



# **COVID-19 Response + Recovery**

***Cross-Functional Team Update***

**1.19.22**

# Table of Contents

---

1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
  2. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
    - a) Emergency Measures Ordinance Amendment
    - b) Greg Abbott, in his official capacity as Governor of Texas v. City of El Paso & Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation
    - C) Federal Vaccine Mandate
  3. Team Lead Report:
    - a) Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
  4. City Manager Wrap-up (Tommy Gonzalez)
-



# 1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez

# 2. City Attorney Overview

January 18, 2022

## Overview

1. Emergency Measures Ordinance Amendment
2. Greg Abbott, in his official capacity as Governor of Texas, v. City of El Paso & Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation
3. Federal Vaccine Mandate

Karla Nieman



# Emergency Measures Ordinance Amendment

- Proposed for January 31, 2022
- Virtual meetings if possible unless required by state law
- Flexibility if majority of board chooses to meet in person





# Greg Abbott, et al. V. Harris County, et. al.

- ❖ January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022- 3<sup>rd</sup> COA (Austin) issued opinion against the Governor
- ❖ “the Governor does not possess absolute authority under the Texas Disaster Act to preempt orders issued by local governmental entities or officials that contradict his executive orders.”
- ❖ No direct impact on City of El Paso case at 8<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals

# Federal Vaccine Mandate

- OSHA Vaccine-or-Test Mandate
  - Applicability: 100+ employees
  - Law: (1) Mandatory Vaccine; **OR** (2) Weekly testing **AND** masks at work
  - Disposition: Blocked by SCOTUS on 1/13/22
- Health Care Facility Vaccine Mandate
  - Applicability: Health Care Workers at Facilities accepting Medicare/Medicaid
  - Law: Mandatory Vaccination for Health Care Workers
  - Disposition: Upheld by SCOTUS on 1/13/22



