



Community Partner Update

February 28, 2023



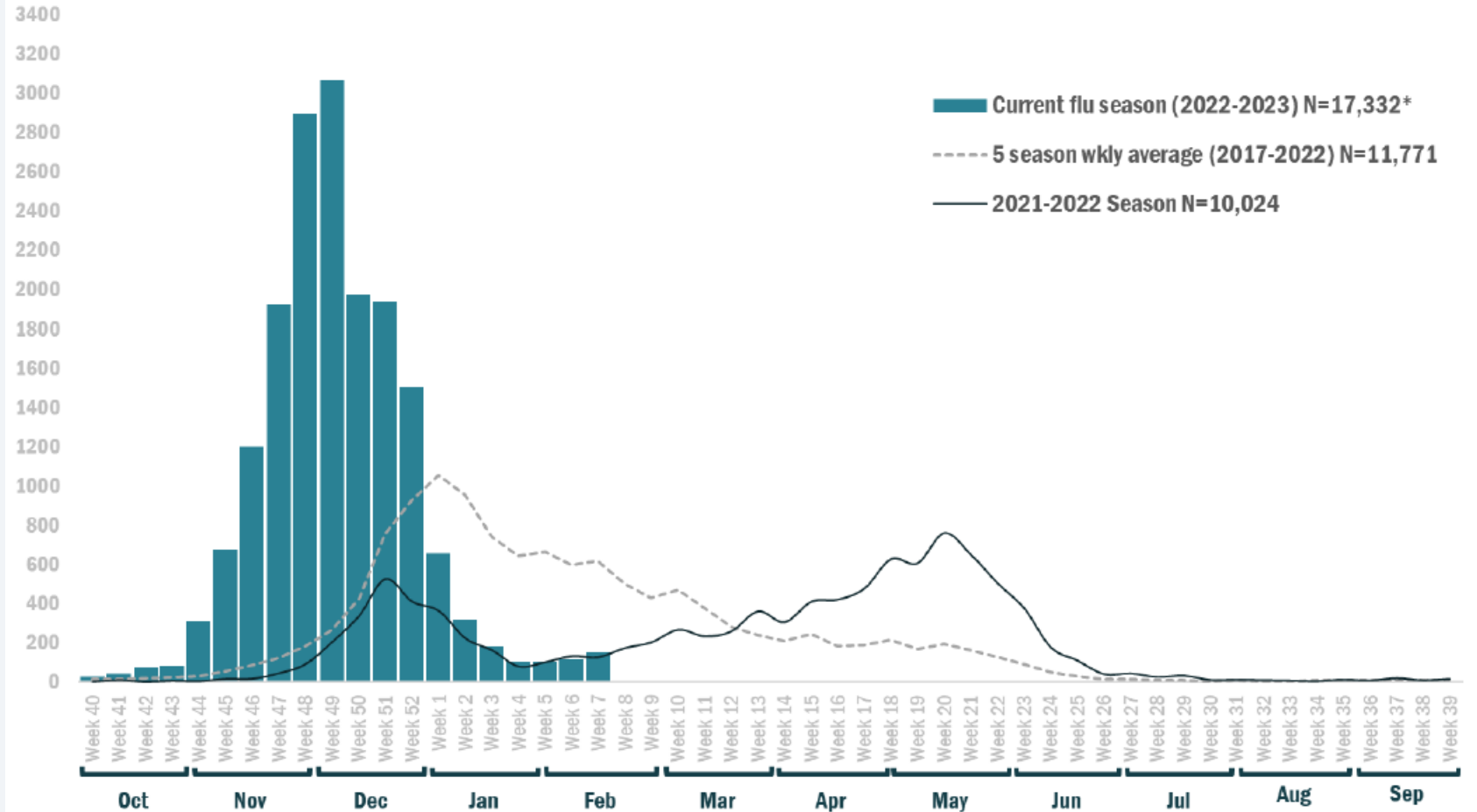
Data

Flu



