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Objectives

- Provide updates on COVID-19 epidemiology and associated indicators
- Review COVID-19 metrics that help inform infection prevention and control (IPC) recommendations
- Discuss assisted living facility and personal care home infection control regulations
- Share resources to support COVID-19 IPC activities
- Address any facility-specific IPC questions or concerns

COVID-19 Update

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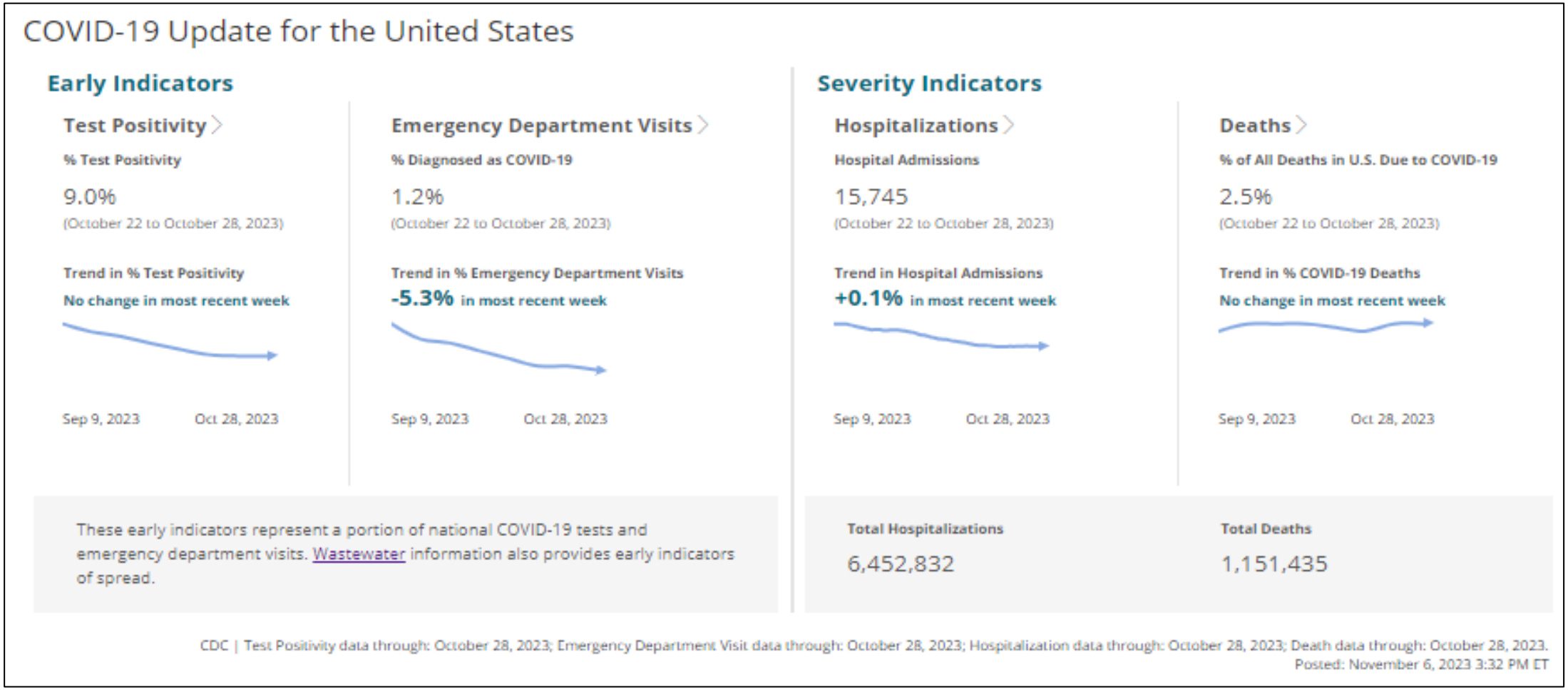
CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker



COVID-19 Update for the United States

Early Indicators

Test Positivity

% Test Positivity

9.0%

(October 22 to October 28, 2023)

Trend in % Test Positivity

No change in most recent week

Sep 9, 2023 Oct 28, 2023

Emergency Department Visits

% Diagnosed as COVID-19

1.2%

(October 22 to October 28, 2023)

Trend in % Emergency Department Visits

-5.3% in most recent week

Sep 9, 2023 Oct 28, 2023

These early indicators represent a portion of national COVID-19 tests and emergency department visits. Wastewater information also provides early indicators of spread.

