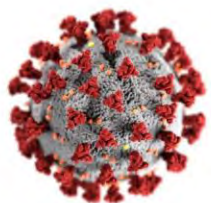


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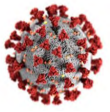
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# December 21, 2021 – January 4, 2022, Changing Guidance, Resources

## COVID-19 Data

### Disease Incidence

**10** hospitalized, **48** deaths (+1)

**12,672** total positive cases (+1,669),  
(**1,155** active cases)

### Positive Self-Test Results Reported

**520** total positives reported (+87)

### Vaccine Doses (NYS Tracker)

**81,849** first doses, **75,355** completed

## Orders, Announcements from NYS

**Dec 26** – [No. 11.1](#) Declaring a Disaster Emergency in NYS, continues the terms, conditions, and suspensions contained in Executive Order 11 until January 25, 2022.

**Dec 27** – [NYS opens free testing sites](#) throughout the state, closest to Tompkins are Watkins Glen and Moravia

**Dec 28** – [CDC announces](#) change to isolation guidance, 5 days if asymptomatic, **still awaiting NYS adoption**

**Jan 2** – Winter Surge Plan 2.0 – keep schools open, masking/testing, prevent illness/death, increase vaccines, and work with local leaders.

## Local Operations

**12/21** - [Cornell announces](#) Booster Requirement for Spring Semester

**12/22** - Partnership with local non-profits to distribute KN95 masks to the community

**12/23** - Launch of the [TCHD Self-Test Reporting Form](#), over 200 reports in 1st week, doubled in 2nd week (current 520)

**1/3-1/7** - [Lansing Central School District](#) remote learning, [distributed](#) 720 home test kits

**12/21/21 - 1/1/2022** - 279 municipal tests were completed in partnership with Cayuga Health Systems (27 positives)

This week we will be coordinating with municipalities to distribute at home test kits.

### Upcoming Vaccine Clinics:

**1/6 & 1/7** - Lansing & Newfield Youth Vaccine Clinics, ages 5-11, 2nd Dose

**1/8** - Moderna booster clinic to be held at mall site, planning all Saturdays in January

## Communications/Messaging

**12/21** - [Freeville Shopper](#) ran full page ad from TCHD, thanking residents/businesses and reminding of public health guidance

**12/23** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Self-Test Guidance and Reporting Form

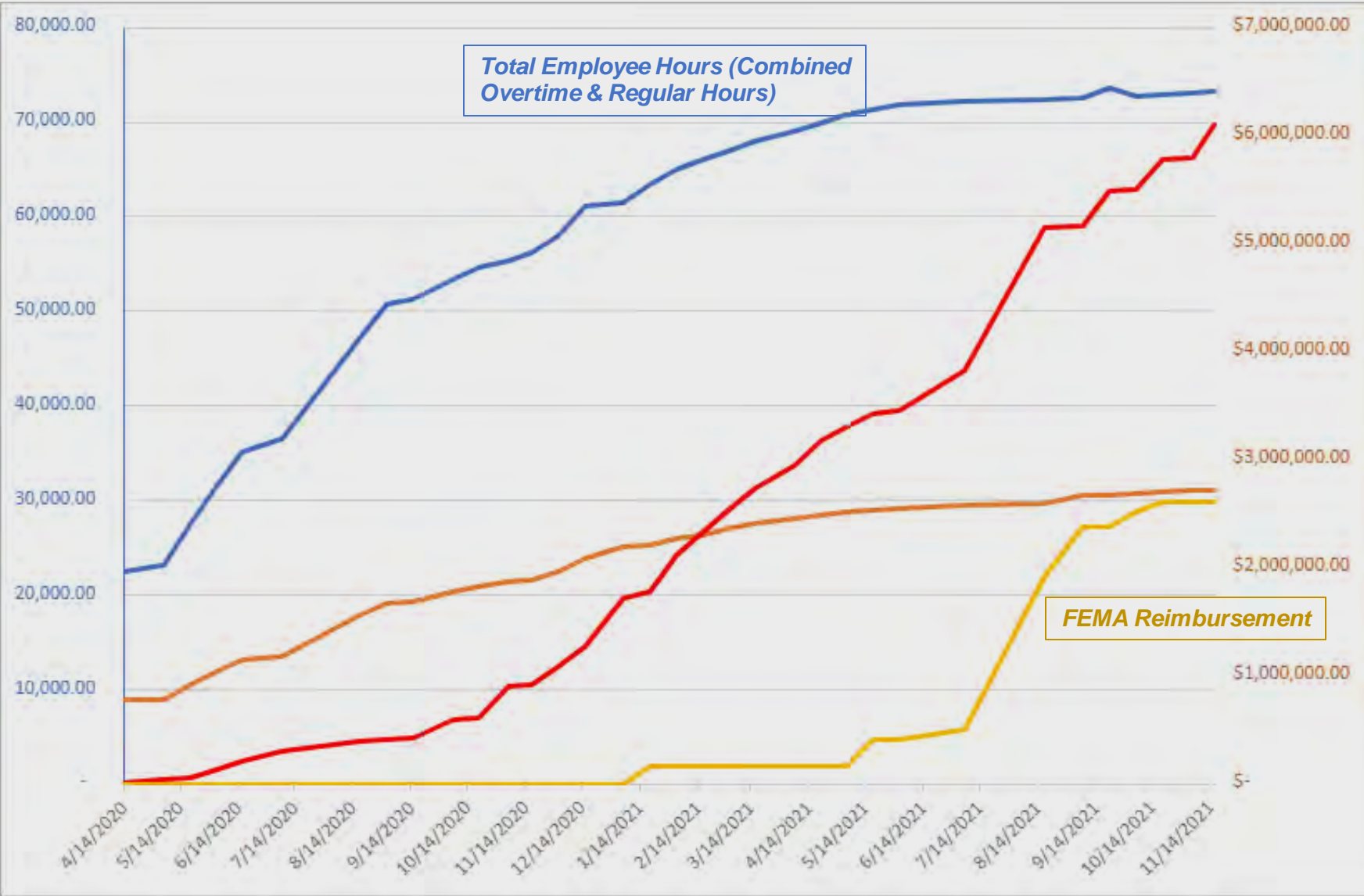
**12/27** - [NBC News](#) highlights TCHD Self-Report Form

**12/29** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Isolation & Quarantine Guidance

**01/03** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Virtual Town Hall 1/5, Moderna Booster Clinic 1/8



# Combined COVID-19 Hours & Expenses Over Time



**COVID-19-Related Expenses  
(non-employee)**

**Total Employee Expense (Combined  
Regular Pay, Overtime Pay, & Comptime)**

**FEMA Reimbursement**





# Resident Deaths X Age and Vaccination Status from Feb. 1, 2021

Tompkins County residents. Totals Feb. 1 through Jan. 3, 2022. N=22.

