

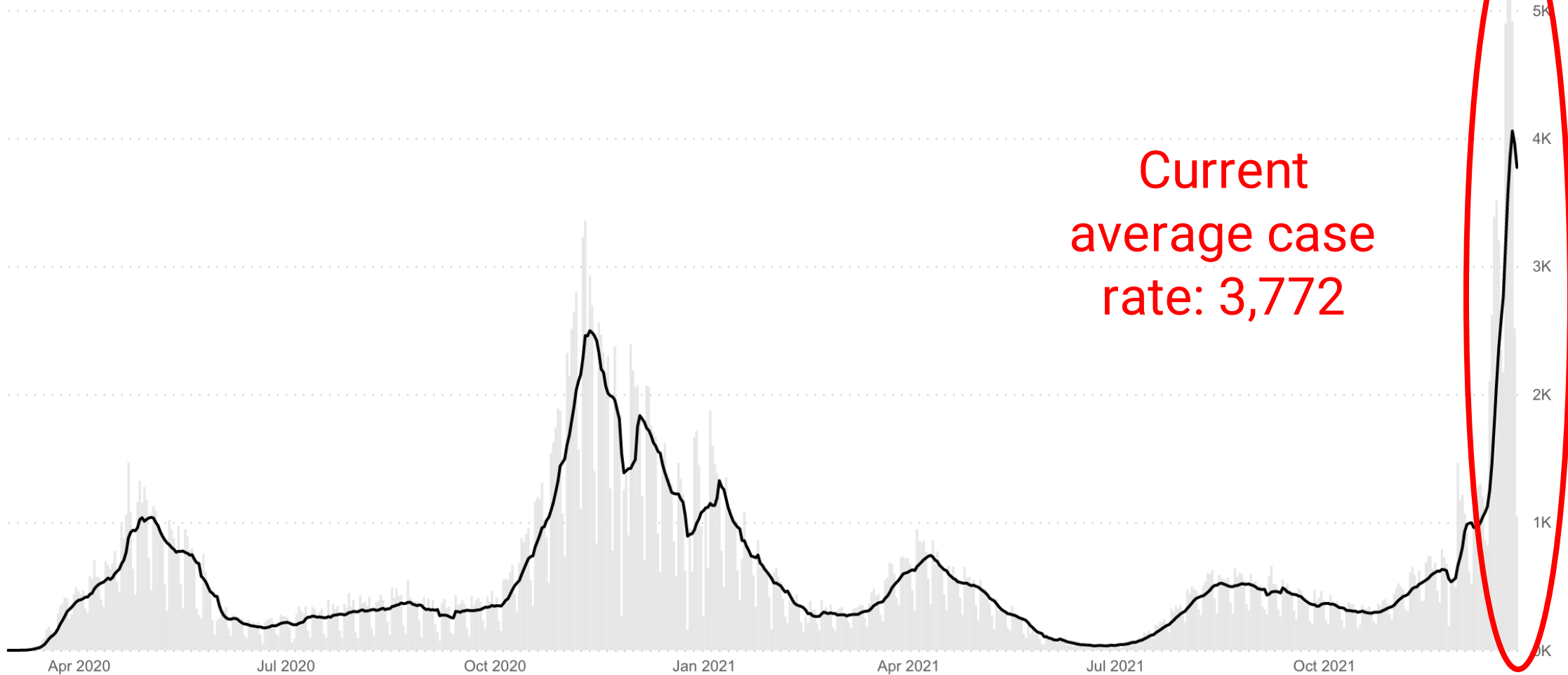
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