Severity Indicators

Hospitalizations

Hospital Admissions

15,745

(October 22 to October 28, 2023)

Trend in Hospital Admissions

+0.1% in most recent week

Sep 9, 2023 Oct 28, 2023

Deaths

% of All Deaths in U.S. Due to COVID-19

2.5%

(October 22 to October 28, 2023)

Trend in % COVID-19 Deaths

No change in most recent week

Sep 9, 2023 Oct 28, 2023

Total Hospitalizations

6,452,832

Total Deaths

1,151,435

CDC | Test Positivity data through: October 28, 2023; Emergency Department Visit data through: October 28, 2023; Hospitalization data through: October 28, 2023; Death data through: October 28, 2023.
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https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home

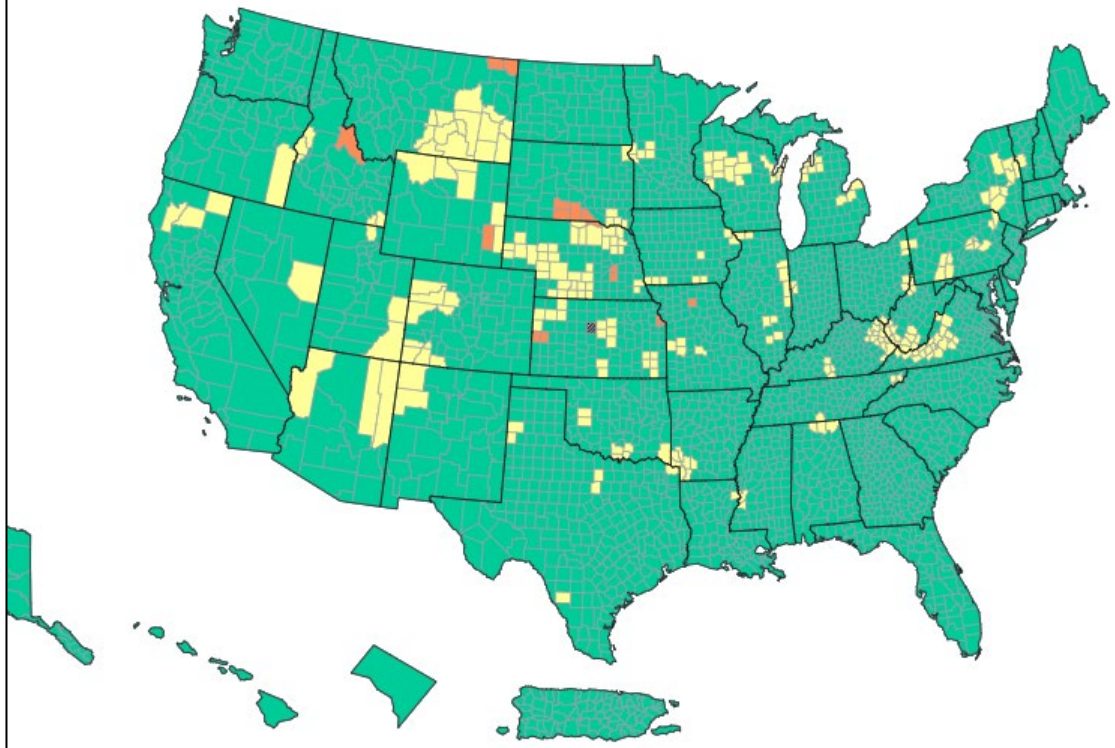
COVID-19 hospital admissions levels in U.S. by county

Based on new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population

	Total	Percent	% Change
≥ 20.0	16	0.5%	-0.53%
10.0 - 19.9	278	8.63%	2.36%
<10.0	2928	90.88%	-1.71%

Time Period: New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) are calculated using data from the MMWR week (Sun-Sat) ending October 28, 2023.

Reported COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions Rate per 100,000 Population in the Past Week, by County – United States



