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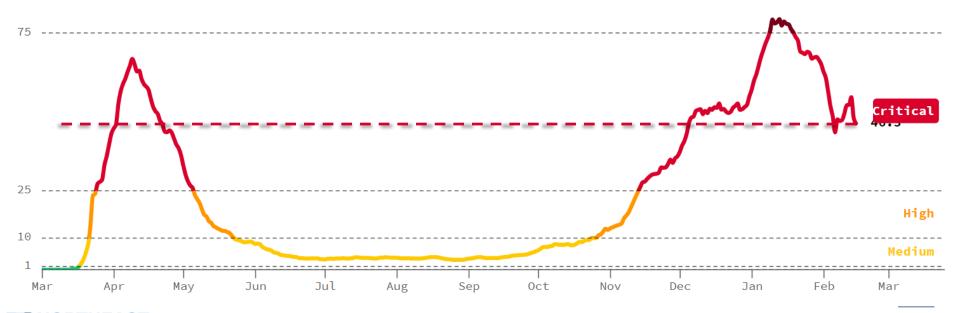


# Where we are today in NYC

Daily new cases per 100k population

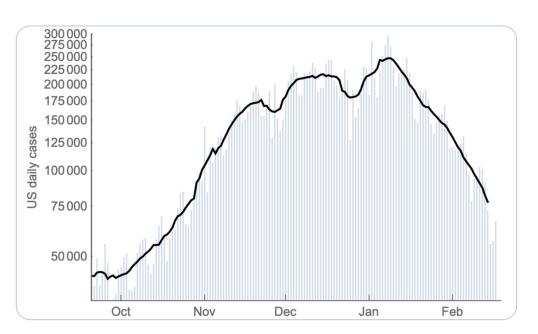
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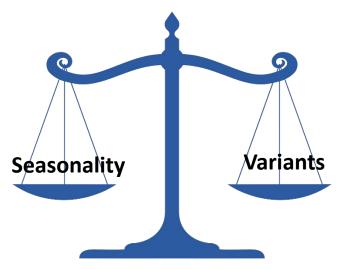
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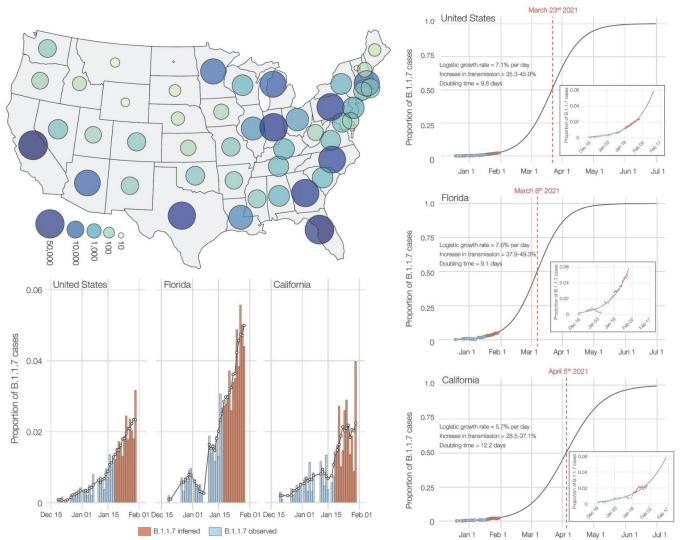


# Where are we going?







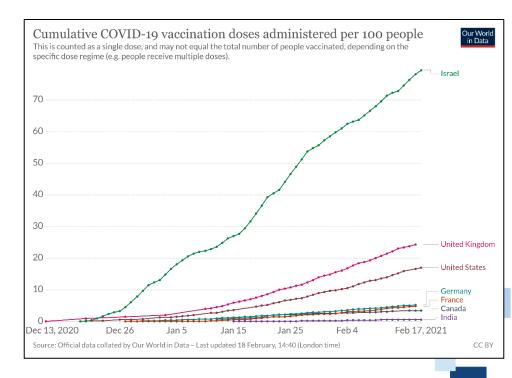


- B.1.1.7 growth curves like UK and EU's
- B.1.1.7 may become dominant in some areas of the US earlier than other areas
- Increased transmissibility of B.1.1.7 will make it harder to bring under control
- Exactly when and how big a spring wave will be is unknown