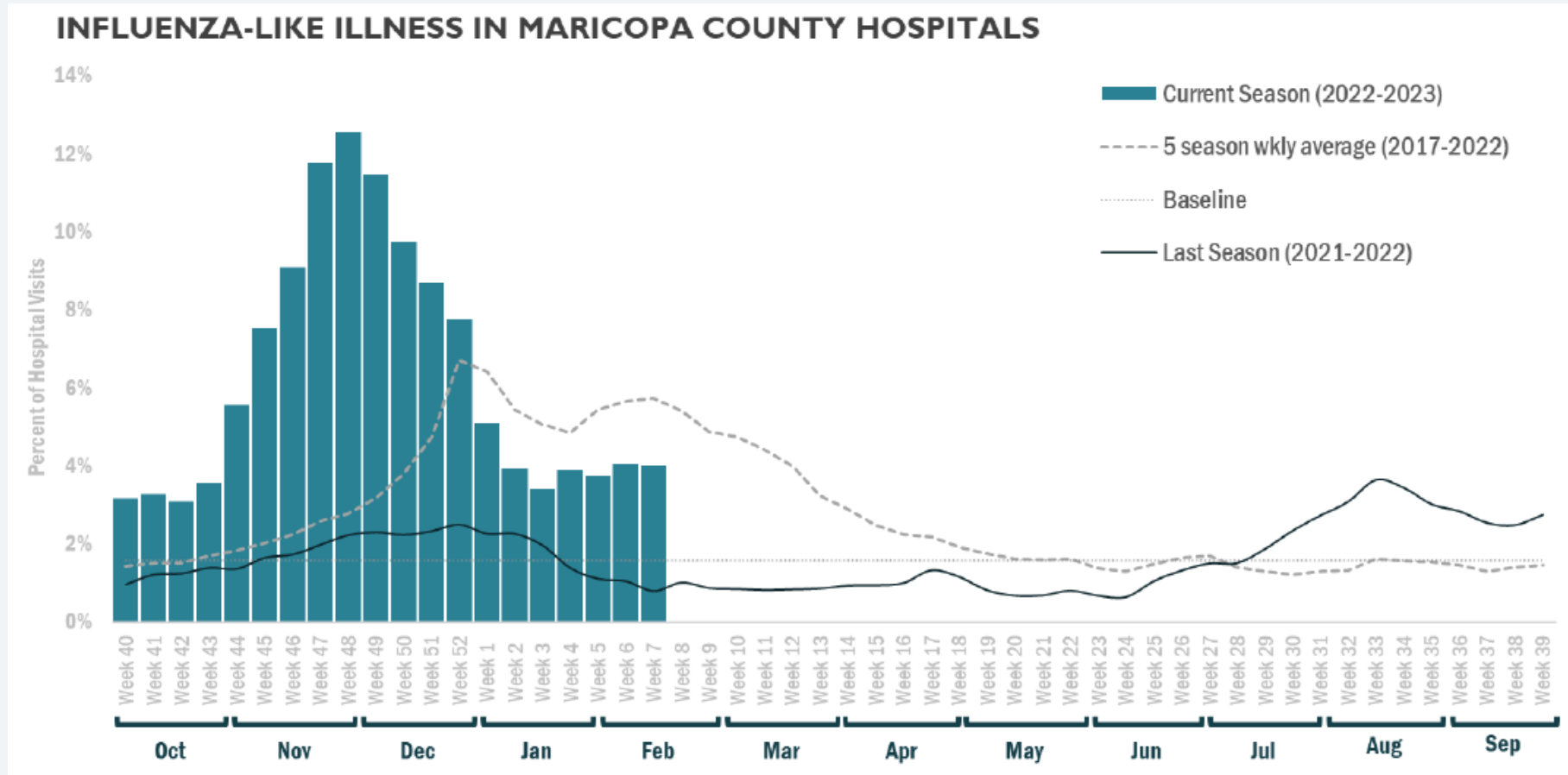
Data through Feb 18/ Week 7

LABORATORY-CONFIRMED INFLUENZA CASES IN MARICOPA COUNTY

