



# COVID-19 Response + Recovery

*Cross-Functional Team Update*

9.13.21

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# 1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez



# 2. City Attorney Overview

September 13, 2021

## Overview

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Karla Nieman

# Governor Abbott's Disaster Declarations



\*Anticipate Governor Abbott will renew his Disaster Declaration between September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

# Emergency Ordinances

Ordinance	Adoption Date	Most Recent Re-enactment	Expires
<b>Disaster Declaration</b> Ord. No. 019035	3/17/2020	8/18/2021	9/17/2021
<b>Emergency Measures</b> Ord. No. 019036	3/17/2020	8/18/2021	9/17/2021
<b>Public Right of Way</b> Ord. No. 019091	8/31/2020	8/18/2021	9/17/2021



# Status of Various Mask Mandates & Pending Litigation against Gov. Abbott's COVID-19 Executive Orders

## City of El Paso vs. Greg Abbott

- ❖ July 29, 2021: GA-38 suspends local authority to mandate masks
- ❖ August 16, 2021- City Council authorizes TRO filing.
- ❖ August 17, 2021- City files TRO. Judge Morales grants TRO.
- ❖ August 20, 2021- AG filed Writ of Mandamus and Stay in the 8<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals. City files response.
- ❖ August 23, 2021- City files response to AG's Writ of Mandamus and Request for Stay.
- ❖ August 25, 2021- AG's Office files reply to City's response.
- ❖ August 27, 2021- 8<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals issues Order limiting Dr. Ocaranza's mask mandate.
- ❖ September 2, 2021- CC7 hearing & Temporary Injunction order.
- ❖ September 3, 2021- City motion asking 8<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals to keep TI Order in place pending Governor's appeal.
- ❖ September 8, 2021- 8<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals requests briefing on City's motion. Governor files response.

# Status of Various Mask Mandates & Pending Litigation against Gov. Abbott's COVID-19 Executive Orders

- ❖ Dallas County – obtained a TRO giving local officials the ability to impose mask mandates
  - ❖ 8/11/2021 – Governor filed an appeal with the 5<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals
  - ❖ 8/24/2021 – Hearing on a Temporary Injunction
  - ❖ 8/25/2021- Temporary injunction issued by District Court
- ❖ City of San Antonio & Bexar County – obtained a TRO permitting local officials to issue a mask mandate at its schools
  - ❖ 8/16/2021 – Hearing on a Temporary Injunction
  - ❖ 8/19/2021--4th Ct. of Appeals re-instated Temp. Injunction
  - ❖ 8/21/2021—Emergency Motion for Temp. Order to Maintain Temp. Injunction pending Interlocutory Appeal in 4th Ct. of Appeals
  - ❖ 8/23/2021—AG filed Emergency Motion for Temp. Relief on Temp. Injunction & Pet. for Writ of Mandamus in Tex. Supreme Ct.
  - ❖ 8/25/2021--AG's Reply in support of Emergency Motion for Temp. Relief
  - ❖ 8/26/2021--Tex. Supreme Ct. grants AG's Emergency Motion for Temp. Relief
- ❖ La Joya ISD ( Travis County)- 8/15/2021- TRO issued by District Court



# Additional Updates - CDC Eviction Moratorium

- ❖ 9/4/20 – 5/5/21 - HHS/CDC Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19 – for nonpayment of rent
- ❖ 7/19/21 – Texas Supreme Court issued Emergency Order No. 39 extending the Texas Eviction Diversion program until October 1, 2021
- ❖ 7/31/21- CDC eviction moratorium expired
- ❖ 8/3/2021 – CDC renewed its eviction moratorium
  - ❖ Applies in counties with substantial or high rates of community transmission
  - ❖ Expires October 3, 2021
- ❖ 8/26/2021-U.S. Supreme Court blocked the CDC's renewed eviction moratorium



# Additional Updates- Continued Support with LHA Orders

LHA Mask Mandate; September 4, 2021

Continue to  
track CDC  
guidance

Train  
enforcement  
officers

Update FAQs  
to inform  
public

Assist with media  
and public  
inquires

Track other Texas  
cities' responses to  
pandemic

# Additional Updates – Land Ports of Entry Travel Restrictions

March 24, 2020

DHS published notice to temporarily limit the travel of individuals from Mexico at land ports along the U.S.-Mexico Border to only “essential travel” due to the COVID-19 pandemic