Territories

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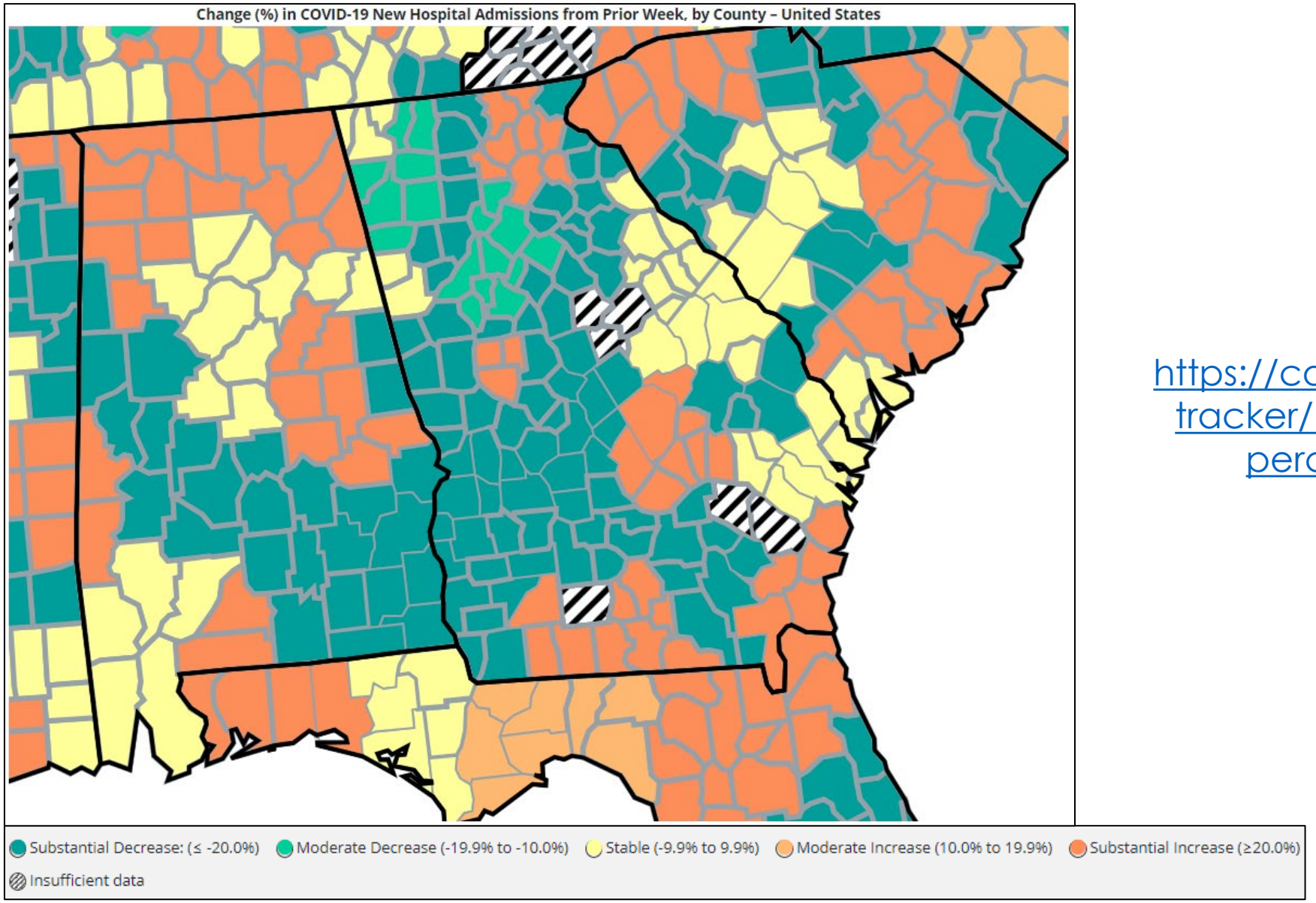

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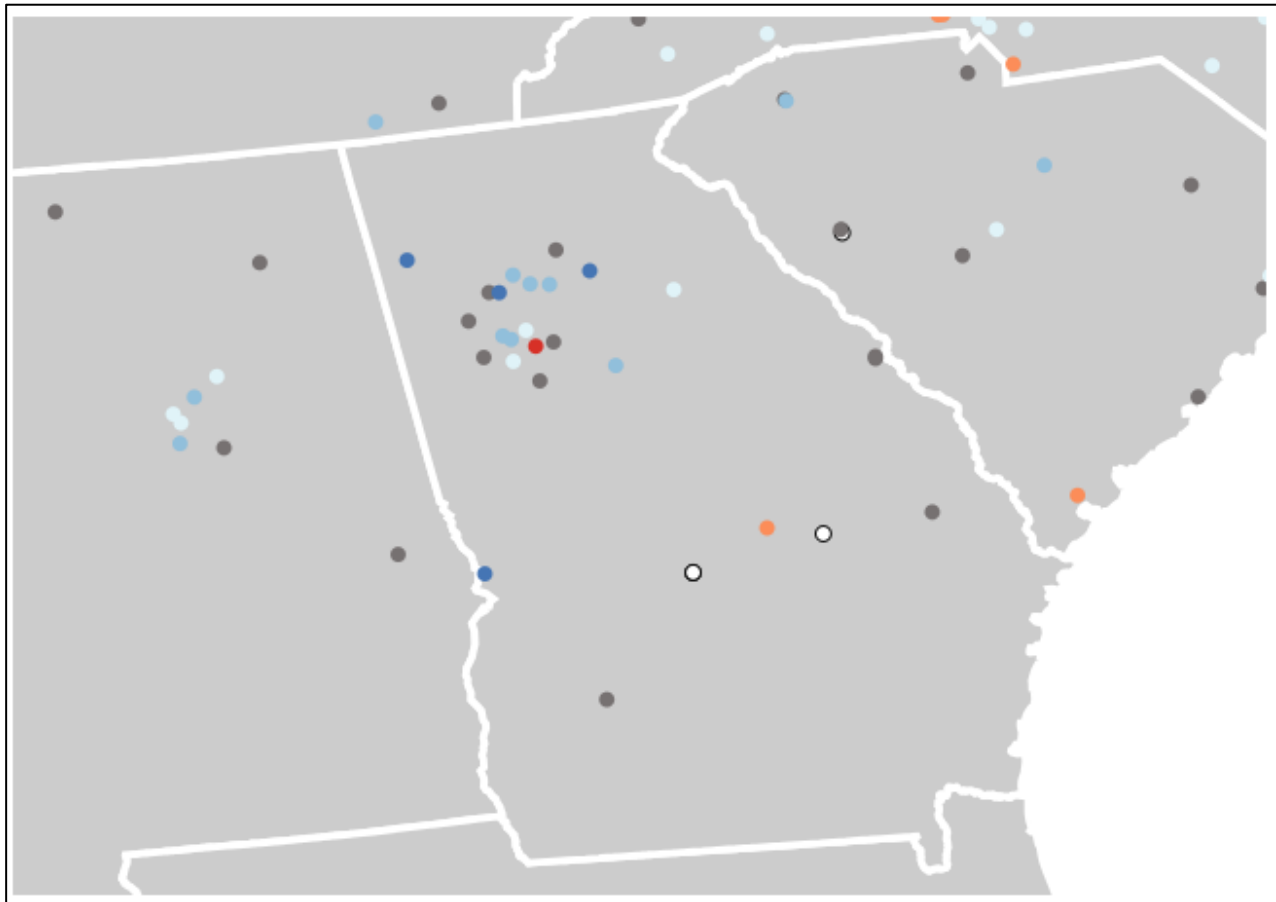
Wastewater Surveillance