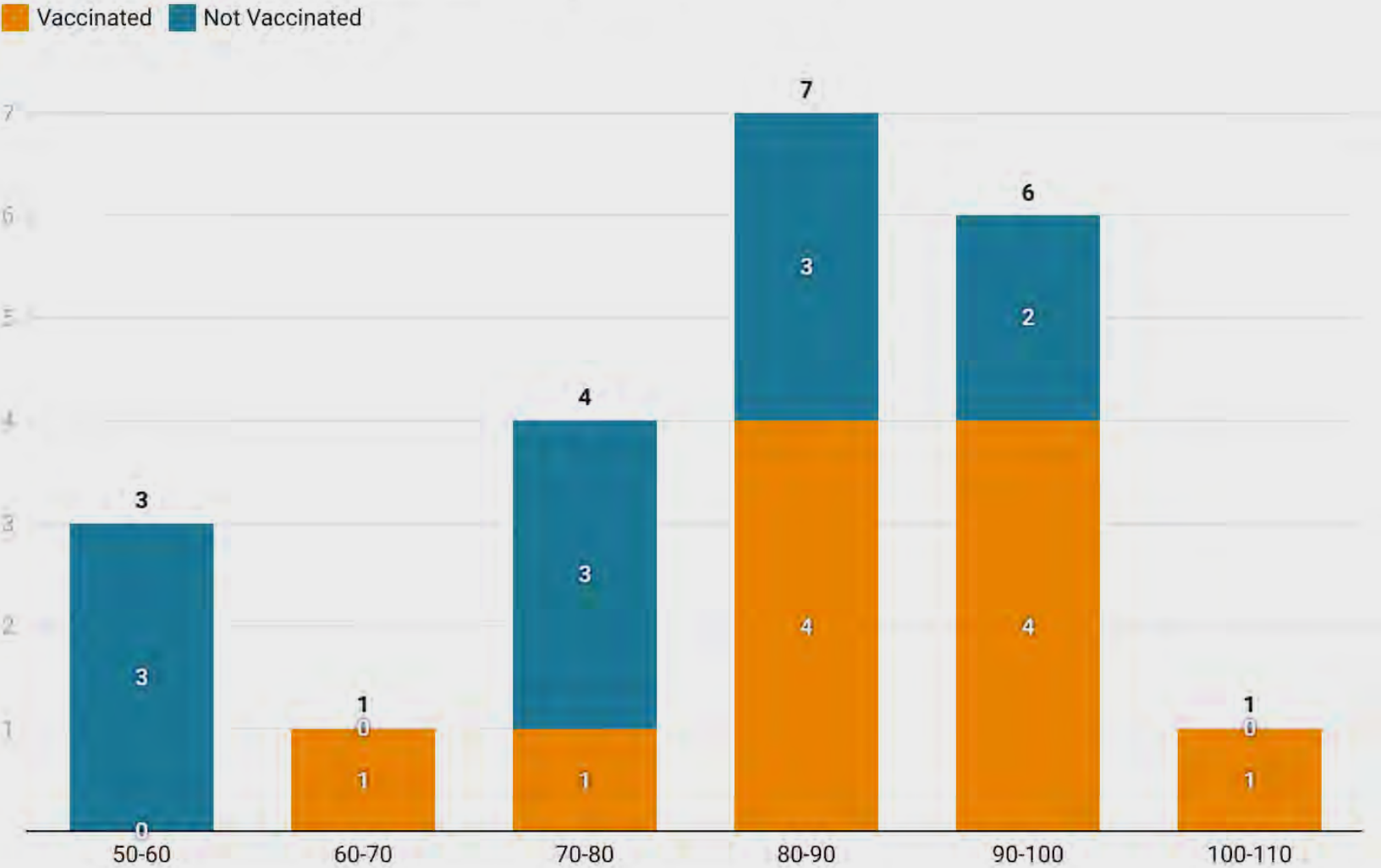


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# Resident Deaths X Vaccination Status from Feb. 1, 2021

