



COVID-19 Response + Recovery

Cross-Functional Team Update

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1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez



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October 24, 2022


Overview

City Attorney Overview

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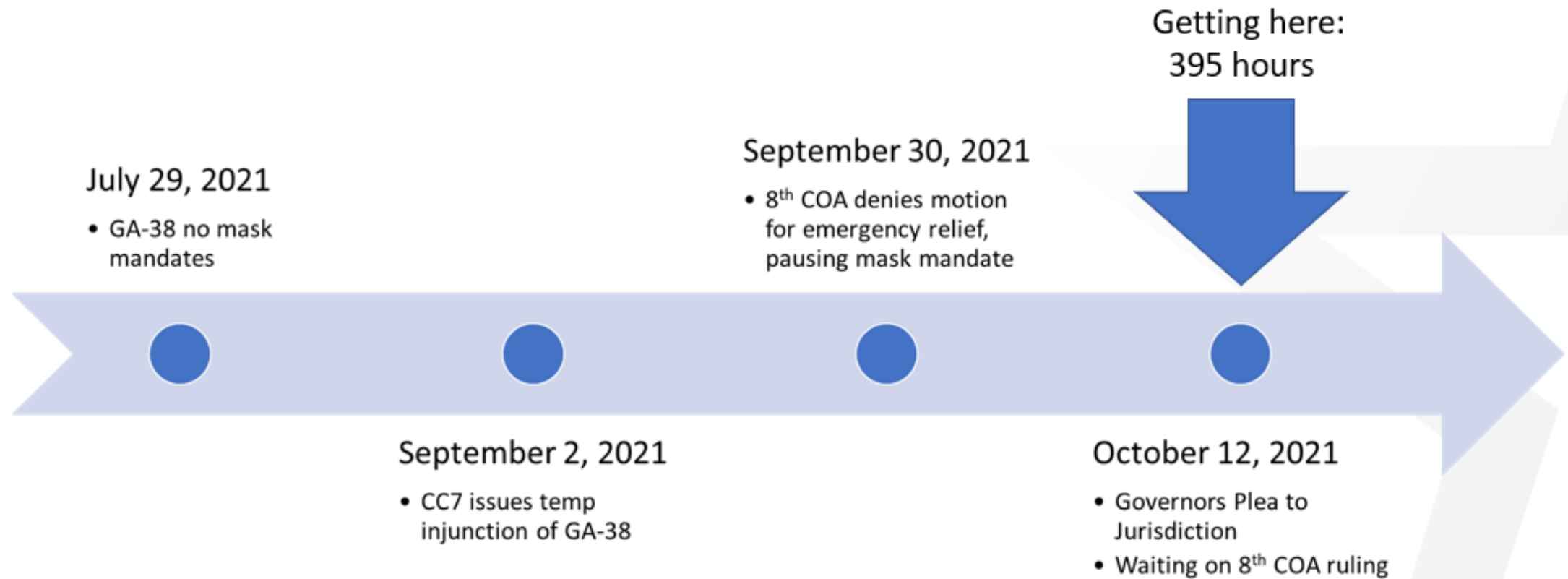
Texas Courts of Appeal

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NO UPDATE	

- “This case, and others like it, are not about whether people should wear masks or whether the government should make them do it. Rather, these cases ask courts to determine which government officials have the legal authority to decide what the government’s position on such questions will be.”
- -*In re Greg Abbott*, No. 21-0720 (Tex. Aug. 26, 2021)