August 20, 2021

Extended through September 21, 2021



# Additional Updates – COVID-19 Prosecution Update

**Trial Settings on COVID-19 Citations through 9/2/2021 in all 5 Municipal Courts**

**126 Trial Settings**

**8 Trials**  
(3 Guilty)

**28**  
**Pleas**

**37**  
**Reset**

**19**  
**Warrants**

**34**  
**Dismissed**



## 2. Team Lead Report



# a. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.

# COVID-19 By the Numbers



COVID-19  
SITUATIONAL  
MONITORING

September 8, 2021



Positive Tests

60

New

142,778

Cumulative

COVID-19 Deaths

6

New

2769

Cumulative

Active

1,668

Recovered

138,201

Hospitalized

125

In ICU

38



COVID-19  
Community  
Scorecard

Stage 3



Infection  
Rate

3



Testing

3



Investi-  
gations

3



Healthcare  
Readiness

2



At-Risk  
Population

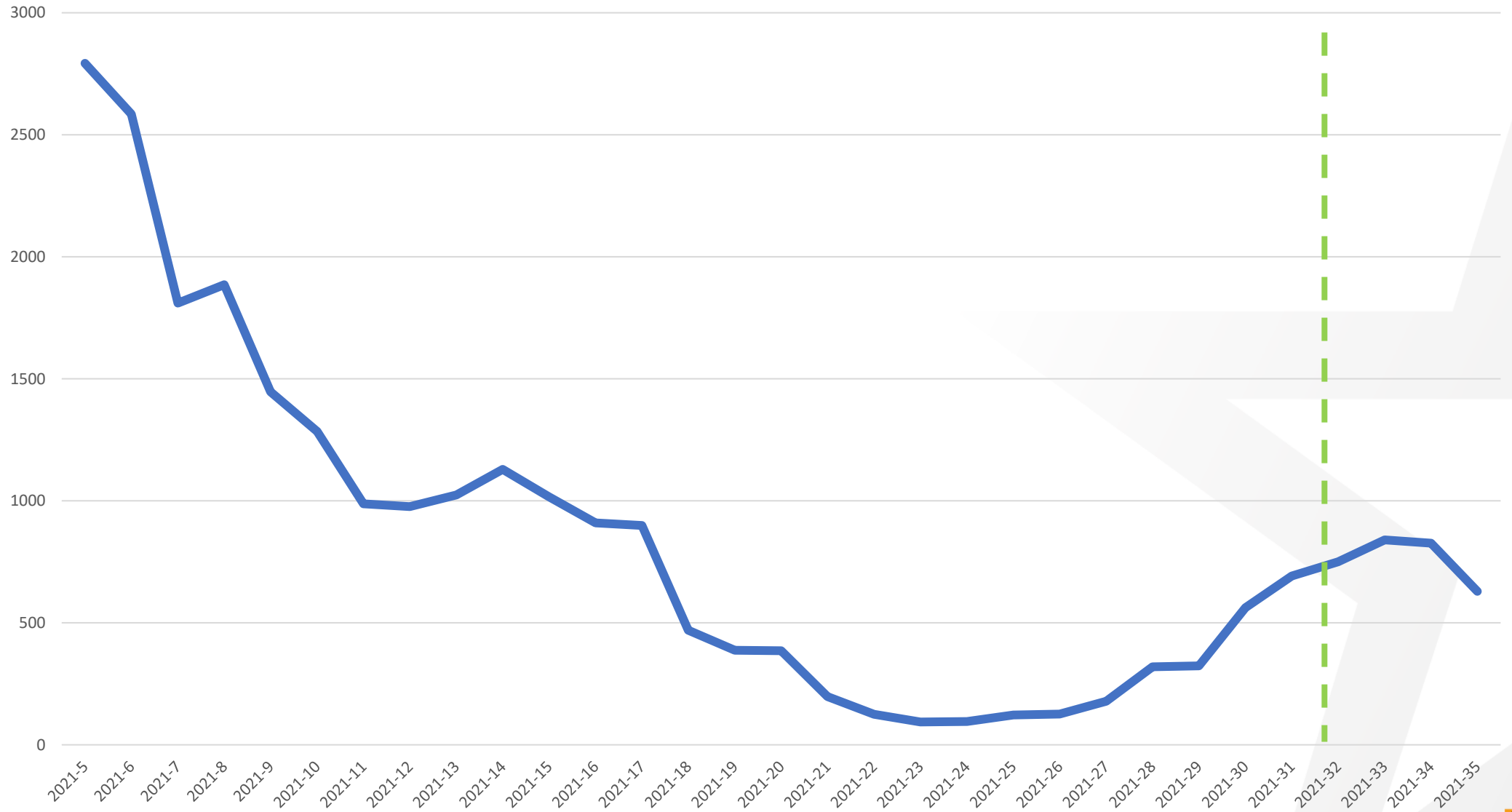
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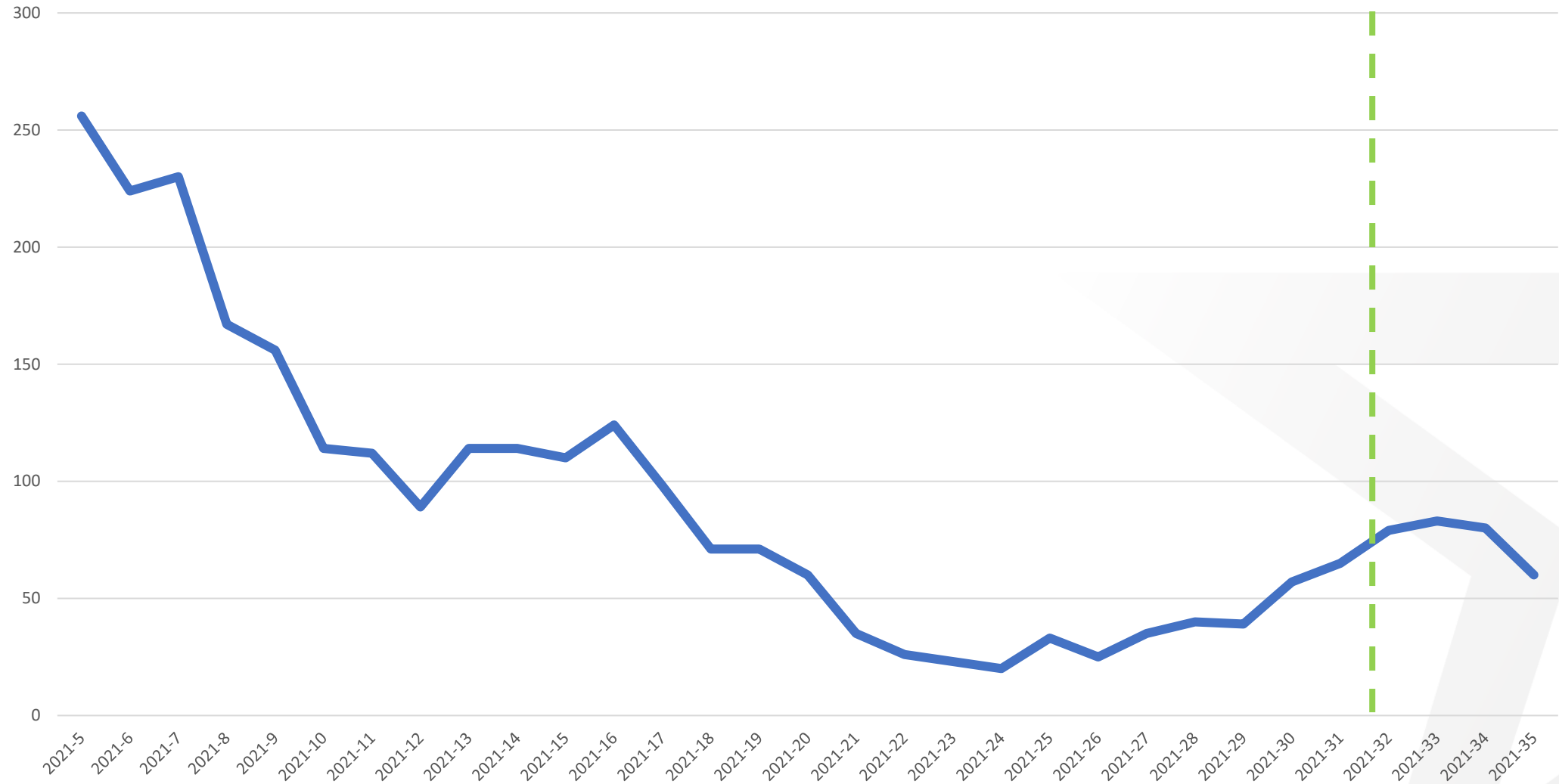
COVID-19  
Vaccinations