Current SARS-CoV-2 virus levels by site, United States

Current virus levels category	Num. sites	% sites	Category change in last 7 days
New Site	131	10	2%
0% to 19%	101	8	– 7%
20% to 39%	348	28	– 2%
40% to 59%	451	36	– 1%
60% to 79%	186	15	– 6%
80% to 100%	40	3	– 17%

Total sites with current data: 1257

Total number of wastewater sampling sites: 1742

How is the current SARS-CoV-2 level compared to past levels calculated?

Select legend categories to filter points on the map.

New site | 0% to 19% | 20% to 39% | 40% to 59% | 60% to 79% | 80% to 100% | No recent data

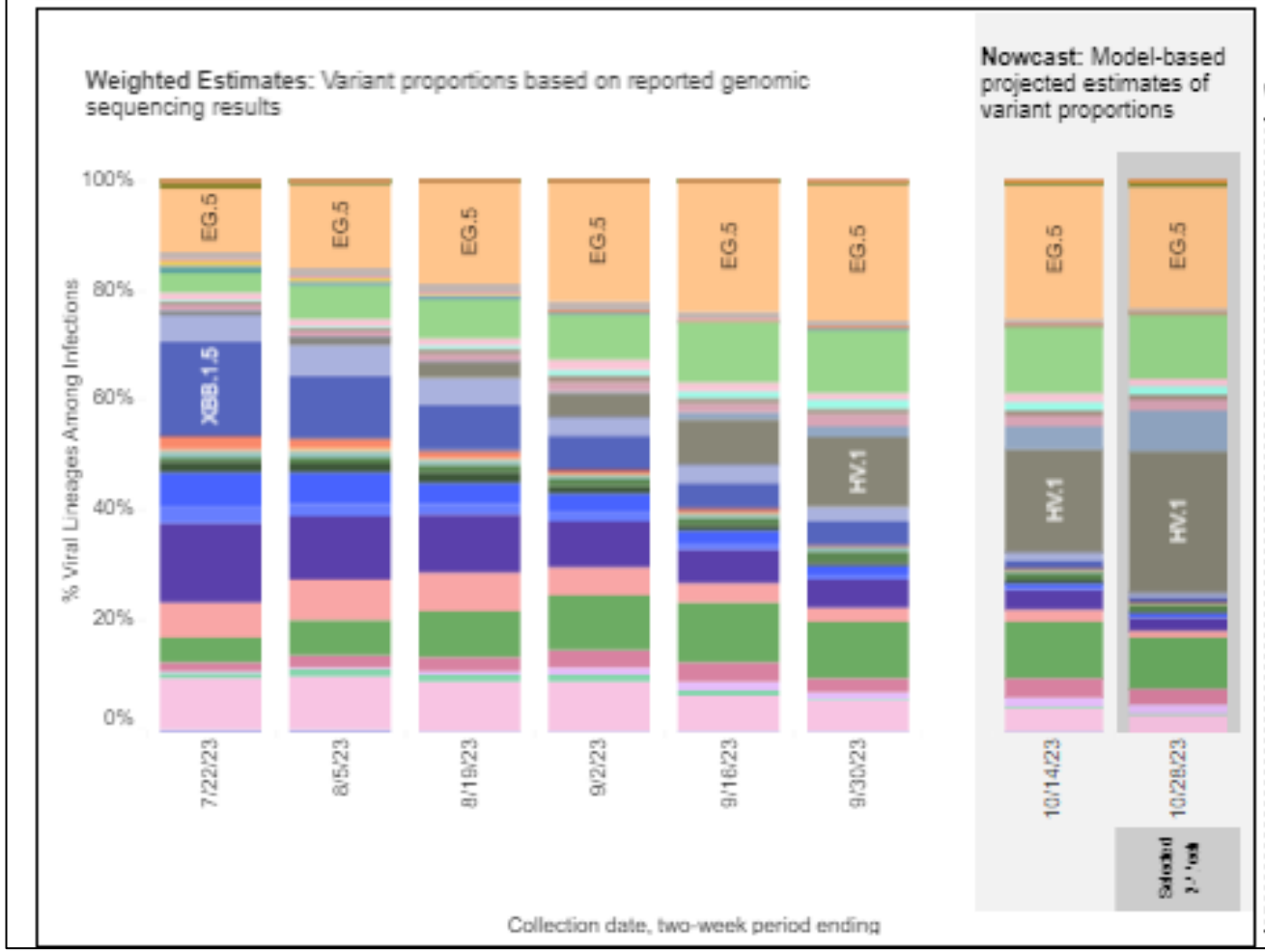
https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#wastewater-surveillance