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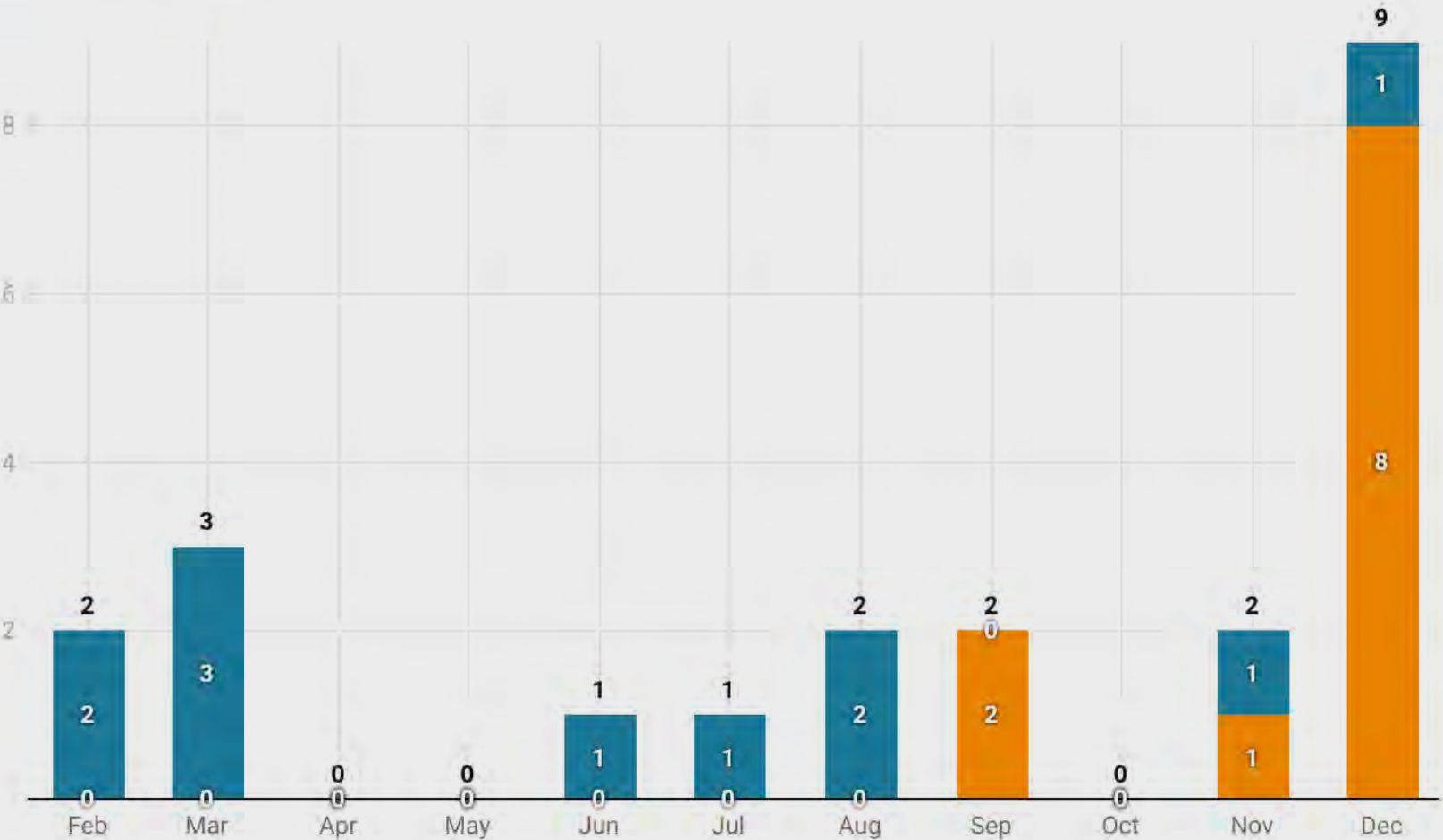


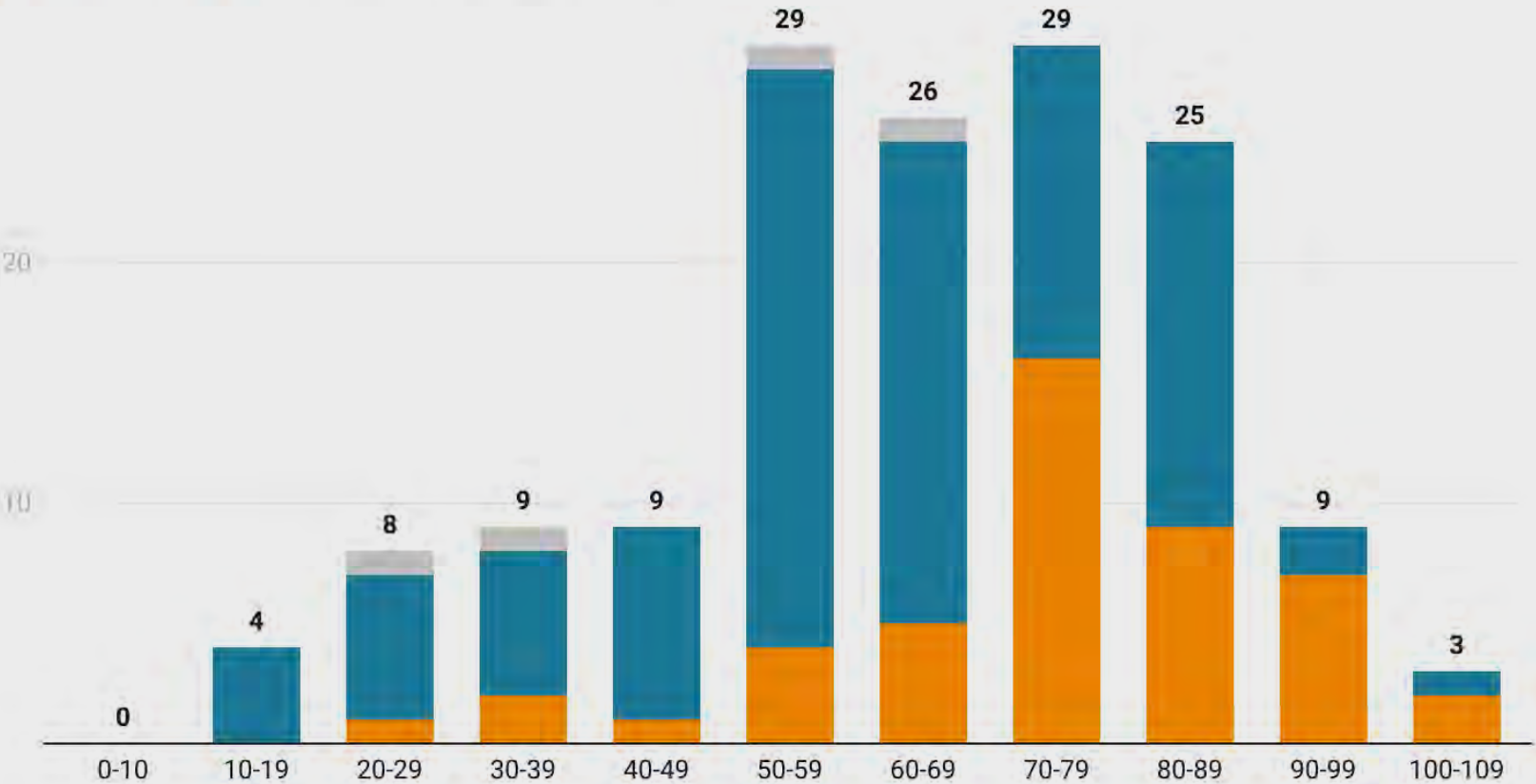
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# COVID-19-Positive Hospitalizations: Age and Vaccination Status

Tompkins County residents who tested positive for COVID-19 upon admission to Cayuga Medical Center. Totals Aug. 1 to Jan. 3, 2022. N=151.