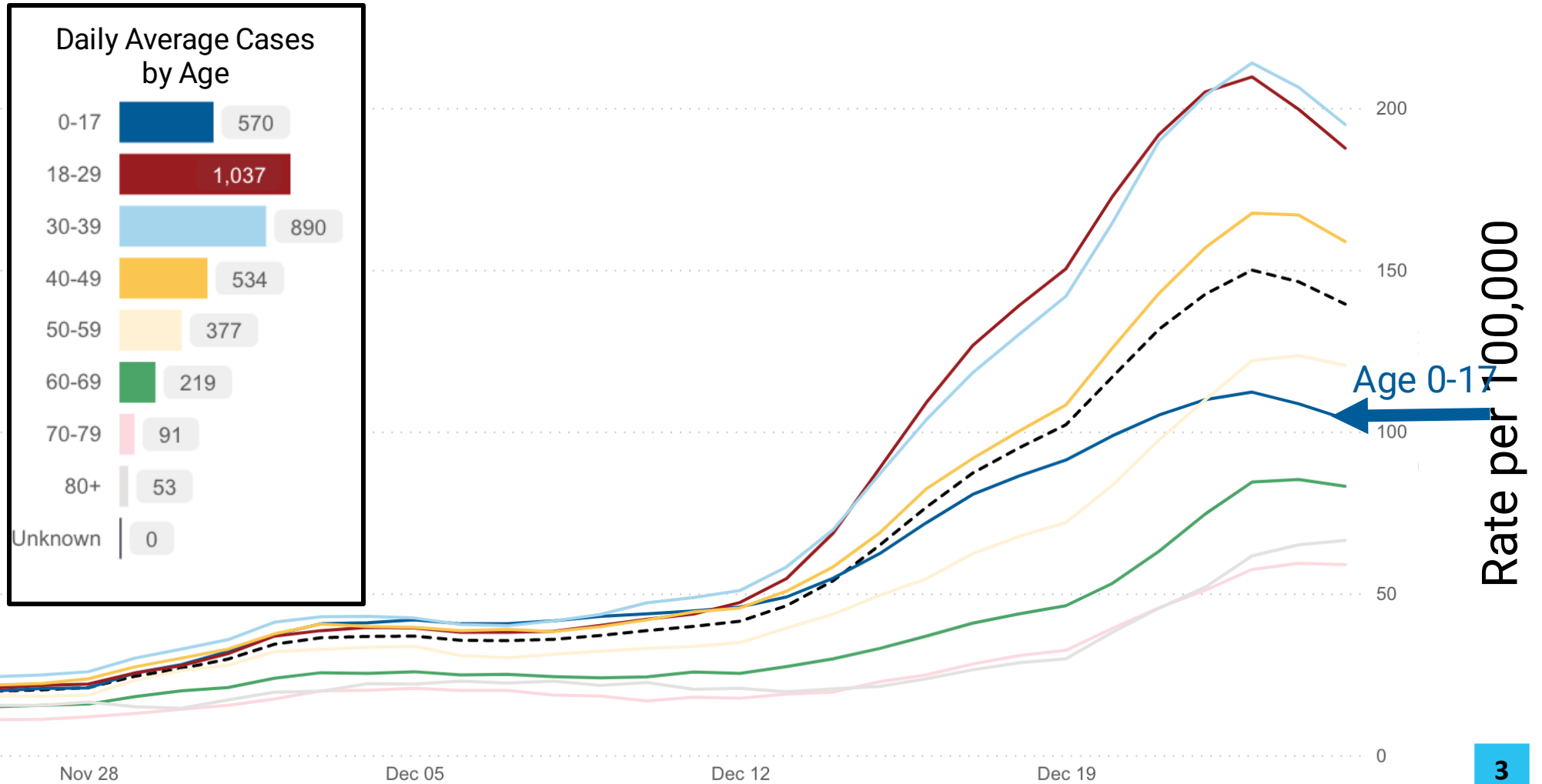
Chicago: COVID-19 case rate remains very high

