Carroll County Board of Education

COVID-19 Data Update September 8, 2021

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*Please note that this data is preliminary and subject to change.

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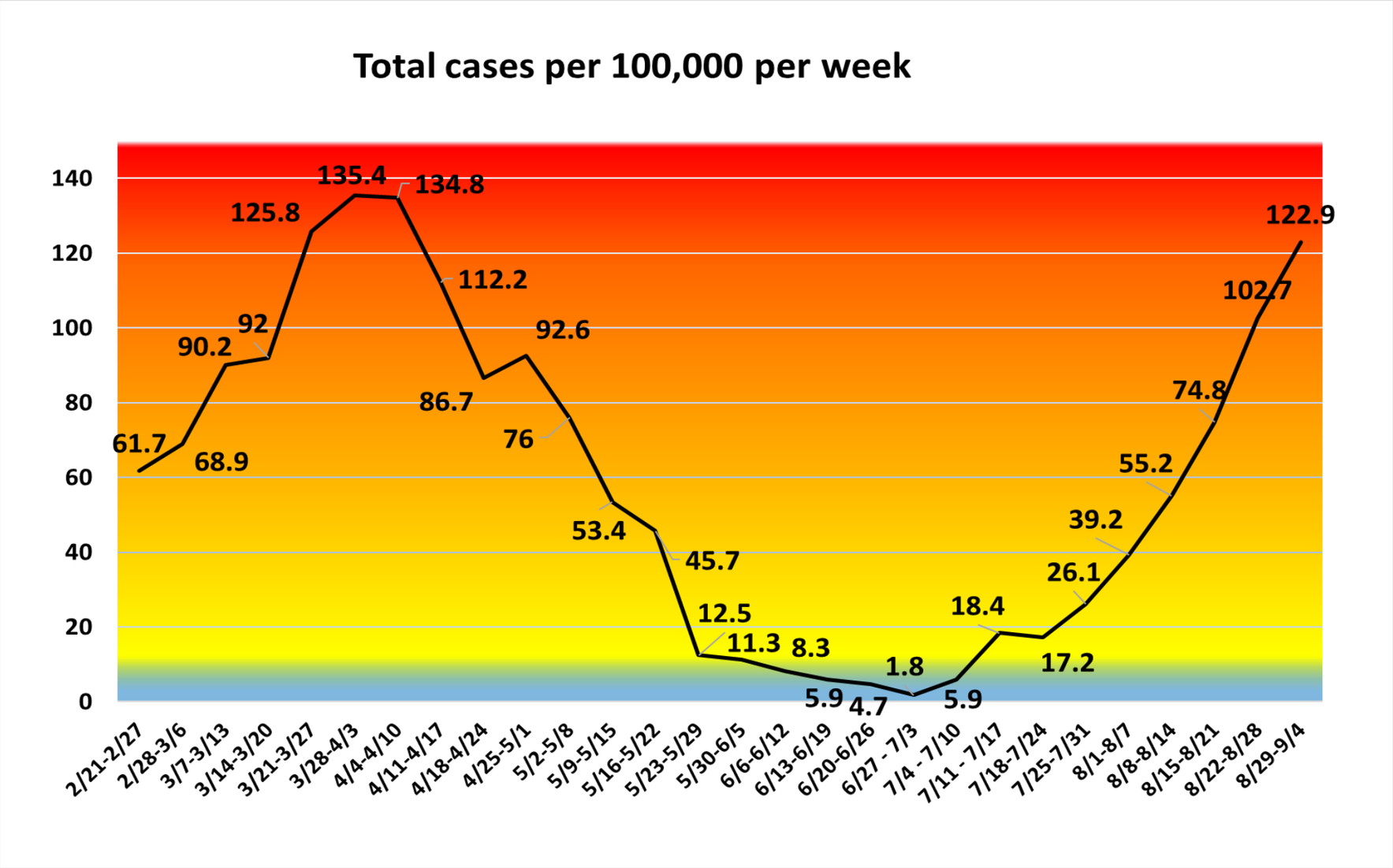
Levels of community transmission as defined by the CDC:

- Total new cases per 100,000 in past 7 days: low <10, moderate 10-49, substantial 50-99, high >= 100
- Percent positive tests in past 7 days: low <5%, moderate 5-7.9%, substantial 8-9.9%, high >=10%
- If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected.