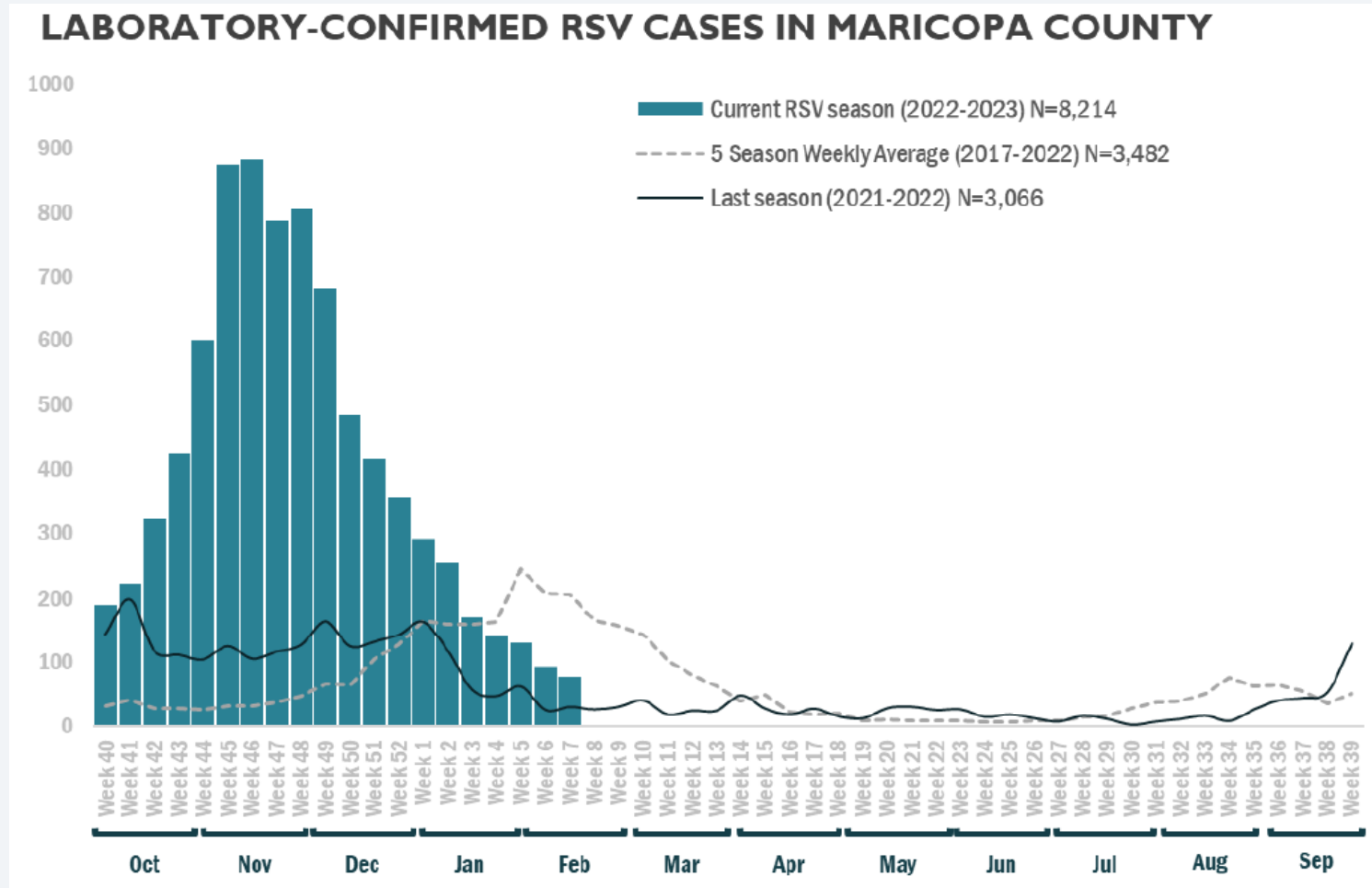


*All data are preliminary as of 02/22/2023, and may change as more reports are received.