Greg Abbott v. City of El Paso





3. Team Lead Report



a. Health Focus

i-COVID-19 Update

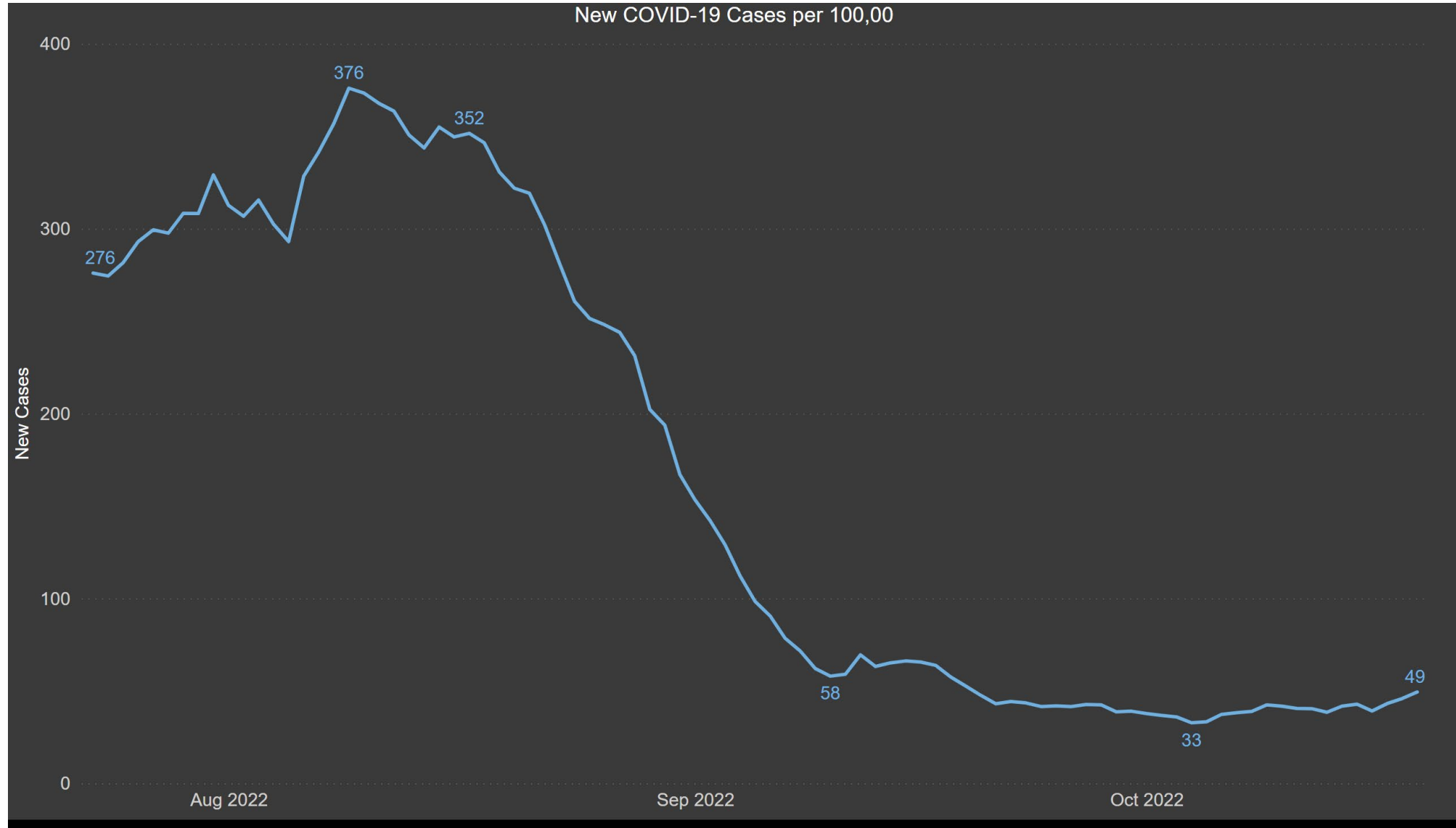
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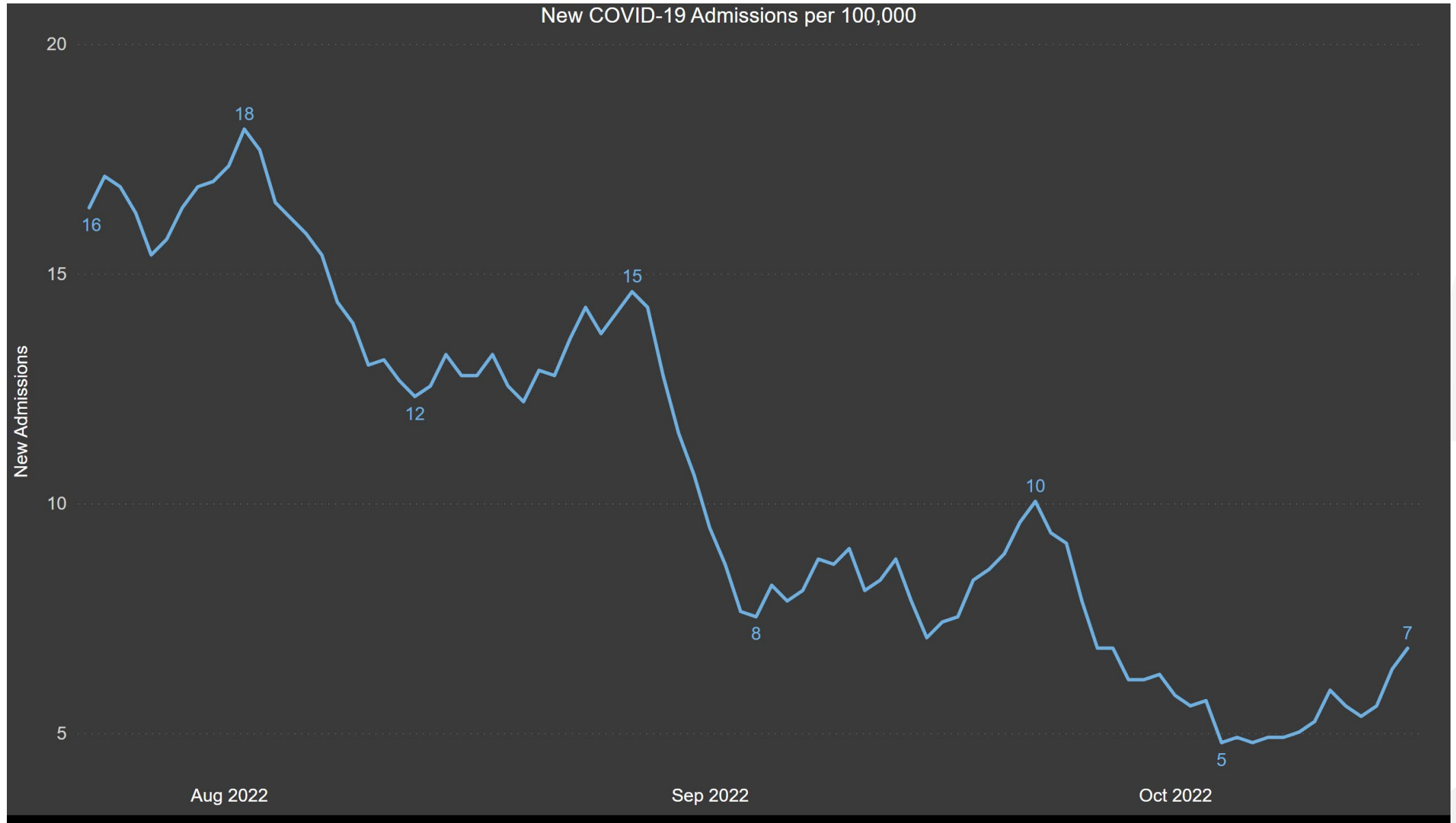
iii-Flu Update