Total new cases per 100,000 this week: 122.9, high

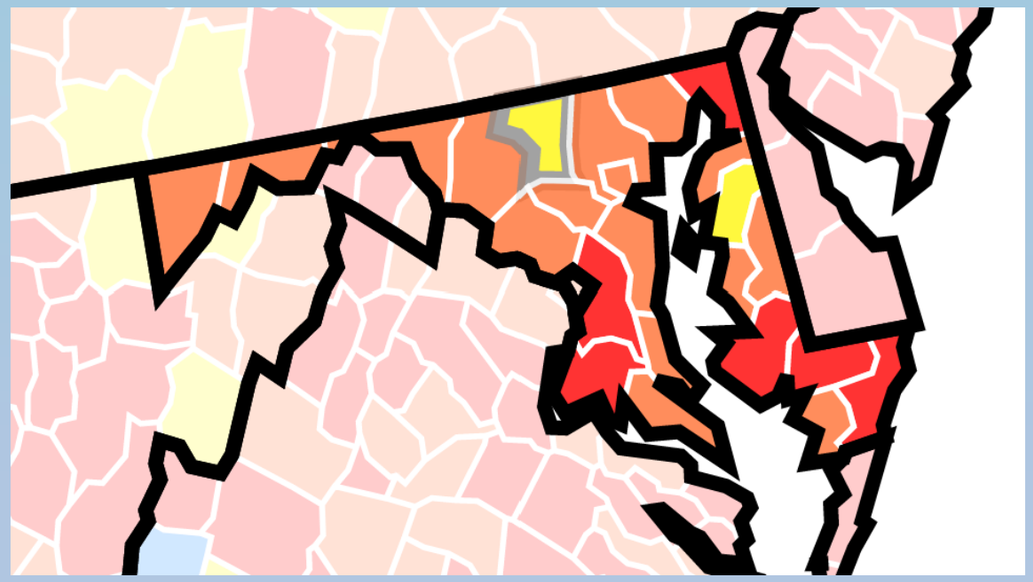
Up +20.2 from last week

Positivity rate in Carroll County: 6.97% substantial

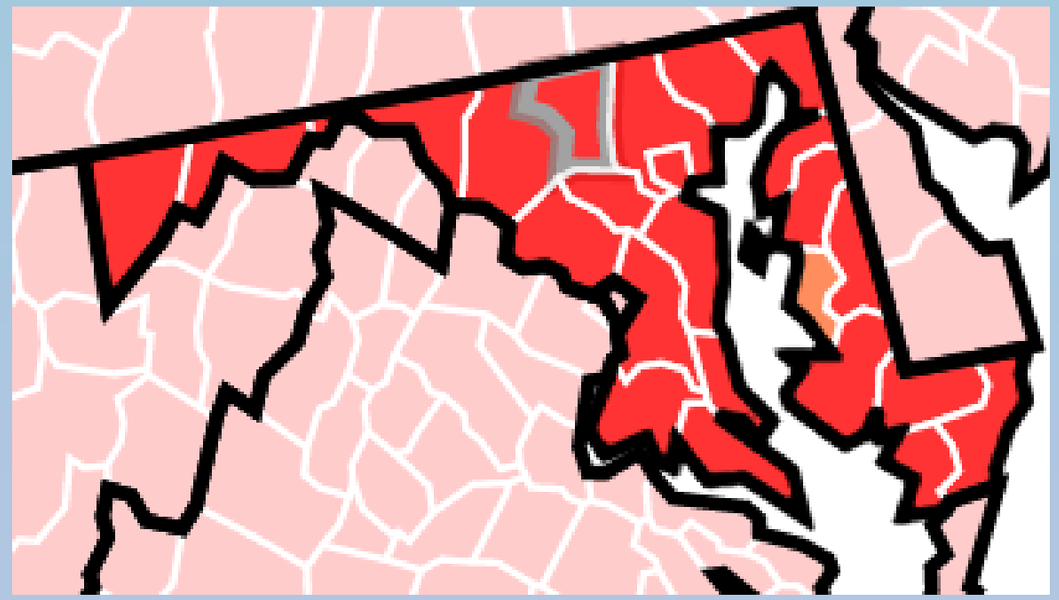
Up + 0.5% from last week (was over 8% on 9/4)

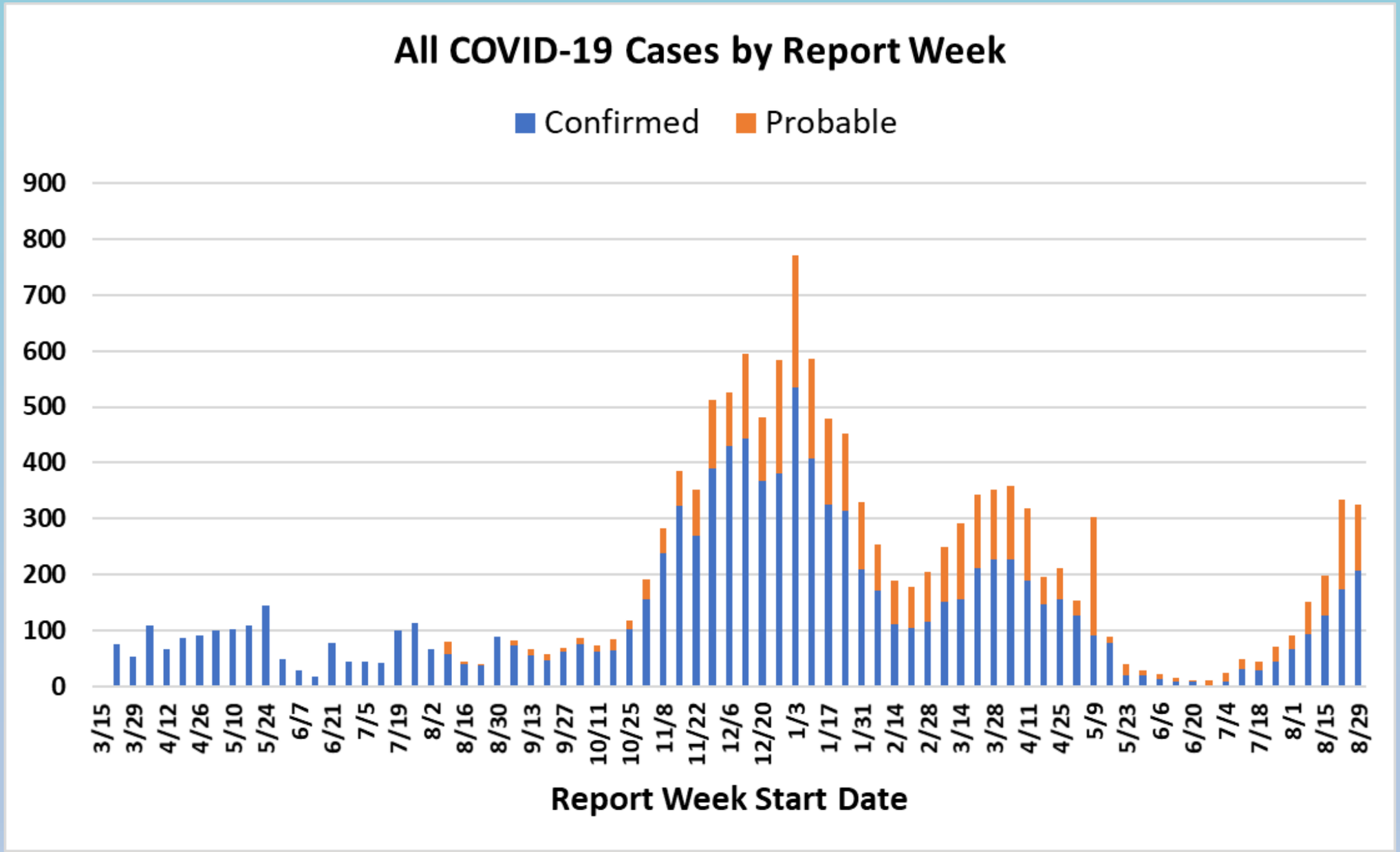
CDC Transmission Level Data
High (red), substantial (orange), moderate (yellow), and low (blue)