# 3. Team Lead Report





# a. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.



# COVID-19 Summary



COVID-19  
SITUATIONAL  
MONITORING

January 13, 2022



Positive Tests

645

New

186,830

Cumulative

COVID-19 Deaths

6

New

3110

Cumulative

Active

11,796

Recovered

171,738

Hospitalized

494

In ICU

134



COVID-19  
Community  
Scorecard

Stage 2



Infection  
Rate

1



Testing

3



Investi-  
gations

3



Healthcare  
Readiness

1



At-Risk  
Population

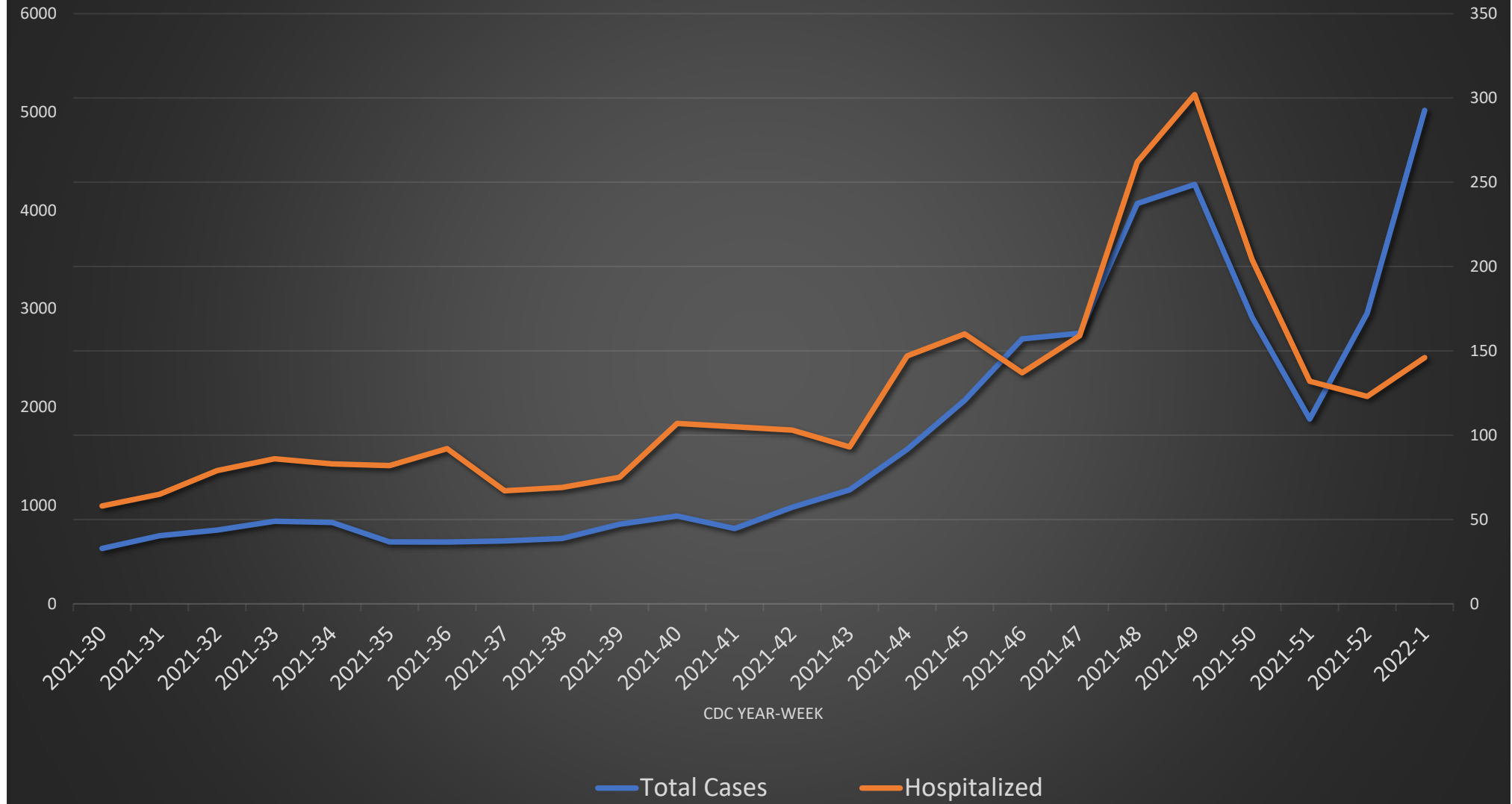
4