SARS-CoV-2 Variant Surveillance

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions

Weighted and Nowcast Estimates in United States for 2-Week Periods in 7/9/2023 – 10/28/2023

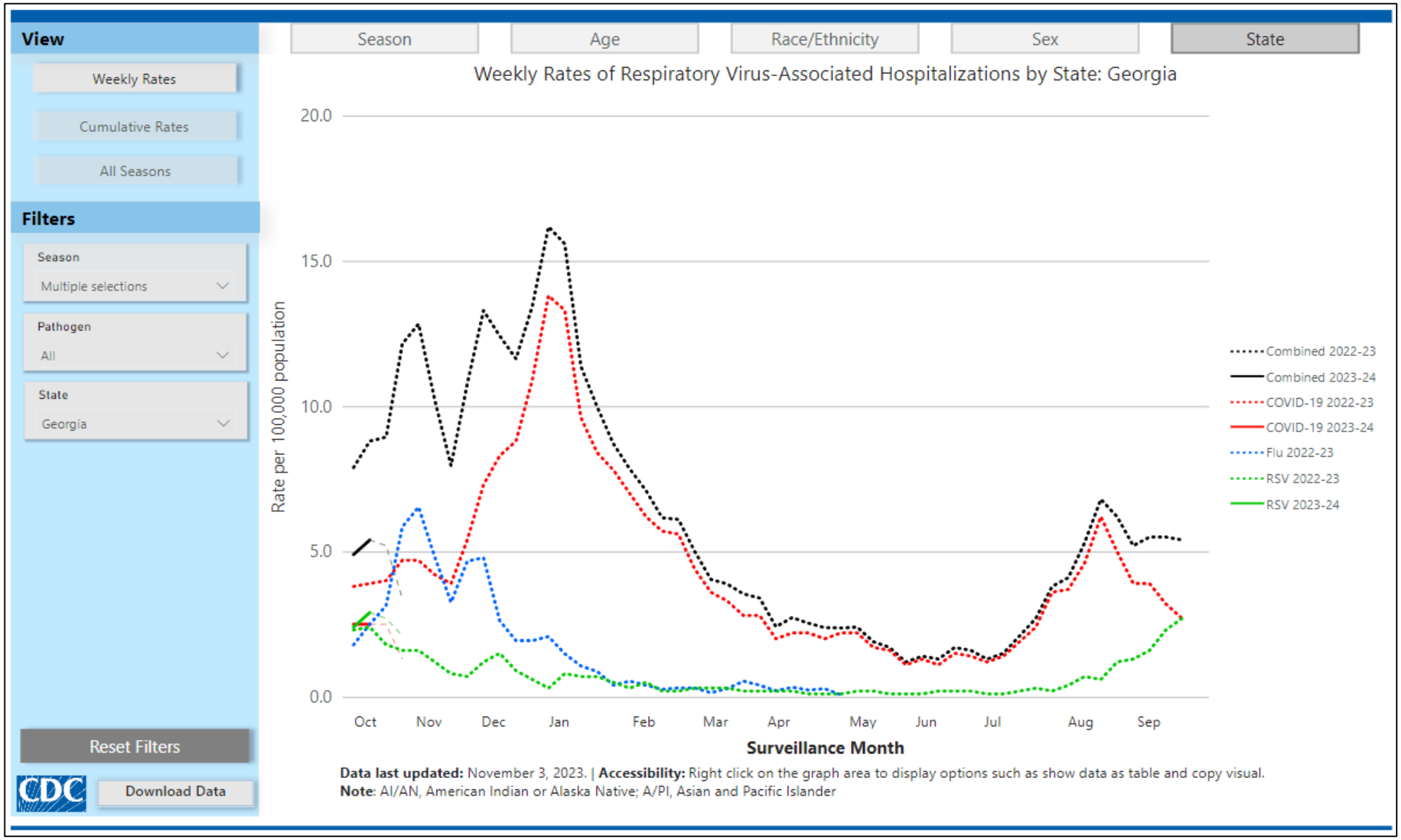
Hover over (or tap in mobile) any lineage of interest to see the amount of uncertainty in that lineage's estimate.