12/21 Daily Total: 5,454

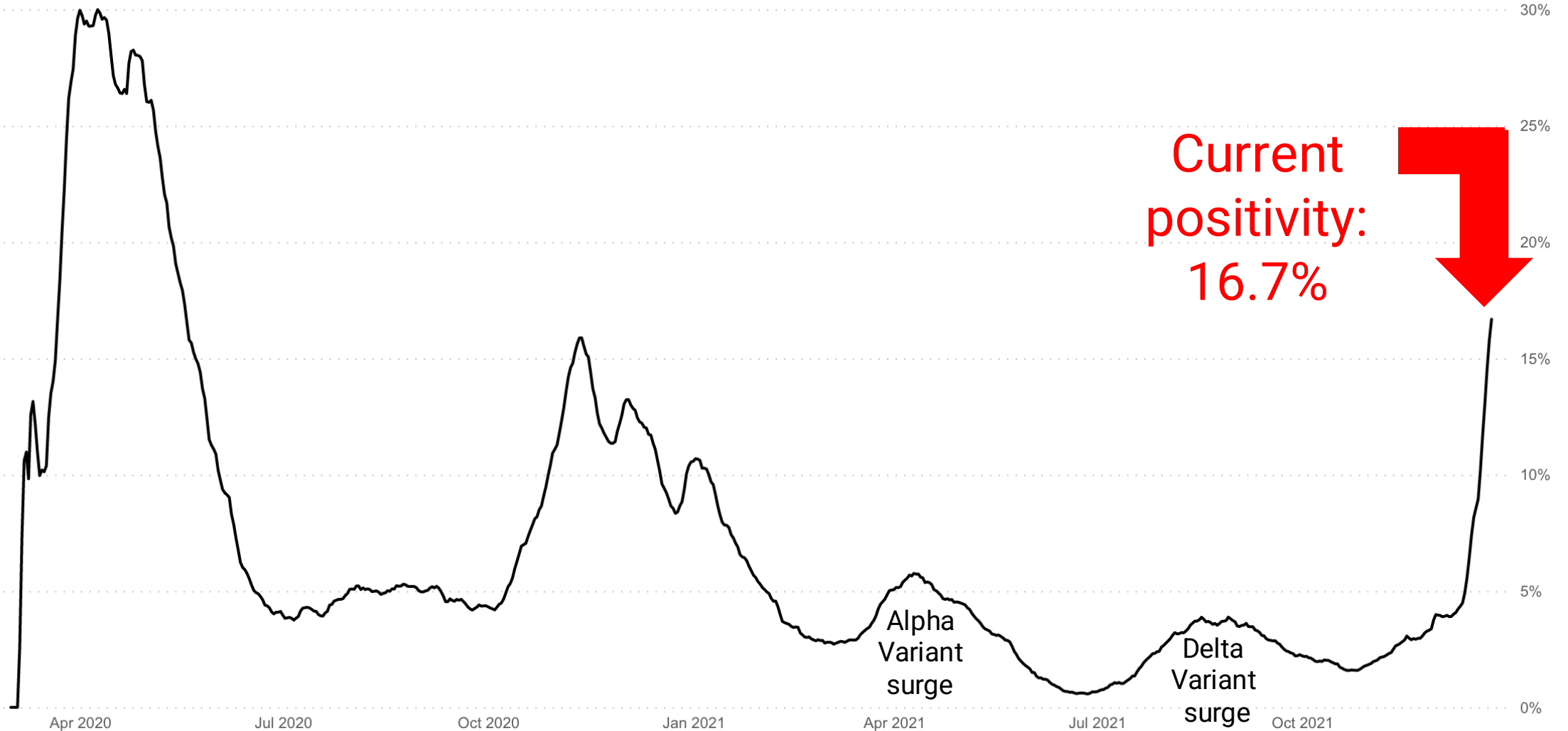
Current average case rate: 3,772



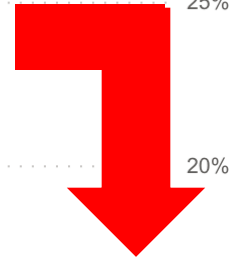
Chicago daily COVID case rates currently highest in 18-39 year-olds. Children have seen an increased COVID case diagnosis rate in surge, but lower than adults.



Chicago: COVID test positivity is the **highest** it has been since the first wave of the pandemic