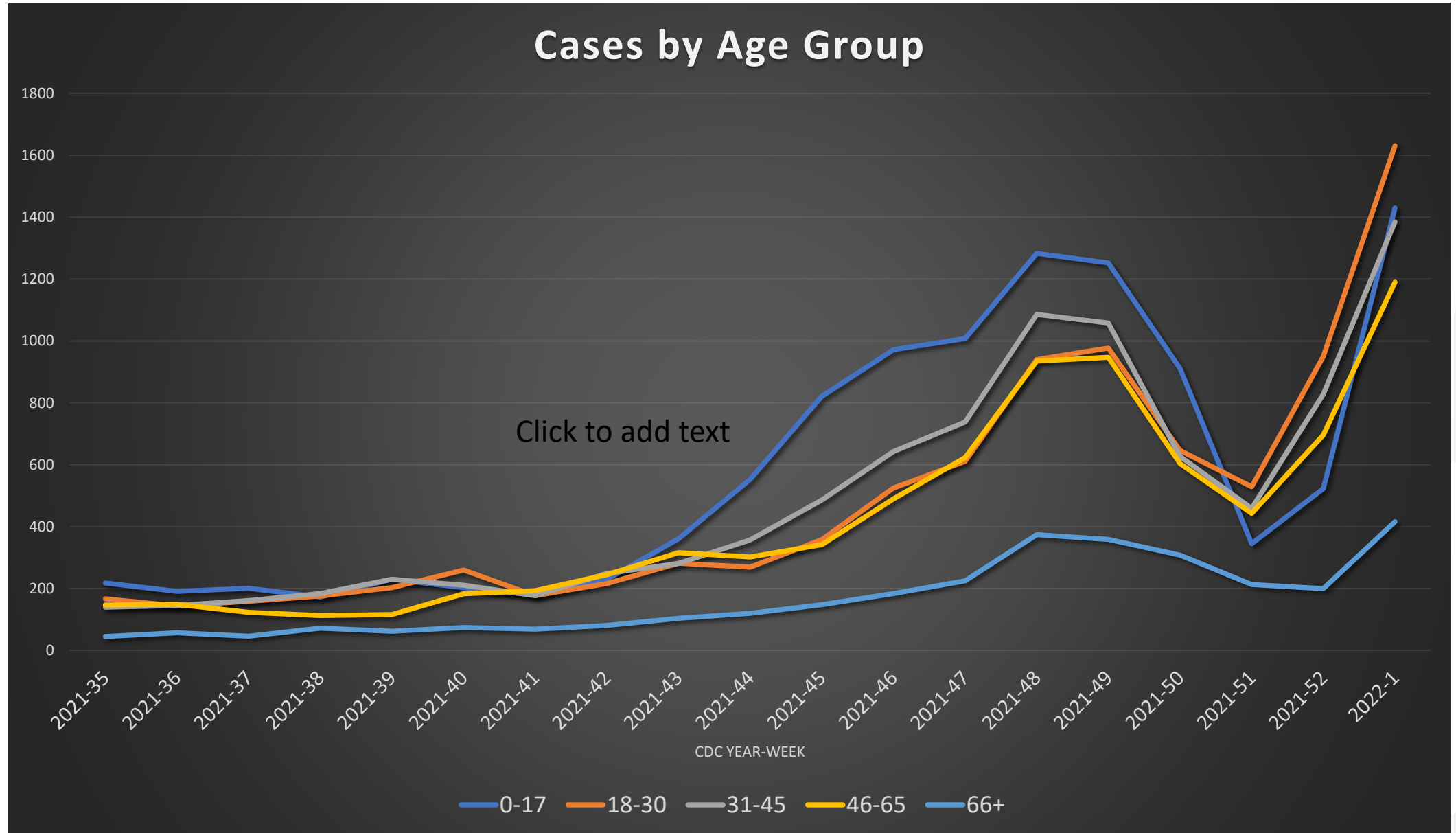


COVID-19  
Vaccinations

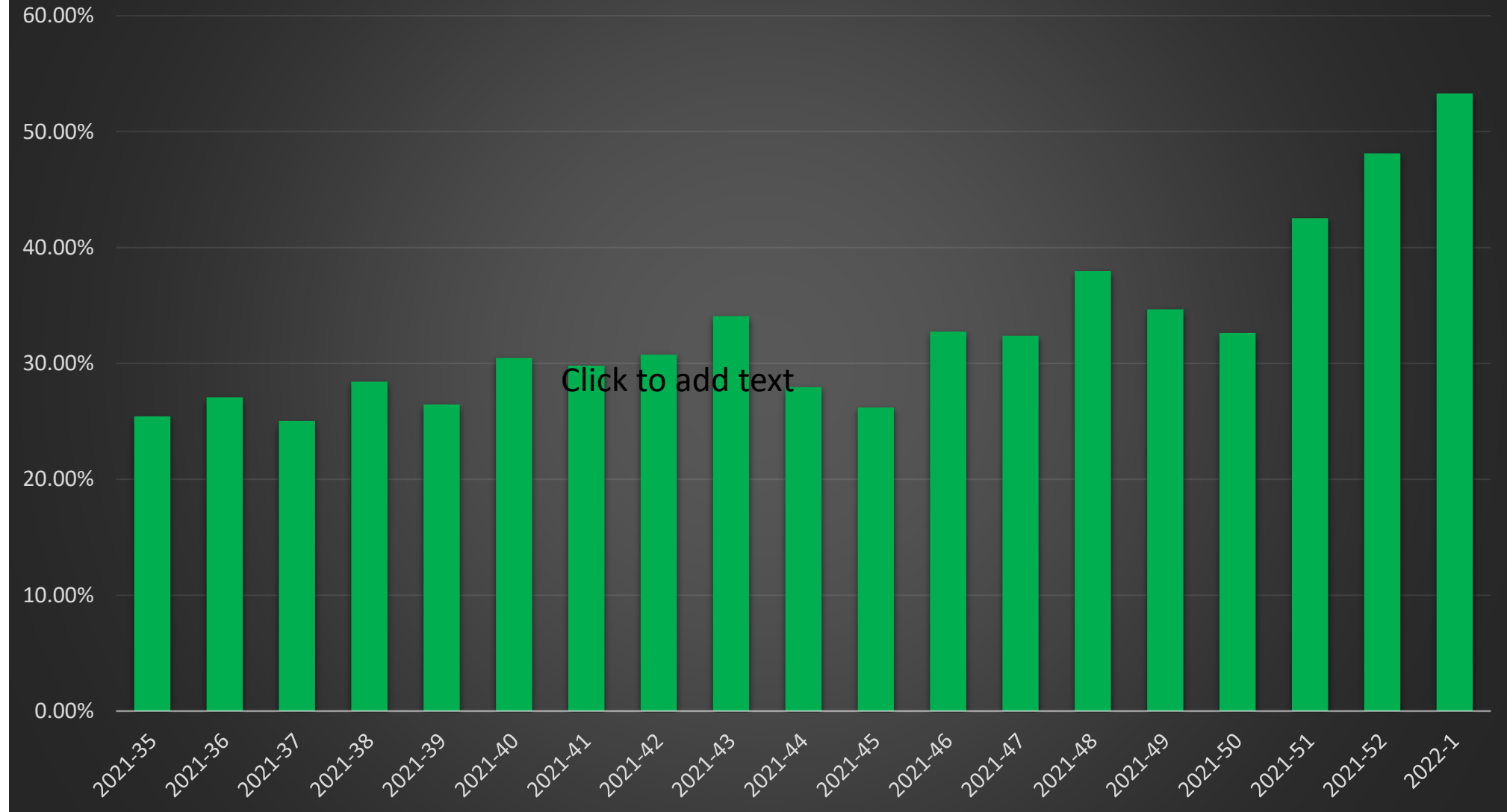
- ❖ Very sharp rise in positive cases seen after holidays due to Omicron variant
- ❖ Hospitalized patients are slowly increasing but much slower rate than positive cases.
- ❖ Fatalities have passed 3,100 and our CFR 1.67 (a decline from 2.2 in Oct 2020)
- ❖ Isolation and Quarantine guideline updated and aligns with CDC
- ❖ We STRONGLY continue recommending practicing prevention with vaccination and non-pharmacological interventions