VACCINATED NOT VACCINATED Don't Know



Average age: Vaccinated=74.7 yrs, Unvaccinated=59.7 yrs, Don't Know=46.0. For explanation of vaccination status, go to <https://bit.ly/dwgraphsref>

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# Self-Test Guidance & Reporting Form

- Seeing supply of self-tests increase substantially
  - State & Federal resources increasing
  - Local shelves appearing more well-stocked
- Shifting Disease Surveillance
  - More self-tests means less PCR tests, but positive cases still must isolate, monitor themselves, etc.
    - TCHD sends follow up message with guidance
  - Additional fields on daily data table
- Guidance on TCHD website on who should use these tests and when, as well as info on how to do so effectively.

**Positive COVID Self - Test Reporting Form** Tompkins CountyNY.gov

Tompkins County Resident \*

☒ Yes  
☐ No

Are you submitting a COVID At-Home POSITIVE test result? \*

☒ Yes  
☐ No

\* Required Fields

**Contact Information**

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Date of Birth \*

Phone Number \*

Do you wish to receive text messages at this number? \*

☐ Yes  
☐ No

Email \*

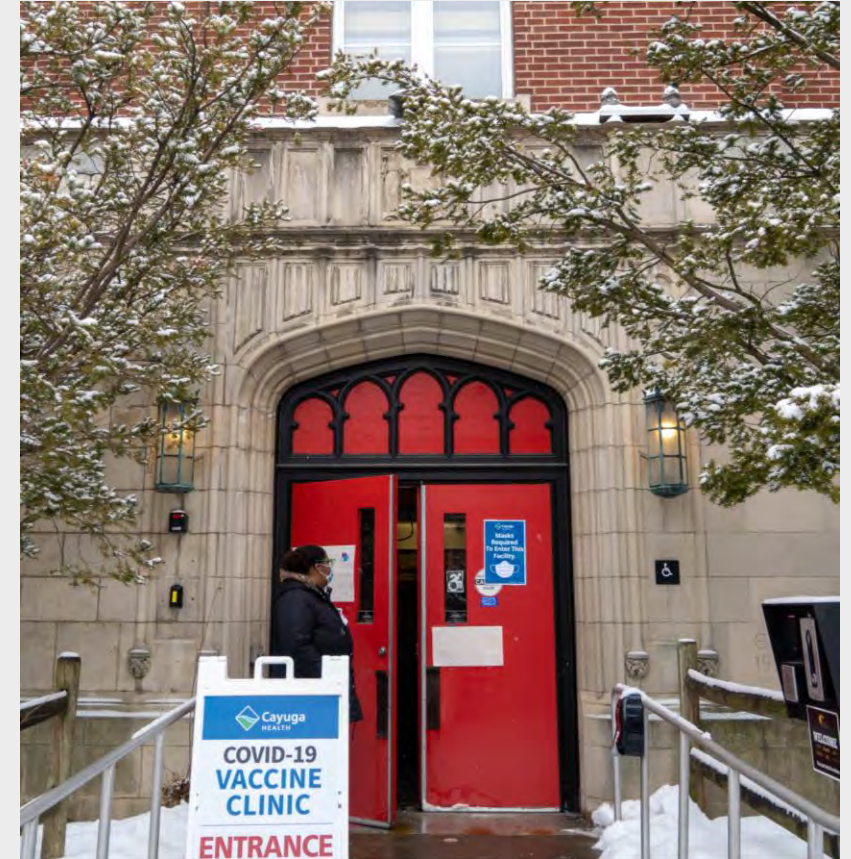
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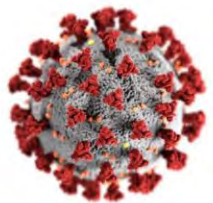
- Testing Availability
  - Self-tests distributed to local districts through BOCES and NYS.
- Not Supporting Test to Stay
  - Resource limitations (staffing, testing) and ability to do so equitably across districts are limiting factors.
  - Schools can be successful keeping kids in school without this particular offering
- Consistent communication with BOCES & Supts.
  - Public Health Director in frequent communication with districts on guidance and updates.





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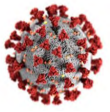
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# January 4, 2022 – January 18, 2022, Contact Tracing Operations Suspended

## COVID-19 Data

### Disease Incidence

**12** hospitalized, **50** deaths (+2)  
**15,057** total positive cases (+2,385),  
(**503** active cases)

### Positive Self-Test Results Reported

**1,213** total positives reported (+693)

### Vaccine Doses (NYS Tracker)

**82,376** first doses, **75,355** completed

## Orders, Announcements from NYS

**Jan 4** – NYS DOH [issues](#) Interim Advisory on Return-to-Work Protocols for Healthcare Workers

**Jan 5** – [NYS adopts](#) CDC's shortened isolation & quarantine guidance

**Jan 13** – NYS [extends](#) indoor venue mask/vaxx requirement to Feb. 1, 2022

**Jan 14** - NYS DOH [releases](#) updated Isolation & Quarantine Guidance, Self-Affirmation Forms

**Jan 15** – [No. 11.2](#) Declaring a Disaster Emergency in NYS, continues the terms, conditions, and suspensions contained in Executive Order 11 and 11.1 until February 15, 2022.

Law - Chapter 1 – Jan 15 – Remote Meetings extended as long as the pandemic is going (See EO 11.2 - Feb 14).

## Local Operations

**1/6** - Cornell [announces](#) plan to start Spring semester virtually, 1/24-2/4; pre-departure and arrival testing

**1/7** - Ithaca College [announces](#) plan to start Spring semester virtually, 1/24-1/28

**1/13** - TC3 [announces](#) new SUNY policy requiring all on-campus students to show proof of vaccination, boosters

**1/18** - Additional self-test kits to be distributed throughout the county via rural libraries, non-profit and community partners

### Vaccine Clinics:

**1/6 & 1/7** - Lansing & Newfield Youth Vaccine Clinics, ages 5-11, 2nd Dose

**1/8, 1/15** - Moderna booster clinics, mall site; upcoming clinic planned for **1/22**

**1/15** - Pfizer booster clinic, ages 12-17, mall site

**1/18, 1/19, 1/20** - Pfizer youth ages 5-11 clinics in Dryden, Enfield, Ithaca (BJM)

## Communications/Messaging

**1/5** - Self-Test Guide [published](#), distribution begins to local municipalities

**1/5** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Shortened Isolation & Quarantine Periods & Updates

**1/7** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Booster Eligibility, Testing Hours, Self-Test and Mask Distribution

