

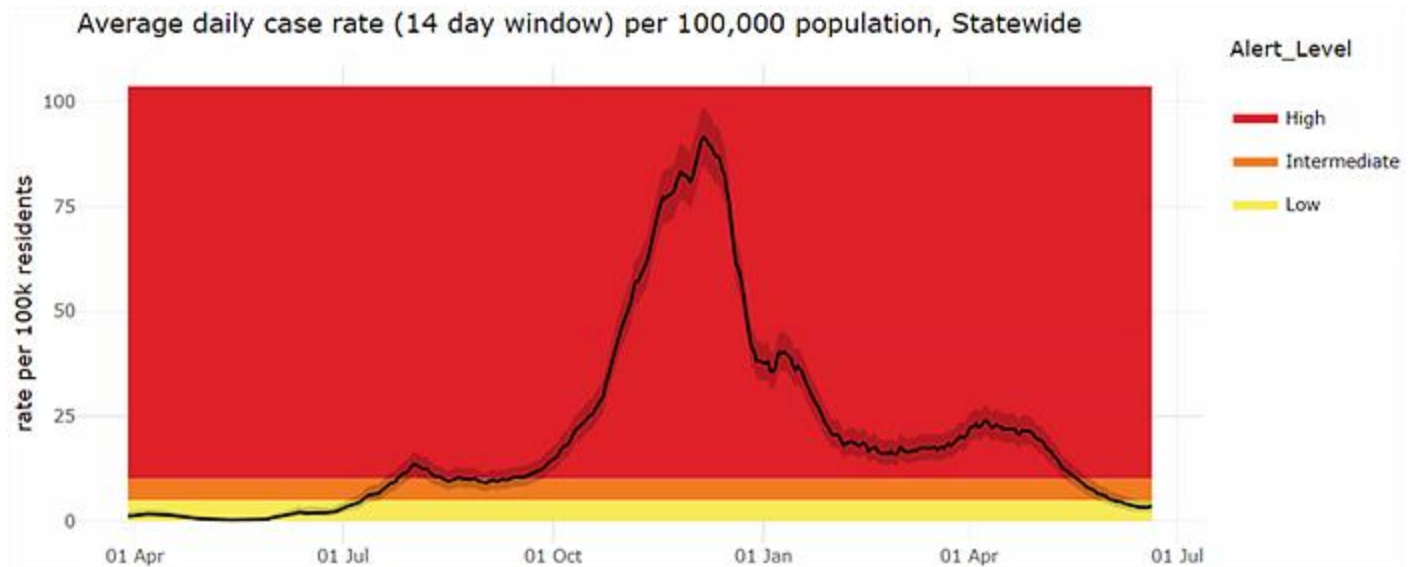


**Alaska Department of Health & Social Services Weekly Case Update
June 13-19, 2021**

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Statewide transmission Rt 0.91	Statewide alert status 3.5	Hospital capacity	Test positivity 1.2%	
Red- quickly increasing, Rt>1.2 Orange- increasing, Rt 1-1.2 Yellow-decreasing, Rt<1	Red- 14-day average case rate per 100,000 people >10 Orange- 5-10 Yellow- <5	Red- <3 weeks until beyond capacity Orange- 3-6 weeks Yellow- >6 weeks	Red->5% Orange- 2-5% Yellow- <2%	At least one shot. Estimated AK population 12 and older of 607,022 from the US Department of Labor

Brief Status Report

- The overall number of reported COVID-19 cases in Alaska increased last week relative to the previous week though incidence remains low.
- The number of new cases held steady or declined in most boroughs and census areas; the overall statewide increase primarily reflects increased cases in Anchorage and Mat-Su and in the Kusilvak Census Area.
- Since January 1, 2021, 97% of all COVID-19 hospitalizations in Alaska have been among people who were unvaccinated.
- 54% of Alaskans aged 12 years and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- If you have received an initial dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, be sure to get your second dose too. Evidence suggests two doses of an mRNA vaccine are more effective than one dose of an mRNA vaccine, especially against emerging variants of concern.