Influenza-like Illness

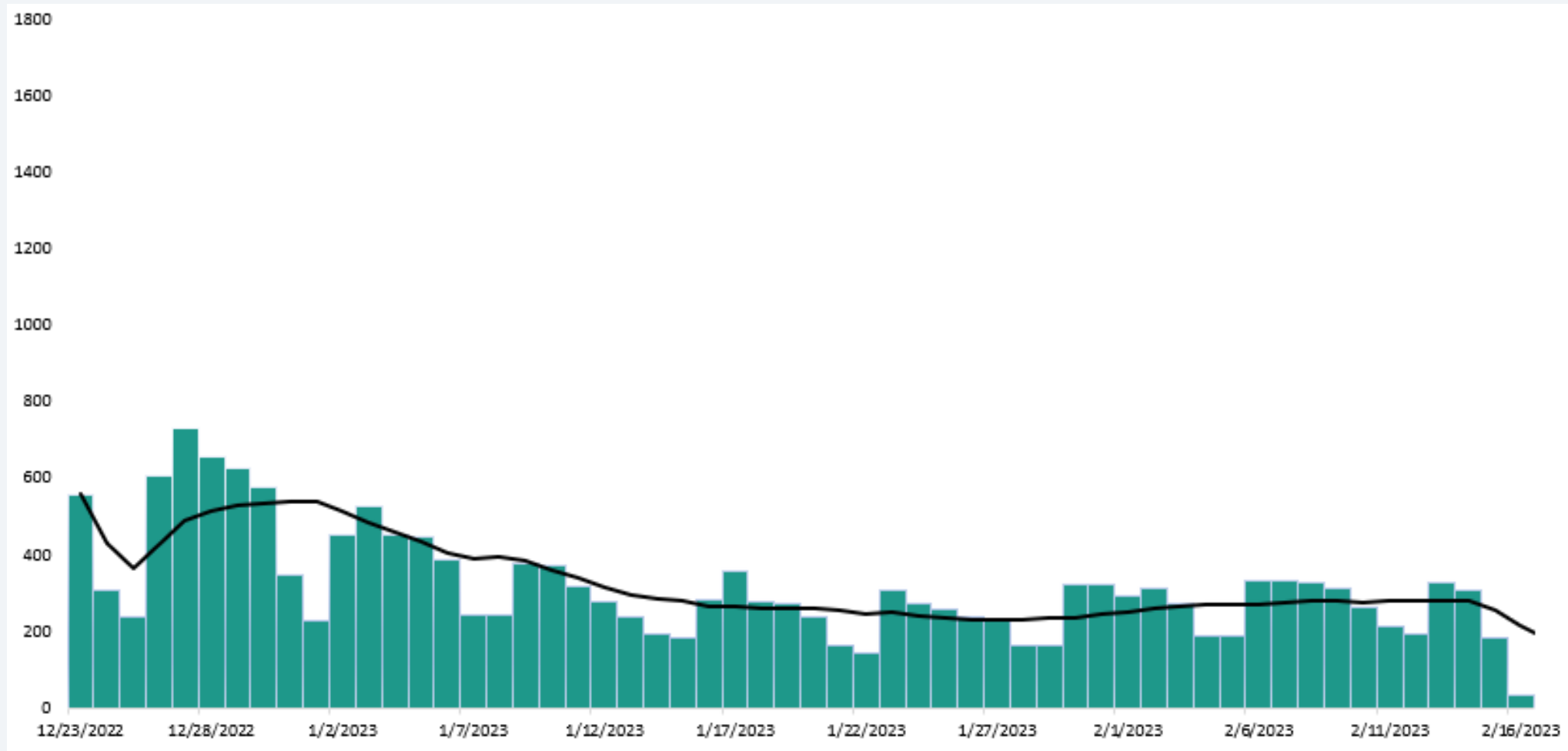


RSV – Laboratory Confirmed Cases



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COVID-19 Epi Curve - Last 60 Days