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.

COVID-19 Update

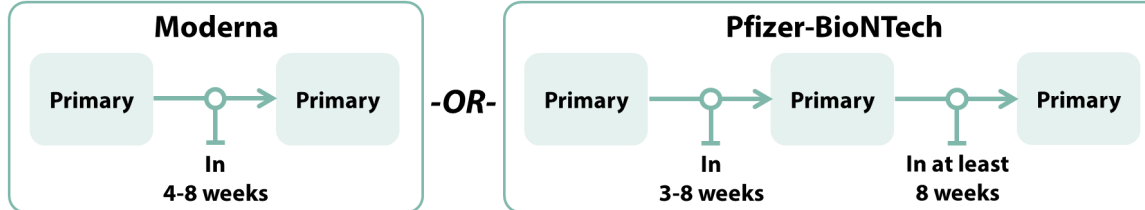
- New Cases and Hospital admissions remain low
- Expecting to see a steady rise by end of fall
- New Hospital admission and severity of cases will increase mostly on those that have not receive a recent booster
- Bivalent Booster now approved for 5 yrs of age and older
- Omicron Sub-variants BA.4 and BA.5 continue to be the most prevalent
- Recommending our community to stay up to date with vaccine by receiving new Bivalent booster dose



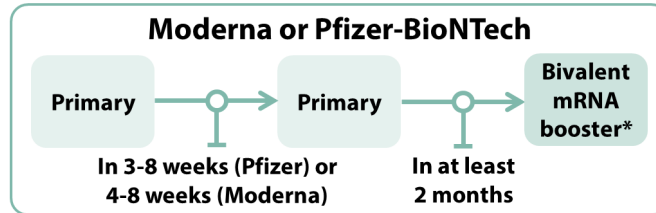


COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule Infographic for People who are NOT Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

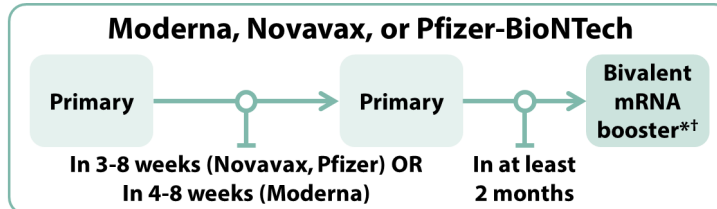
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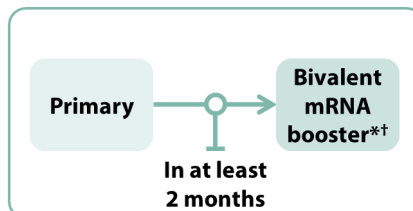
People ages 5 through 11 years



People ages 12 years and older



People ages 18 years and older who previously received Janssen primary series dose[‡]

