

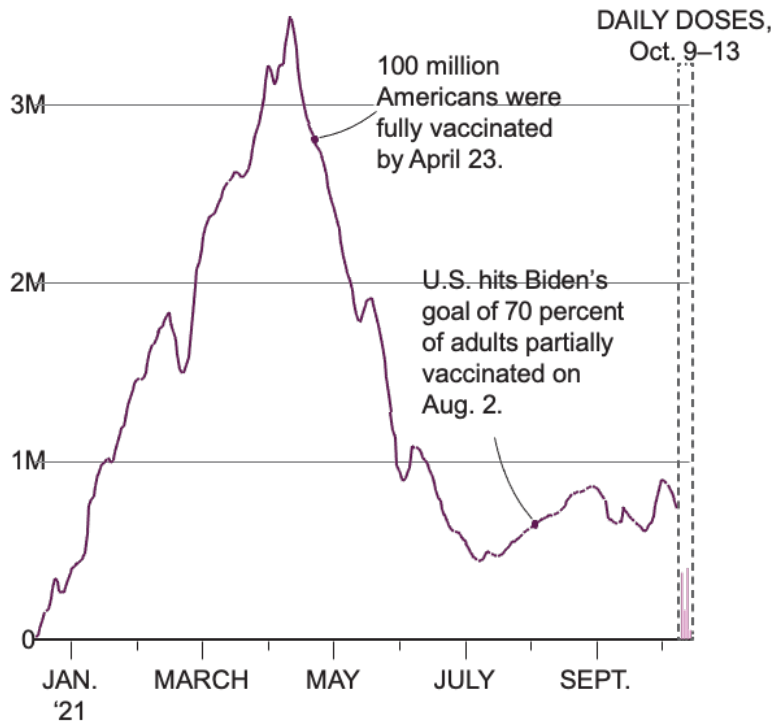


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Covid-19 tracker: Hospitalizations fall to two-month low

404 million vaccine doses have been administered as of Oct. 13

DOSES ADMINISTERED, SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE



Covid-19 booster shots from Moderna or Pfizer showed signs of being more effective at protecting vaccinated adults than a second dose of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine, according to preliminary results from a NIH study released on Oct. 13.

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

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

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



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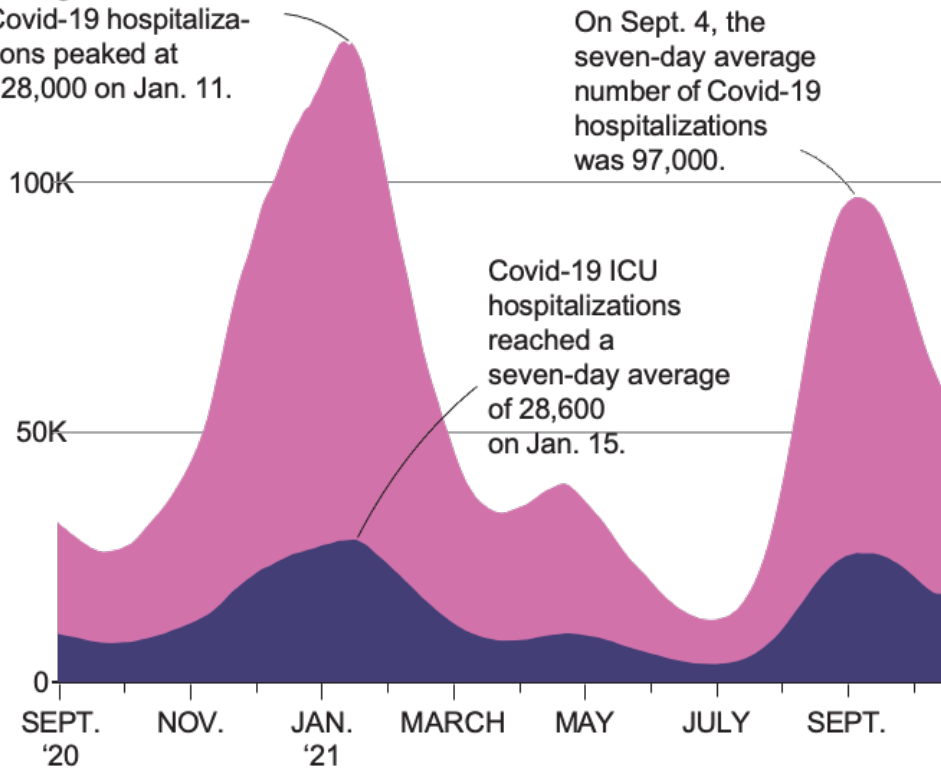
Covid-19 hospitalizations fall under 60,000 first time in two months

NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19, SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE

The seven-day average number of Covid-19 hospitalizations peaked at 128,000 on Jan. 11.

On Sept. 4, the seven-day average number of Covid-19 hospitalizations was 97,000.

Covid-19 ICU hospitalizations reached a seven-day average of 28,600 on Jan. 15.



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

To boost Covid-19 testing, the White House announced on Oct. 6 that it would spend \$1 billion to triple the nation's supply of at-home Covid-19 tests by early November.

Demand for at-home tests is expected to rise this fall and winter as the Biden administration finalizes regulations that would require companies with more than 100 workers to mandate vaccinations or test unvaccinated employees on a weekly basis.

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