

COVID-19 Update

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STAFFING & KEY UPDATES

Staff in Response – About 250 Roles

Operations (~200)

~70 contact tracing & support
~80 Testing
~50 Vaccination

Liaisons
(~10)

Logistics
(~11)

Safety, Finance,
Other (~10)

Public Information
(~8)

Planning
(~7)

Current Order

Order #14 went into effect yesterday and is in place until April 7 at 12:01 am.

Increases gathering sizes, allows restaurants to open to 50% capacity, and allows taverns to open to 25% capacity, with certain safety requirements.



Why Orders are Changing

We're following the data.

- The number of cases per day has been stable or trending downward nearly every day since mid-January.
- We're doing more testing than we ever have before, with a percent positivity of less than 1%, so we are not likely to be missing cases.
- More than 1 in 5 Dane County residents have at least one dose. This is 75% among people 65+.



Why Orders are Changing

People most at risk were prioritized for vaccination.

- Health care workers were among the first people to be vaccinated.
- More than 3 out of every 4 Dane County residents age 65 and older have gotten vaccinated, including people in long term care. People 65+ account for 88% of all deaths in Dane County.
- People hospitalized with COVID and cases linked to long term care facilities are at the lowest levels we've seen in six months.
- Approval of J&J vaccine means we can ramp up our vaccination rate very quickly.

Why Orders are Changing

We're doing better than a lot of the country.

- The number of cases per day in the US was the highest in early January. In Wisconsin and Dane County, the highest level of case activity occurred in mid-November and has been mostly declining since.
- Dane County's current 7-day average daily rate of cases/100,000 people is 12.1 (8.4 excluding UW students), while the U.S. as a whole is 17.4. Wisconsin's is 10.5, which is the 7th lowest out of all 50 states.



Testing Update

As of 3/9:

South Madison test site:

10,446 tested

Alliant test site:

393,187 tested



COVID-19 Vaccine

In Dane County (as of 3/11):

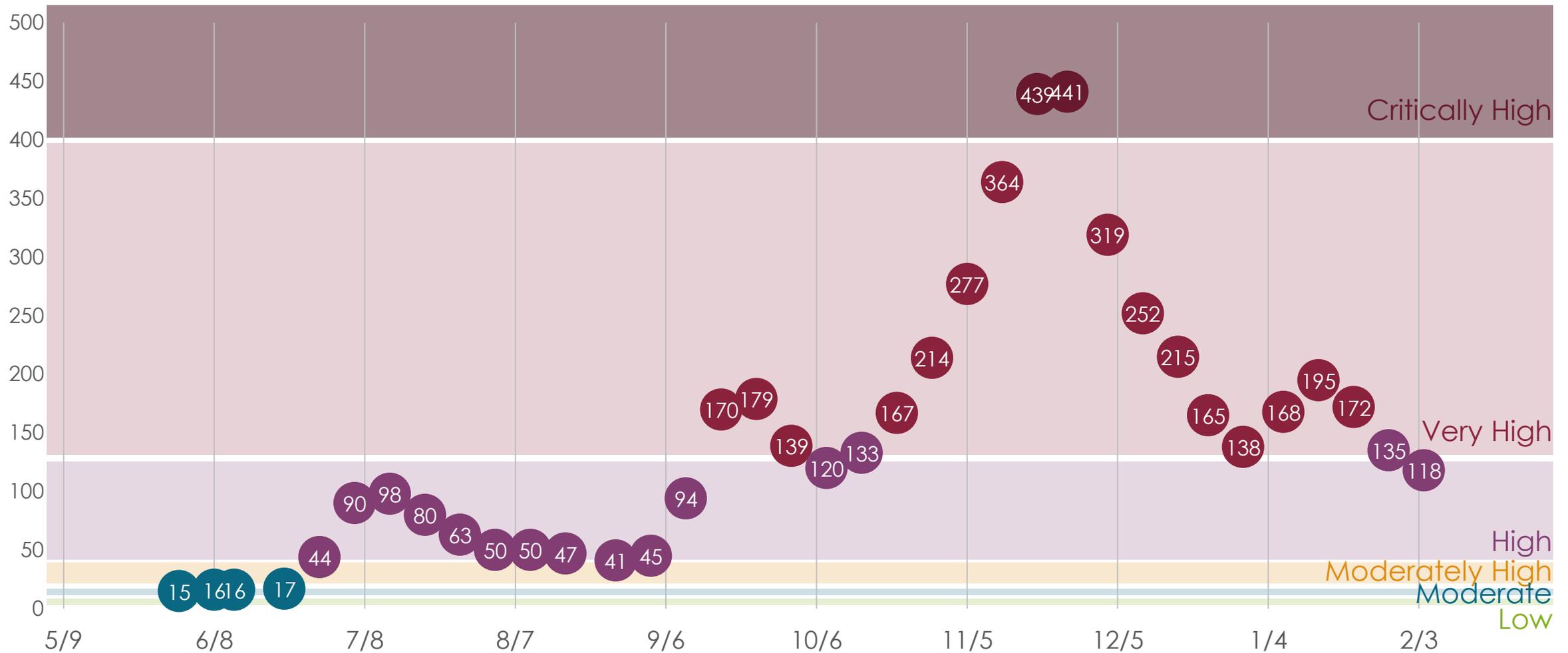
- 22.6% of people have at least one dose
- 14.5% have completed the series