**1/10** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Moderna Booster Clinic, January 15

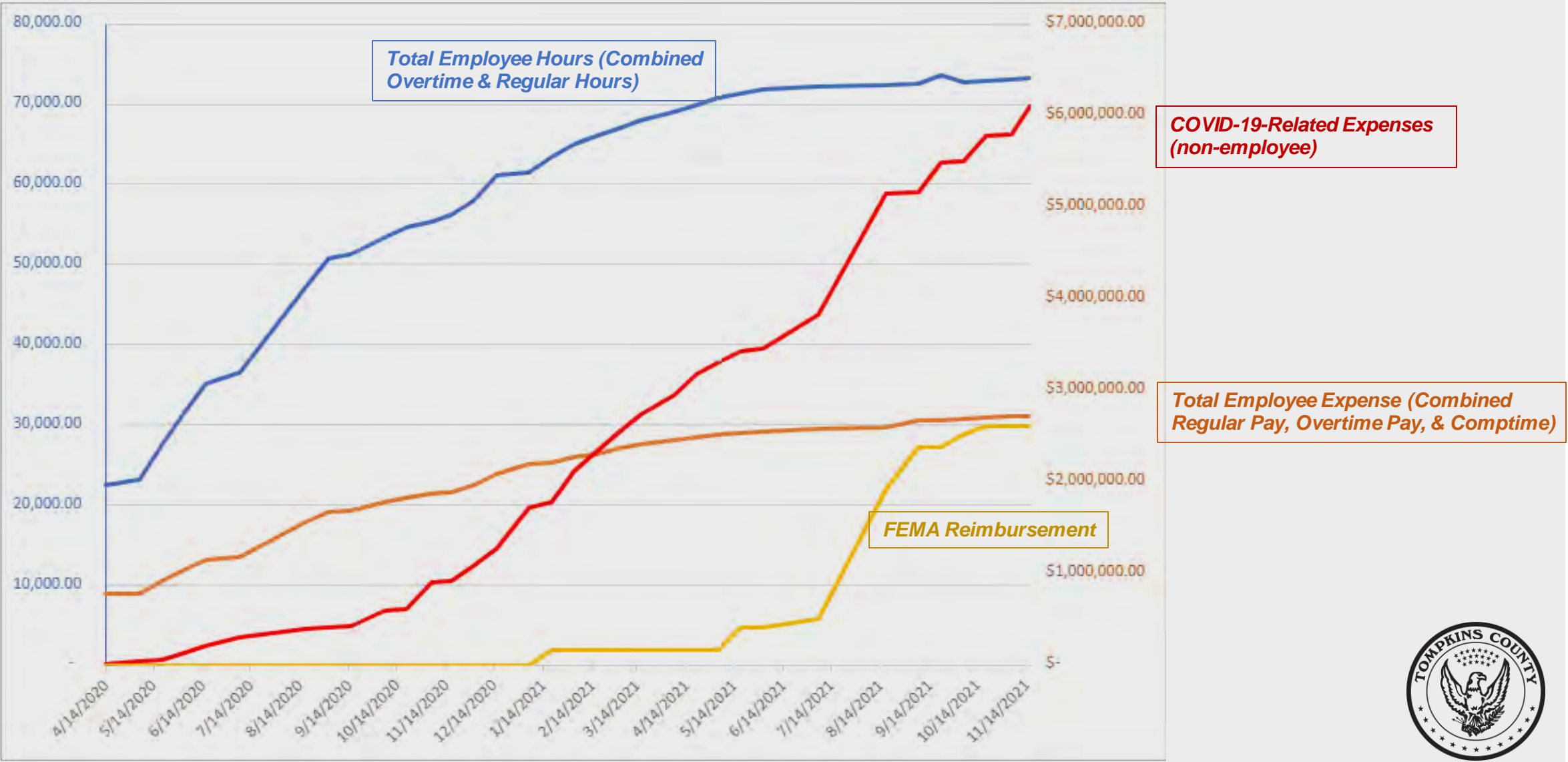
**1/13** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Pfizer Booster Clinic, Ages 12-17 on January 15

**1/14** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Changes to Contact Tracing and Case Investigations, Self-Affirmations Forms Available from NYS

**1/19** - Planned robocall re: booster availability, changes in contact tracing/case investigations.



# Combined COVID-19 Hours & Expenses Over Time





# Case Investigation & Contact Tracing Changes

- Shifting Priorities
  - From positive case calls and contact tracing to prioritizing high-risk populations, vaccination and educational outreach.
  - Contact tracing operations are suspended for a majority of the population.
  - If you are sick or a close contact, new guidance published by TCHD.
- What this means for preK-12?
  - TCHD will not conduct contact tracing in preK-12 school settings and is not expecting schools to complete contact tracing following an identified positive case.
  - Frequently asked questions published for the preK-12 setting on the [TCHD website](#) (source: NYS DOH).
- Shortened Isolation & Quarantine
  - Self-Affirmation forms now available through NYSDOH.





# Booster Dose Clinics Continue

- 1/15/2022 Booster Clinics
  - Completed 400 Moderna, 300 Pfizer (12-17 year old) booster doses
- Offering 2 more Saturday Moderna booster clinics, 1/22, 1/29
- Awaiting data from NYS on total boosted population
- Boosters continue to prove safe and effective in preventing severe illness & death from COVID-19



# Self-Test Guidance

Self-test kits have recently become more widely available for purchase locally in pharmacies and online, no prescription needed. Additional information on self-tests is available on the Health Department's [website](#).

- Self-Test Guide: When and How to Test
  - **Plan:** Consider testing before gathering with others or attending an event, on or after travel. Both help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
  - **Prep:** Wash hands well and clean surfaces. Read all the instructions completely.
  - **Test:** Take the test exactly as directed. Use a timer to be accurate.
    - **If positive**, isolate and report your test to TCHD using the [online reporting form](#). If you do not have internet, call 2-1-1 (1.877.211.8667) during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm, for assistance in reporting your test result. Once submitted, you will receive isolation instructions and a documentation letter.

