



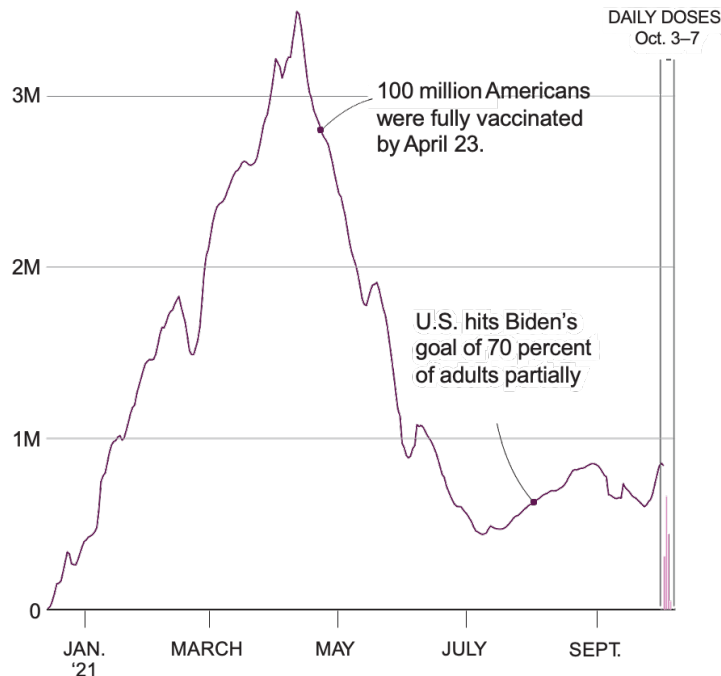
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Covid-19 tracker: Hospitalizations continue to fall

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400M vaccine doses have been administered as of Oct. 7

DOSES ADMINISTERED, SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE



Note: There may be data delays in the most recent days of reporting.

Medical experts are debating who should receive booster shots of the Covid-19 vaccine, as the benefits of boosters are not yet definitive.

On Aug. 13, the CDC recommended that people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised receive an additional dose of an mRNA vaccine from BioNTech/Pfizer or Moderna, at least 28 days after completion of the initial vaccine series.

On Sept. 22, the FDA authorized Pfizer boosters for older and at-risk Americans. Since Aug. 13, 6.8 million Americans have received a booster dose.

Sources: Sources: CDC, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, POLITICO staff reports

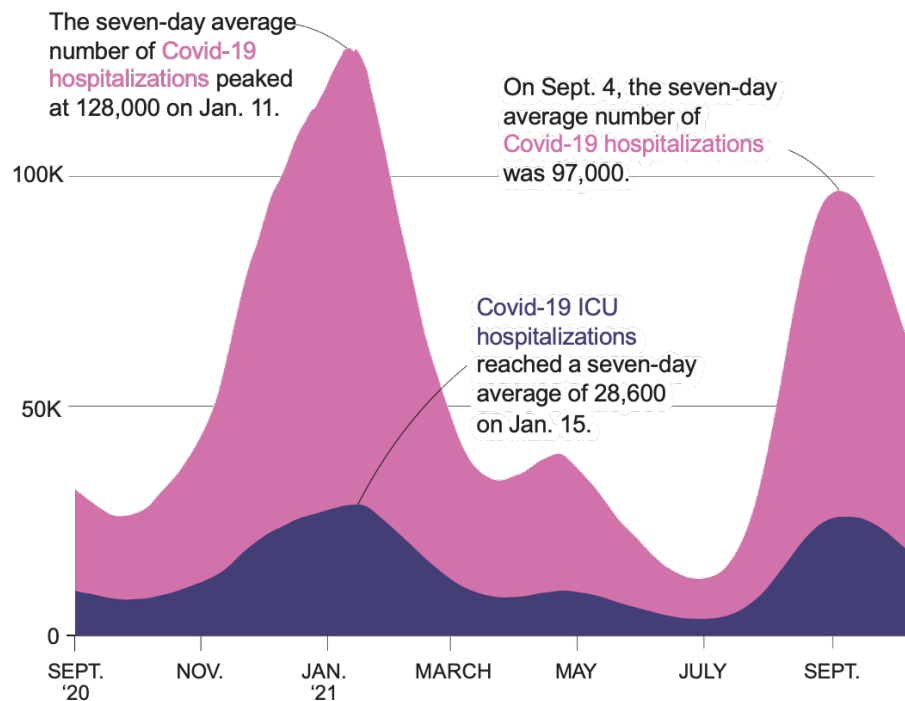


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Covid-19 hospitalizations take a downturn from early September surge
NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19, SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE



Covid-19 hospitalizations soared in early September and have since declined. Statewide mask and vaccine mandates have become widespread to manage rising cases.

Pfizer and BioNTech on Oct. 7 requested FDA authorization for its Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11. The FDA external vaccine advisory committee will meet on Oct. 26 to vote on whether to recommend the shot. This is not a binding vote, but the FDA typically follows the panel's recommendations.

Pfizer and BioNTech released data in September showing their vaccine's efficacy in children. Children in the late-stage clinical trials received a smaller dose of the vaccine than is given to teenagers and adults. The companies are continuing to study vaccine efficacy in children as young as 6 months old.

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