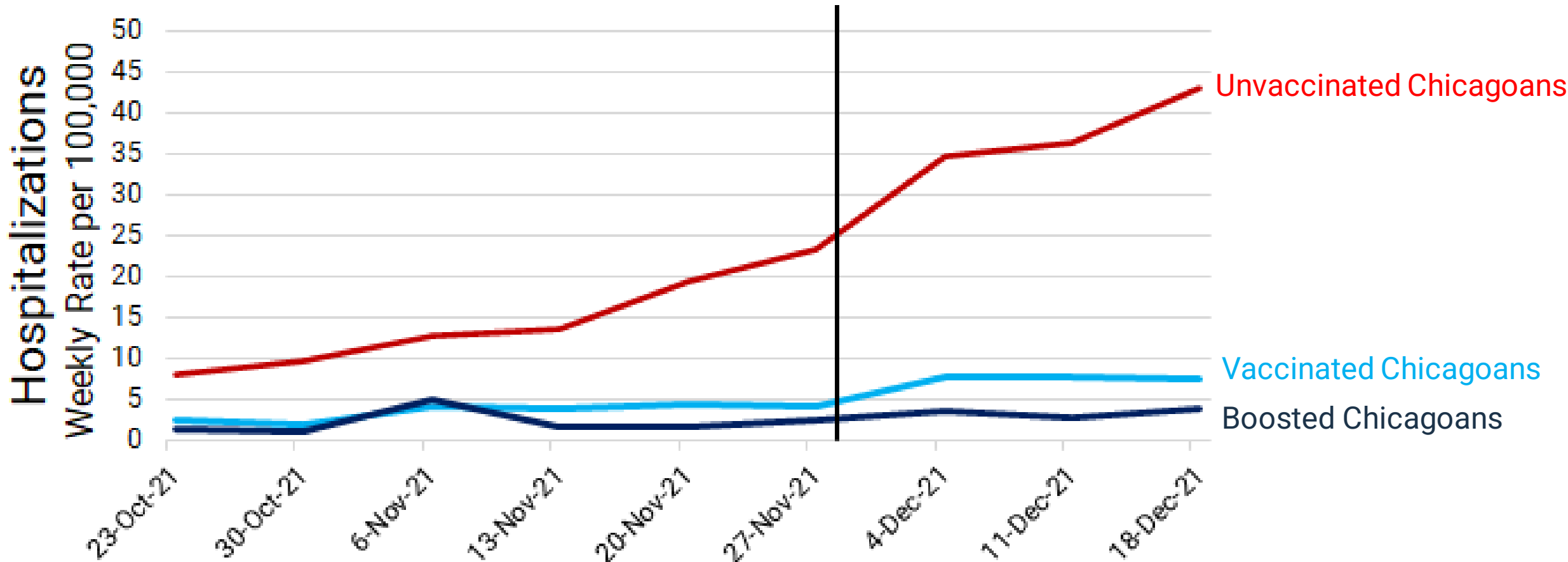
Current positivity: 16.7%



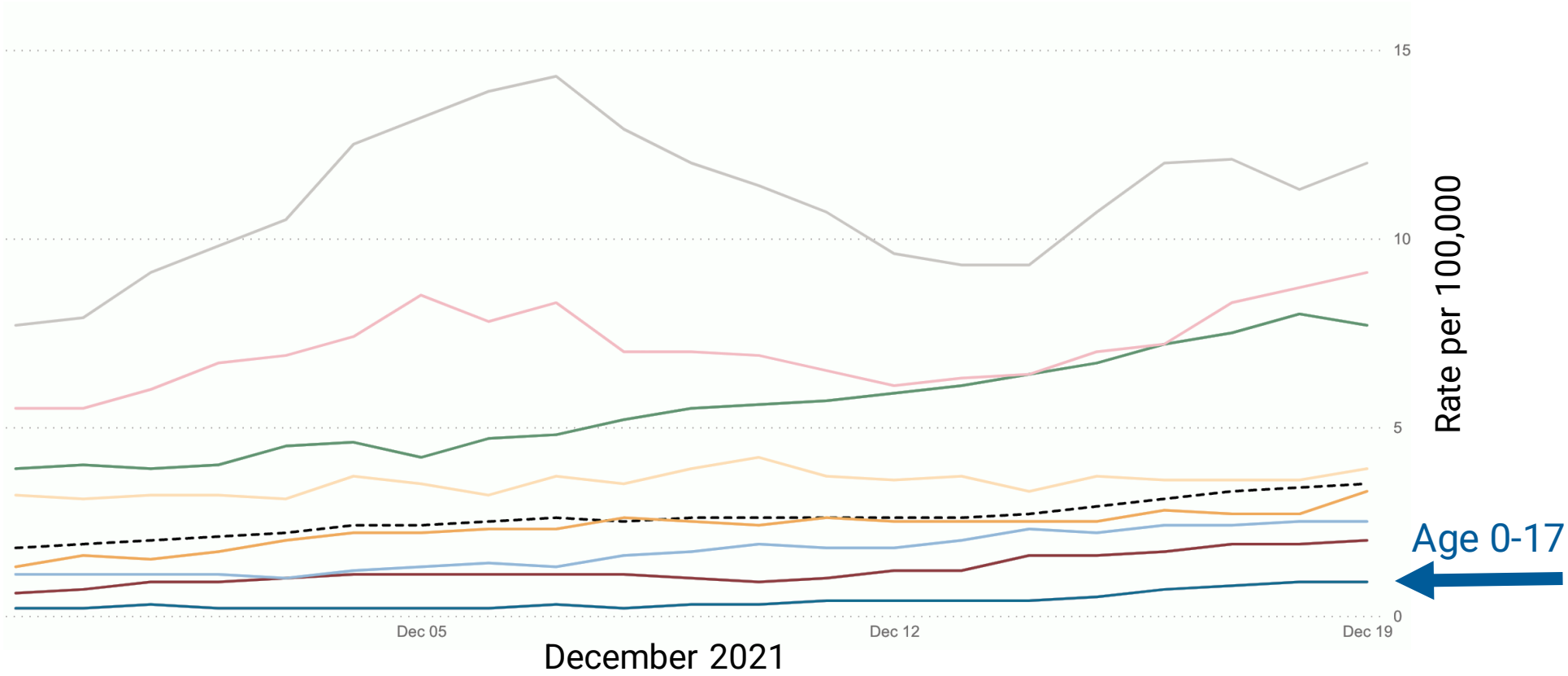
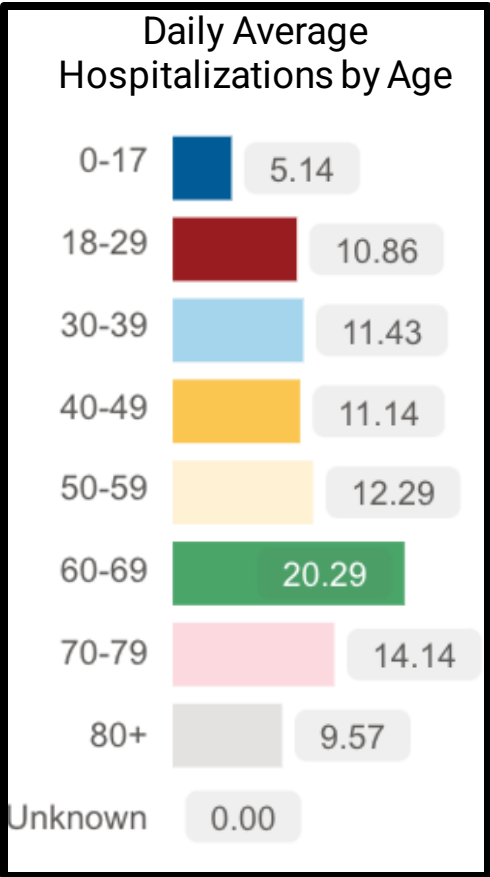
Good News: In Chicago, vaccines continue to protect beautifully against COVID hospitalization, and boosters add to that protection.



Unvaccinated Chicagoans are driving our increase in COVID hospitalizations.



Good news: Child COVID hospitalizations remain rare. Across the whole city, Chicago is averaging 5 COVID hospitalizations daily for children age 0-17.



Are you up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations?