COVID-19: KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

## Self-Testing

### When & How to Test

#### Plan

- ☑ Consider testing before gathering with others, before attending an event, or after travel. You can help prevent the spread of COVID-19.


#### Prep

- ☑ Wash hands well and clean area surfaces. Read all the instructions completely.

#### Test

- ☑ Take the test exactly as directed. Use a timer to be accurate.

If you test positive, isolate and report your results to TCHD. Scan this code, go to [bit.ly/tchdselftestform](https://bit.ly/tchdselftestform) or call 2-1-1.



Testing helps stop the spread

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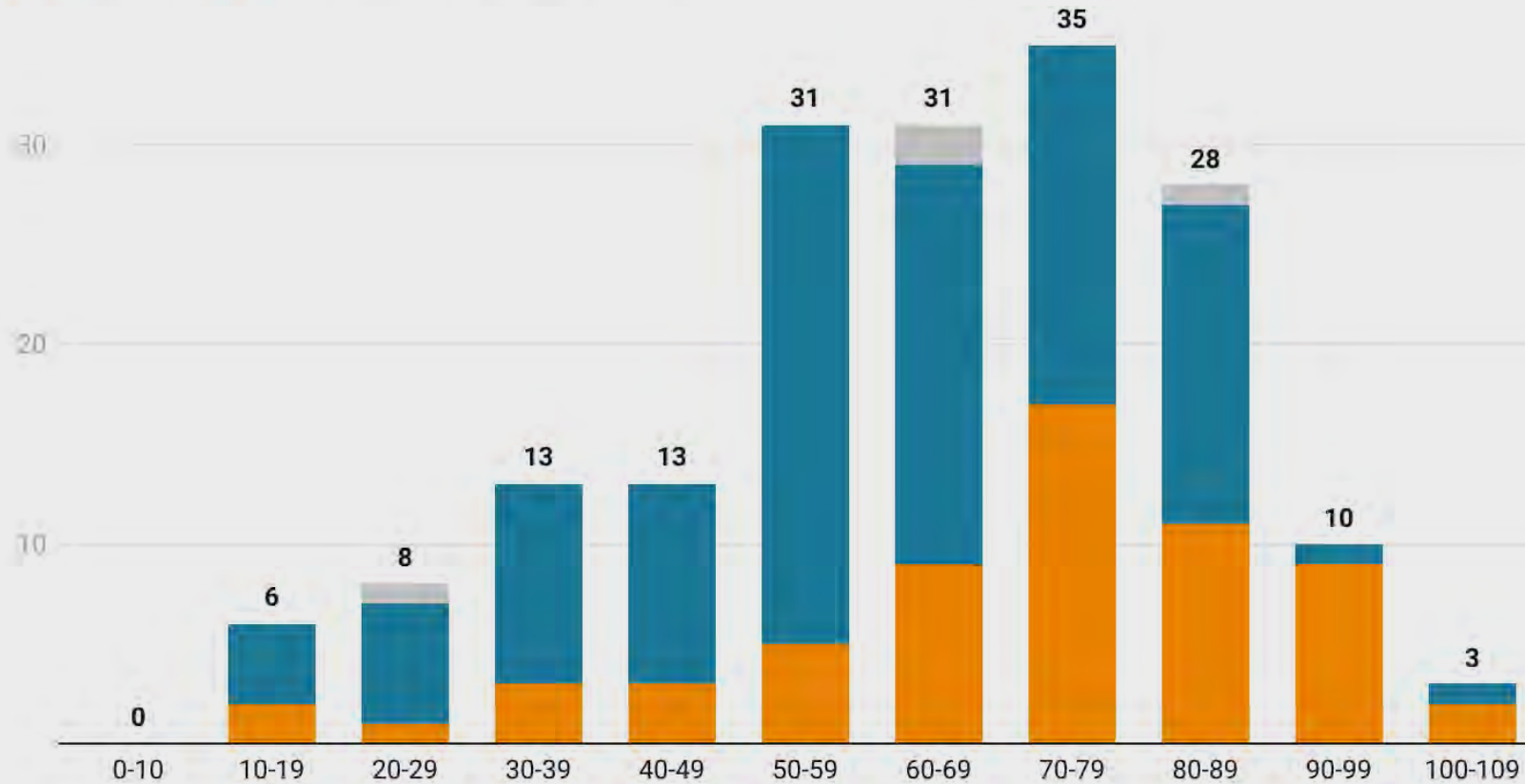
[www.tompkinscountyny.gov/Health](https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/Health)



## COVID-19-Positive Hospitalizations: Age and Vaccination Status

Tompkins County residents who tested positive for COVID-19 upon admission to Cayuga Medical Center. Totals Aug. 1 to Jan. 17, 2022. N=178.

VACCINATED NOT VACCINATED Don't Know



Average age: Vaccinated=71.3 yrs, Unvaccinated=58.8 yrs, Don't Know=57.3. For explanation of vaccination status, go to <https://bit.ly/dwgraphsref>

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# Resident Deaths X Month and Vaccination Status from 2/1/2021

Tompkins County residents. Totals Feb. 1 through Jan. 11, 2022. N=25.