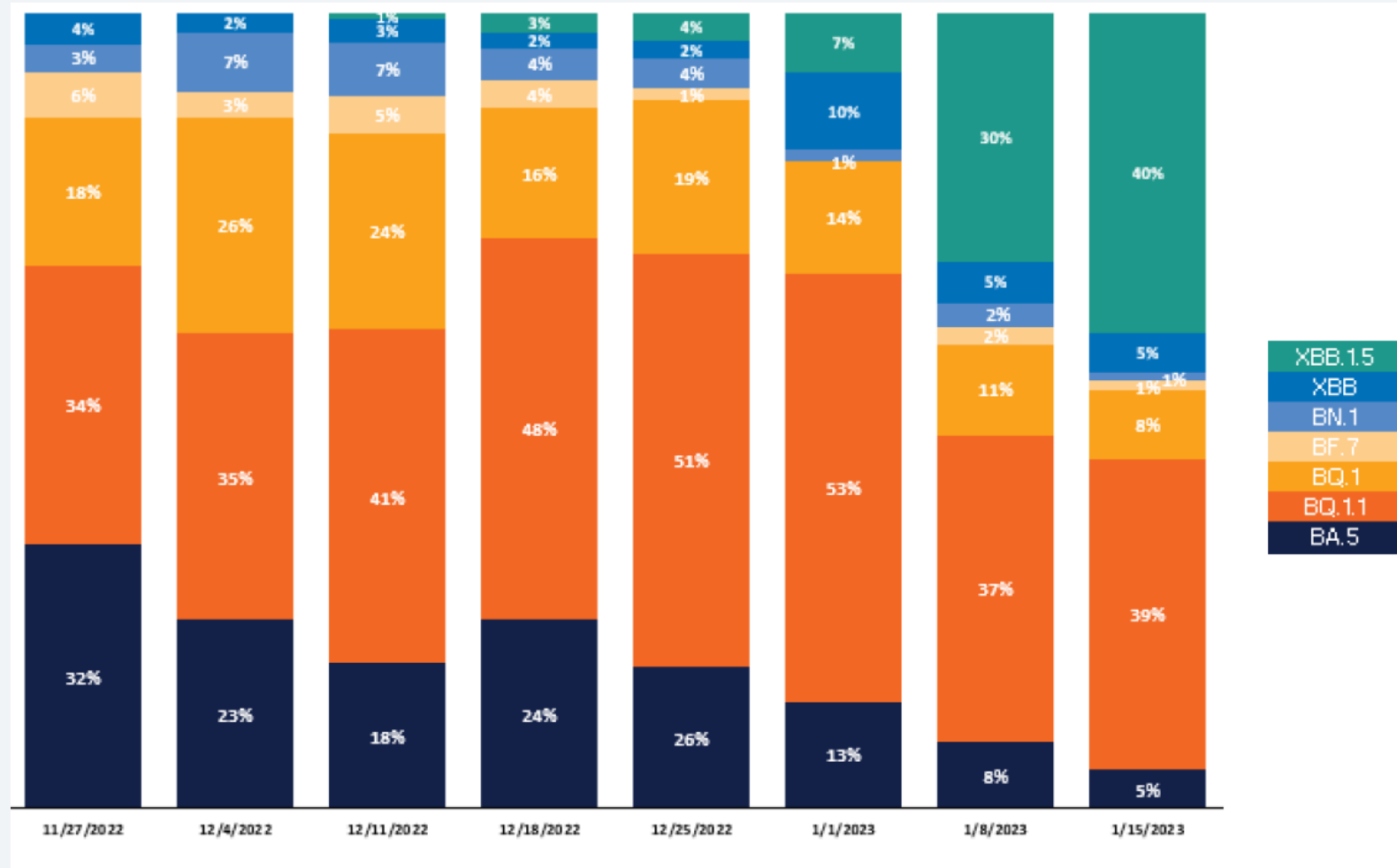


COVID Hospitalizations – Last 60 Days



Data updated:
2/21/23

COVID-19 Variants – Maricopa County





Vaccines and Therapeutics

Vaccines

FLU VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS

- 2 studies released VE data for the 2022-23 flu vaccine
- VE of 54% for preventing medically attended influenza A infection among persons aged <65 years
- VE of 71% for preventing symptomatic influenza A illness among children and adolescents aged <18 years

COVID VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS

- New data from the VISION Network VISION Network show the updated vaccines cut the risk of being hospitalized by around 50% for most people
- Nationally, only ~16% of eligible individuals have received the updated vaccine

COVID Boosters and Flu Vaccines

[Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)

Updated vaccines

(for those already vaccinated)

Children

ages

- Pfizer-BioNTech newly authorized bivalent ————— 6mo-4
- Moderna newly authorized bivalent ————— 6mo-5
- Pfizer-BioNTech newly authorized bivalent ————— 5-11
- Moderna newly authorized bivalent ————— 6-11