## Cases/Hospitalizations



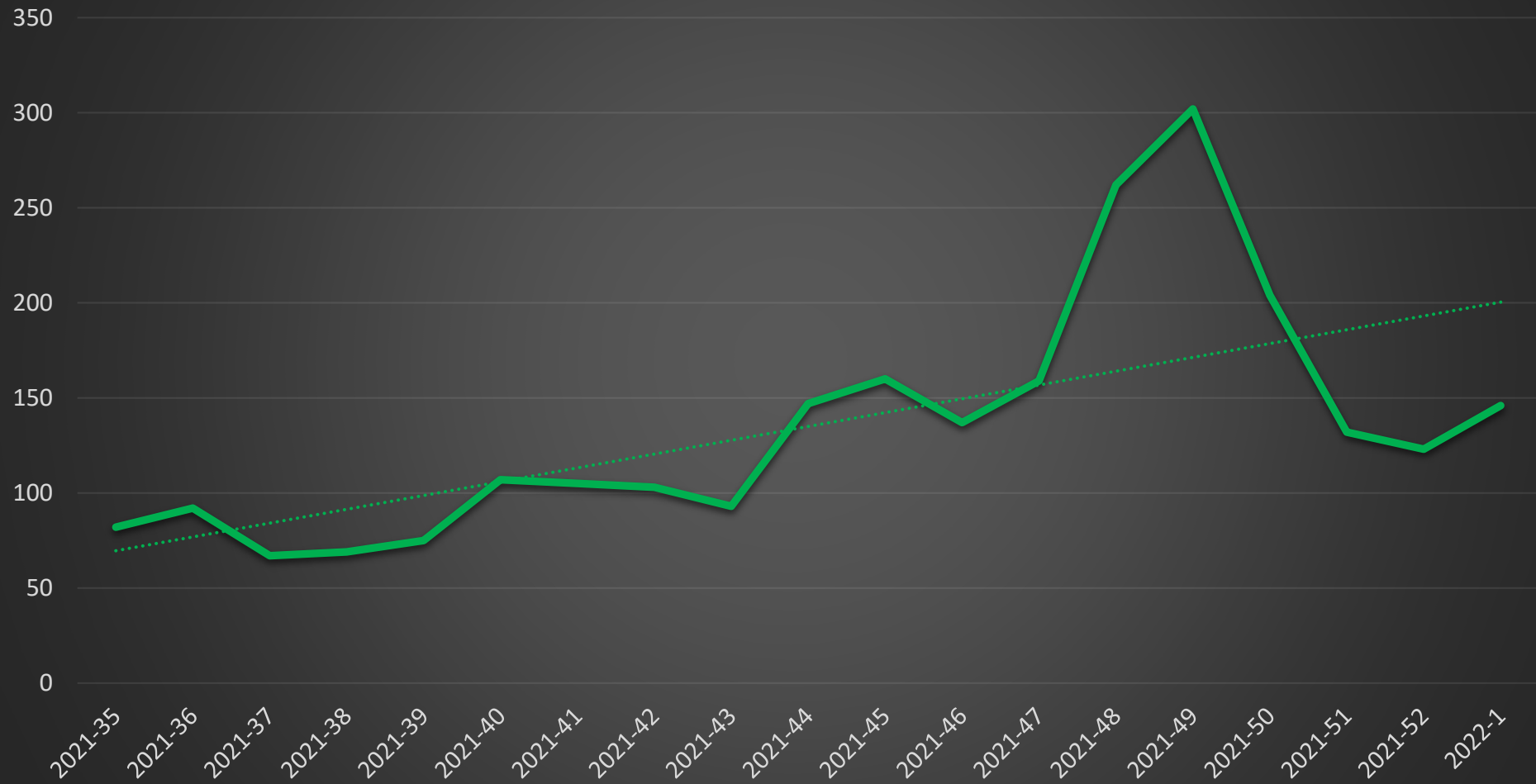


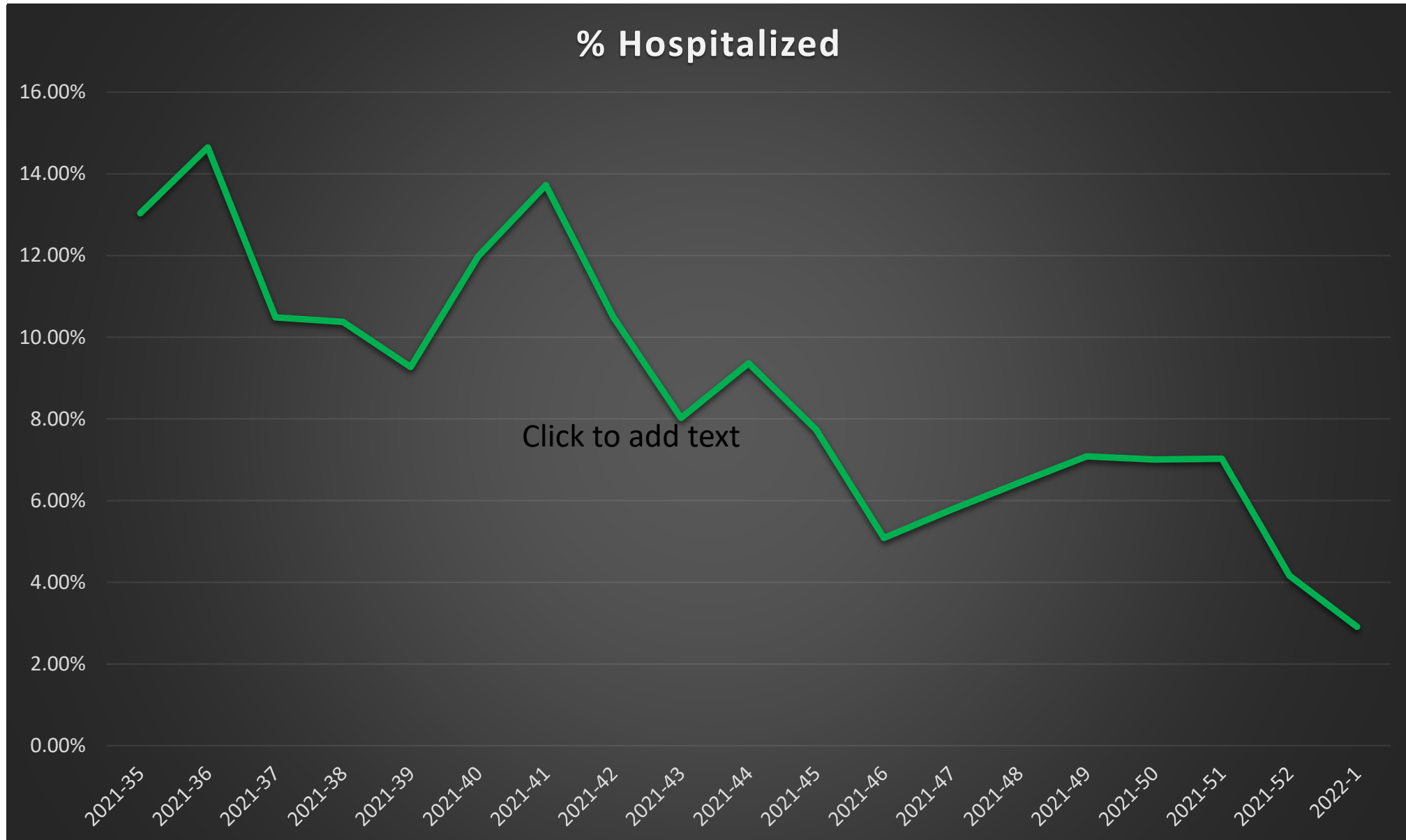
## % Vaccinated Cases