Vaccinated Not Vaccinated

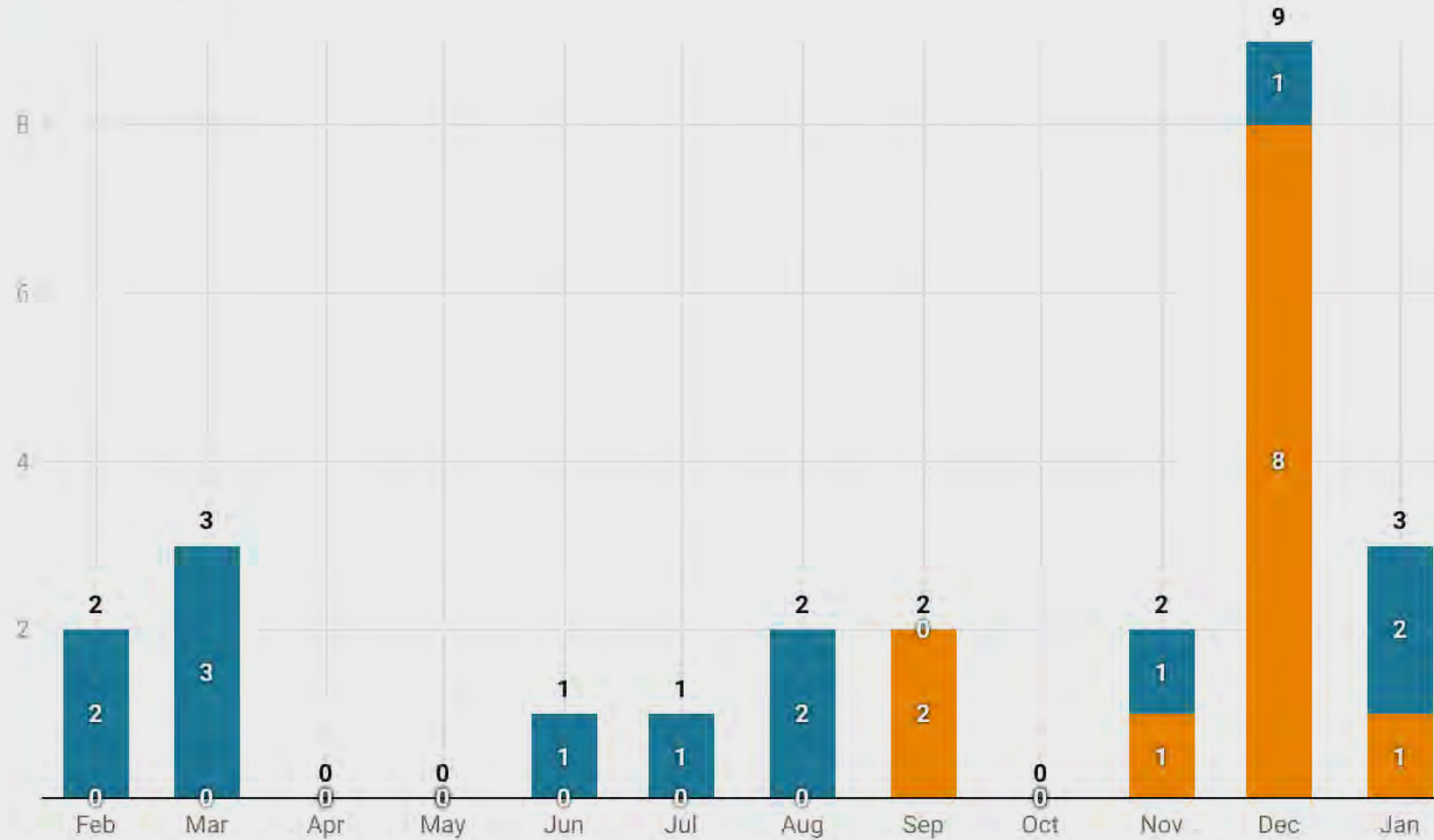


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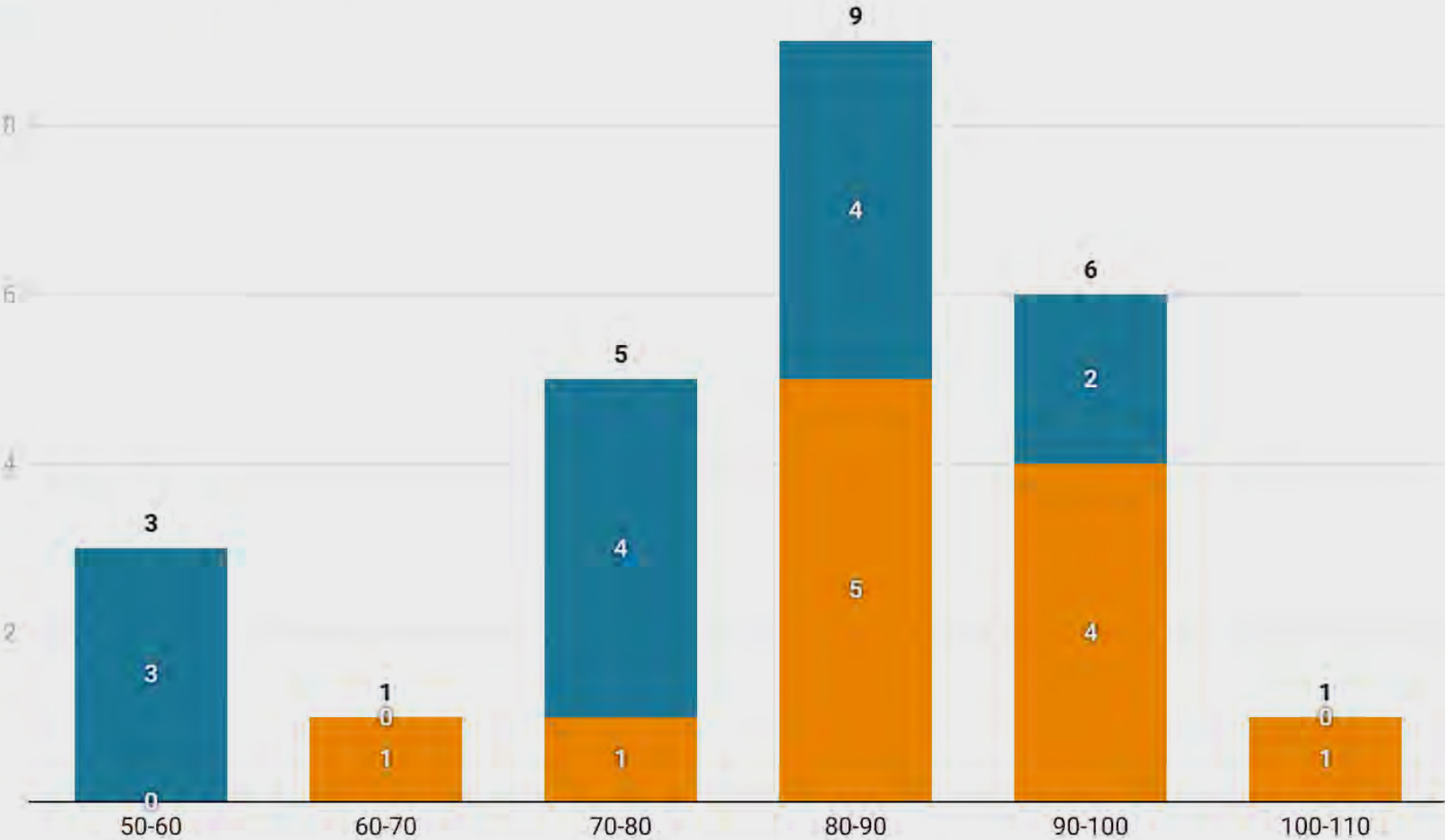
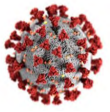


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# January 18, 2022 – January 31, 2022, Cases Decrease, Booster Clinics

## COVID-19 Data

### Disease Incidence

**16** hospitalized, **54** deaths (+4)

**16,791** total positive cases (+1,734),

### Positive Self-Test Results Reported

**1,519** total positives reported (+306)

### Vaccine Doses (NYS Tracker)

**83,198** first doses, **75,636** completed

## Orders, Announcements from NYS

1/30 – EO 4.5 – Extend Health Staffing Shortage EO until March 1, 2022.

