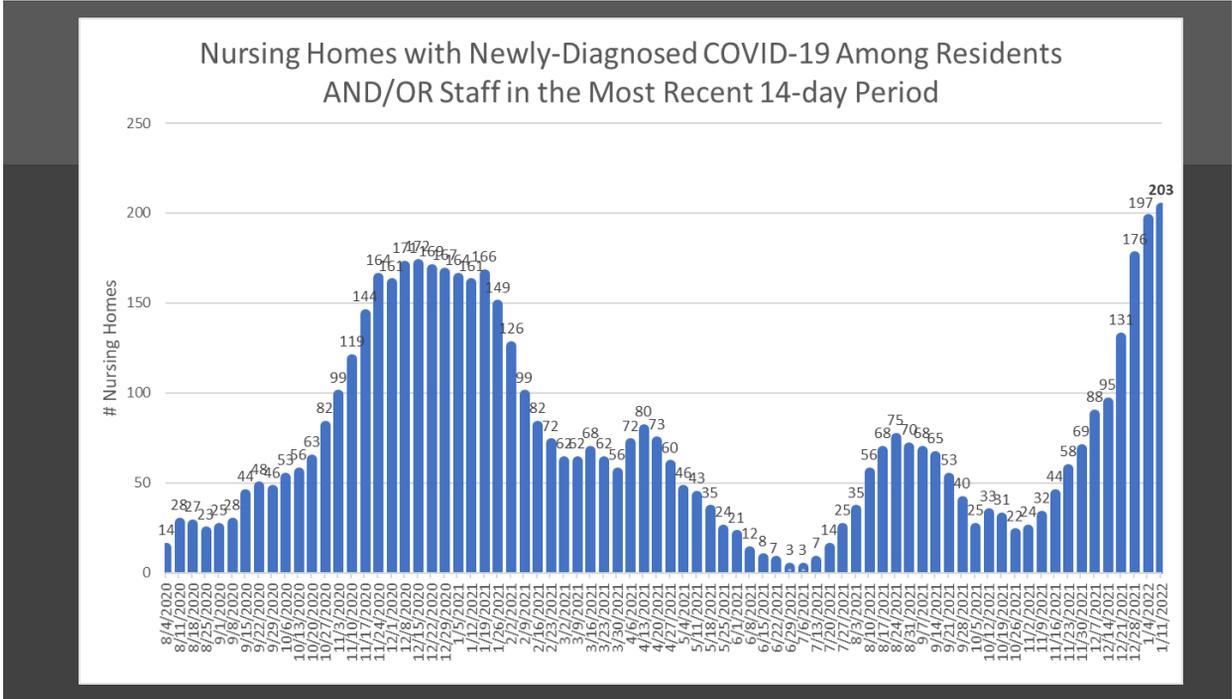




Agenda

- *Nursing Home Data
- *Tip of the week: Patient Placement
- *Staff Vaccine Booster Mandate - EO 14B
- *Visitation Guidance

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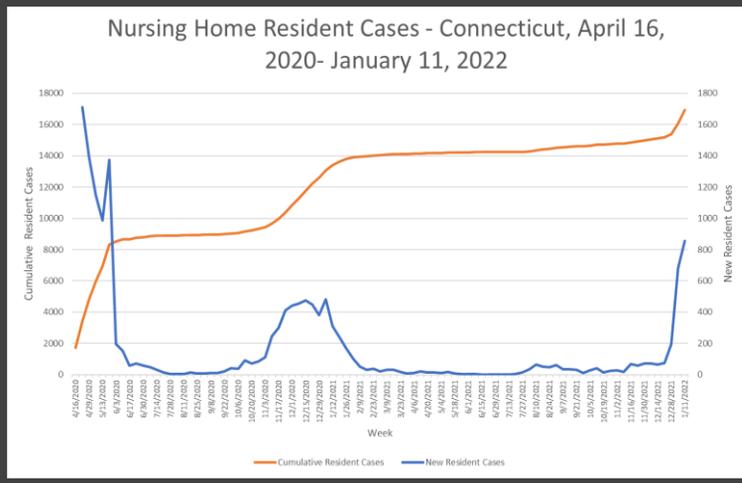
Nursing Home Resident Incidence, statewide

April 16, 2020 – January 11, 2022

Resident Census: 18,070

Date Reported	New Resident Cases (diagnosed that week)
12-Oct	42
19-Oct	15
26-Oct	24
2-Nov	29
9-Nov	18
16-Nov	70
23-Nov	58
30-Nov	71
7-Dec	73
14-Dec	66
21-Dec	84
28-Dec	197
4-Jan	679
11-Jan	854