Nowcast Estimates in United States for 10/15/2023 – 10/28/2023

USA

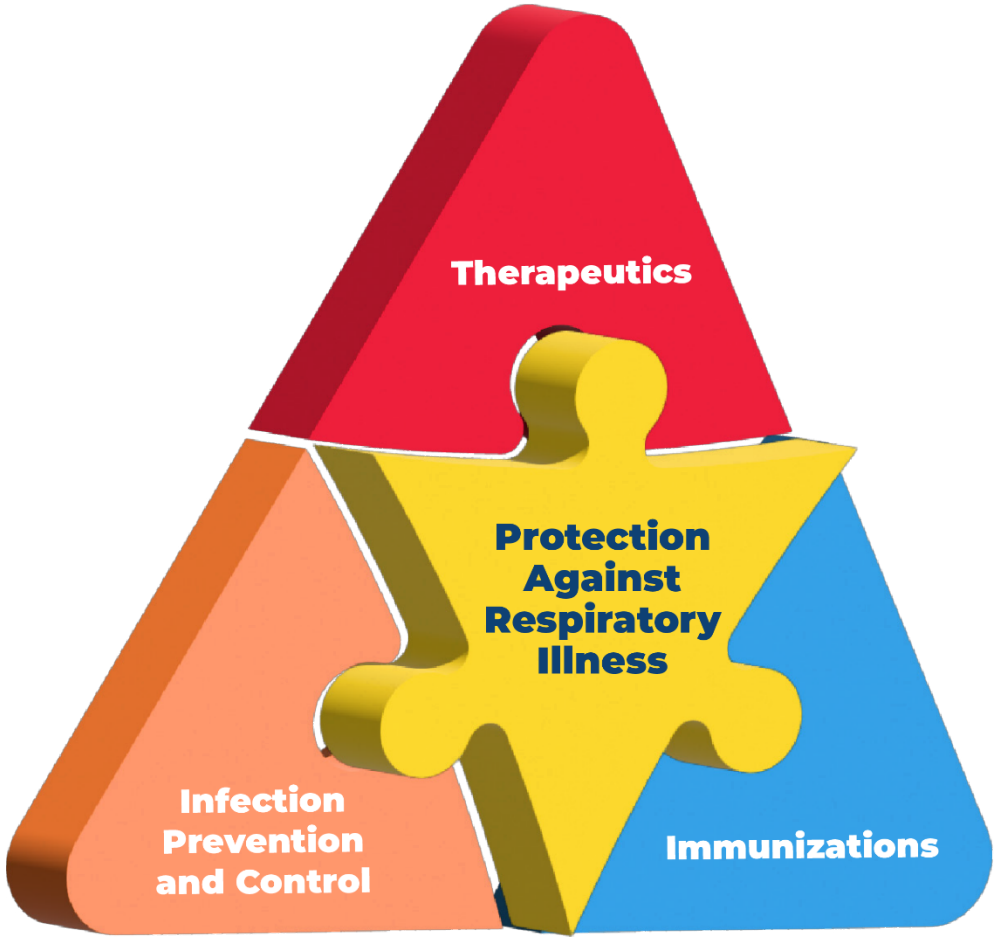
WHO label	Lineage #	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	HV.1	25.2%	22.7-27.9%
	EG.5	21.9%	19.6-24.3%
	FL.1.5.1	12.0%	9.8-14.6%
	XBB.1.16.6	9.2%	8.0-10.5%
	HK.3	7.5%	5.6-9.9%
	XBB.1.16.11	3.1%	2.4-4.0%
	XBB.2.3	3.0%	2.5-3.6%
	XBB.1.16	2.2%	1.8-2.7%
	HF.1	1.8%	1.1-3.0%
	GK.1.1	1.8%	1.3-2.6%
	XBB.1.16.15	1.5%	1.1-2.2%
	XBB.1.16.1	1.4%	1.1-1.8%
	XBB.1.5.70	1.3%	0.8-2.1%
	GE.1	1.1%	0.8-1.5%
	XBB	1.1%	0.8-1.4%
	GK.2	0.9%	0.6-1.2%
	CH.1.1	0.8%	0.5-1.3%
	EG.6.1	0.7%	0.5-1.0%
	XBB.1.5	0.6%	0.5-0.8%
	XBB.1.9.1	0.5%	0.4-0.7%
	BA.2	0.5%	0.2-0.9%
	XBB.1.42.2	0.3%	0.2-0.6%
	XBB.1.5.72	0.3%	0.2-0.4%
	XBB.1.5.68	0.3%	0.2-0.5%
	XBB.1.9.2	0.3%	0.2-0.4%
	XBB.1.5.10	0.2%	0.1-0.2%
	XBB.2.3.8	0.1%	0.1-0.2%
	XBB.1.5.59	0.1%	0.1-0.2%
	FU.1.1	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	FE.1.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	EU.1.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	XBB.1.5.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BQ.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	B.1.1.529	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*	0.0%	0.0-0.1%



RESP-NET Surveillance

https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/resp-net/dashboard.html

Safety Strategy



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INFECTION CONTROL

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DCH Mission

ACCESS

Access
to affordable, quality health care in our communities

RESPONSIBLE

Responsible
health planning and use of health care resources

HEALTHY

Healthy
behaviors and improved health outcomes

ALC and PCH
INFECTION CONTROL
REGULATIONS

INITIAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

111-8-63-.09 Workforce Qualifications, Training and Staffing (Tag 0902)

2) **Initial Training for All Staff.** The administrator or on-site manager must ensure that any person working in the assisted living community as staff receives training within the first 60 days of employment on the following:

(b) General infection control principles including the importance of hand hygiene in all settings and attendance policies when ill.