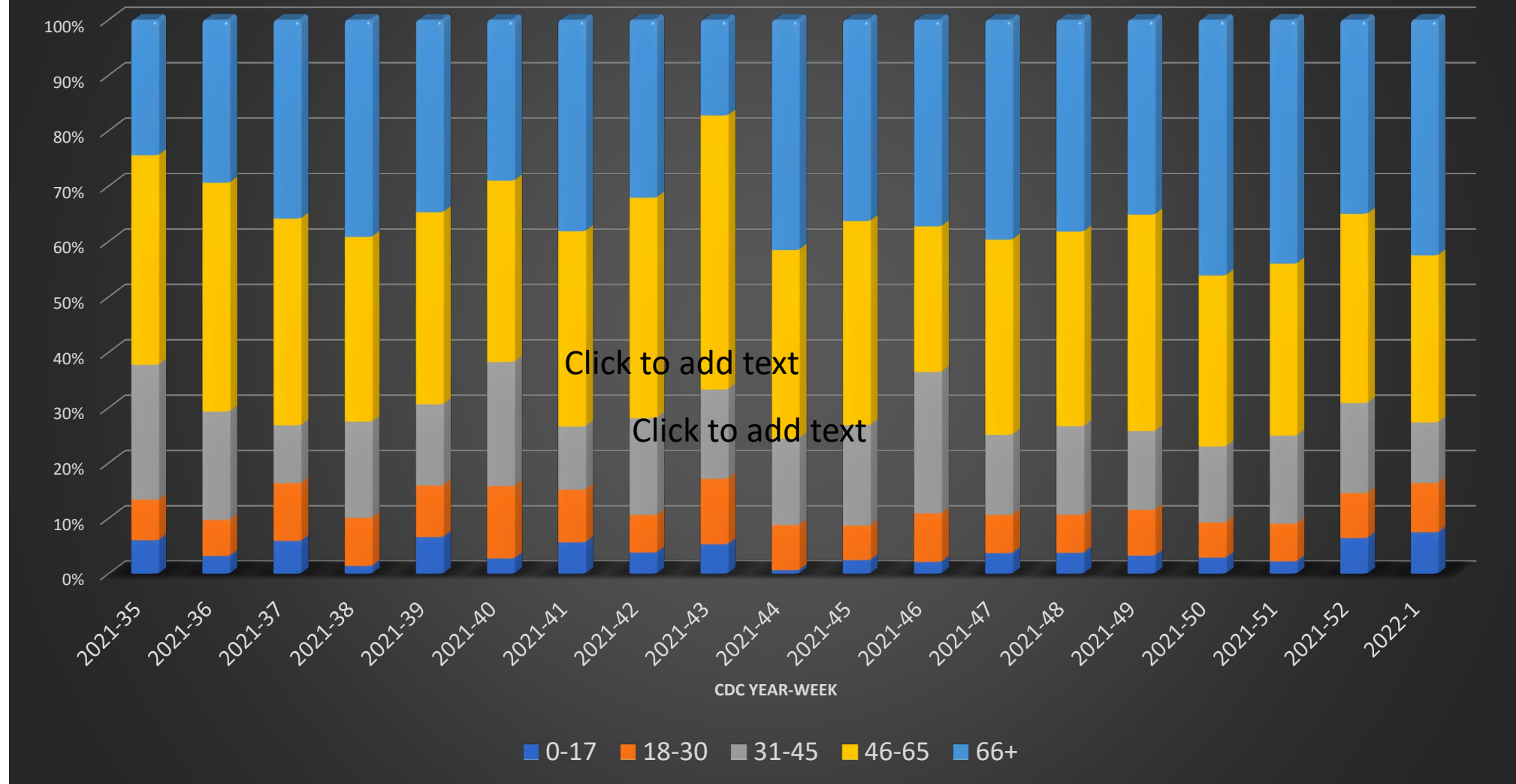


## Hospital New Admissions



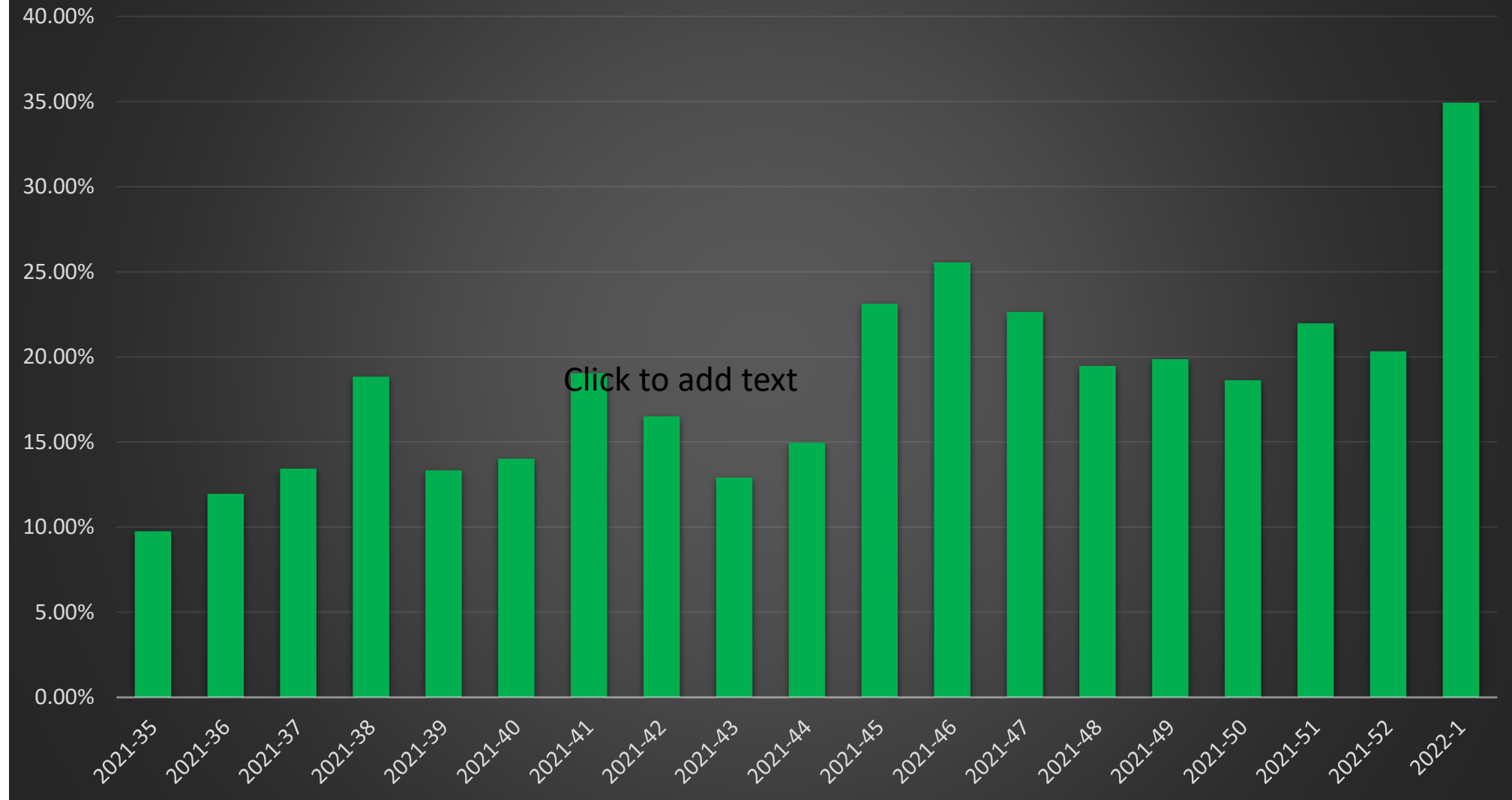


## Hospitalization Age Distribution