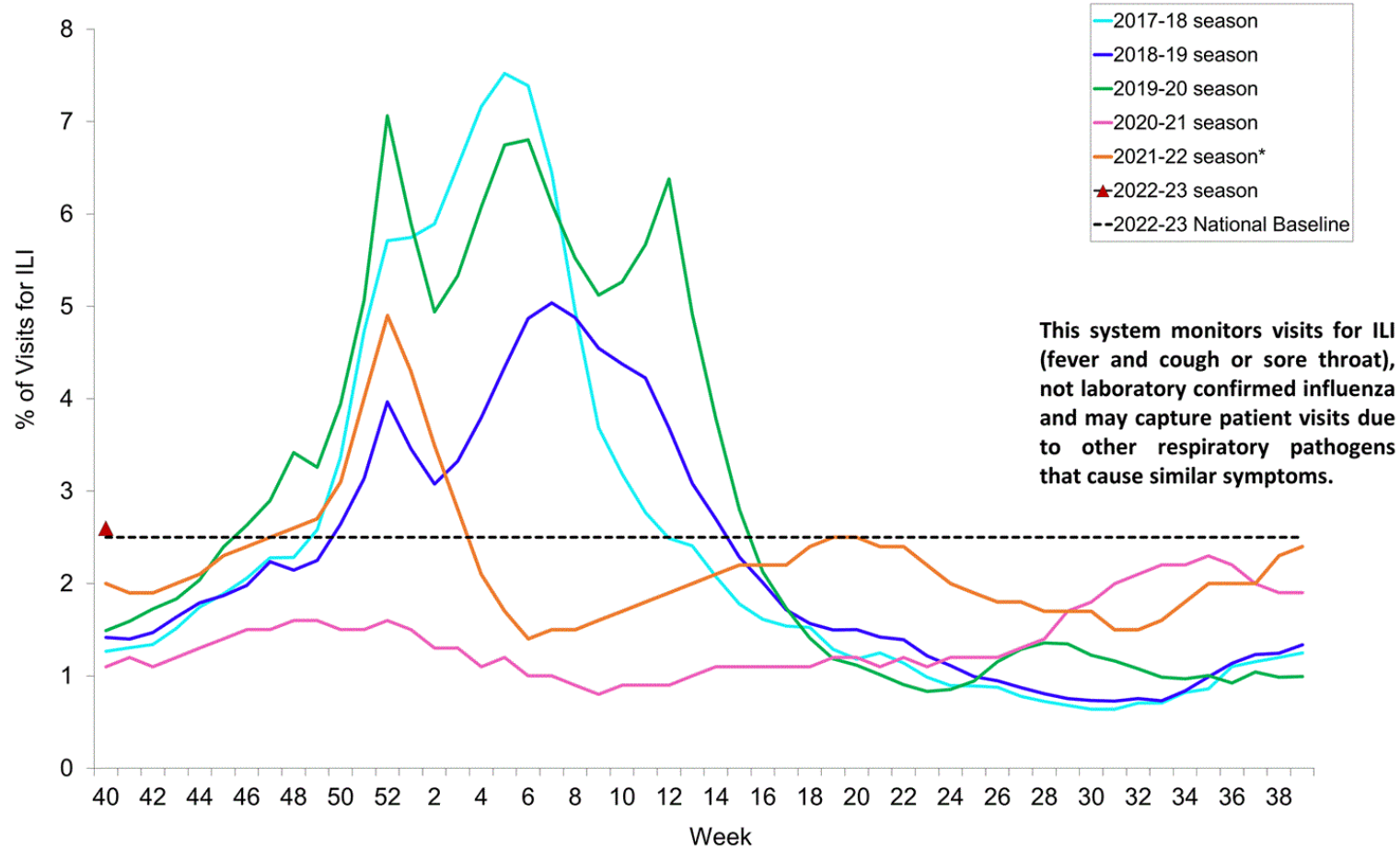


Flu Update

- Influenza season starting now
- Increased flu activity in the state is seen now
- Experts have warned about severe flu season 2022-2023
- Recommend vaccination against flu to prevent hospitalization
- Non-pharmacological prevention very useful against flu and other respiratory viruses
- City community clinics administering flu vaccine free of charge and no appointment necessary