- ❖ Cases and hospitalizations have plateaued and now have a downward trend
- ❖ We have now a **-25% change** in cases and hospitalizations compared to 2 weeks ago
- ❖ Cases in school-age children are overall decreasing
- ❖ We have fully vaccinated 74% of eligible population
- ❖ About 10% of new cases require hospitalization
- ❖ Adults continue to lead hospitalizations

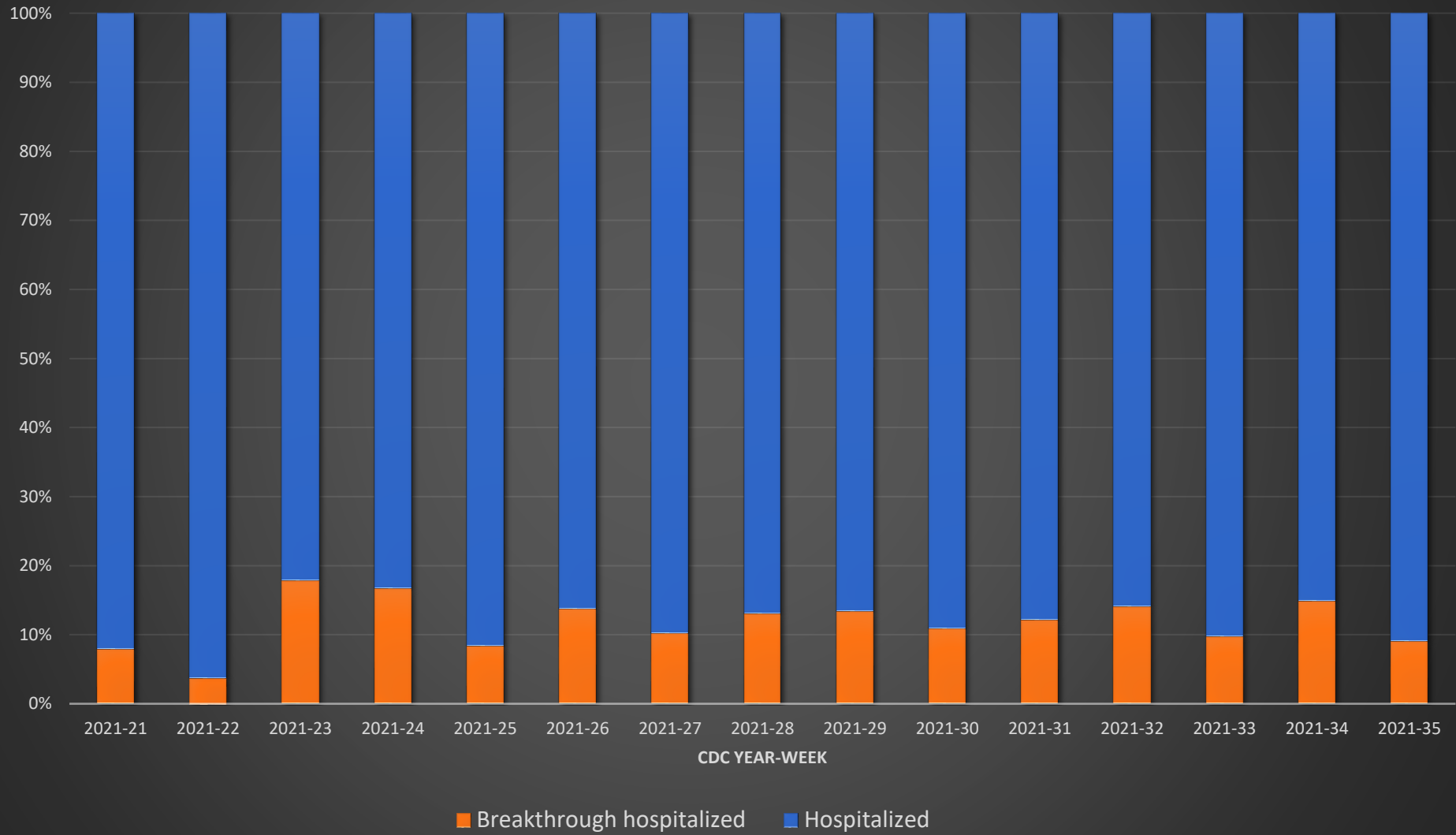
# TOTAL CASES



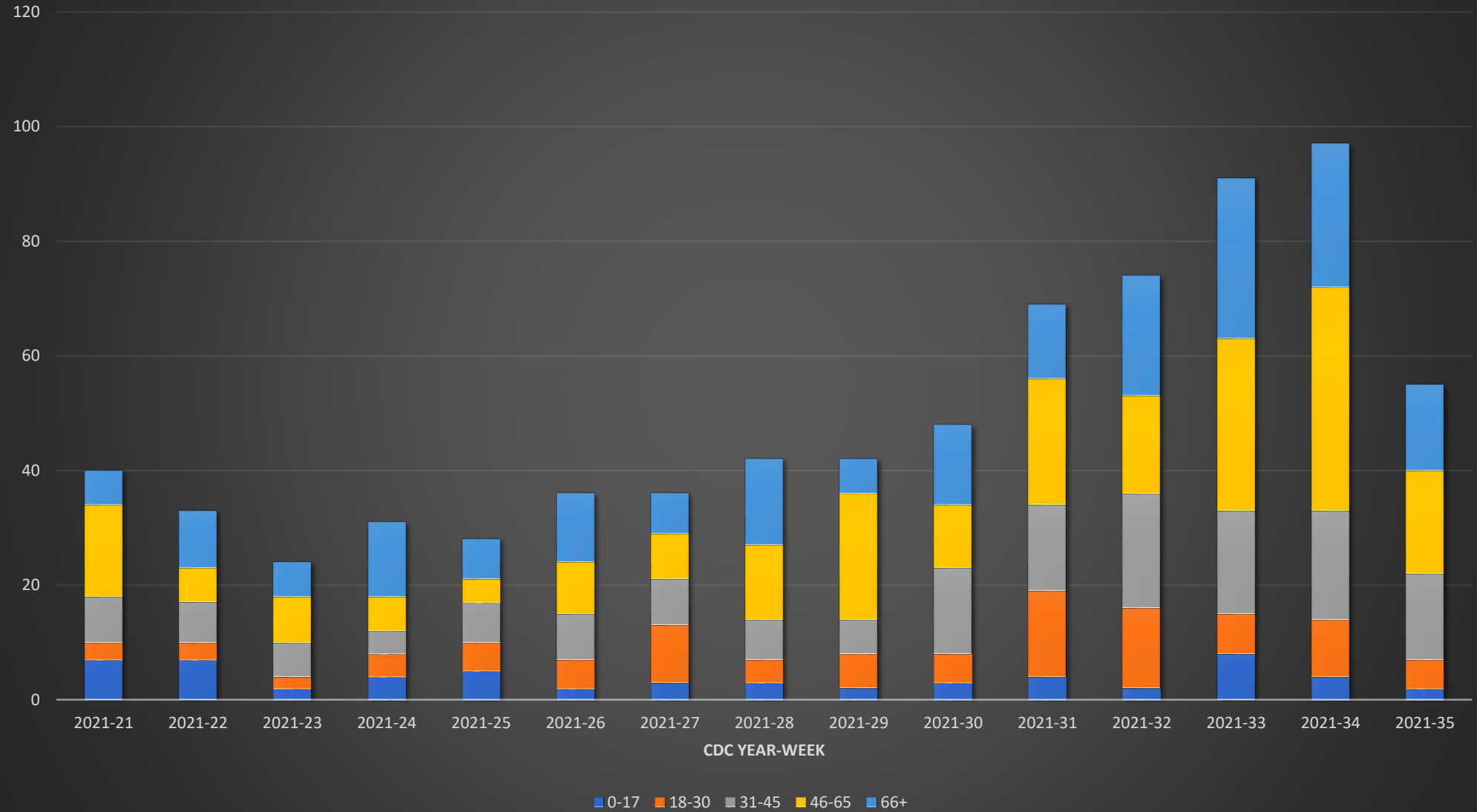