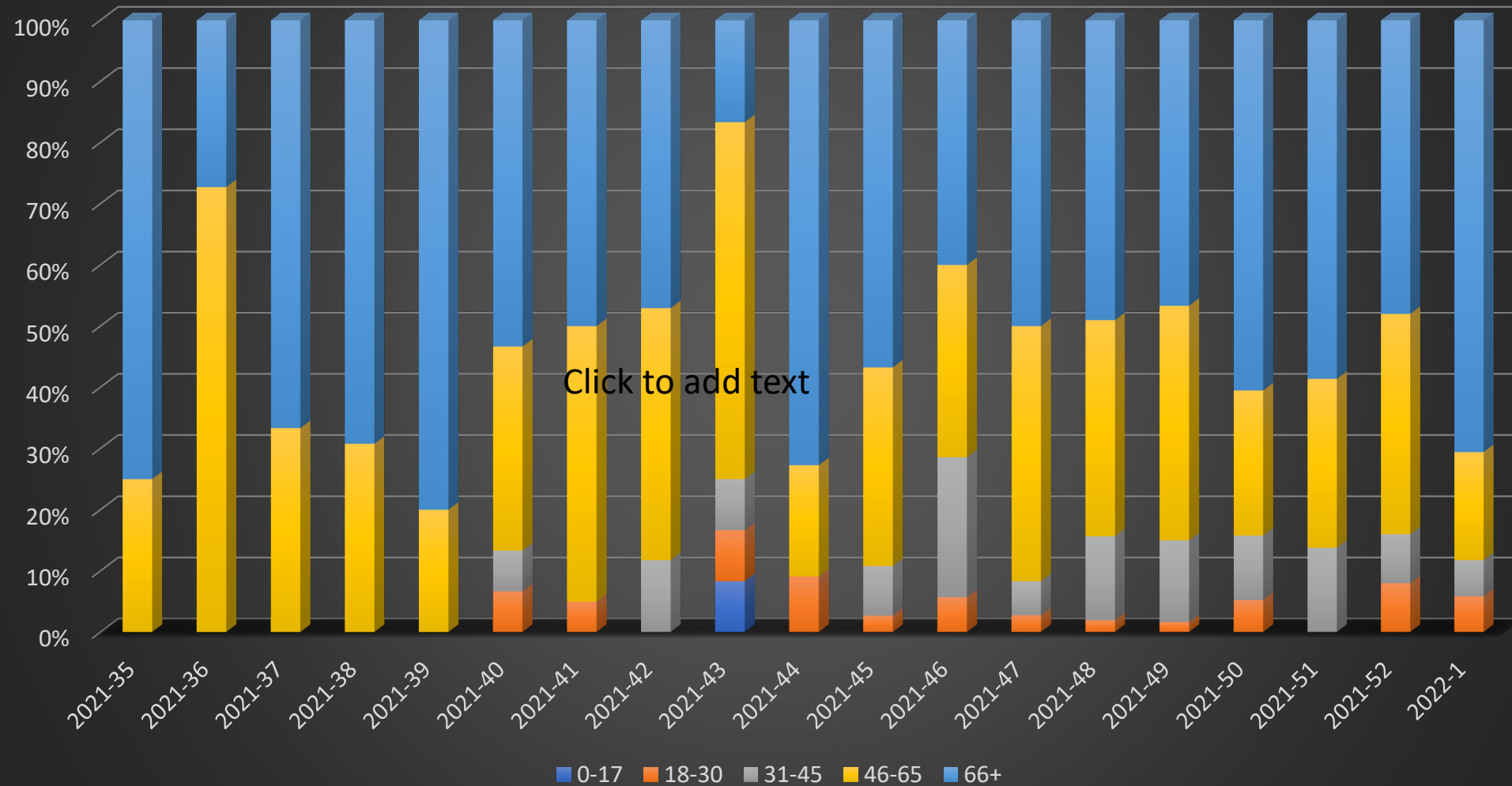


Click to add text

## % Vaccinated Hospitalized



## Fully Vaccinated Hospitalized

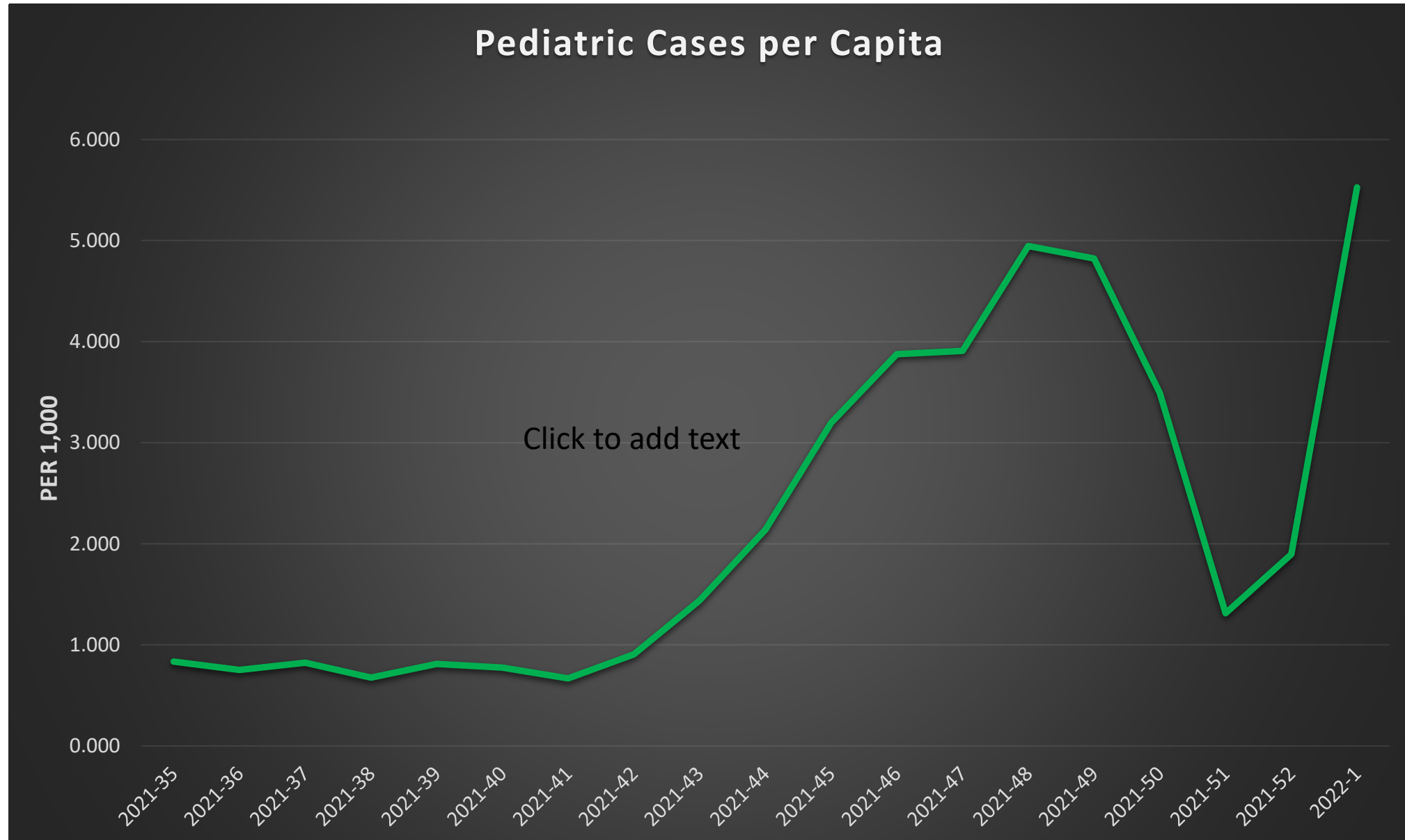