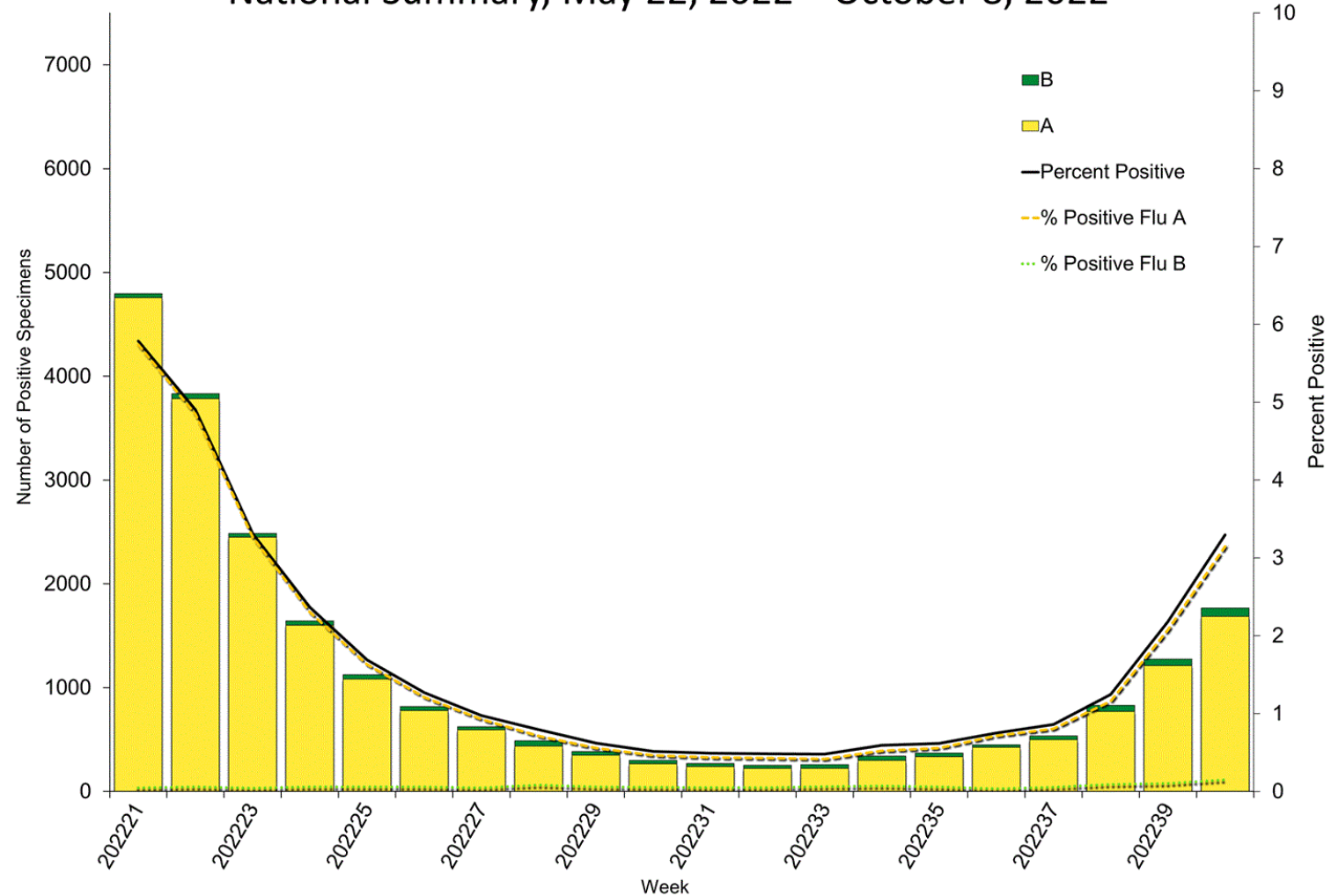
Influenza-Like Illness

Percentage of Outpatient Visits for Respiratory Illness Reported By
The U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet),
Weekly National Summary, 2022-2023* and Selected Previous Seasons



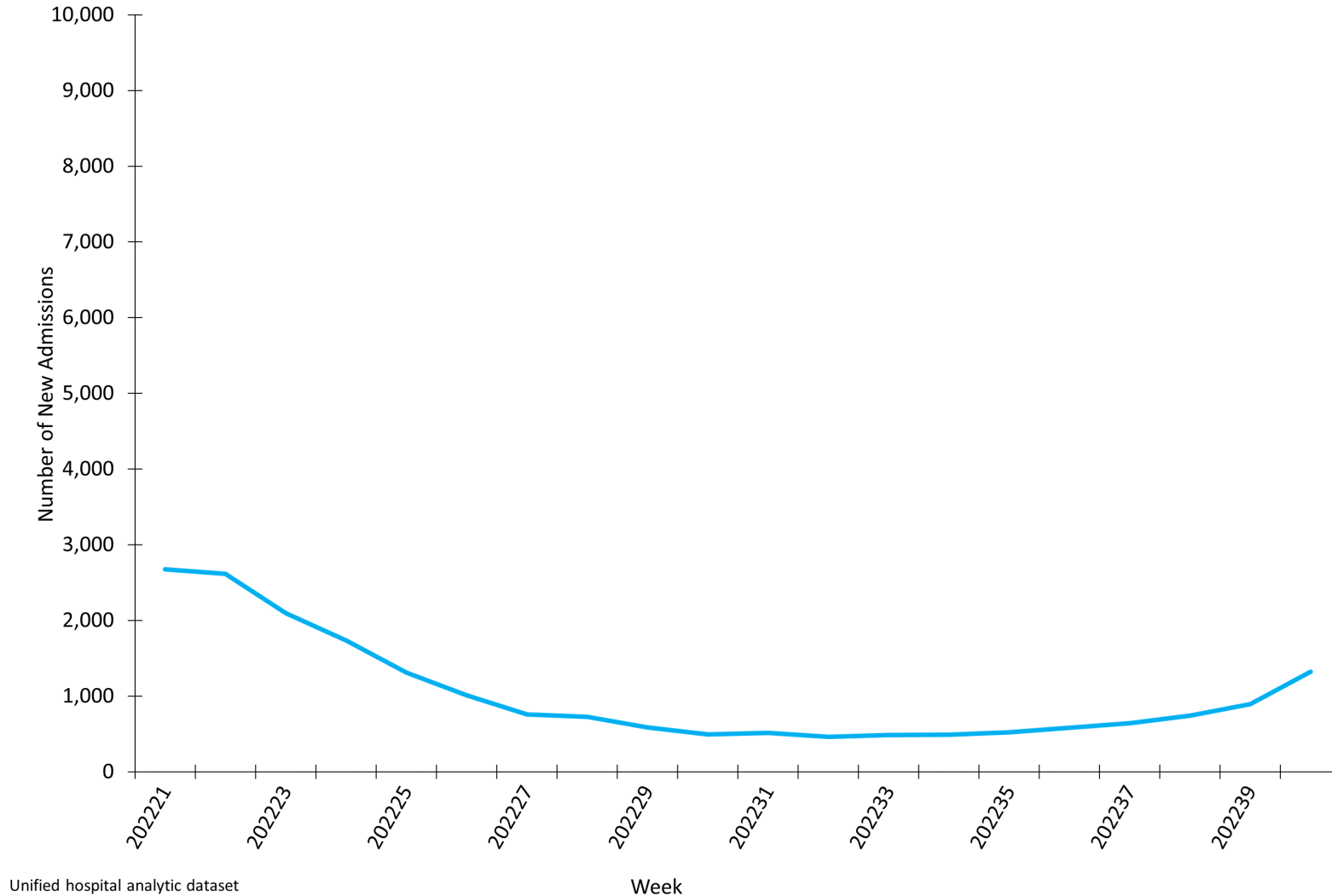
Influenza US

Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Clinical Laboratories,
National Summary, May 22, 2022 – October 8, 2022

