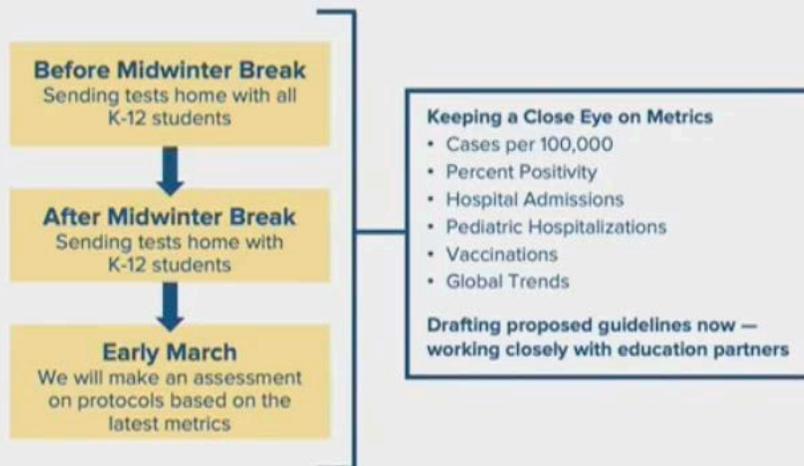
LIFTING THE STATEWIDE MASK-OR-VACCINE REQUIREMENT FOR INDOOR BUSINESSES

COUNTIES, CITIES, AND BUSINESSES CAN STILL CHOOSE TO REQUIRE MASKS

Statewide mask requirement still in effect at:

- ✓ State-regulated health care settings
- ✓ State-regulated adult care facilities & nursing homes
- ✓ Correctional facilities
- ✓ Schools & childcare centers
- ✓ Homeless shelters
- ✓ Domestic violence shelters
- ✓ Buses & bus stations, trains & train stations, subways & subway stations, planes & airports

Keeping Kids Safe & In School





A NEW WINTER TOOLKIT: CONTINUING OUR FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



WINTER TOOLKIT GOALS

- 1** Protect the most vulnerable
- 2** Increase vaccines & booster doses
- 3** Strengthen the health system
- 4** Empower local leaders
- 5** Support New Yorkers facing long-term effects of COVID

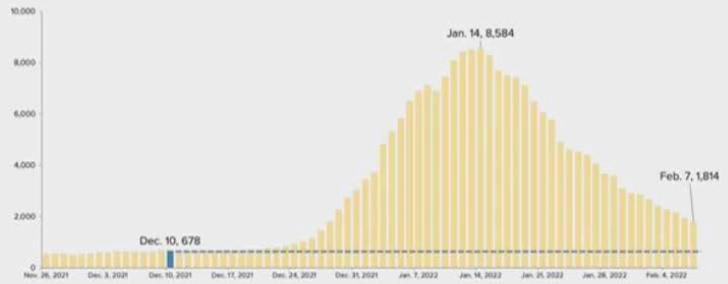


PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE

SUPPORTING NEW YORKERS IN NURSING HOMES,
HOSPITALS, CONGREGATE SETTINGS, AND SCHOOLS



ACTIVE NURSING HOME CASES



Supporting Nursing Home Residents & Visitors

- Visitors must use high-quality masks
- Visitors must have a negative COVID test within 24 hours



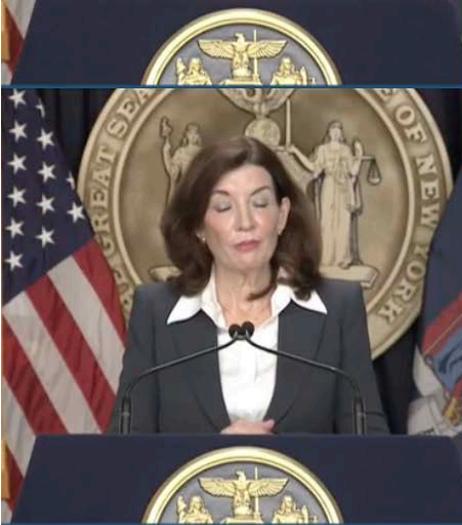
INCREASE VACCINES & BOOSTER DOSES

- Making progress with 12-17 year olds → **Over 80% with one dose**
- Need to continue to get more 5-11 year olds vaccinated → **Over 38% with one dose**
- Keeping vaccine and testing sites open
- Preparing for approval and distribution of vaccines for 0-4 year olds
- Continuing to encourage boosters and making them even more available



STRENGTHENING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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- Secured 92 million tests
- Distributed over 27 million tests **so far**
 - **Public Schools:** Over 13.5 million
 - **Private Schools:** 730,000
 - **Nursing homes:** 4.2 million
 - **Adult care facilities & other congregate settings:** 2.4 million
 - **Counties:** 4 million
- Distributed Masks
 - **Nursing homes:** 1.28 million
 - **Counties:** 5.5 million
- Ensuring everyone has access to high-quality masks



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Strengthening our health care system: Staffing

- Executive Order to give hospitals the tools they need, including:
 - Expanding eligible health care workforce
 - Allowing additional health care workers to administer tests and vaccinations
- Training National Guard



A NEW ERA FOR NEW YORK

THE LARGEST INVESTMENT IN
HEALTH CARE IN STATE HISTORY

\$10 BILLION

INCLUDING

\$4 BILLION

IN BONUSES FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND

\$1.6 BILLION

FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES



Empowering Local Leaders

Why Heals 🇺🇸

Day 1 of pick-ups for KN95s and at-home rapid test kits at #TeamNYS's district office!

Thanks to @GovKathyHochul for supplying and our partners at @NYC_SBS for the tote bags allowing us to quickly handoff packages.

Senator John Mannion @SenatorMannion

780 free test
580 free masks
3 home deliveries to seniors
1 Senator who's very grateful to serve his community. It was a day of public service in SD-50 as I hosted a KN95 mask & COVID test kit giveaway. Thanks to our partners at the @YMCA_cny @GovKathyHochul & @AndreaSCousins

Council Member Kevin C. Riley @CMKevinCRiley

Shoutout to #TeamRiley and #BaileyBunch for representing at the PPE & At-Home Test Kit Giveaway event supporting Co-op City.
Thank you to our partners @RepBowman, @Benedetto4NY, @GovKathyHochul, and @NYCSanitization. Stay connected for more distributions in #the12th, #TheBronx

Mark Polonczak @markpolonczak

Recently @GovKathyHochul told me NYS would be ordering millions of at-home tests that can identify Omicron Variant for distribution to counties very soon. Today she publicly announced 10 million are on order and will be distributed soon. Thank you Governor Hochul!

SUPPORTING NEW YORKERS FACING LONG-TERM EFFECTS FROM COVID

Addressing Long COVID

- Launching new online educational resources
- Making sure workers can secure the adequate medical treatment and lost wage benefits that they deserve

New York State Hosts

Consortium on Long COVID

Join the NYS Department of Health for a virtual, free event featuring an expert panel to discuss long COVID, its impact on New Yorkers, and creating solutions for patients and the providers who care for them.

FEBRUARY 3, 2022
8:45AM - 2:30PM

HOSTED BY

Dr. Mary T. Hassett
New York State Health Commissioner

Department of Health