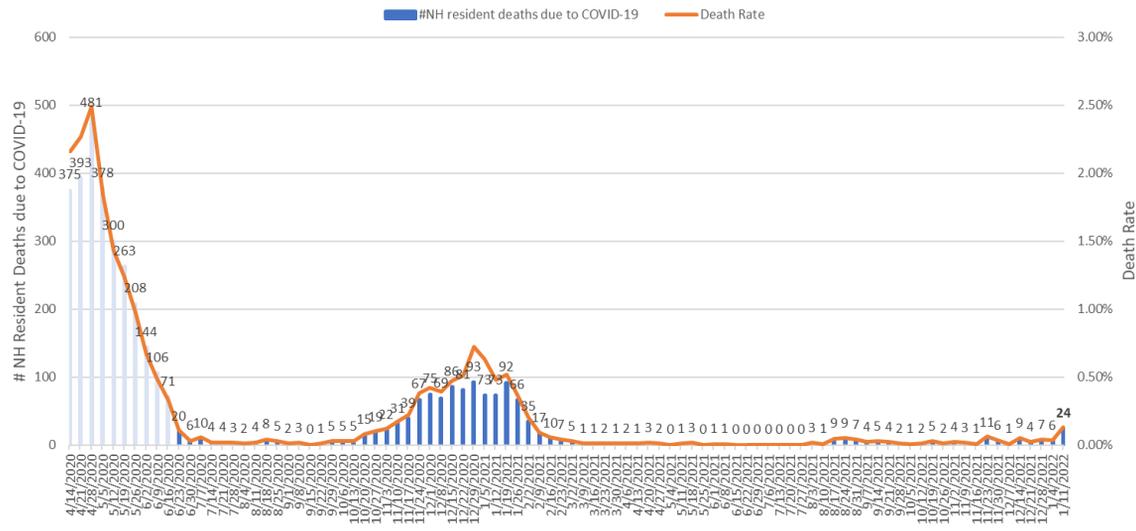
Facility Metrics	#Nursing Homes
New res. cases, last 2 weeks	166 (+29)
No new res. cases, >2 weeks	39



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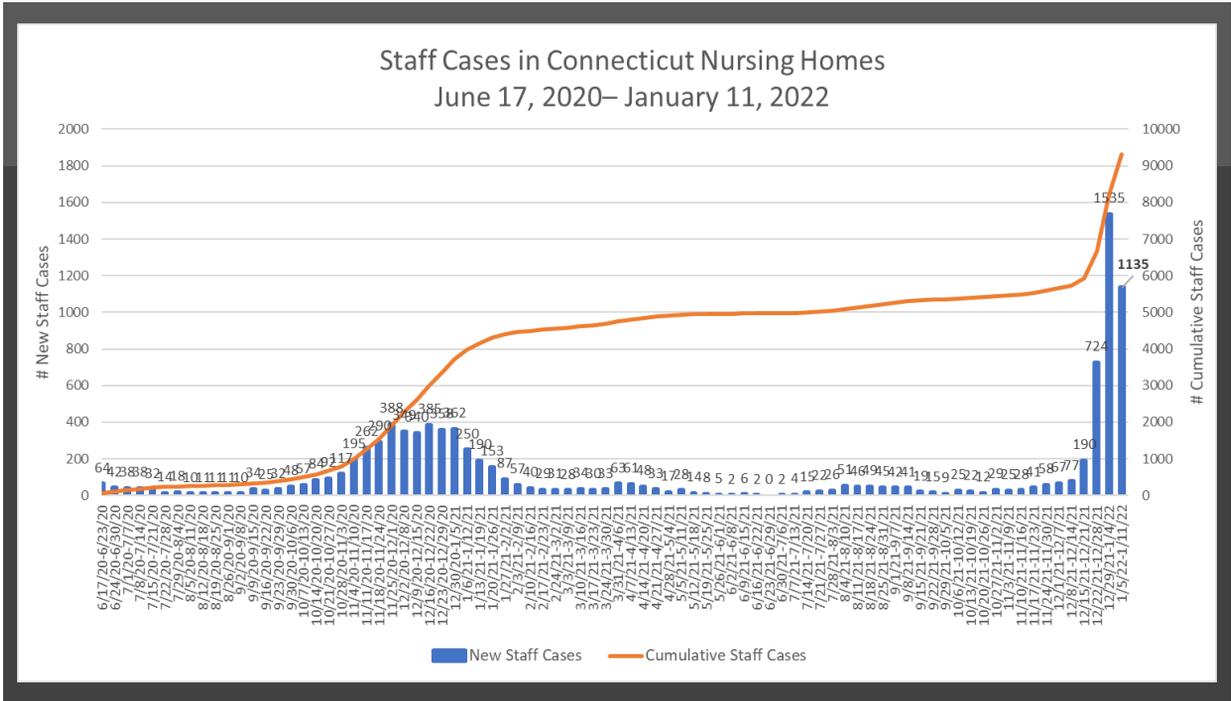
Nursing Home Resident Deaths Associated to COVID-19