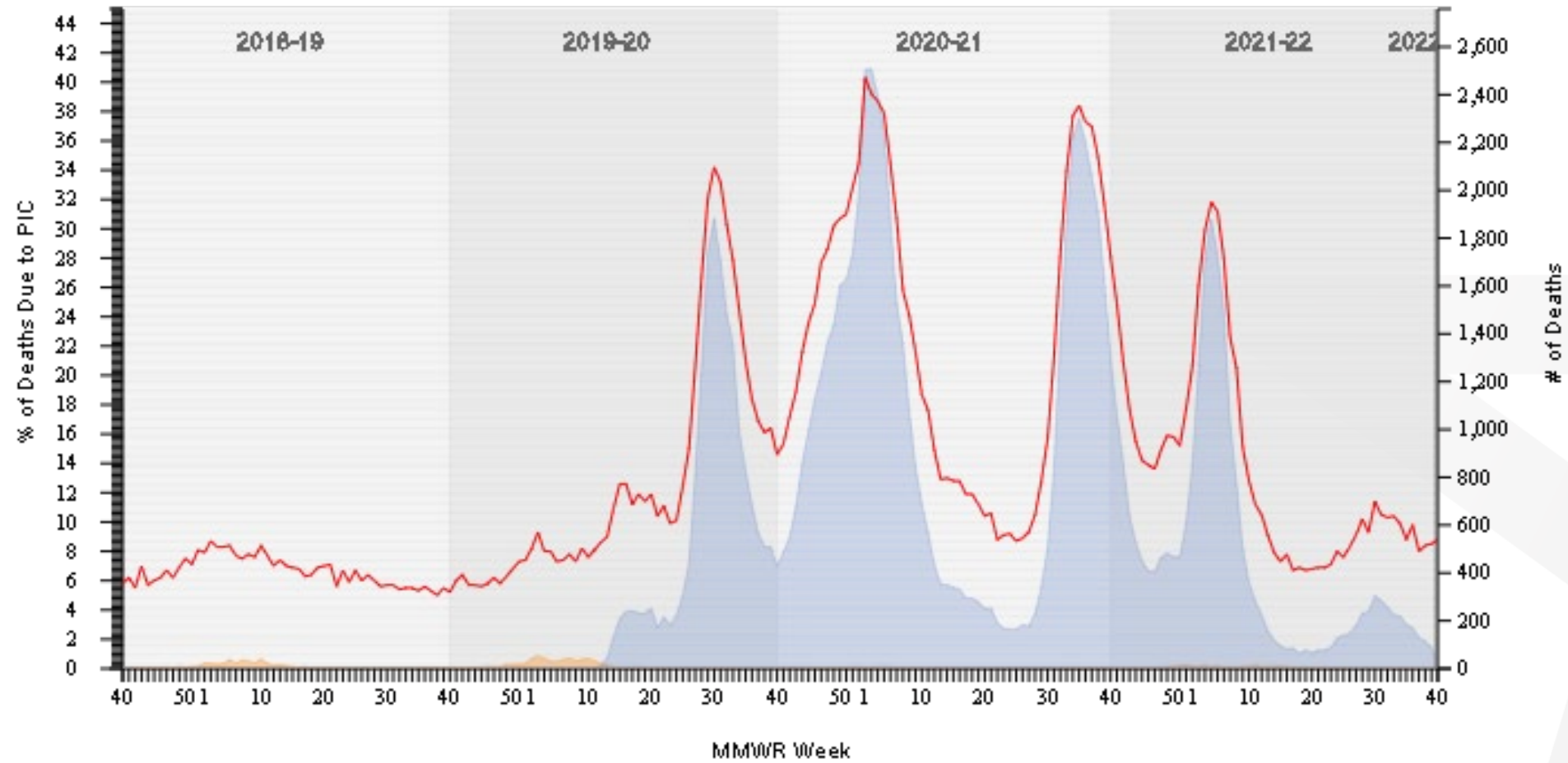


Influenza Hospitalization

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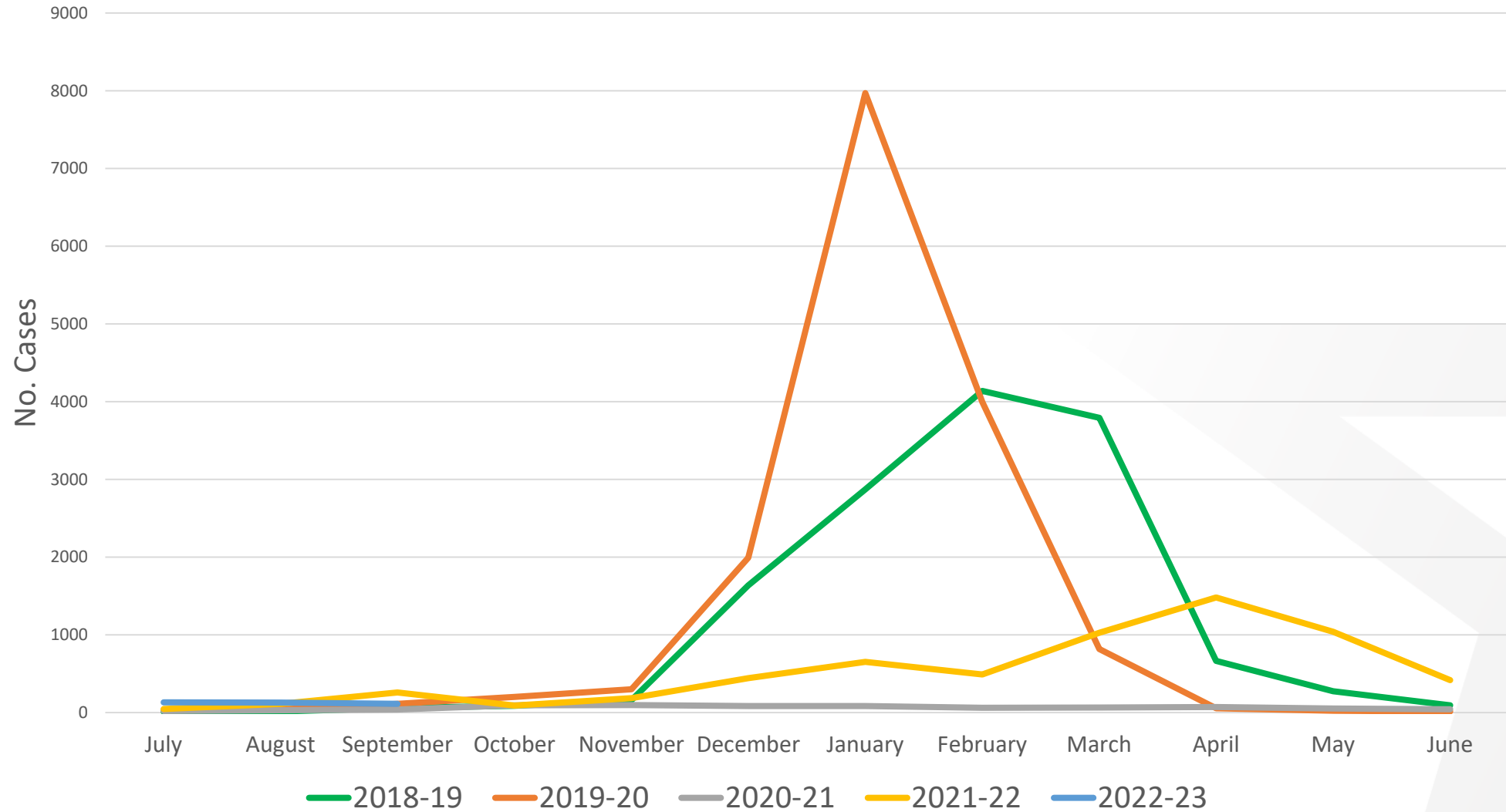


Percentage of all deaths due to pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19, Texas



— % of Deaths due to PIC Influenza Coded Deaths COVID Coded Deaths

Influenza Activity 2018-22 El Paso, TX



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contra la gripe!