Maryland on August 11th,
Carroll County was in
moderate transmission



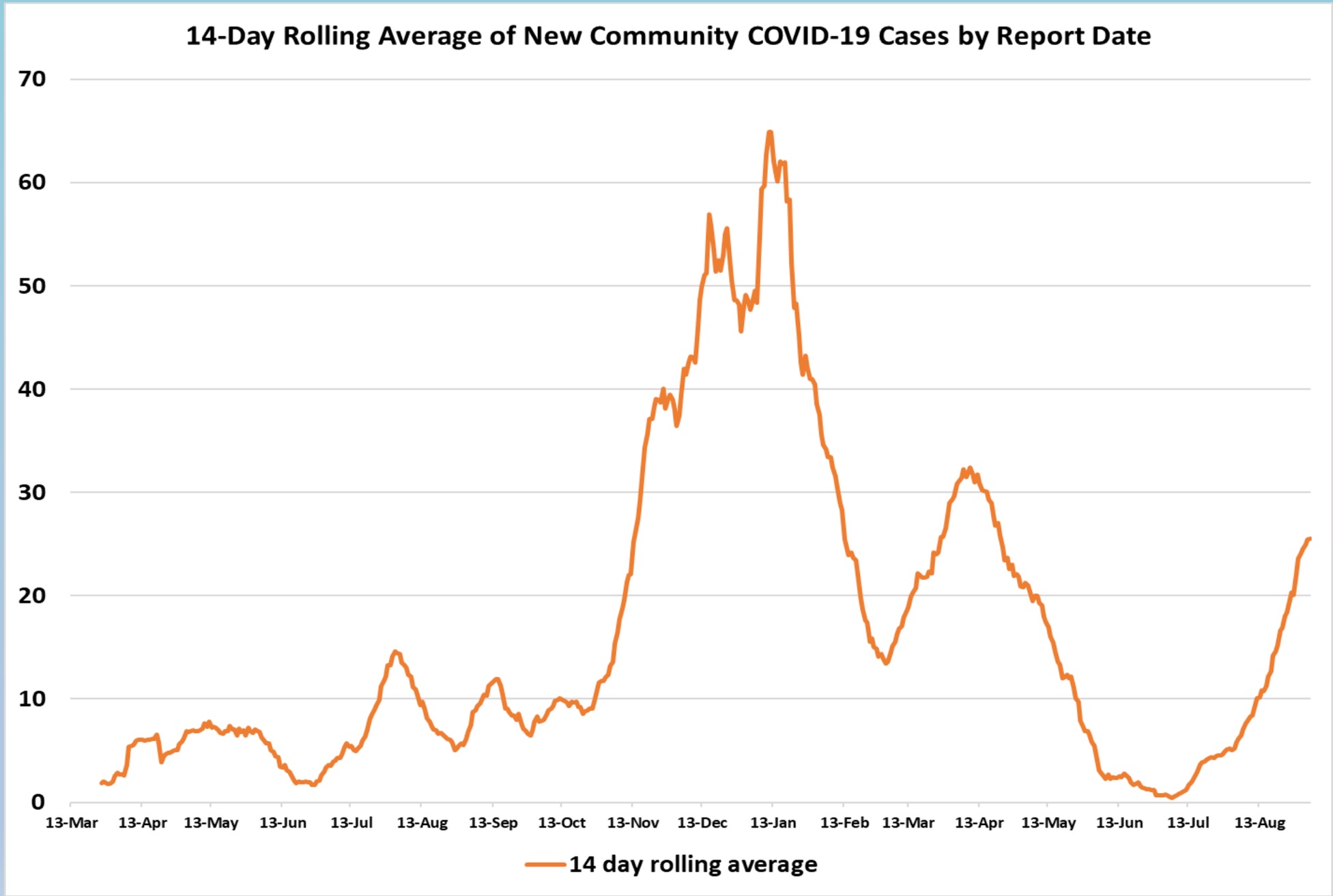
Maryland on September 7th,
Carroll County is in high transmission





Probable cases

- Probable cases are those who test positive with an antigen test, not a PCR test.
- Probable cases are not included in our confirmed case totals (PCR test only).
- Cases that are confirmed with PCR tests are removed from the probable totals.
- Week of 5/9 high due to lab submitting multiple weeks of past reports.
- **Probable cases are not yet complete for this past week due to the Monday holiday.**



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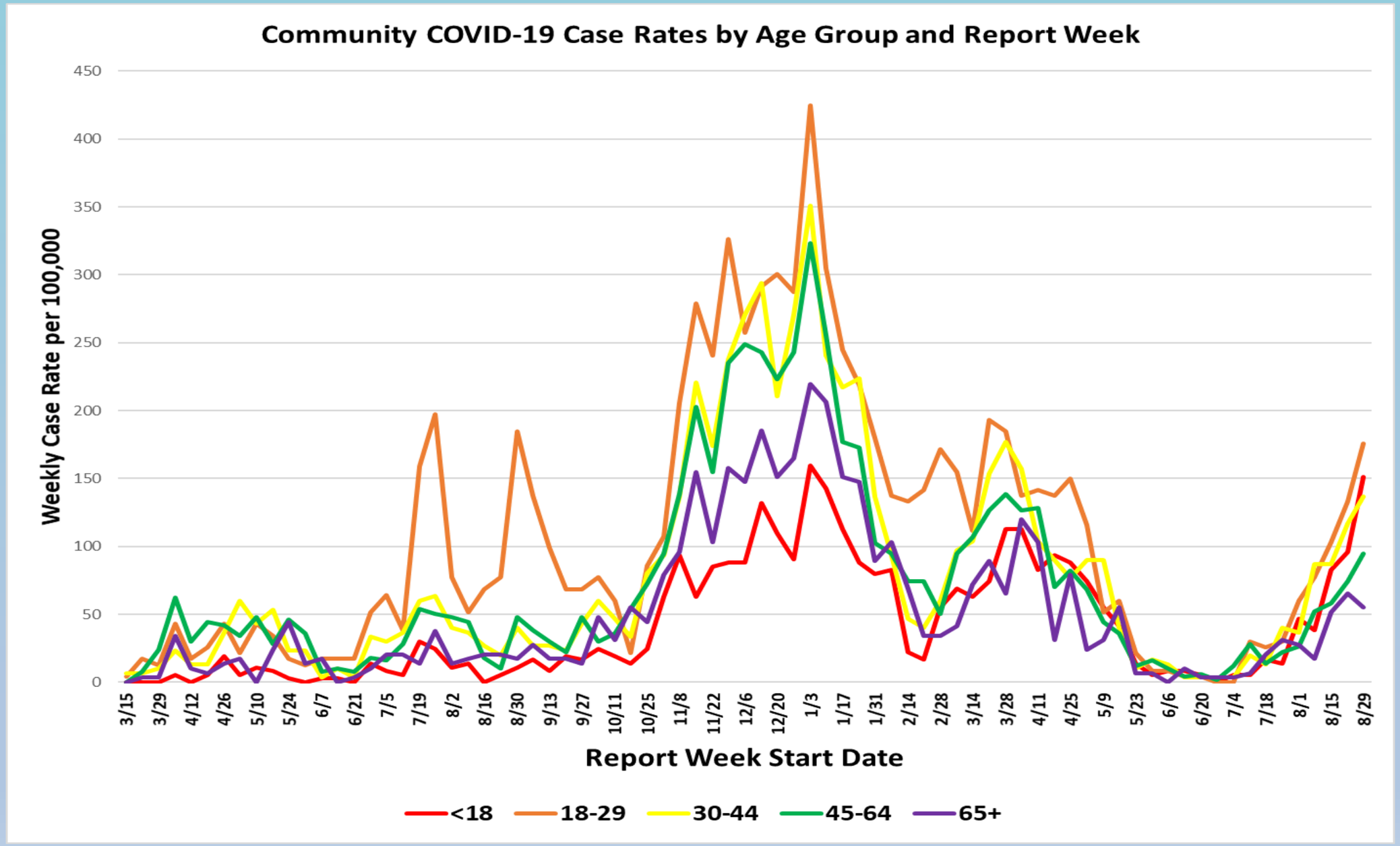