1/31 – DOH Commissioner Memo – Mask Mandate extended to Feb 10. Reviewed every 2 weeks.

## Local Operations

**1/25 - 1/31** - Libraries, town clerks' offices, shelter: recipients of self-test kits, support distribution efforts

**1/31** - TCHD adjusts reporting of daily coronavirus data, no active or recovered cases.

### Vaccine Clinics:

**1/18, 1/19, 1/20** - Pfizer youth ages 5-11 clinics in Dryden, Enfield, Ithaca (BJM)

**1/22, 1/29** - Moderna, Pfizer Boosters at Ithaca Mall Vaccination Site

**1/25, 1/27** - Pfizer youth ages 5-11 clinics in Trumansburg, Groton

## Communications/Messaging

**1/18 - 1/31** - Booster ads run in Ithaca Times, Ithaca Voice

**1/19** - Planned robocall re: booster availability, changes in contact tracing/case investigations

**1/19** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Moderna & Pfizer Booster Clinic, 1/22; Children's Vaccine Clinics, walk-ins available 1/19, 1/20

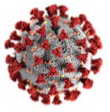
**1/24** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Moderna & Pfizer Booster Clinic, 1/29

**1/26** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Self-Test Distribution

**1/27** - [COVID-19 Update](#): Changes in Data Reporting

**1/31** - Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce, Chamber Gram released, thanking businesses, reminder of guidance and resources





# February 01, 2022 – February 15, 2022, Mask Advisory, Mask Distribution

## COVID-19 Data

### Disease Incidence

**12** hospitalized, **55** deaths (+1)  
**17,398** total positive cases (+607),

### Positive Self-Test Results Reported

**1,657** total positives reported (+138)

### Vaccine Doses (NYS Tracker)

**83,615** first doses, **76,100** completed

## Orders, Announcements from NYS

2/9 - Governor Announces DOH will not extend mask mandate past 2/10.

2/9 - Governor releases additional winter planning concepts and resources

2/14 - EO 11.3 - SOE extended to March 16

## Local Operations

**2/2022** - Tompkins County procures 250,000 KN95 masks for community distribution

**2/9** - Libraries, town clerks' offices, shelter, non-profit agencies, food pantries: recipients of self-test kits and KN95 masks, support distribution efforts

### Vaccine Clinics:

**2/1-2/11:** Follow up 2nd dose youth clinics: BJM, Trumansburg, Groton

**2/14:** New Roots Charter School clinic; Lakeview

Clinics can be requested using the TCHD "Request a Clinic" [form](#)

## Communications/Messaging

**2/1 - 2/14** - Booster ads continue to run in Ithaca Times, Ithaca Voice

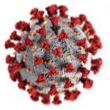
**2/2** - [COVID-19 Update: Over 41,000 Tompkins Residents Boosted, Clinic Planning Update](#)

**2/9** - [COVID-19 Update: KN95 Masks Available Free of Charge, Self-Test Distribution Continues](#)

**2/9** - [COVID-19 Update: Tompkins County Mask Advisory Still in Effect, Citing High Rate of Community Transmission](#)

**2/10** - [COVID-19 Update: KN95 Mask Distribution Event Today, Feb 10 on the Ithaca Commons, 2:30pm–4:15pm](#)





# February 16, 2022 – March 1, 2022, CDC Metrics Change, Mask Advisory Suspended

## COVID-19 Data

### Disease Incidence

4 hospitalized, 59 deaths (+4)  
17,773 total positive cases (+375),

### Positive Self-Test Results Reported

1,701 total positives reported (+44)

### Vaccine Doses (NYS Tracker)

83,922 first doses, 76,414 completed

## Orders, Announcements from NYS

2/9 - Governor Announces DOH will not extend mask mandate past 2/10

2/14 - EO 11.3 - SOE extended to March 16

2/27 - Governor Announces DOH will end mask mandate for public schools, effective 3/2

## Local Operations

2/2022 - Tompkins County procures 250,000 KN95 masks for community distribution along with 28,000 Self-Test Kits

2/16 - Libraries, town clerks' offices, shelter, non-profit agencies, food pantries: recipients of self-test kits and KN95 masks, support distribution efforts

2/22 - KN95 Mask Use Palm Cards, with general COVID-19 FAQs on back, translated into 6 languages, shared with partners: Spanish, Karen, Chinese Traditional, Russian, French, Arabic

As of 3/1 - all test kits have been distributed; over 233,000 KN95 masks have been distributed

2/28 - [TC Human Resources](#) discontinued County COVID Directive 2 – no longer requiring staff and visitors to wear masks

### Vaccine Clinics:

Clinics can be requested using the TCHD "Request a Clinic" [form](#)

## Communications/Messaging

2/25 - [COVID-19 Update: Mask Advisory Continues to be in Effect](#)

2/28 - [COVID-19 Update: Tompkins County Mask Advisory Suspended 2/28, NYS School Mask Mandate Ends 3/2](#)

3/1 - [COVID-19 Update: Clarification on Data Used to Determine CDC "Community Level," Mask Advisory Suspension](#)



2/28/2022

*"We're in a place where we are seeing very little spread and severe disease locally and around the state. While we are suspending our mask advisory and no longer requiring that masks be worn in schools, you may still choose to wear a mask to protect yourself or others – masks are one of the best tools to stop the disease from spreading."*

-Frank Kruppa, Tompkins County Public Health Director