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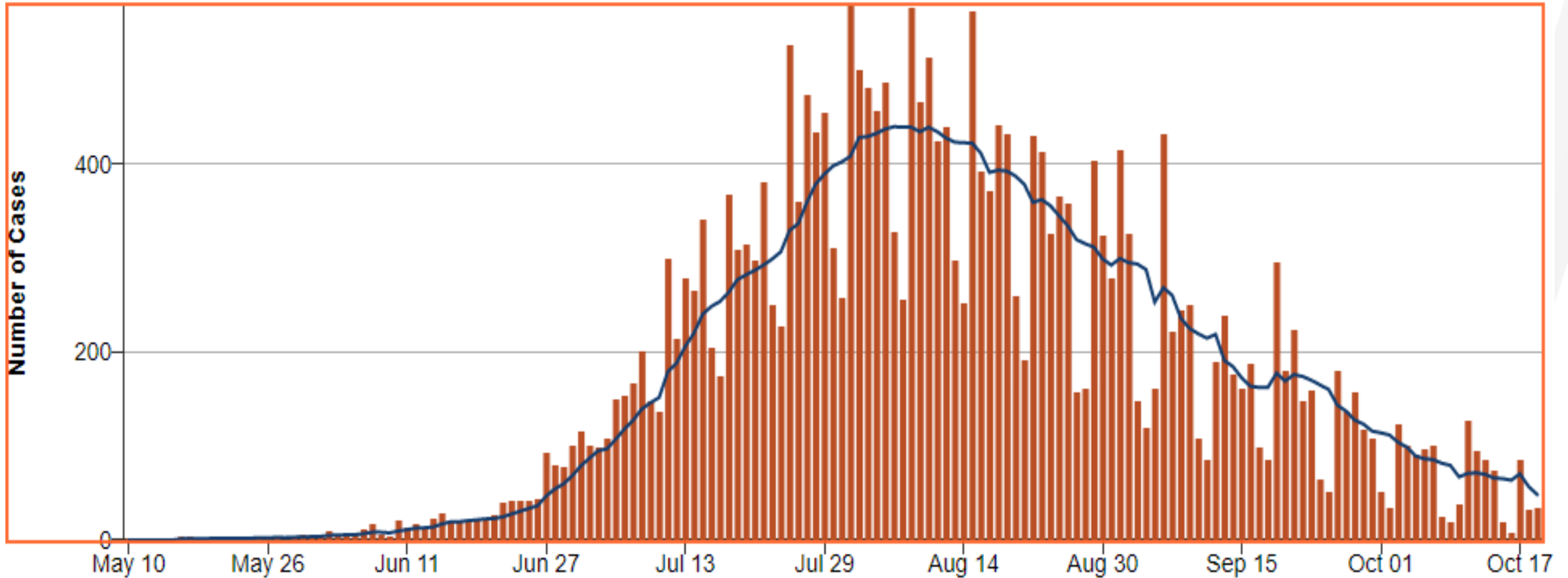
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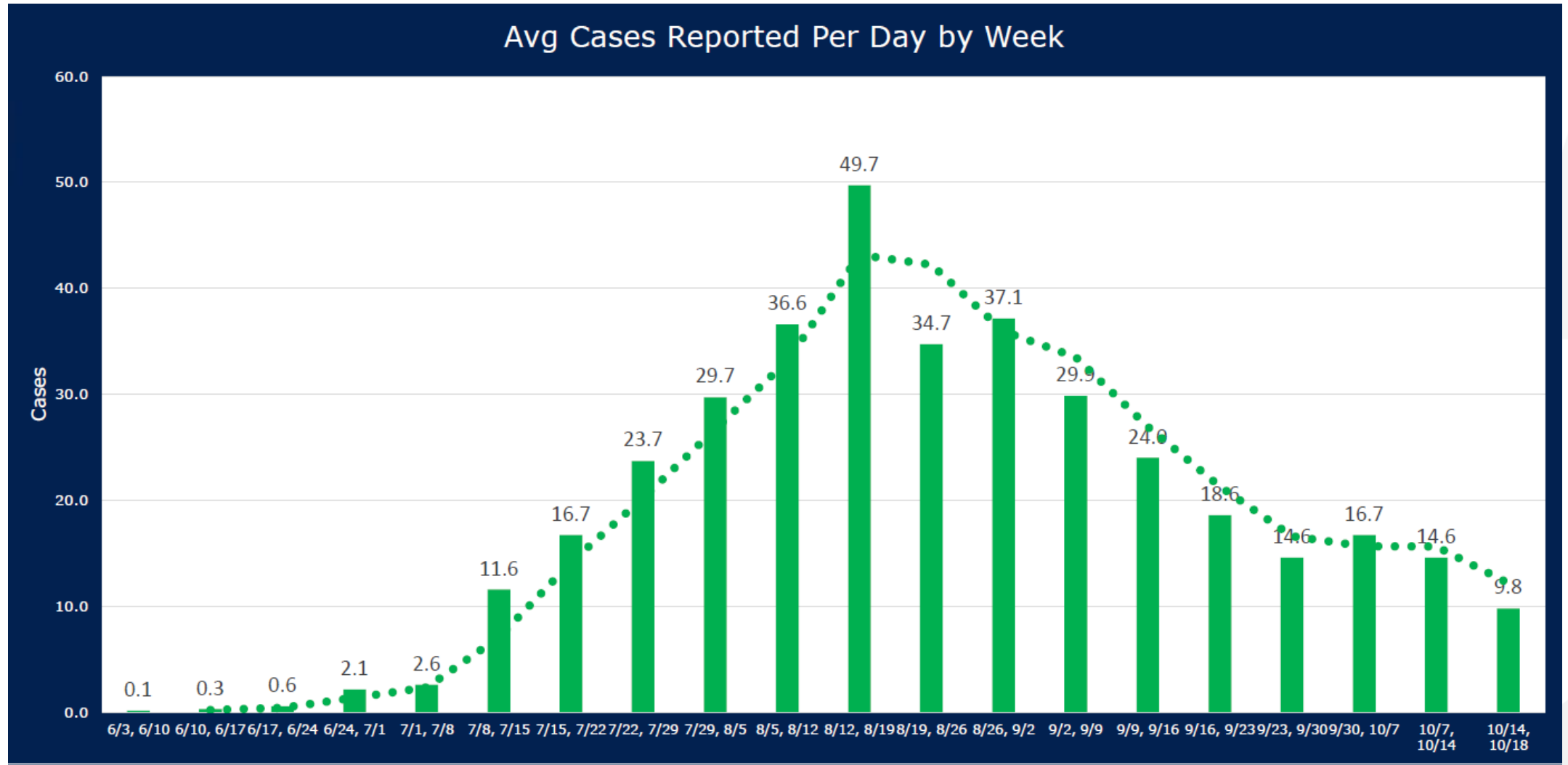
Monkeypox Update

- Currently we have 4 confirmed cases
- No hospitalizations due to Monkeypox
- All patients recovered without complications
- Cases declining across the US and the state
- Vaccination is being done in phases:
 - Initial phase to close contacts of confirmed cases
 - Next phase of vaccination was to those high risk under the care of a healthcare provider
 - Existing phase open to anyone who consider themselves as high risk and by appointment only

Monkeypox in the US



Monkeypox Cases Texas



Stop the spread

- Avoid close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox
- Avoid contact with objects and materials that a person with monkeypox has used
- Wash your hands often



4. City Manager Wrap-up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!