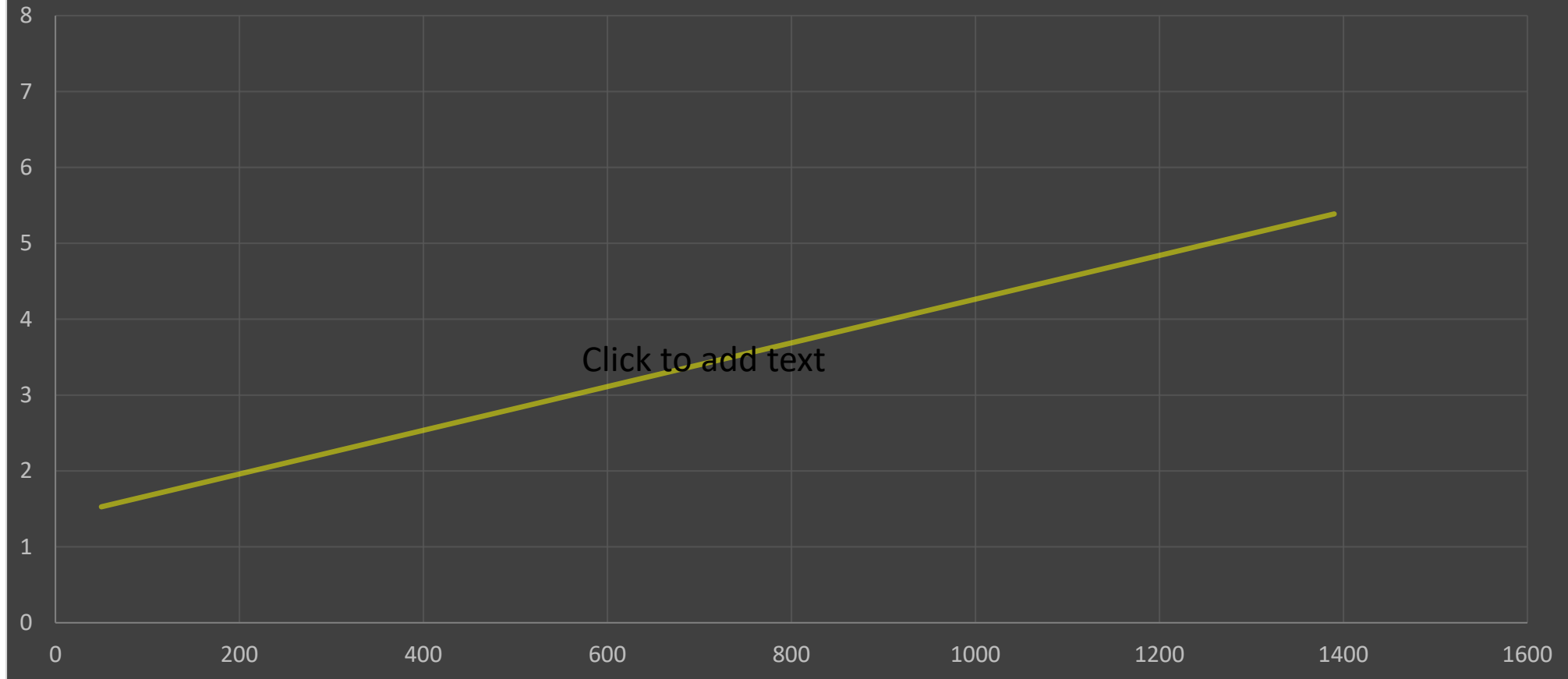
## % COVID Hospitalization TSA



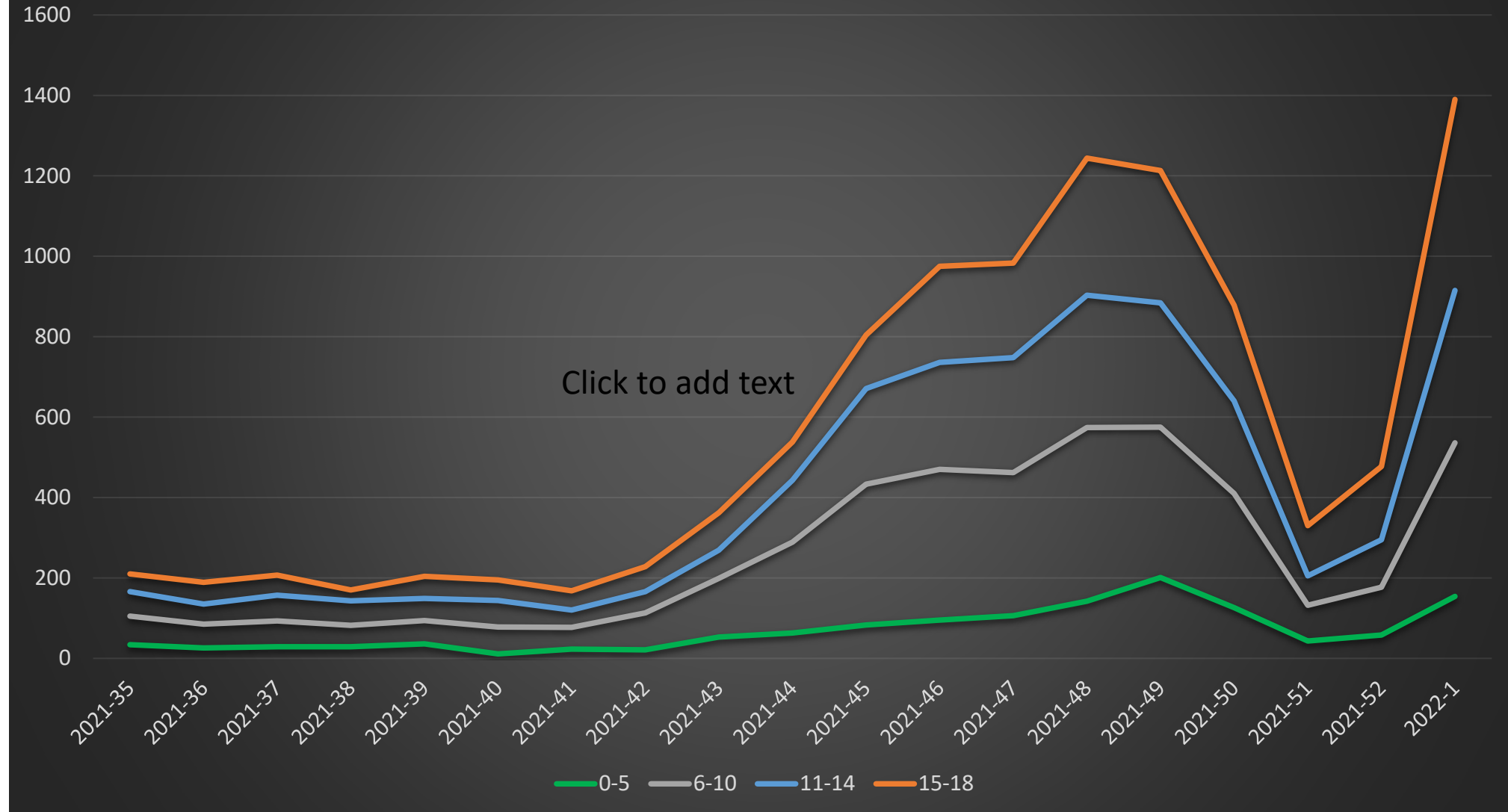
## Pediatric Cases per Capita



## Pediatric Cases / Hospitalizations CDC Week 27-52



## School Age Children Cases



# 4. City Manager Wrap-up

Tommy Gonzalez





**Thank you!**