Public Health has given more than 18,000 doses, and we have enough vaccine to vaccinate more than 11,000 people this week and next.



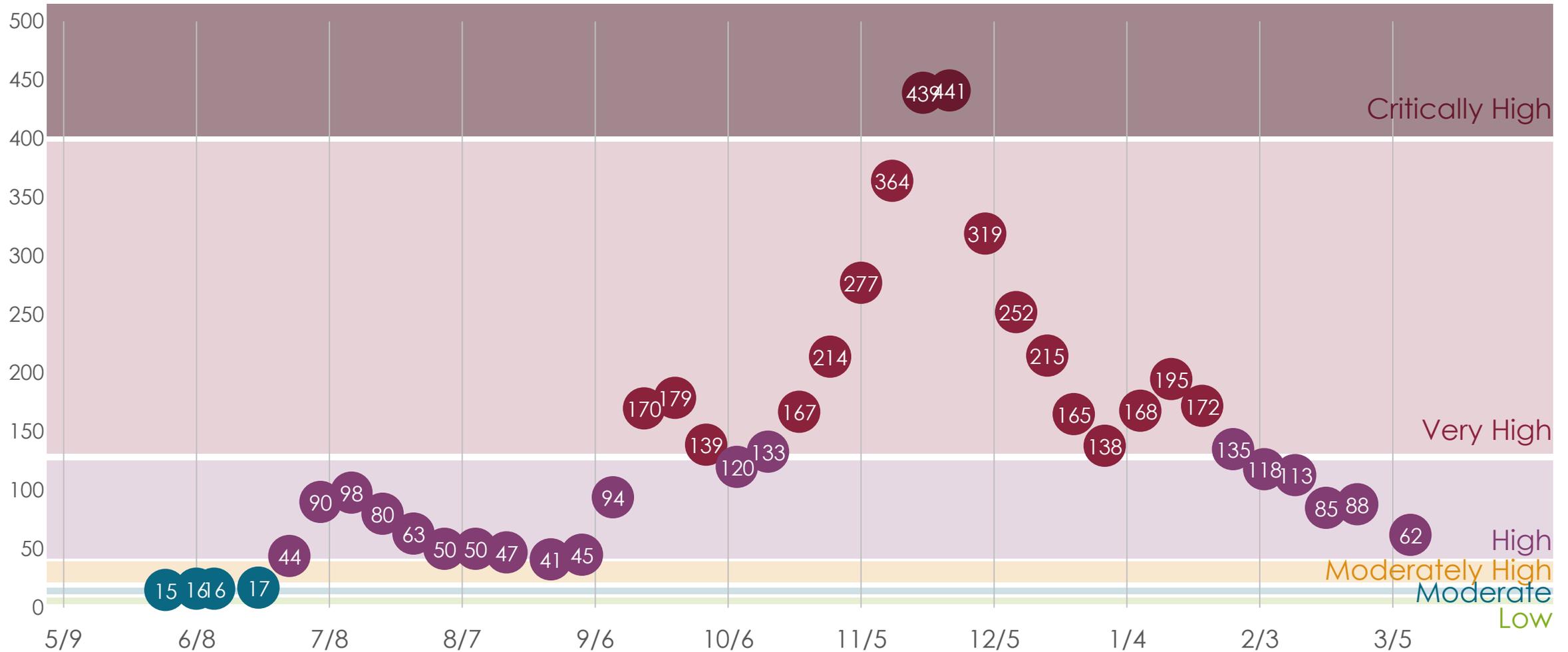
DATA