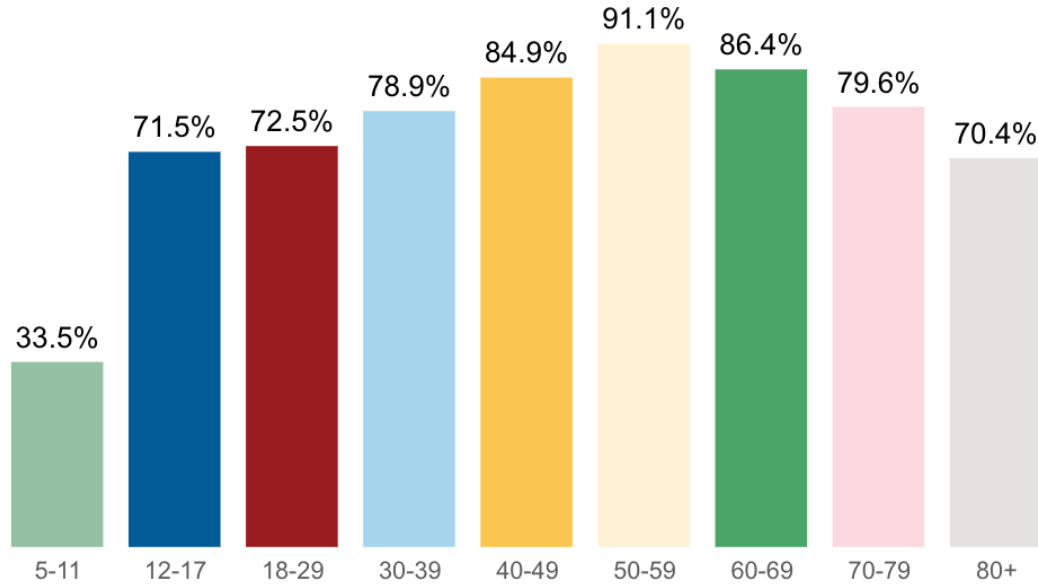
- “Up to date” means you have received all authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines based on your age and time eligibility

	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson
Age	5+ years old	18+ y/o	18+ y/o
Primary Series	2 doses given 21+ days apart	2 doses given 28+ days apart	1 dose
Booster Dose	Everyone 18+ should get a booster at least 6 months following primary series *Teens 16-17 may get a Pfizer booster	Everyone 18+ should get a booster at least 6 months following primary series	Everyone 18+ should get a booster at least 2 months following primary series

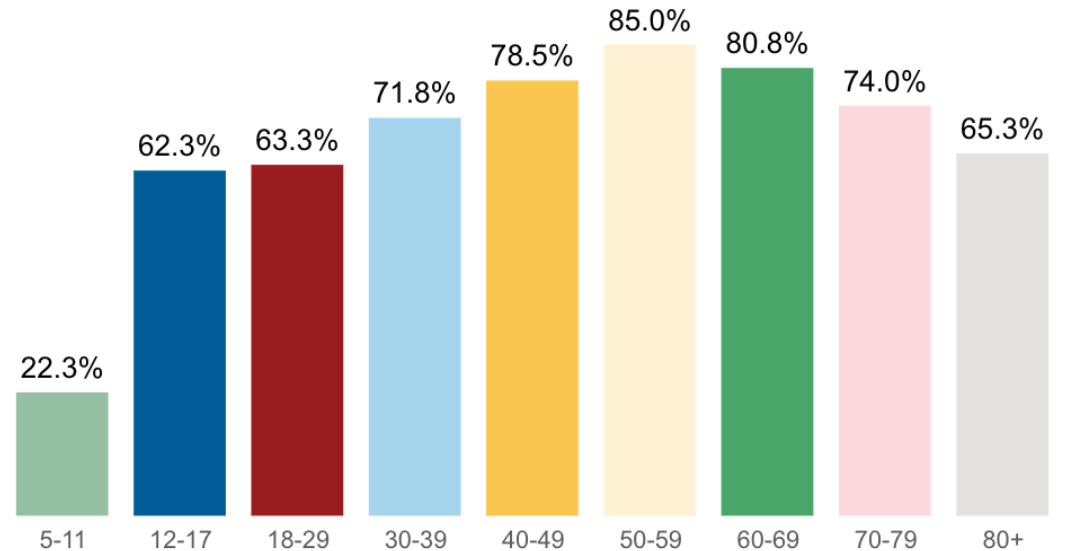


Making good progress on child vaccinations, well ahead of national average. Citywide, 72% of Chicago adolescents have had a first dose and 34% of 5-11 year olds.