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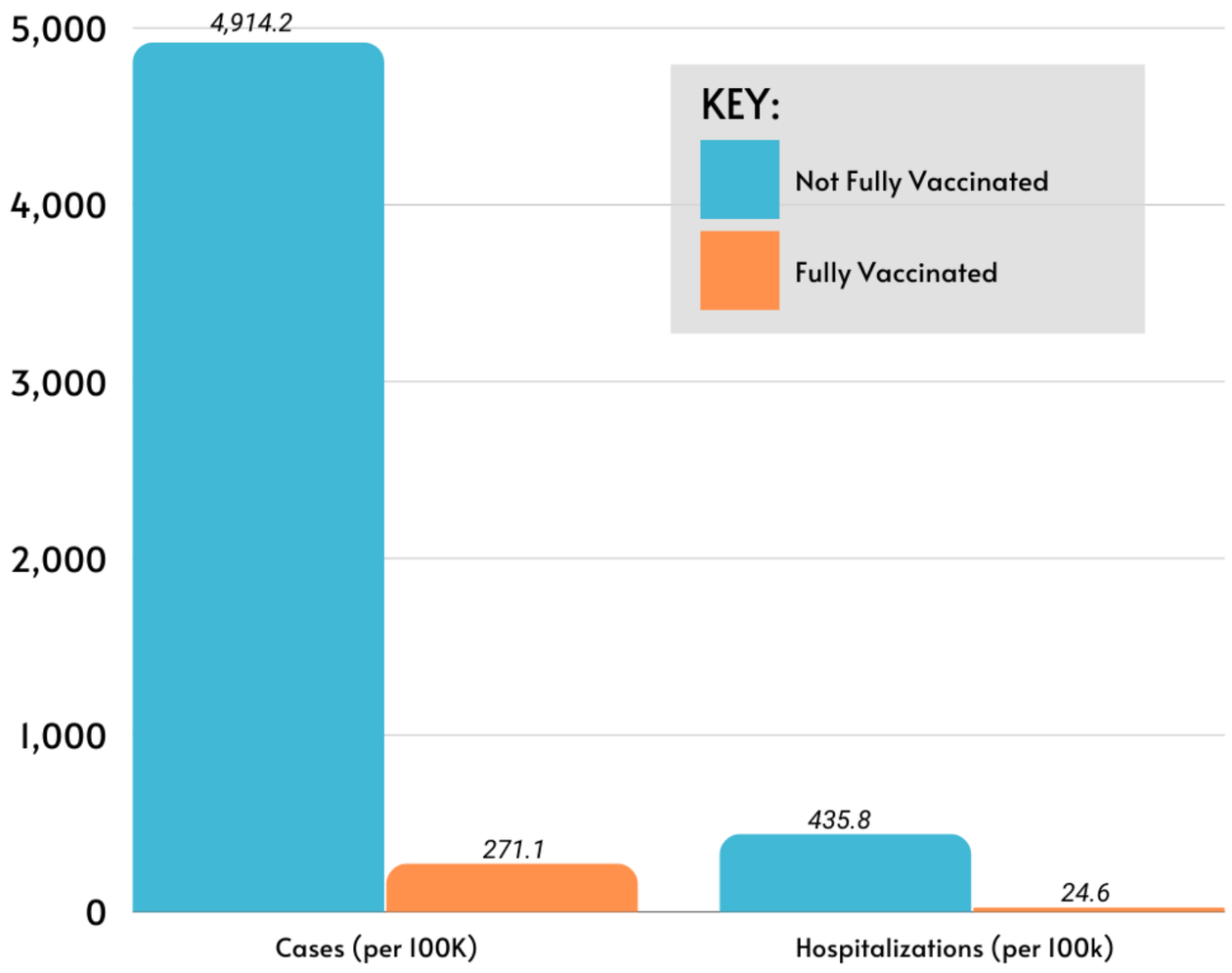
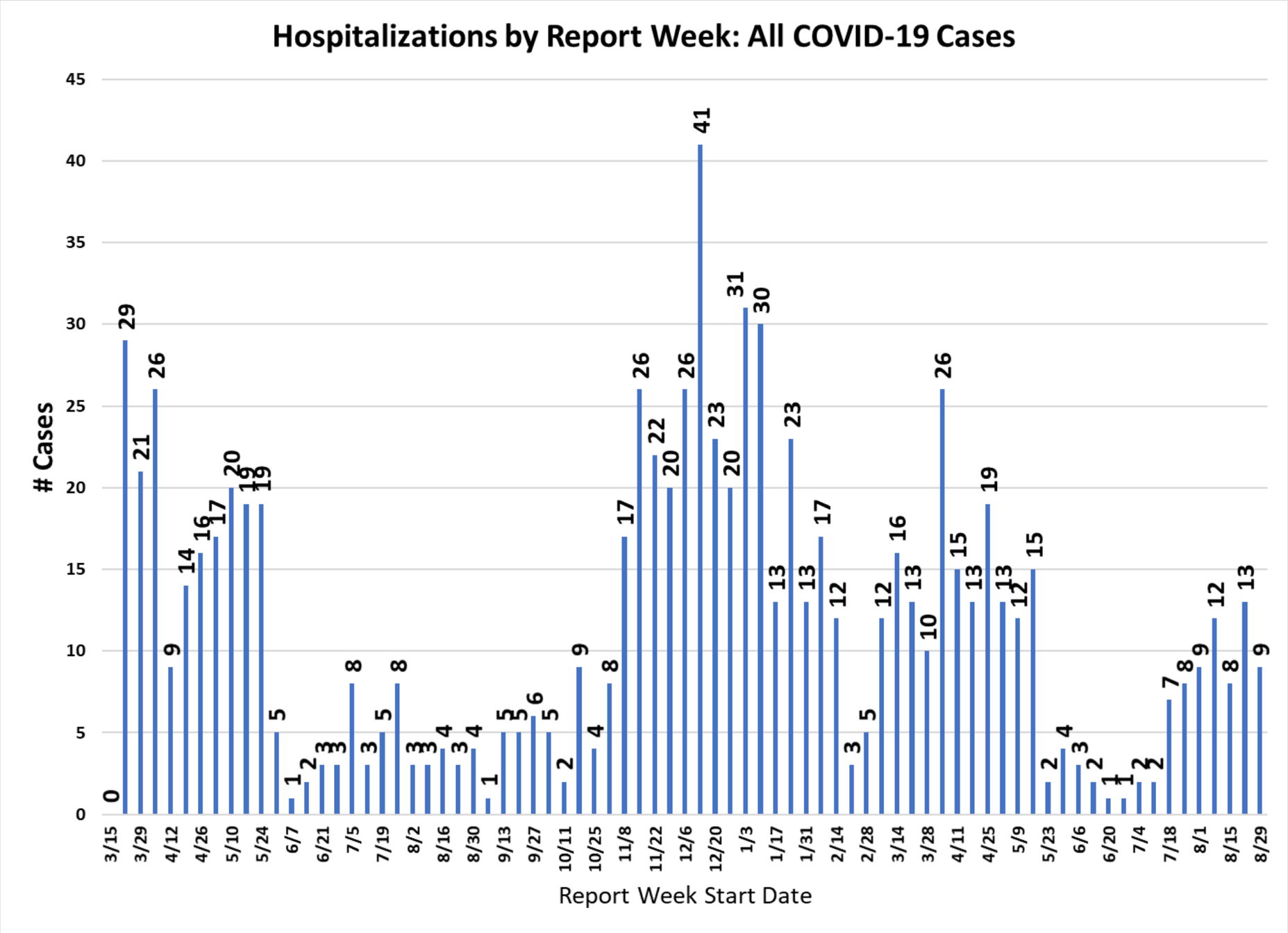
COVID-19 Case and Hospitalization Rates in Carroll County, MD Residents