Teens & Adults

- Moderna newly authorized bivalent ————— 12+ / 18+
- Pfizer-BioNTech newly authorized bivalent ————— 12+ / 18+
- Novavax (monovalent booster) ————— 18+

**OK TO GET FLU SHOT
AND COVID BOOSTER
AT THE SAME TIME!**

COVID Boosters and Flu Vaccines

- Call the CARES Team for appointments at MCDPH vaccine clinics
 - (602) 506-6767

Antiviral Therapeutics

- If you are at risk for moderate to severe disease with COVID or influenza infections,
 - Test Early, <https://covid-19-test-to-treat-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/>
 - Paxlovid and Molnupiravir are available to treat COVID-19
 - Tamiflu is available to treat influenza
- Monoclonal antibody therapy is no longer effective against circulating COVID-19 variants
- [New COVID/Flu home test authorized by FDA](#)

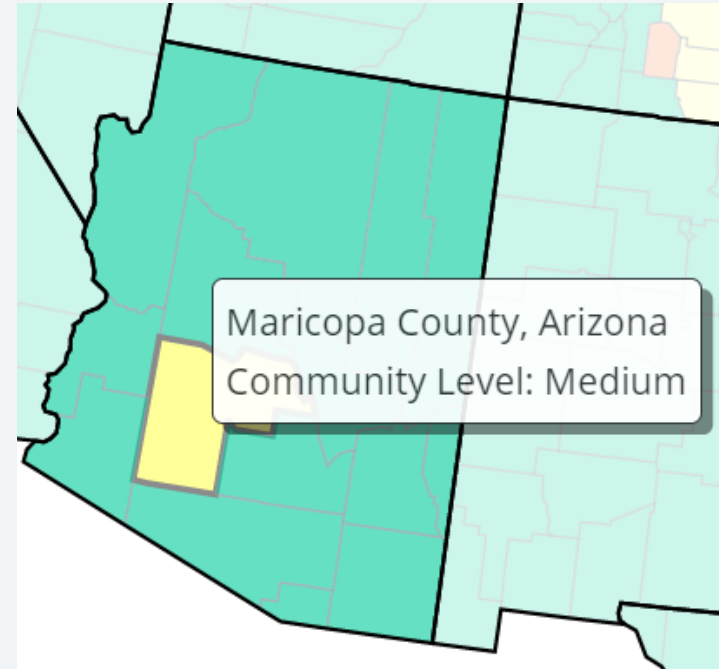
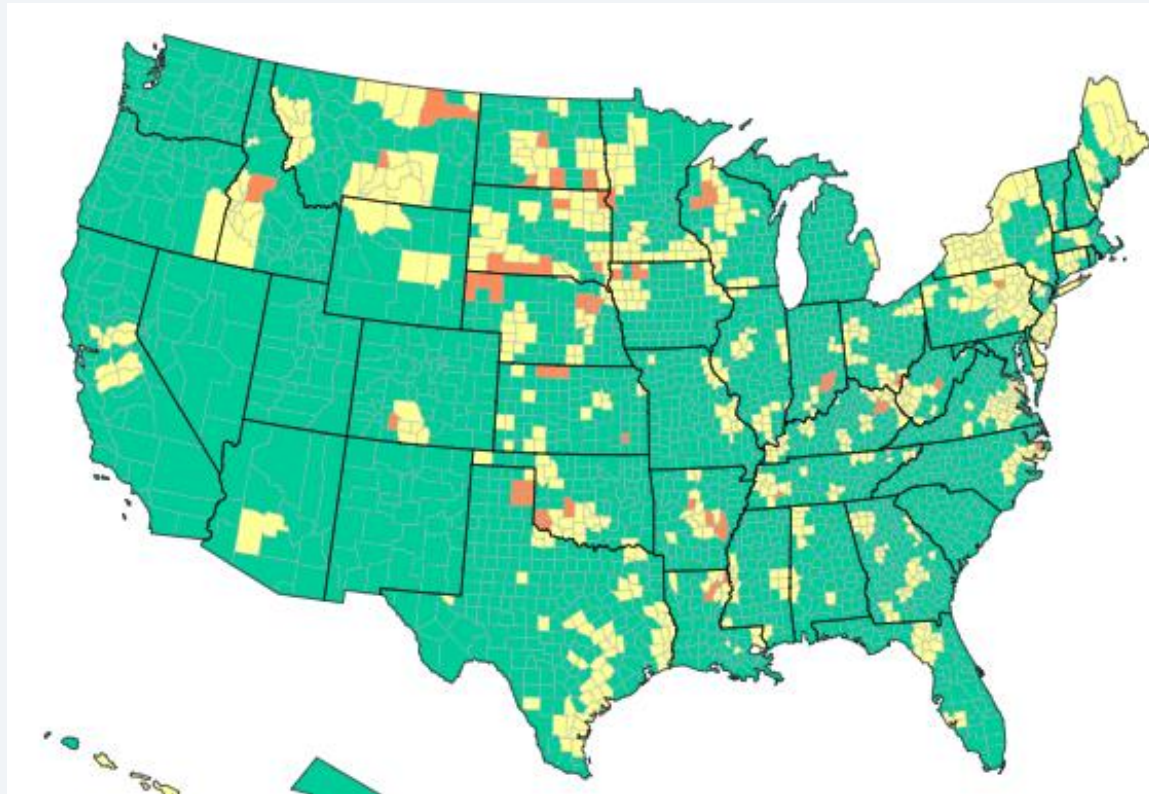
MPOX: Vaccination