# HOSPITALIZATIONS



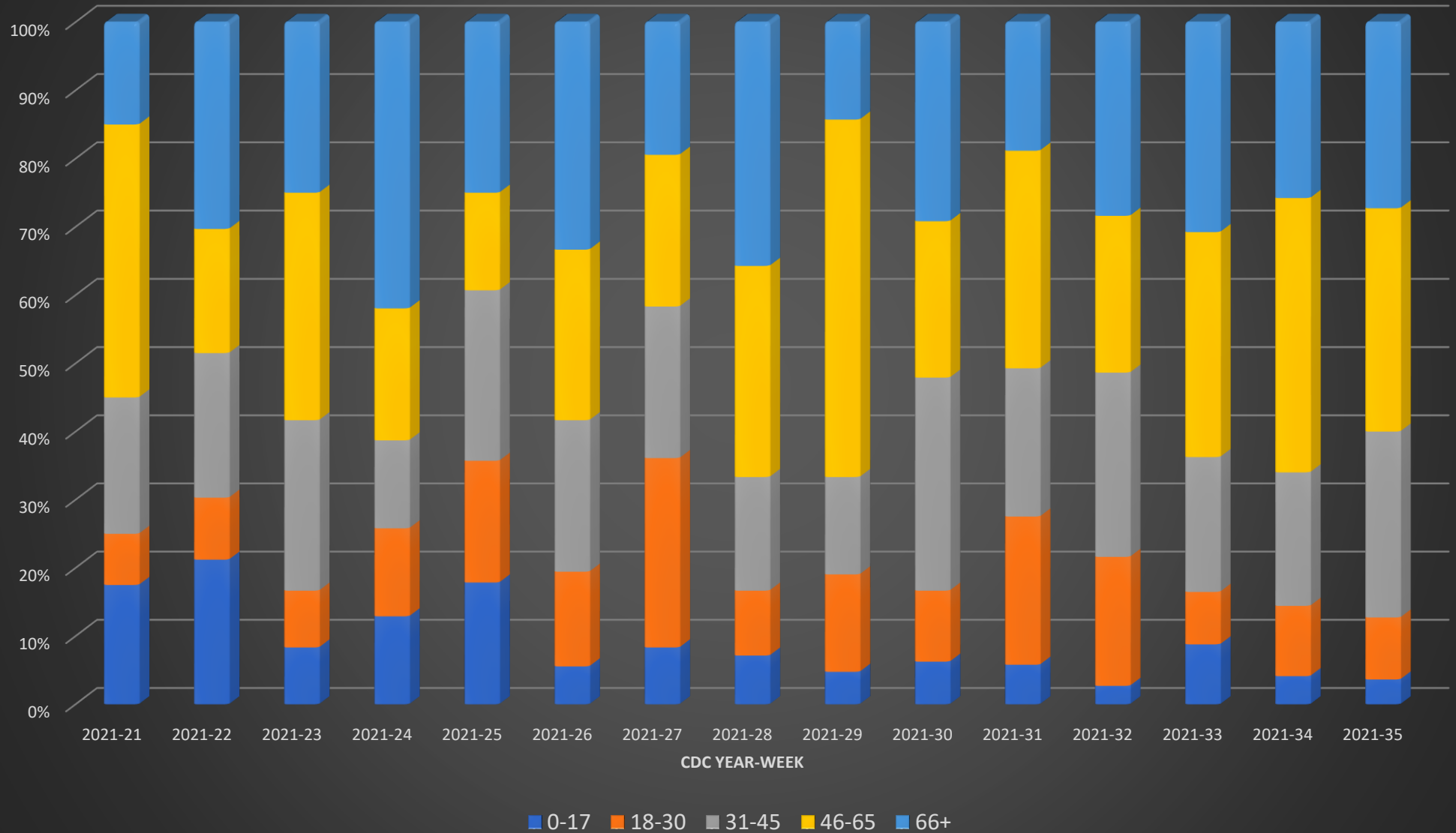
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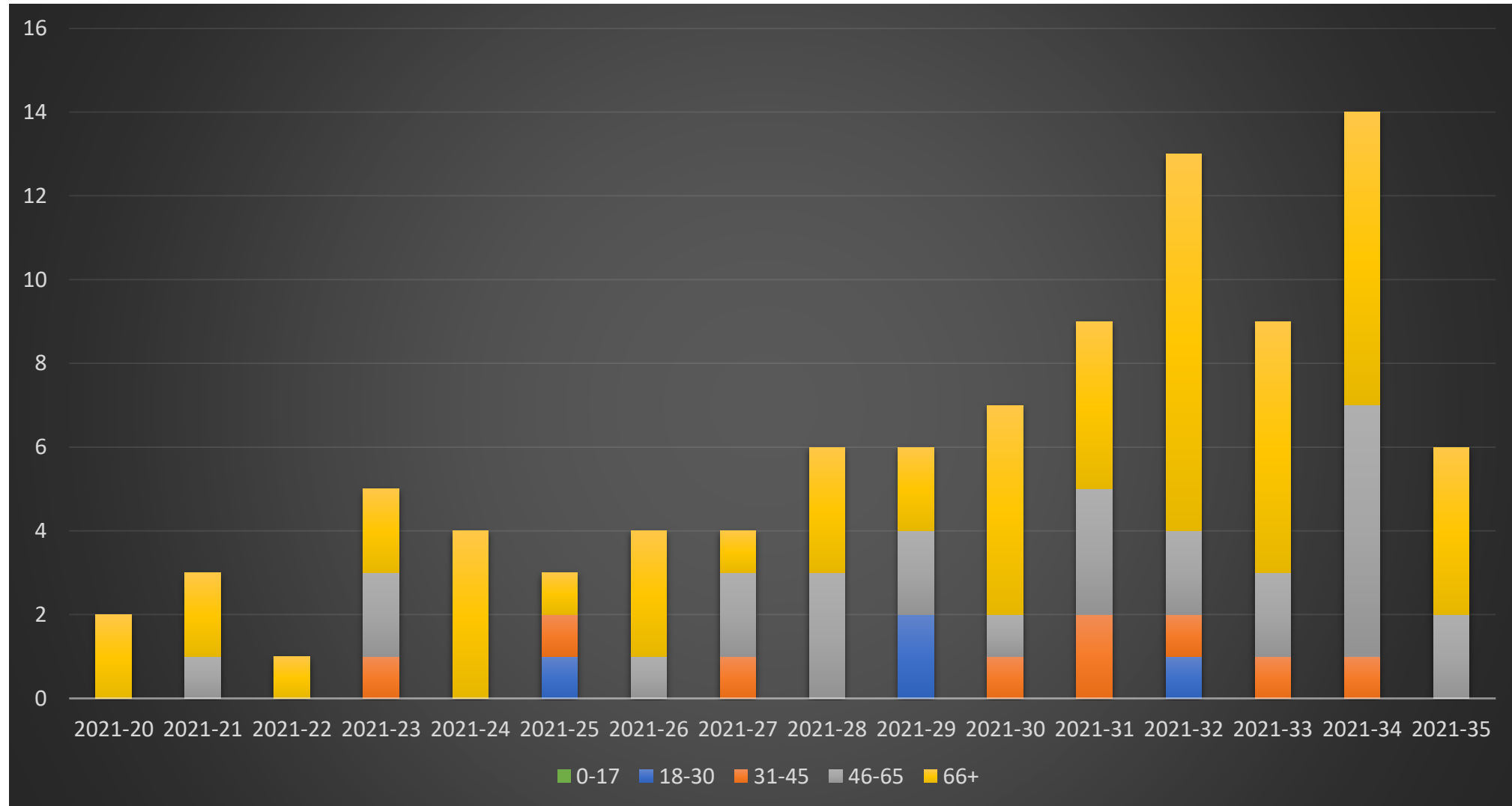
## Hospitalizations by age group