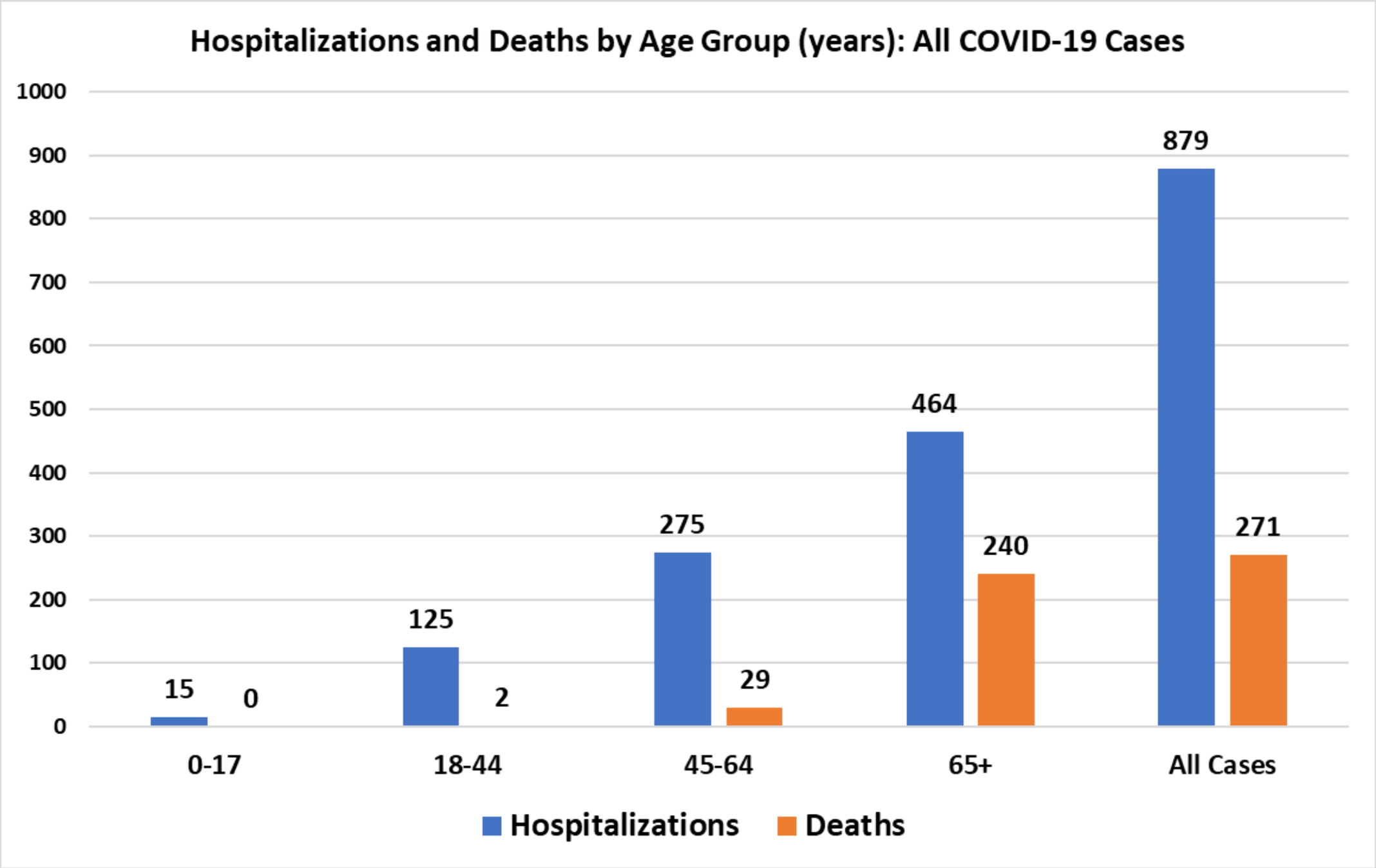
(Reported January 26, 2021 - September 6, 2021)