Case Trends and Predictions

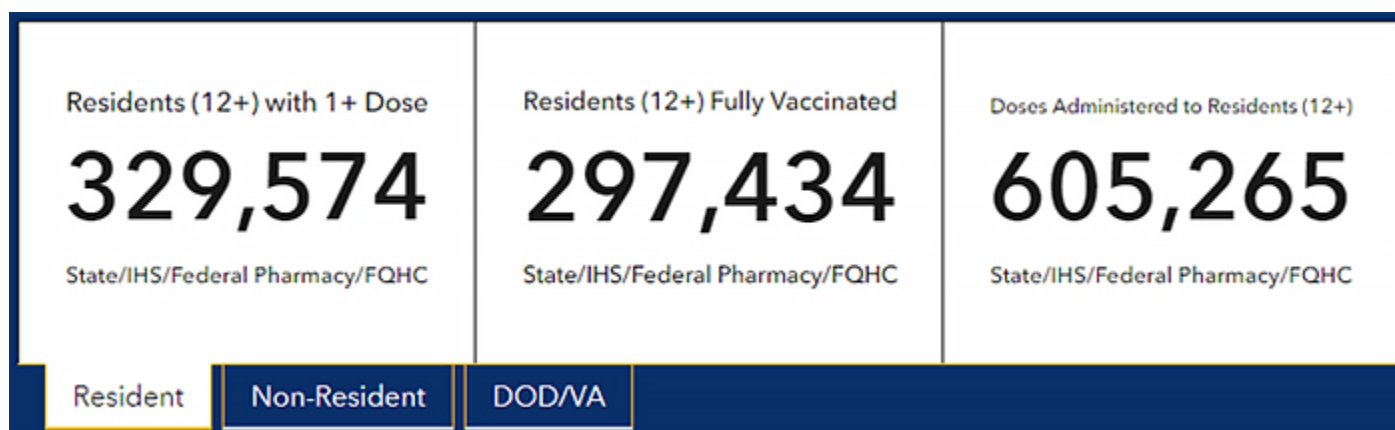
- 218 cases were reported in Alaskans last week. This is a 55.7% increase from the week before.
- The number of new cases held steady or declined in most boroughs and census areas; the overall statewide increase primarily reflects increased cases in Anchorage and Mat-Su and in the Kusilvak Census Area.
- We expect considerable week-to-week variability in the number of cases. It is unclear whether or not the data from last week reflects a new trend.

Regional Case Trends

	Case rates May 16–May 22	Case rates May 23– May 29	Case rates May 30– June 5	Case rates June 6–June 12	Case rates June 13– June 19
Behavioral Health Region					
Anchorage Municipality	5.4	3.8	3.1	2.5	3.6
Fairbanks North Star Borough	8.3	6.0	3.9	1.8	1.7
Interior Region except Fairbanks	19.4	25.9	24.4	13.5	9.3
Juneau City and Borough	3.8	3.6	6.7	7.0	3.4
Kenai Peninsula Borough	6.8	3.8	3.3	3.0	1.9
Matanuska-Susitna Region	8.7	5.9	4.7	3.6	2.6

Northern Southeast Region	5.6	4.2	4.2	2.5	3.2
Northwest Region	3.2	4.0	4.5	5.5	4.0
Southern Southeast Region	58.2	36.9	19.2	10.8	6.1
Southwest Region	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.3	2.8
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region	9.6	9.1	6.9	5.2	12.1
Statewide	8.2	6.0	4.7	3.5	3.5

Vaccination Status



Reported vaccinations as of June 21, 2021.

- Anyone aged ≥ 12 years in Alaska is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- On June 21, Alaska was [the thirtieth most vaccinated state per capita](#) for adults aged ≥ 18 years. The Alaska [vaccine dashboard](#) is available online for more up-to-date data.

Regional Vaccine Trends:

This is the percent of Alaskans aged 12+ who received one or more dose of vaccine.

Borough/Census Area	June 1	June 7	June 14	June 21
Aleutians East Borough	81.7%	83.9%	84.6%	84.9%
Aleutians West Census Area	63.7%	64.7%	66.6%	67.3%
Anchorage Municipality	55.9%	56.7%	57.3%	57.8%
Bethel Census Area	67.7%	68.5%	69.4%	70.5%
Bristol Bay plus Lake and Peninsula	76.5%	77.3%	78.3%	79.4%