- MPOX vaccine (Jynneos) is available at ALL Maricopa County Vaccine Clinics for post-exposure prophylaxis AND pre-exposure prophylaxis. Appointments can be made by calling the CARES Team 602-506-6767
- MCDPH MPOX [website](#)
- Crowd sourced MPOX vaccine map <https://mpoxvaxmap.org/>



Public Health Guidance

COVID-19 Community Level



Time Period: COVID-19 Community Levels were calculated on Thu Feb 23 2023. New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population (weekly total) are calculated using data from Thu Feb 16 2023 - Wed Feb 22 2023. New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) and Percent of inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) are calculated using data from Wed Feb 15 2023 - Tue Feb 21 2023.

COVID Community Level

The current COVID-19 Community Level in Maricopa County is: **LOW**

This dashboard shows the current COVID-19 Community Level for Maricopa County, as well as the Community Levels within the county by ZIP code, city, and school district. You should use the Community Level for all of Maricopa County when making decisions about what steps to take to protect yourself against COVID-19.

CDC's Community Level map, which determines [Maricopa County's Community Level](#), is updated weekly on Thursdays. The [MCDPH map showing Community Levels](#) at the ZIP code, city/town, and school district level is updated weekly on Fridays.

The three metrics which determine the COVID-19 Community Level (low, medium, or high) are:

- 7-day COVID-19 case rate: total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 persons in the past seven days
- New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 persons in the past seven days
- Percent of staffed inpatient hospital beds occupied by people with COVID-19

Low

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

COVID Community Level

Maricopa County and CDC Discrepancy

- Last week many historical COVID-19 cases were reported from a single lab leading to an artificial increase in CDC-reported case rate
- [ADHS Blog](#) 2/21/23 “An important note on the weekly COVID-19 cases update coming Wednesday”

COVID Community Transmission

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION DATA FOR HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