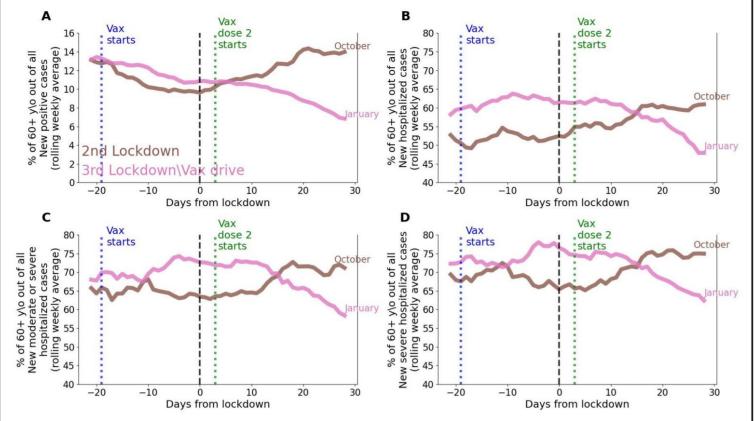


# Israel – Vaccine Case Study

- Leading the world in vaccine roll out
- Started Dec. 19 elderly, hi-risk medical conditions, emergency workers, and pregnant women
- BioNTech-Pfizer mRNA vaccine
- 40% of the country's population received 1 dose, >28% 2 doses.
- Over 60 >80% vaccinated
- Anyone over the age of 16 can be vaccinated immediately







**Fig. 3.** Percentage of people over 60 years old from all ages before and after the 2nd lockdown (brown line) and 3rd lockdown (pink line). Lockdown start date for both lockdowns is "Day 0" and is shown as a dashed black line. Vaccination start date is shown relative to the 3rd lockdown start as a blue dotted line (first dose) and as green dotted line (second dose). **A.** New cases. **B.** New mild, moderate or severe hospitalizations. **C.** new moderate or severe hospitalizations. **D.** New severe hospitalizations.



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# **Israel - Studies**

- 94% drop in symptomatic illness and 92% less likely to develop severe illness after 2 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine<sup>1</sup>
- A single shot of the vaccine is 85% effective in preventing symptomatic disease and 75% asymptomatic infection 15 to 28 days after being administered<sup>2</sup>





https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-health-coronavirus-israel-vaccine/israeli-study-finds-94-drop-in-symptomatic-covid-19-cases-with-pfizer-vaccine-idUSKBN2AE0Q0

<sup>2.</sup> https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/539545-pfizer-vaccine-85-percent-effective-after-first-dose-israeli-study-finds

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# Fall 2021: Vaccines for Children and School Readiness

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#### Timeline for vaccines for children

#### Pfizer

- Currently approved for ages 16 and older
- Vaccine trial for kids aged 12-15 is fully enrolled
- By sometime in fall 2021, should have results of the trial
- Studies for children <12 likely wouldn't be completed until 2022

#### Moderna

- Currently approved for ages 18 and older
- Moderna is currently enrolling children aged 12-17 into a trial but it's been slower than hoped

#### Why are vaccines for children important?

- While children tend to get less sick than adults, 2% of children who get COVID require hospital care
- It's likely that children will also need to be vaccinated in order for the United States to approach herd immunity



# Rationale for reopening schools

#### To improve student achievement

• While most students showed growth in both reading and math achievement since the onset of COVID-19 disruptions, growth in math was lower than in a typical year

#### To reduce education inequality

• The absence of in-person educational options may disadvantage children from low-resourced communities, which may include large representation of racial and ethnic minority groups

#### To provide childcare so parents can work

Parents struggle to work with their children at home due to school closures



# CDC guidelines for reopening schools

- **Elementary schools** -- With proper mitigation, such as masking, physical distancing and hygiene, schools can operate in person at any level of community virus transmission.
- **Middle** and **high schools** can safely operate in person at all but the highest level of transmission. Highest level of transmission is defined as:
  - When 10 percent or more of the coronavirus tests in a community come back positive over a seven-day period
  - When there are 100 or more virus cases per 100,000 people in the community over seven days.
- At higher levels of community spread, all schools reduce attendance by having students come to class on different days or by having some groups of students learn virtually.



# Drivers of remote learning

Two core pillars in the document may keep schools closed or in hybrid mode for longer:

- 1. Community Transmission Rates -- Schools should decide whether to open based on community transmission
- 2. Social Distancing -- Students should strive to be spaced 6 feet apart

There will continue to be variation in adherence to guidelines and schools openings across the country for fall 2021.



### Implications for schools

#### **Potential Implications on School Resources**

- Smaller classes to accommodate social distancing
  - Hire more teachers to ensure appropriate class sizes
  - Reassign specialized teachers to be generalists
  - Reallocate school spaces to be classrooms
- Double busing and hire more bus drivers

#### Heterogeneity of School Experience across the Country

- Rural schools may have more space and more easily adopt to guidelines
- Urban settings may have more trouble adhering to guidelines and may be more likely to do hybrid learning. May
  drive some parents out of public and into private schools.



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