Denali Borough	60.5%	62.0%	62.4%	64.0%
Dillingham Census Area	56.2%	56.7%	57.1%	57.9%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	44.4%	45.2%	45.9%	46.4%
Haines Borough	66.3%	66.7%	66.9%	68.1%
Juneau City and Borough	72.8%	73.8%	74.5%	75.1%
Kenai Peninsula Borough	43.6%	44.3%	44.8%	45.2%
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	59.5%	60.4%	61.1%	61.8%
Kodiak Island Borough	61.8%	62.5%	63.0%	63.6%
Kusilvak Census Area	67.4%	69.4%	71.0%	73.3%
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	35.6%	36.2%	36.7%	37.1%
Nome Census Area	75.7%	76.8%	78.0%	78.1%
North Slope Borough	34.5%	34.9%	35.5%	35.9%
Northwest Arctic Borough	56.7%	57.3%	57.8%	58.9%
Petersburg Borough	62.1%	62.7%	63.5%	64.3%
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	59.3%	62.7%	63.7%	64.5%
Sitka City and Borough	70.0%	71.1%	71.7%	72.3%
Skagway Municipality	78.3%	78.5%	79.0%	79.8%
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	29.9%	30.6%	31.2%	31.6%
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	57.0%	57.7%	58.5%	59.0%
Wrangell City and Borough	57.9%	59.4%	59.6%	60.5%
Yakutat plus Hoonah-Angoon	73.3%	73.6%	74.5%	75.4%
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	71.9%	72.3%	73.7%	75.5%
Statewide	52.0%	53%	54%	54%

- To schedule your vaccine appointment visit covidvax.alaska.gov or call 907-646-3322. The call line is staffed Monday-Friday from 9AM-6:30PM and 9AM-4:30PM on weekends.
- You can also visit vaccines.gov or find clinics in your area by texting your zip code to GETVAX (438829) in English, or VACUNA (822862) for Spanish.
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New Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths

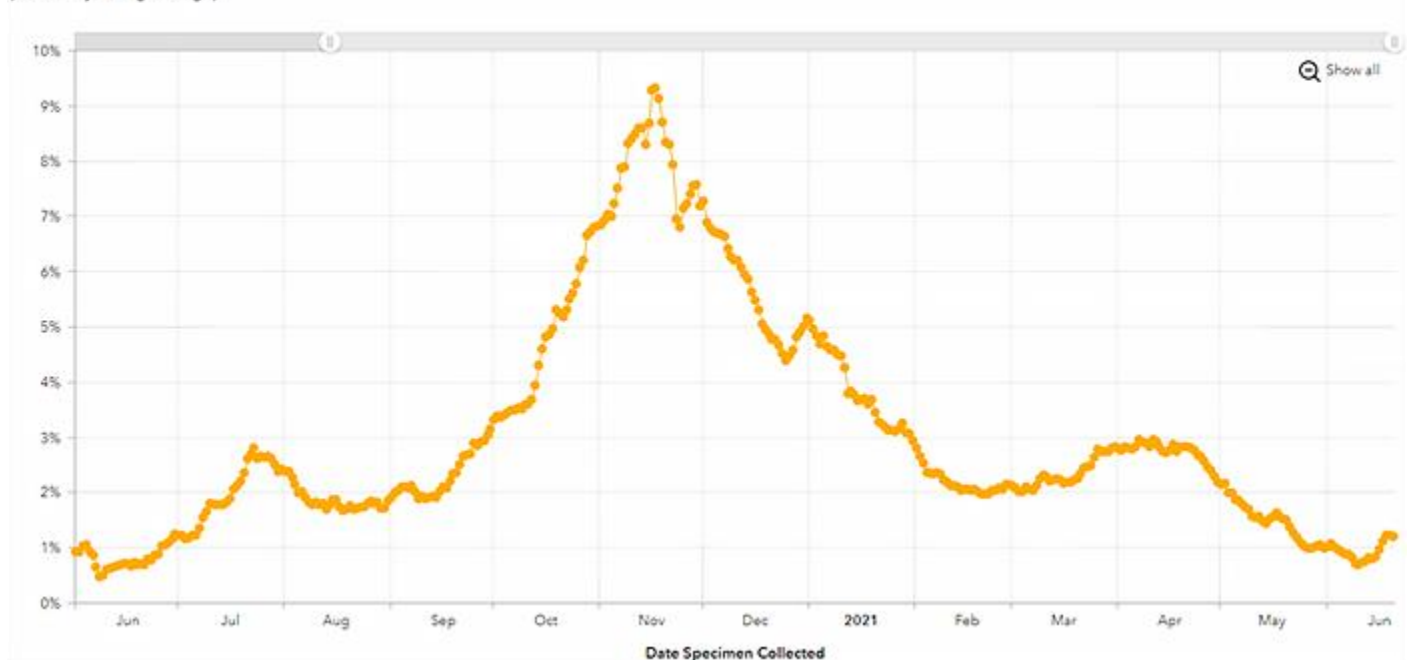
- During the week of June 13 through June 19, 2021, 218 cases were reported in Alaskans. This is a 55.7% increase compared to the week prior for a total of 68,099 cases.