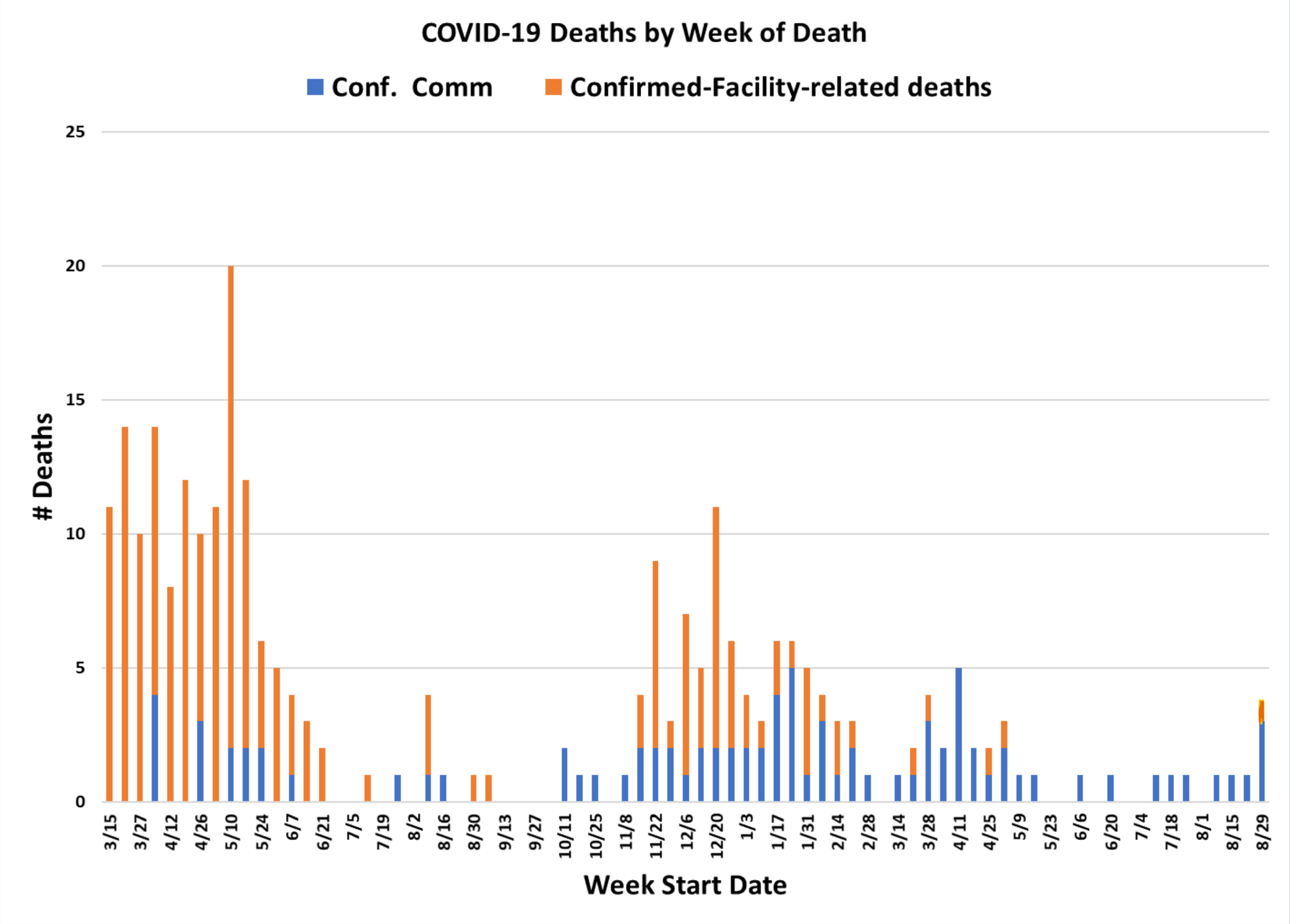




This graph shows hospitalizations by week for COVID positive Carroll County residents, in any hospital.

- Report week is the week their case was reported, which may not be the same week they were hospitalized. Only one hospitalization is noted per person.
- There is a slight data lag so recent numbers may increase.
- Additional hospital data can be found on our website: https://cchd.maryland.gov/carroll-county-md-cases/


Hospitalizations and Deaths by Age Group (years): All COVID-19 Cases
1000
900
800
700
600
500
400
300
200
100
0
15
0
125
2
275
29
464
240
879
271
0-17
18-44
45-64
65+
All Cases
Hospitalizations
Deaths



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Please note:

- This data does not include deaths in probable cases.

CDC Guidance for Schools

- Safely returning to in-person instruction is a priority.
- Vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning and extracurricular activities/sports.
- Due to the highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- In addition to universal indoor masking, CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms when possible.
- Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing, staying home when sick, testing, contact tracing with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention.
- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time.
- Localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies (e.g., using multiple prevention strategies together consistently).

Universal masking will prevent kids from missing school

MDH and MSDE recommend that schools in Maryland follow a CDC policy that grants an exception to quarantine for **classroom-based** close contacts of a COVID-19 case if:

- **students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student do not have to quarantine IF both the infected student and the exposed student correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time**

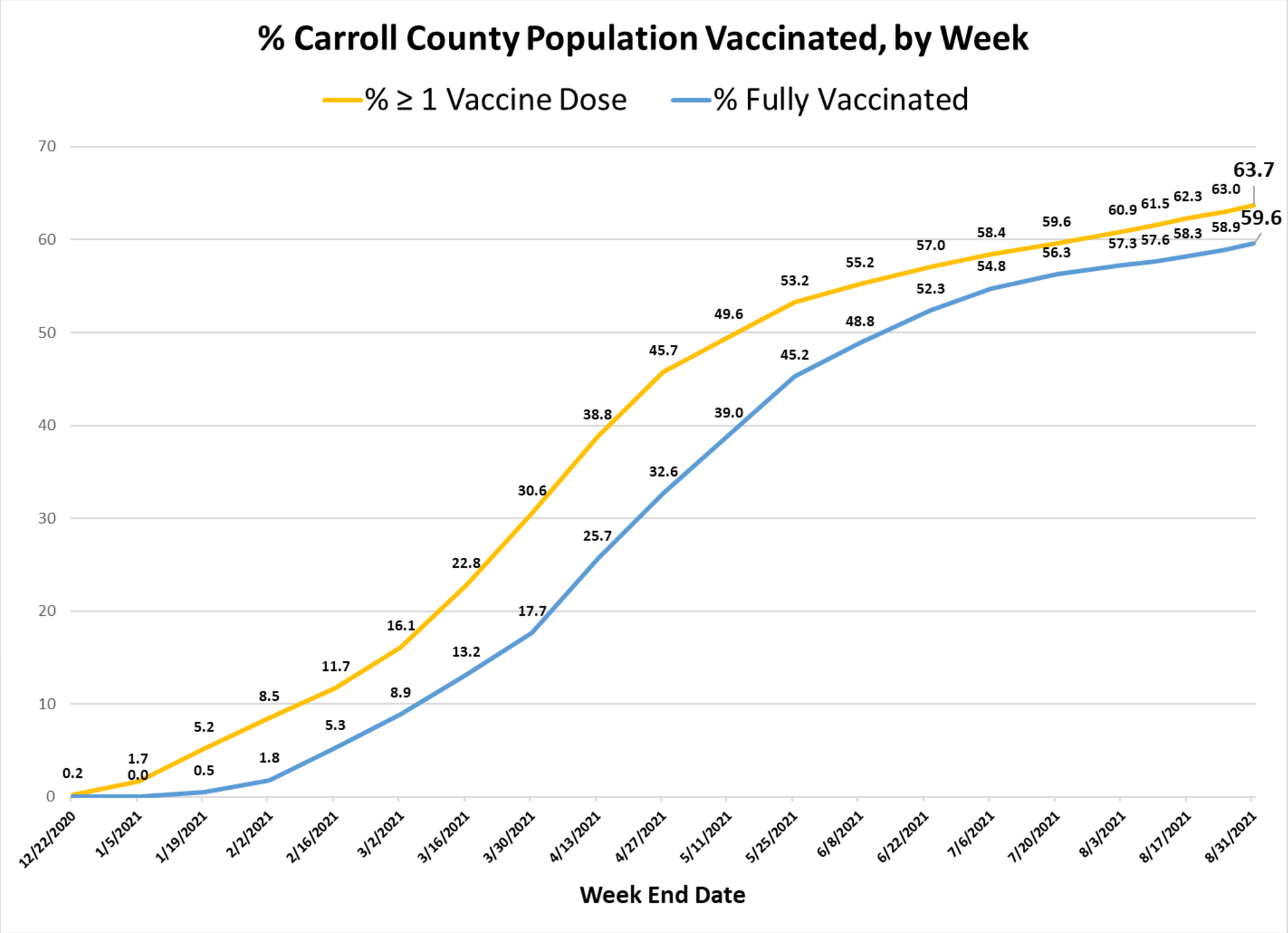
- This would not apply to cafeteria-based close contacts or other special circumstances.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact

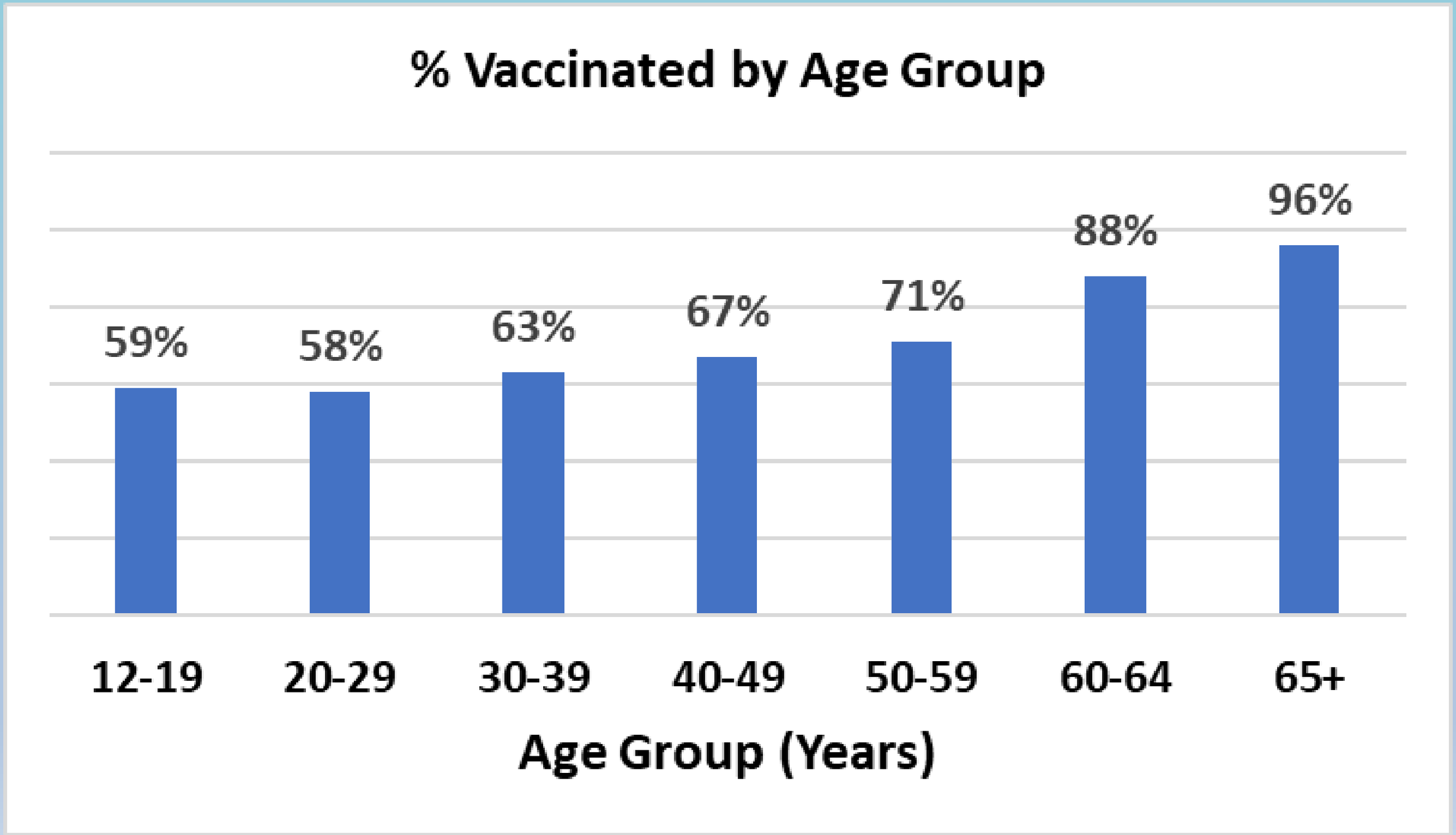
- Even without a mask mandate, masks and distancing will be required for people returning early from quarantine after a negative test. These students will also need to be at least 6 feet away from anyone else during lunch when masks are off.