The last time we met, our 14-day averages looked like this:



Our current 14-day average

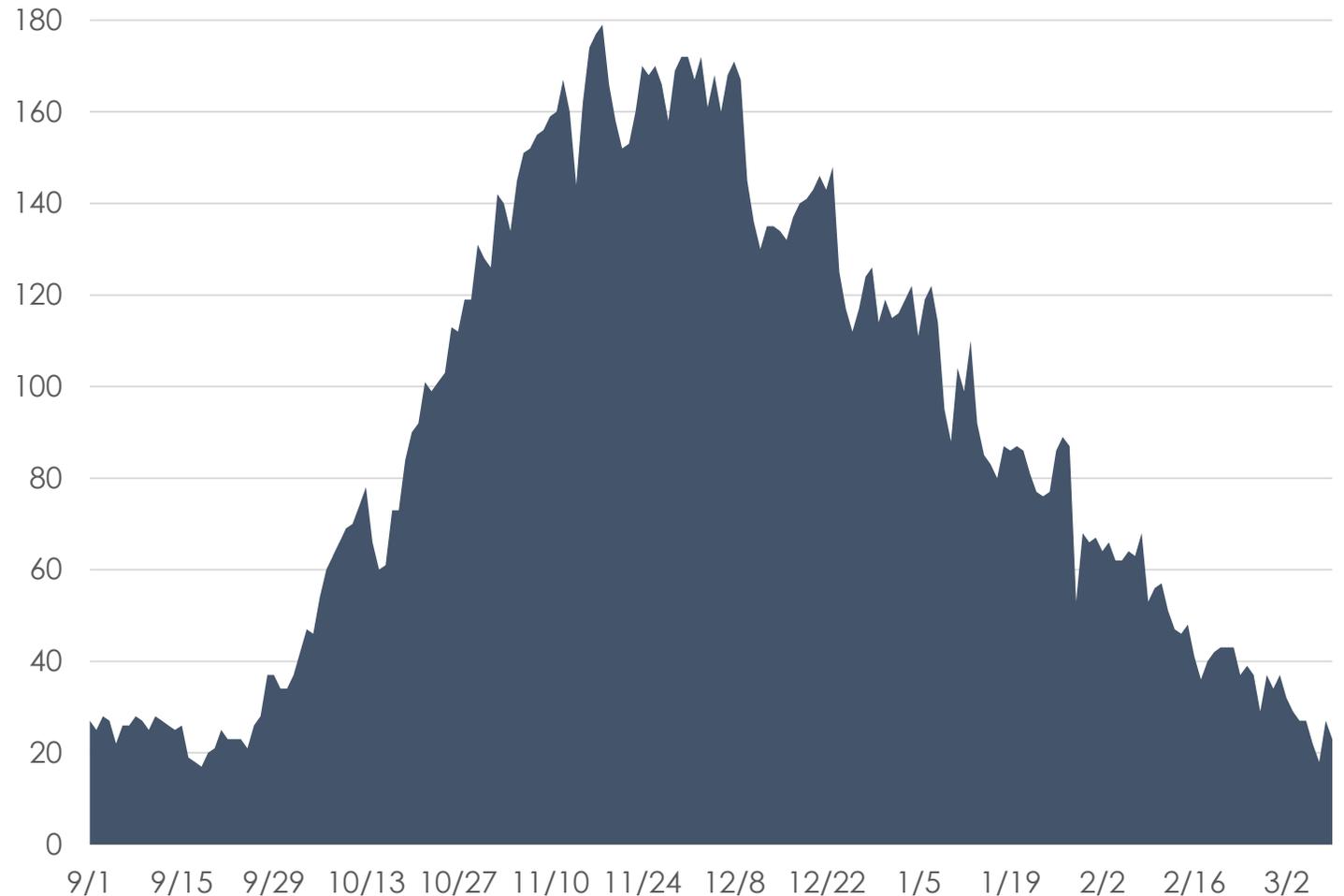
We're at our lowest level since October 15.



Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations have declined back to the level they were at in September.

Last time we met, we had 63 hospitalizations. Today, there are 15.



LOOKING

AHEAD

Looking Ahead

Currently limited by vaccine supply but supply is increasing

In Dane County, people who are currently eligible make up at least 30% of the county. Even more people are soon to be eligible, as announced by DHS earlier today.



Looking Ahead

Continue ramping up

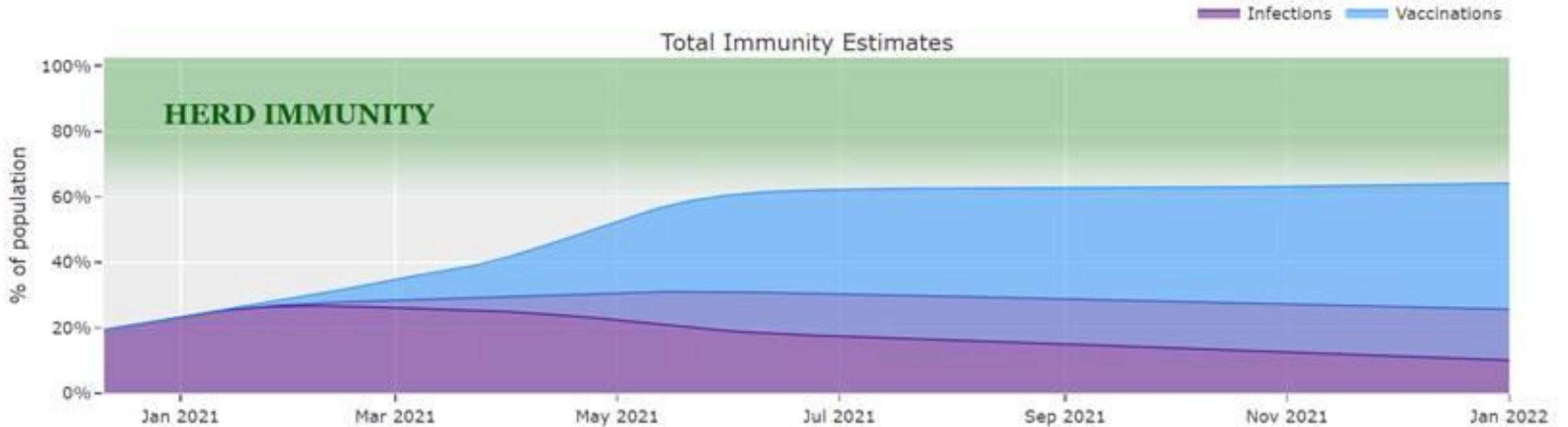
Federal officials have indicated that there might be an increase in vaccine supply soon.

We are becoming more efficient every day. We can currently vaccinate about 5,700 people per week.



Looking Ahead

Path to Normality - US



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We're about here and making great progress!

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