- Cumulative hospitalizations increased to 1,602 with 5 reported as occurring this week. Hospitalization reports often lag and only 1,590 hospitalizations were reported at this time last week, so there are 12 hospitalizations newly reported this week including ones that began during previous weeks.
- No deaths were reported this week (366 total). It is common to take more than a week for a death to be reported, and deaths that occurred during June 13–June 19 may be reported in the future after death certificates are reviewed.
- 19 new nonresident cases were identified this week for a total of 2,851 cases.

Vaccine Breakthrough Cases

- Vaccine breakthrough (VB) infections of COVID are those detected in a person who is more than 2 weeks beyond their second dose of a 2-dose series or the only dose of a 1-dose series. All VB cases are investigated by the Section of Epidemiology but only VB cases associated with hospitalization or death are [reported](#) to the CDC.
- From January 1–June 12, 2021, Alaska has recorded one death and thirteen hospitalizations resulting from a VB infection among Alaska residents. These counts are provisional and subject to change as more data are compiled. In that same time frame, a total of 21,580 cases, 493 hospitalizations, and 102 deaths were reported. 97% of all hospitalizations to date were unvaccinated people.
- Specimens from VB infections (regardless of severity) are prioritized for sequencing and described in the weekly [Alaska Genomics Report](#)

Statewide Percentage of Daily Tests with Positive Results
(Seven day rolling average)



Variant Tracking

The most recent [Alaska COVID Genomic Surveillance report](#) was released on June 16

Variants of Concern	Cases Identified	Change From Last Week	First Identified in Alaska
Alpha (B.1.1.7)	324	+30	20 December 2020
Beta (B.1.351)	7	+2	20 March 2021
Gamma (P.1/P.1.1/P.1.2)	43	+5	8 February 2021
Delta (B.1.617.2/AY.1)	4	+2	30 May 2021
Epsilon (B.1.427/429)	137	+2	24 December 2020

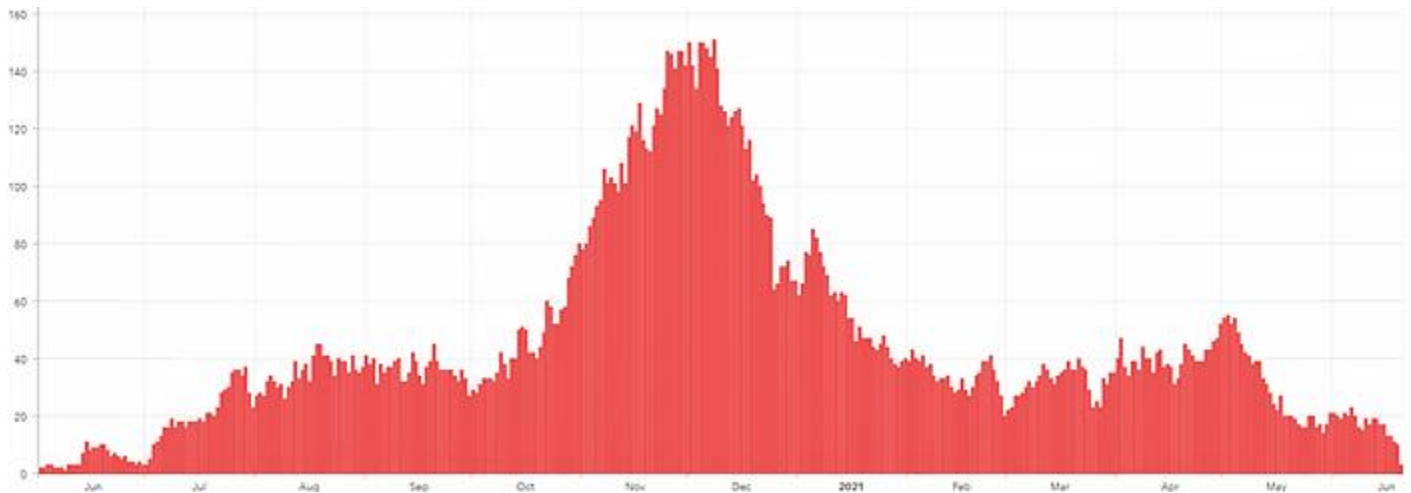
Variants of Interest	Cases Identified	Change From Last Week	First Identified in Alaska
Eta (B.1.525)	1	0	16 March 2021
Iota (B.1.526)	16	-5	4 February 2021
Zeta (P.2)	4	0	27 January 2021