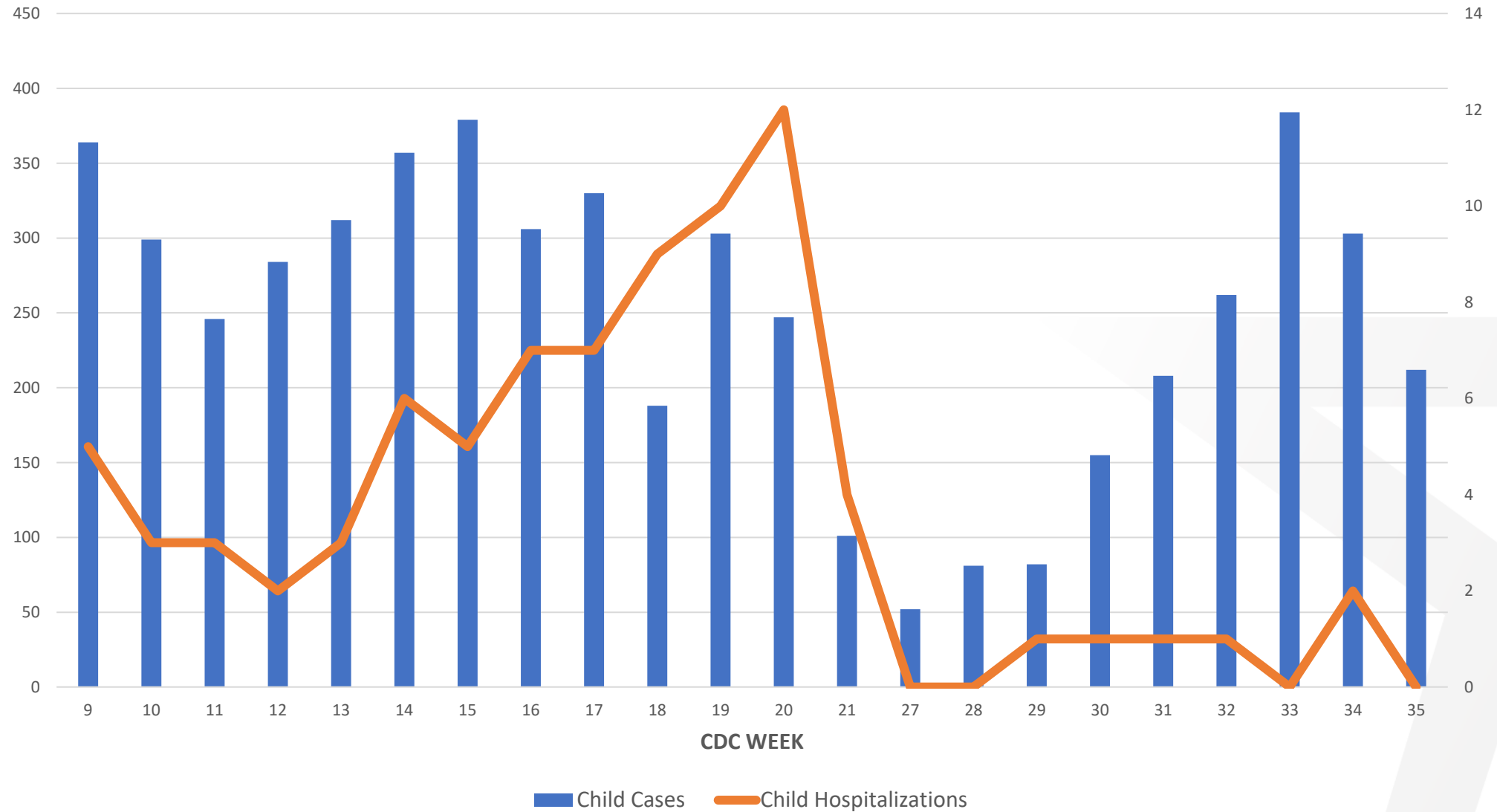
## Hospitalization Age Distribution



# BREAKTHROUGH HOSPITALIZATION



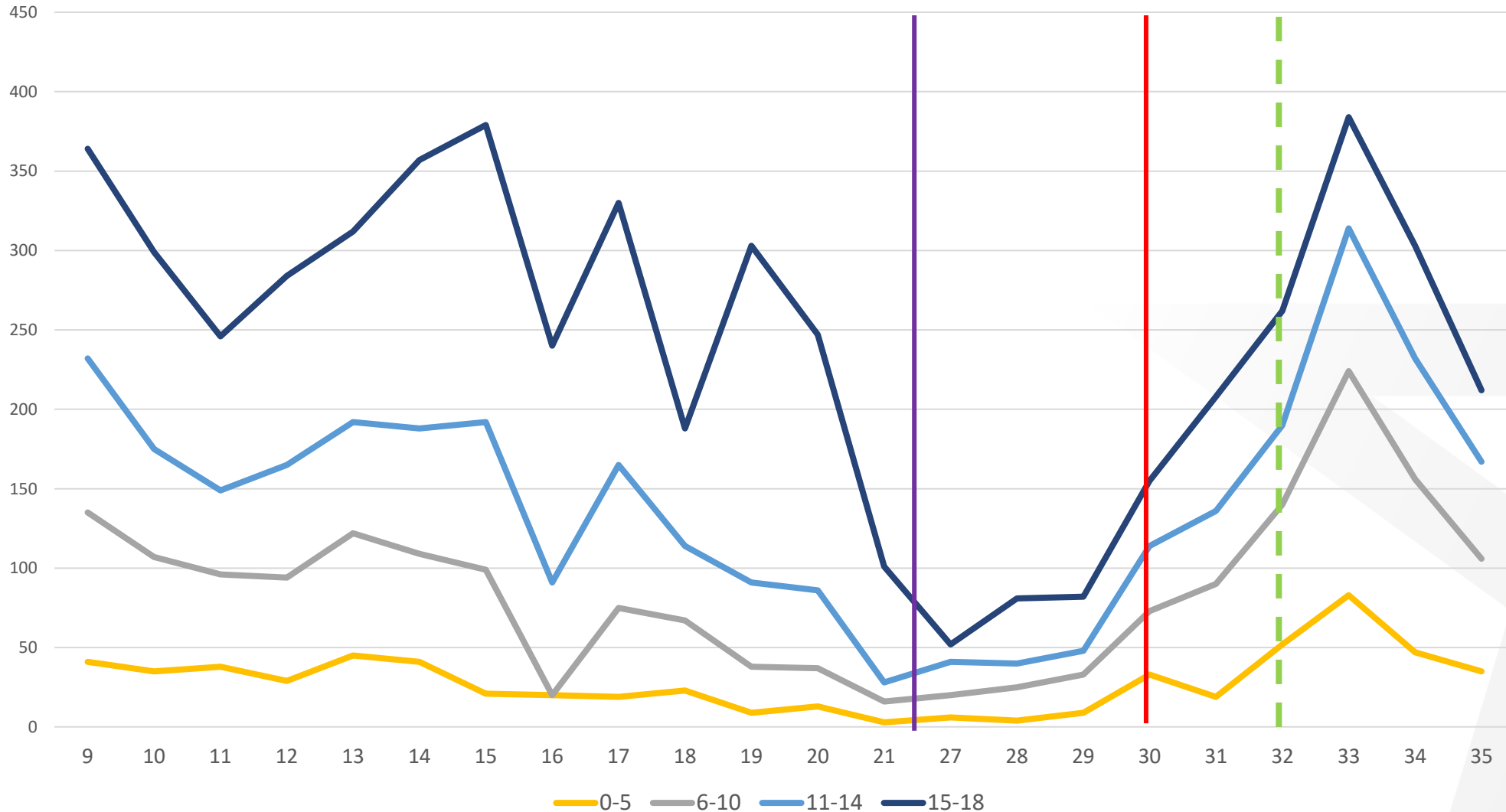
## Pediatric Cases/Hospitalizations



# Cases School-age Children



# SCHOOL AGE CASES AGE DISTRIBUTION





# 4. City Manager Wrap Up

Tommy Gonzalez



**Thank you!**