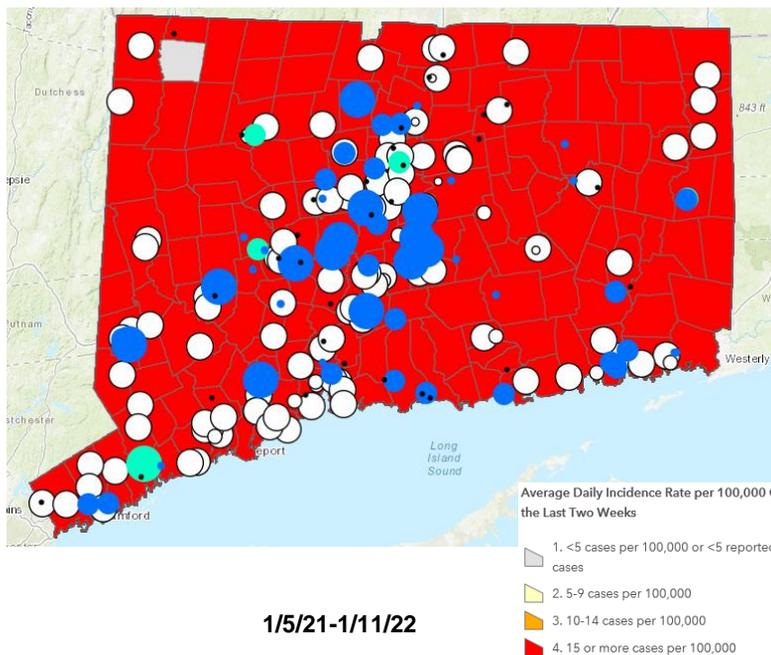
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Note: Light blue= OCME lab-confirmed and suspected deaths due to COVID-19, Darker blue= NHSN data

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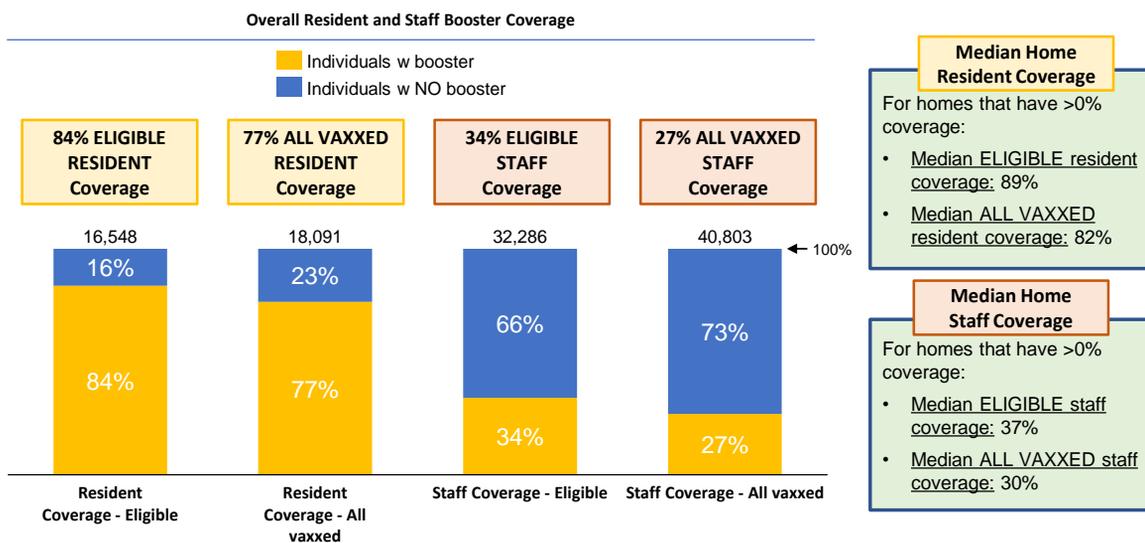