111-8-62-.09 Workforce Qualifications and Training
TAG # 0909

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(2) The administrator or on-site manager must be responsible for ensuring that any person working in the home as an employee, under contract or otherwise, receives work-related training within the first sixty days of employment. Such training must include, at a minimum, the following:

(g) General infection control principles, including the importance of hand hygiene in all settings and attendance policies when ill.

111-8-62-.19 Additional Requirements for Certified Memory Care Centers Tag 1940

111-8-62-.19 Additional Requirements for Certified Memory Care Centers

6) **Staff Training Requirements**. The home shall ensure that all staff are properly trained initially and on an annual basis to provide safe, quality care to residents in the memory care center. Effective July 1, 2021, the memory care center shall meet the following training requirements:

(D) General infection control principles

INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

Rule 111-8-63-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies
TAG # 2302

(1) The assisted living community must have an effective infection control program, which includes, at a minimum, the following:

(a) Training provided to staff on effective measures for minimizing the spread of infections and food-borne illnesses

(b) Responding to disease outbreaks appropriately and participating in infection control investigations

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(c) Staff demonstrating their understanding and use of proper infection control practices in their delivery of care to the residents

(d) Enforcing work and return to work policies to minimize the spread of infection and illnesses

(e) Implementing the additional infection control requirements set forth in the Rules and Regulations for Disaster Preparedness Plans, Chapter 111-8-16, regarding pandemic plans, supplies and policies and procedures

111-8-62-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies
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(4) The home must have an effective infection control program which includes at least the following:

(a) Training provided to staff on effective measures for minimizing the spread of infections and food-borne illnesses

(b) Responding to disease outbreaks appropriately and participating in infection control investigations

(c) Staff demonstrating their understanding and use of proper infection control practices in their delivery of care to the residents

111-8-62-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies
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(4) The home must have an effective infection control program which includes at least the following:

(d) Enforcing work and return to work policies to minimize the spread of infection and illnesses

(f) Providing notices as recommended by public health regarding outbreaks and infestation issues to residents, staff and any visitors. Homes licensed for 25 or more beds must meet the notification requirements of the Rules and Regulations for Disaster Preparedness Plans, Chapter 111-8-16

111-8-62-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies
TAG # 1940

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(5) The home must have an adequate supply of sanitizing and cleaning agents, (e.g., effective hand hygiene products, hand soap, laundry soap, household disinfectants and other cleaning Materials) properly stored to prevent accidental ingestion but available for and properly used in the home to minimize the spread of infections.

CHAPTER 111-8-16
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANS

111-8-16-.05 Special Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities

Maintain a minimum of a seven-day supply of protective masks, surgical gowns, eye protection and gloves sufficient to protect residents and staff based on CDC guidance and with consideration given to any widespread supply shortages documented by the facility or known to the department.

CHAPTER 111-8-16
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANS

111-8-16-.05 Special Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities

Maintain and publish for residents and their representatives or legal surrogates' policies and procedures pertaining to infection control and mitigation within their facilities and update such policies and procedures annually.

Questions?

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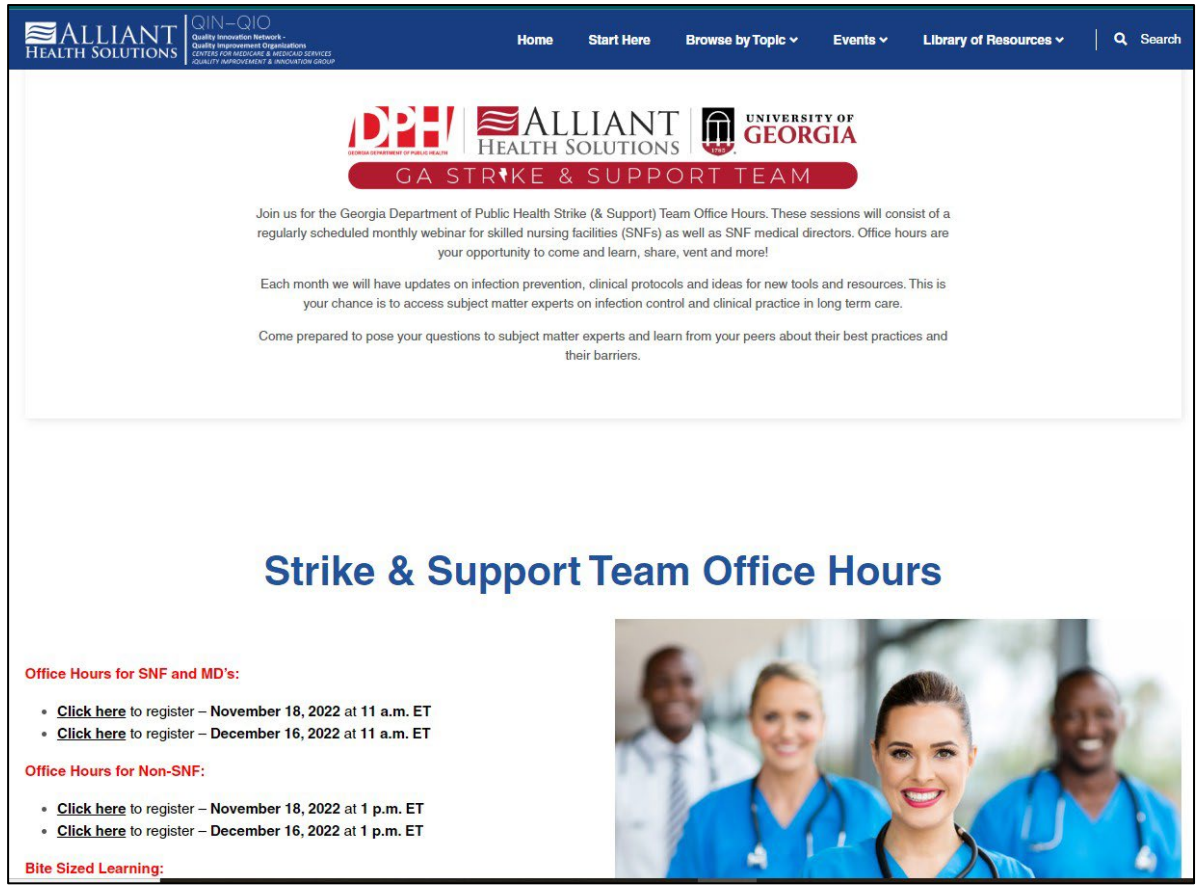