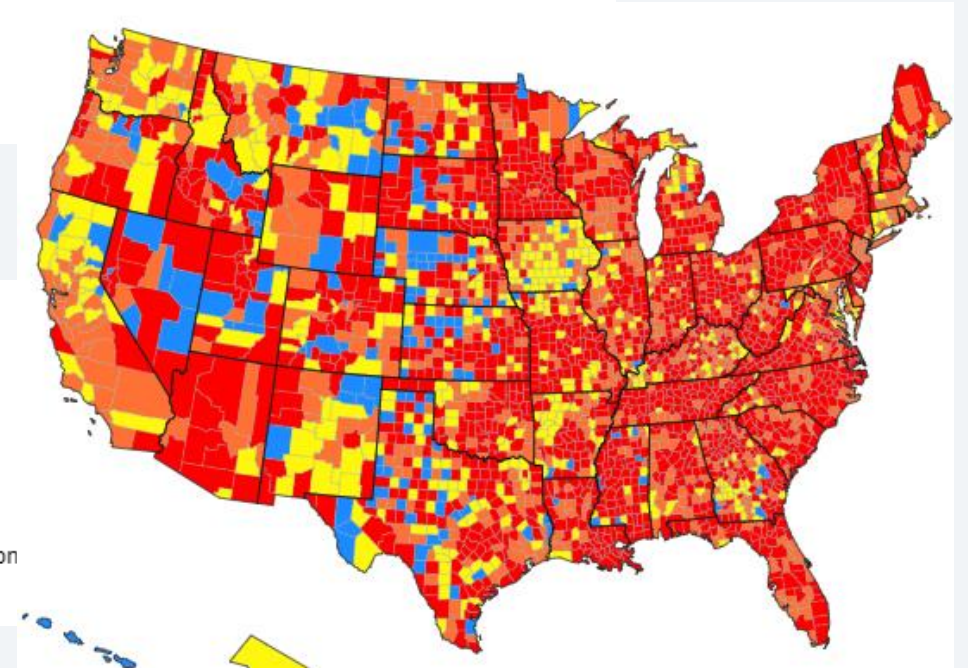
The current COVID-19 Community Transmission Level (for Healthcare Settings) in Maricopa County is: **HIGH**

Determining Transmission Risk

If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected

	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days*	<10	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of positive NAATs tests during the past 7 days**	<5%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%

Healthcare settings should continue to follow CDC's [infection prevention and control recommendations](#) for healthcare workers based on transmission



Healthcare Infection Control

- Maricopa County is in the **High** community transmission level.
- Masking is recommended for all patient care encounters.
- Some healthcare settings, including major healthcare systems, have implemented optional masking policies

Wash Your Hands

- In addition to preventing the spread of respiratory disease, regular handwashing can prevent the spread of gastrointestinal disease
- [Drug-resistant Shigella spreading](#)
- [Norovirus percent positivity as high as 15% nationally](#)



Other Public Health Resources

Public Health Emergency Ends May 11th

HHS Letter to Governors – [LINK to Letter](#); [LINK to Roadmap](#)

- Medicaid's PHE-related continuous enrollment will end
- Coverage for vaccines and testing transition to private sector
- FDA's EUAs for COVID-19 products (including tests, vaccines, and treatments) will not be affected.
- Medicaid and Medicare telehealth flexibilities will not be affected
- Medicare waivers and flexibilities related to COVID-19 MAY be impacted

PHE Ends May 11th; Changes to Health Care

Keeping kids connected to health care is as easy as 1-2-3.



- Public Health Emergency (PHE): free COVID testing, vaccines; Medicaid coverage frozen; Telehealth expanded; Title 42 rules
- Medicaid: 650,000 Arizonans impacted; 1/3 children
- Many different coverage options are available. Families can get help with figuring out their best option and applying for health coverage. Parents can make a no-cost appointment for enrollment assistance by calling **2-1-1** or visiting **CoverAZ.org/connector**.
- AHCCCS:
https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/AboutUs/Return_to_Normal.html

Call the CARES team!

Get connected with public health resources of all kinds!

(602) 506-6767

- [Contact Us Form](#)
- [Form for Webinar Questions](#)
- [Order CARES Team bookmarks](#) – EN/SP

**PUBLIC HEALTH IS
HERE TO HELP WITH...**

childhood immunization appointments 

COVID-19 vaccines, testing & guidance 

clinic services for STDs, TB & refugee health 


...and more!


Call our CARES Team!
602-506-6767
TTY 602-506-8767
Hours: Mon–Fri | 8am–5pm


Personalized help,
info & resources for
a healthy community.

 Maricopa County
Public Health
WeArePublicHealth.org

**SALUD PÚBLICA ESTA
AQUÍ PARA AYUDAR CON...**

vacunas para niños 


vacunas contra COVID-19, pruebas y orientación 

servicios clínicos para las ETS, TB y salud de refugiados 

¡y más!

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