At least one dose (% vaccinated as of 12/28/2021)



Completed vaccine series (% vaccinated as of 12/28/2021)



U.S.: 23% of 5-11 year olds have had a first dose
63% of 12-17 year olds have had a first dose



Shortened isolation guidance for General Population

Regardless of vaccination status

If you test positive for COVID-19

ISOLATE

NO need to repeat a positive at-home test in a medical setting; treat a positive as positive

- Stay home and isolate for 5 days

- After 5 days, if **your symptoms have resolved** you can leave your house BUT

- You *must* continue to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days and *should* avoid contact with high-risk people

- *If you are still feeling sick or have a fever after 5 days, you must continue to isolate at home until you feel fine*

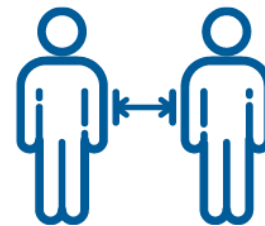
So, what should we do to protect ourselves and community from COVID and its variants?



VAX UP



MASK UP



BACK UP




WASH UP



TEST UP

(BOOST UP)



What should I do if I have a child returning to school on Monday?

- Most importantly, **make a vaccine appointment** for anyone in your home, child or adult, who is not up-to-date with COVID vaccines, including boosters.
- Make sure your child has a **well-fitting mask** that they are comfortable wearing.
 - More layers are better; the most important is that your child will keep it on.
- If your child develops new potential COVID symptoms, he/she should **stay home** until getting a negative test result.
 - It's even more important right now that anyone with symptoms stay home.



COVID-19



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Science Brief: Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs – Updated

Updated Dec. 17, 2021 [Print](#)

- CDC's [Science Brief on Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K–12 Schools](#) summarizes evidence on COVID-19 among children and adolescents and what is known about preventing transmission in schools.
- Although outbreaks in schools can occur, **multiple studies have shown that transmission within school settings is typically lower than – or at least similar to – levels of community transmission, when prevention strategies are in place in schools.**

Need a vaccine or a booster? Have questions?

visit **CHI.GOV/COVIDVAX**

or call **312-746-4835**



Last Updated 12.30.21

CPS COVID UPDATE



CPS Take-Home Test Kit Program

- **150,000 test kits** provided to students
- **Sent to over 300 schools** in areas most impacted by COVID with low vaccine rates
- Instructions provided to families along with kits
- Reminders sent out via email, text, phone call
- Instructions and drop-off information available at cps.edu/testkit

Test Kit Pickup Update

- **Deadline for drop-off extended to 5 p.m. Thurs, Dec. 30**
- **Test kits dropped off on Friday, Dec. 31 will NOT be picked up**
- All kits dropped at FedEx and library sites on Wednesday, including those left outside, will be processed on time.
 - Test kits in sealed envelopes are valid
 - Kits were not damaged if left outdoors
 - Packaging is waterproof
 - Samples collected in saline solution to withstand cold weather

Test Kit Drop-Off Locations

Visit [FedEx.com](https://www.fedex.com) for list of FedEx DropBoxes

Library Locations:

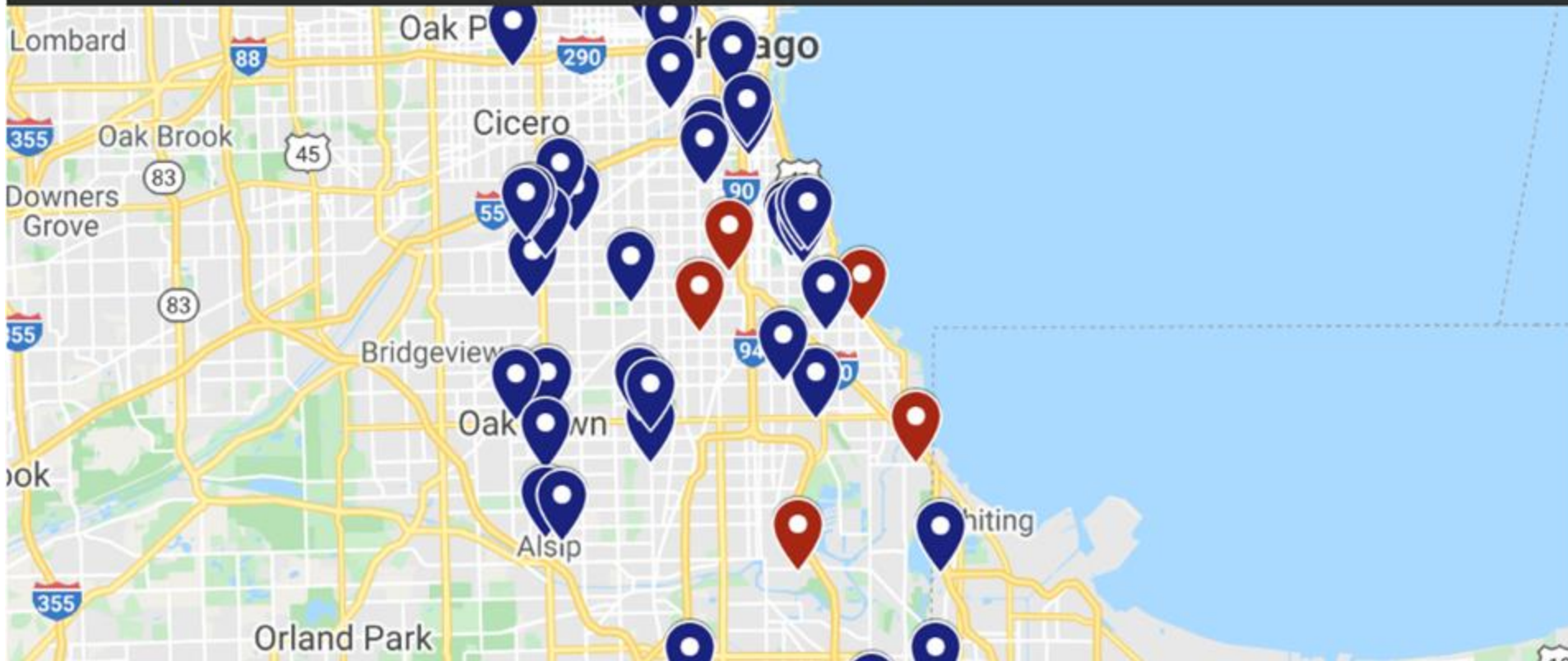
- Englewood: Kelly Branch, 6151 S. Normal Blvd.
- Garfield Ridge Branch, 6348 S Archer Ave.
- South Shore: South Shore Branch, 2505 E. 73rd St.
- Auburn Gresham: Thurgood Marshall Branch, 7506 S. Racine Ave.
- Southeast Side: Vodak-East Side Branch, 3710 E. 106th St.
- Austin: Austin Branch, 5615 W. Race Ave.
- Altgeld Gardens: Altgeld Branch, 933 E. 131st Pl.

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Take-Home COVID-19 Test Kits ★

This map was made with Google My Maps. [Create your own.](#)



HEALTHY CPS

OFFICE OF STUDENT HEALTH & WELLNESS

Notification of Positive Tests

- 37,000 tests processed so far; 1% positivity rate
- The lab will be working around the clock to process all kits collected this week by the end of the weekend
- Families will receive results notification via text and email
- Families can also log into their Color account to see result
- Color will also notify CPS of positive cases automatically.
- **If your child tests positive or is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them to school on Jan. 3**



CPS Pandemic Safety

- Schools remain some of the safest places in the pandemic because of protections put in place:
 - Universal Masking
 - Social Distancing
 - Separating students into classes /cohorts
 - Weekly Testing
- COVID is most often spread outside of school in community settings with less protection, e.g. playdates, family gatherings, public events.

Additional CPS Safety Measures

- Schools have been cleaned and disinfected over break
- 60 school nurses + support personnel added to contact tracing team
- Tactical CPS Team to support individual schools
- Will be aggressive about transitioning classes (and entire schools if necessary) to remote learning
- No district-wide remote learning unless there is a shelter-in-place
 - Remote learning has been damaging for students, leading to academic, social, and emotional issues

How CPS Handles Positive COVID-19 Cases

Report a positive case at cps.edu/covidresults



When CPS gets a self report of a COVID-19 case:

CPS' Contact Tracing Team works with the school to investigate

Close contacts are notified; unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts are directed to quarantine

If necessary, principal can flip a class to remote learning until an investigation is complete

When CPS identifies 3 or more cases in a single group (classroom, cohort, etc.):

Chicago Dept. of Public Health (CDPH) determines if there is evidence of widespread in-school transmission.

If in-school transmission is suspected, CPS provides additional resources:

- Extra testing opportunities and/or take home test kits
- Extra staff, including substitute teachers & support staff
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of the school
- Promotion of easily accessible vaccination opportunities

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