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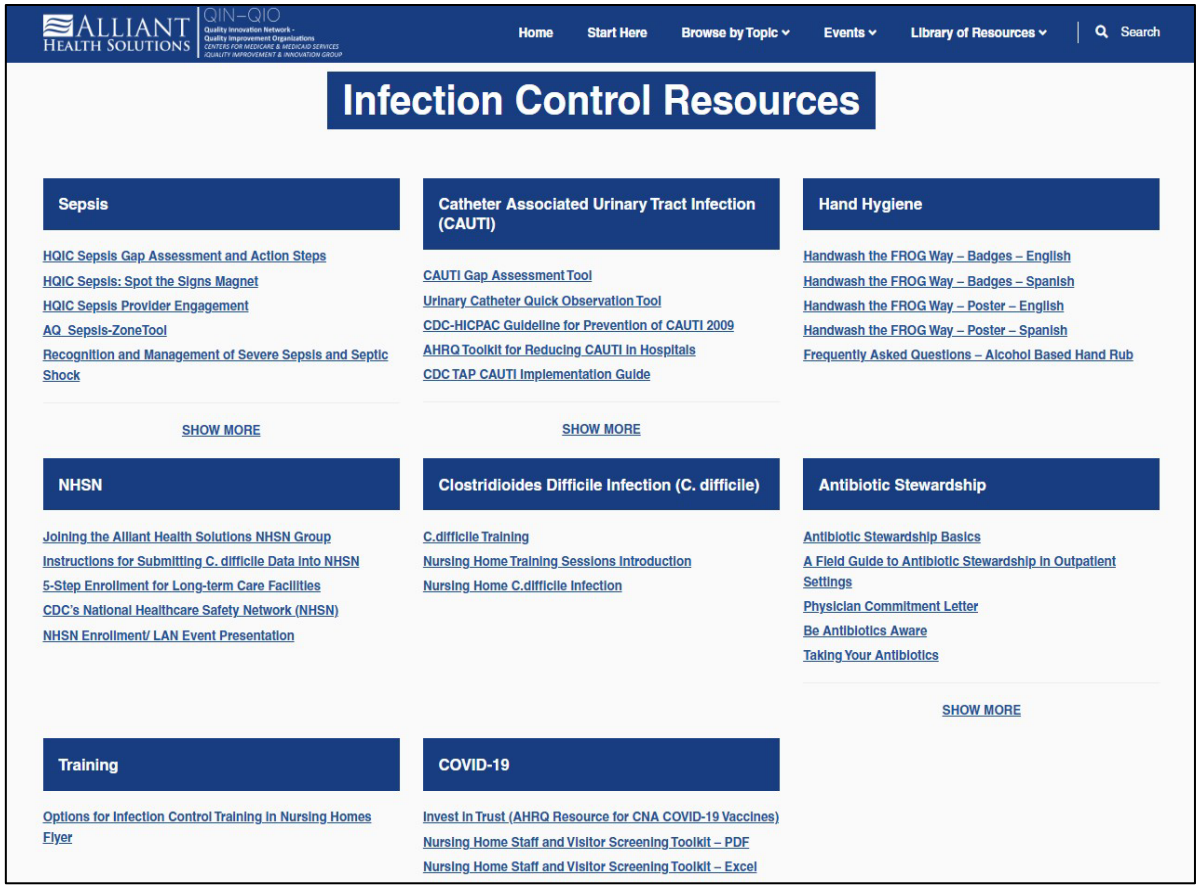

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