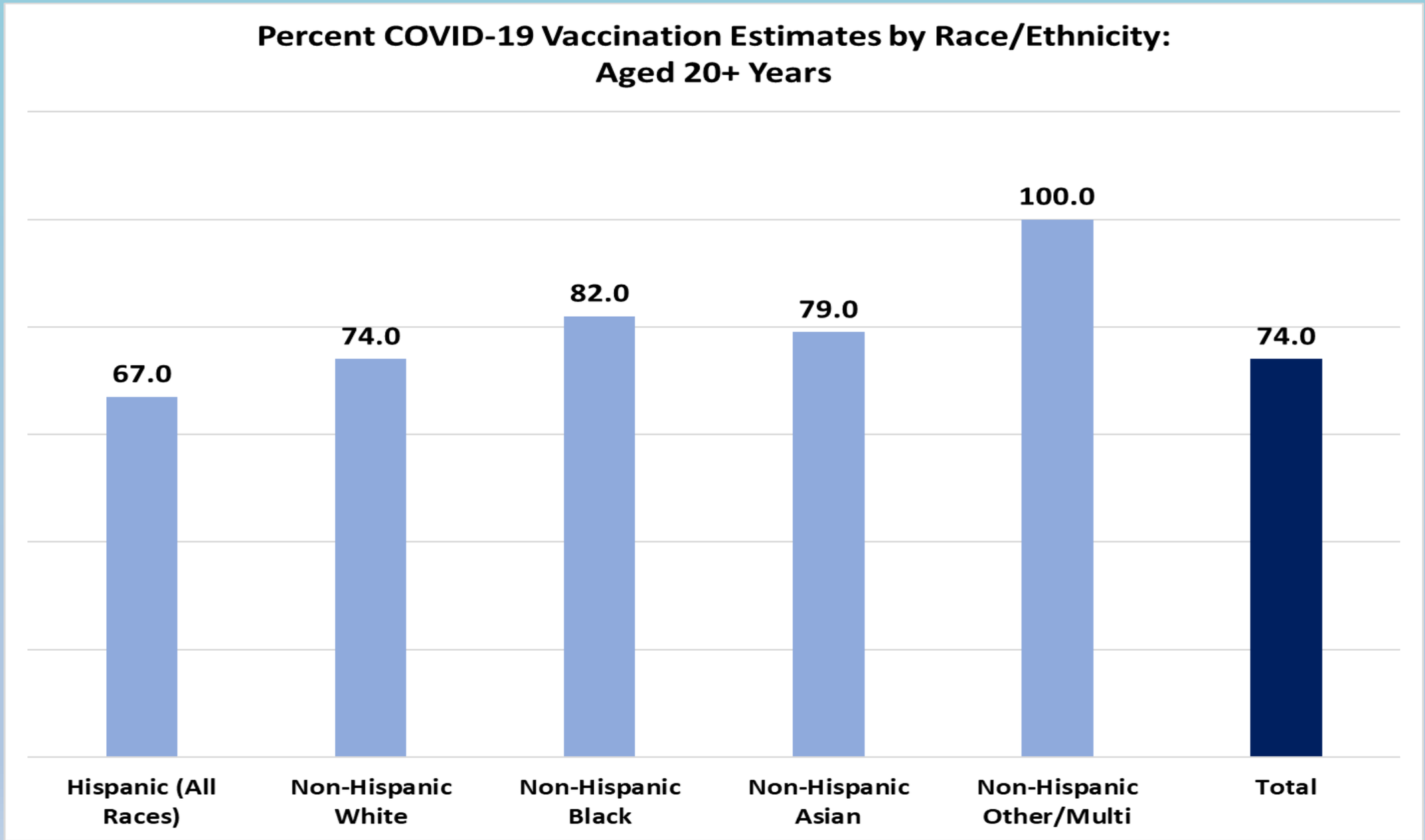
Covid-19 Vaccine Doses Administered by CCHD*	
1st doses administered	27,379
Single-doses J&J	638
2nd doses administered	26,084
TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED	54,101

As of September 6, 2021



This table shows the percentage of the total population (all ages including children) who are vaccinated.


% Vaccinated by Age Group
59%
58%
63%
67%
71%
88%
96%
12-19
20-29
30-39
40-49
50-59
60-64
65+
Age Group (Years)


Percent COVID-19 Vaccination Estimates by Race/Ethnicity:
Aged 20+ Years
67.0
74.0
82.0
79.0
100.0
74.0
Hispanic (All Races)
Non-Hispanic White
Non-Hispanic Black
Non-Hispanic Asian
Non-Hispanic Other/Multi
Total

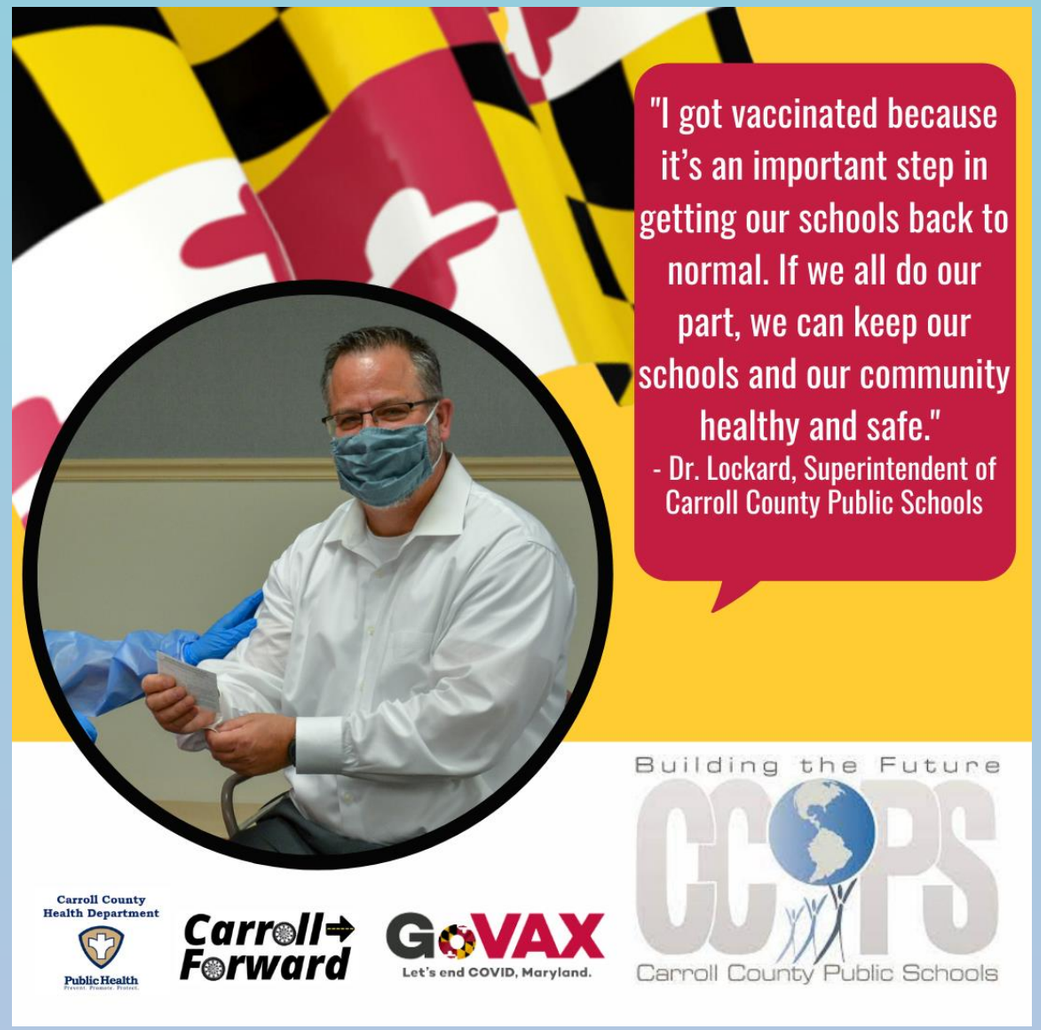
Vaccination Clinics

Come to a Health Department clinic, 290 South Center St., Westminster

- **Tuesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm starting August 10th**
- **Fridays 1:00 to 3:00 pm starting August 6th**

Anyone 12 and up can be vaccinated at these clinics (Pfizer is still the only vaccine approved for use in ages 12-17)

All links shared on our website.
https://cchd.maryland.gov/registration-links/



Learn more about COVID-19 vaccinations, including myths and FAQs, at https://cchd.maryland.gov/covid-19-vaccination/

Questions?

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