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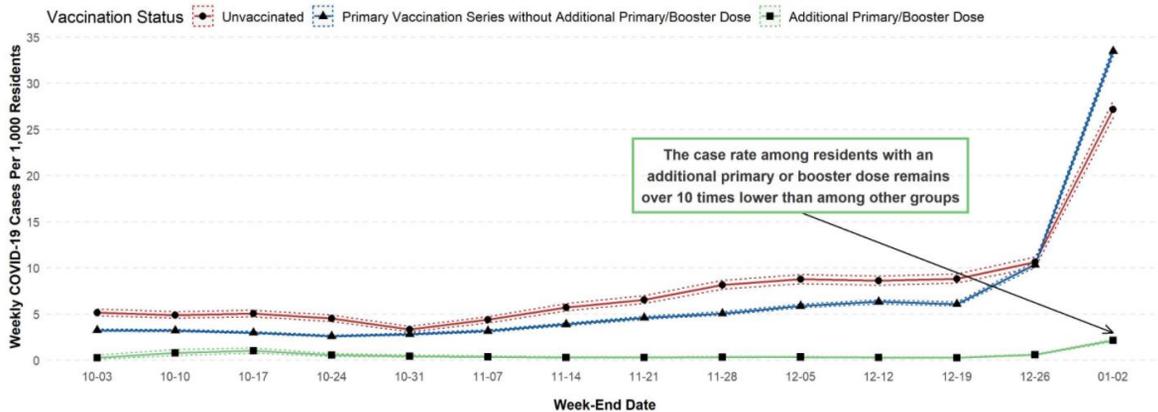
Nursing Home Booster Coverage

Reported via NHSN | As of January 9, 2022



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Unadjusted COVID-19 Cases Per 1,000 Nursing Home Residents, by COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Including Additional Primary and Booster Doses) and Week, United States



Data source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Healthcare Safety Network
For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsr/ntr/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>
Note: Data reported in the most recent week may still be accruing.

Data as of 01/10/2022 05:30 AM

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations-nursing-homes>

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Tip of the Week: Patient Placement

With the increase in cases, having a dedicated COVID unit becomes challenging, and it is not always feasible.

- * The main priority should be to separate positive from negative residents.
- * Remember positives can room together.
- * Facilities may opt to isolate in place or can create smaller positive cohorts in each unit.
- * No need to create a separate COVID unit unless you have the staffing and rooms/unit available.

Quarantine *is only* recommended for exposed residents who are not fully vaccinated.

- * A resident is considered exposed if they were within 6ft for greater than 15 minutes cumulative during a 24hr period with a person with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- * Exposed fully vaccinated and up to date (boosted) residents do not need quarantine but should wear source control and be tested as described by [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov).

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EO 14B – Vaccine Booster Mandate for LTC

- Signed on January 6, 2022
- Revises EO 13F by requiring fully vaccinated “covered LTC workers” to receive booster doses by February 11, 2022
- DPH is revising the EO 13F Implementation Guidance to reflect the booster requirement - guidance should be available by January 21, 2022
 - * Will largely be the same guidance
 - * You will not be required to have existing covered LTC workers resubmit medical or spiritual/religious exemptions
 - * Compliance reporting likely will be due to DPH by Monday, February 14, 2022, through the FLIS portal; working on the portal, won’t be available until after February 1st
 - * All facilities will be required to report
 - * Additional instructions regarding “combination reporting”
 - * Additional and revised FAQs to address boosters, combination reporting, mix and match vaccine, forms, etc.

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Visitation – Vaccine and Testing

- Governor is planning to issue an Executive Order to help make nursing home visitation safer during the omicron surge
- Under the EO, all nursing homes shall require visitors or essential support persons (as defined in Public Act 21-71) prior to visiting a nursing home resident to either:
 - provide proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and, if eligible under FDA or CDC guidance, have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster; or
 - provide paper or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from either:
 - a rapid antigen test completed within the previous forty-eight (48) hours; or
 - a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test completed within the previous seventy-two (72) hours; or
 - take a rapid antigen test at the nursing home in a form and manner as directed by the Department of Public Health.

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Visitation – Vaccine and Testing

- Under the EO, nursing homes shall deny entrance to any visitor or essential support person who tests positive for COVID-19 OR any visitor or essential support person who refuses to take a rapid antigen test provided by the nursing home
- A nursing home shall NOT deny entrance to any visitor or essential support person who is willing to take a rapid antigen test but is unable to because the nursing home is not able to provide a rapid antigen test
- The EO is intended to be consistent with CMS visitation requirements.
- The EO is expected to be effective on Saturday, January 22, 2022

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Visitation – Vaccine and Testing

To support the requirements of the EO, DPH will distribute self-tests to all nursing homes beginning Friday, January 21, 2022

- 50,000 tests (25,000 kits)
- Allocation is proportional based on census
- PPE will also be available (masks, N95s, gowns)
- Facility pick up

Date: Friday, January 21, 2022

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Pick up times will be staggered alphabetically; facilities will be notified of their pick-up time

Location: Camp Hartell, 580 North Street, Windsor Locks (secured location, bring ID)

Plan on using a van or truck for your supply, especially if you want PPE. Facilities with a census of fewer than 50 residents may be able to use a passenger vehicle.

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