Alaska’s Public Health Laboratories [continue to monitor for variants of concern](#) and interest

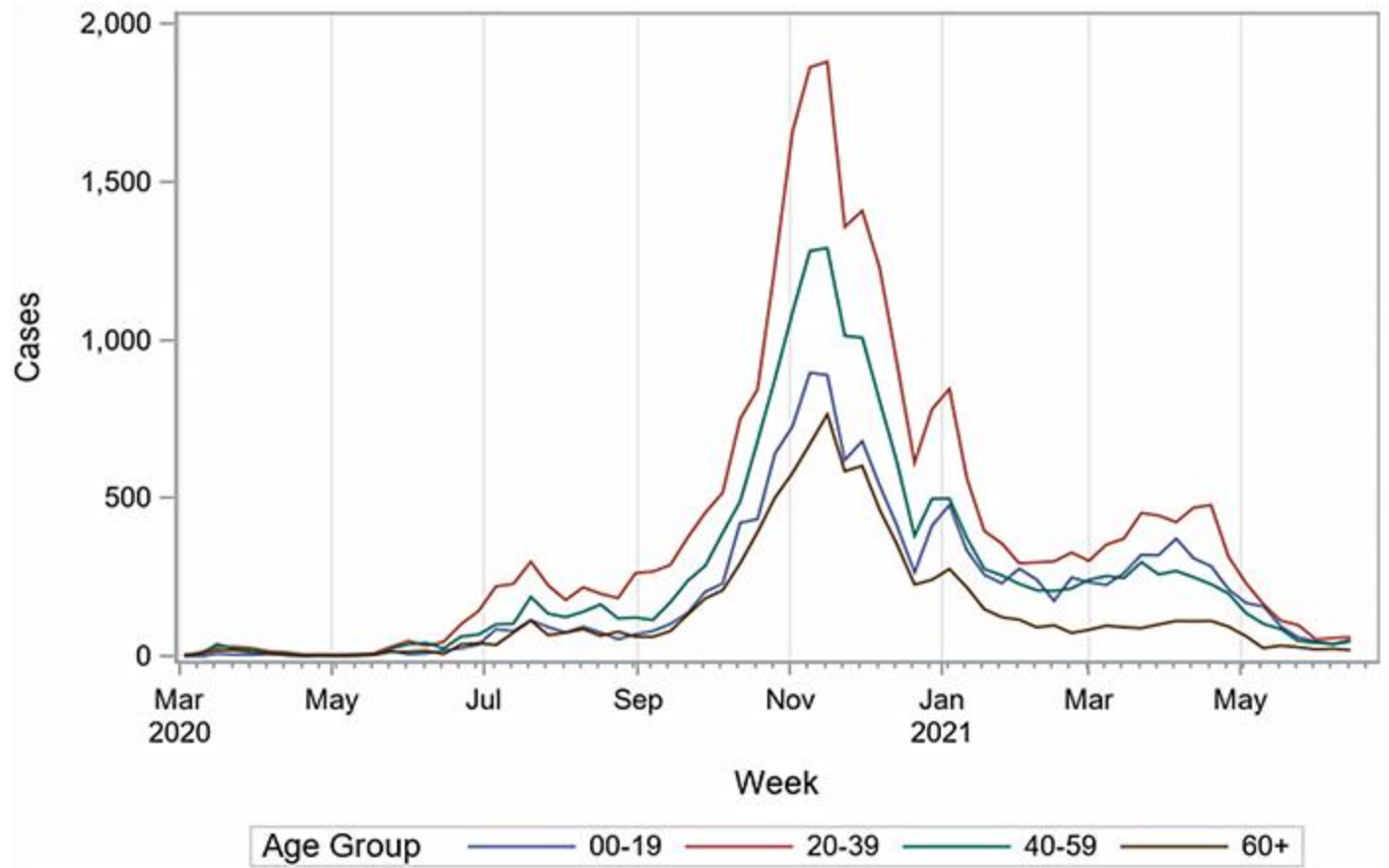
Health Care Capacity

On June 21, 10 Alaskans with confirmed COVID-19 were hospitalized and 4 were reported to require a mechanical ventilator.

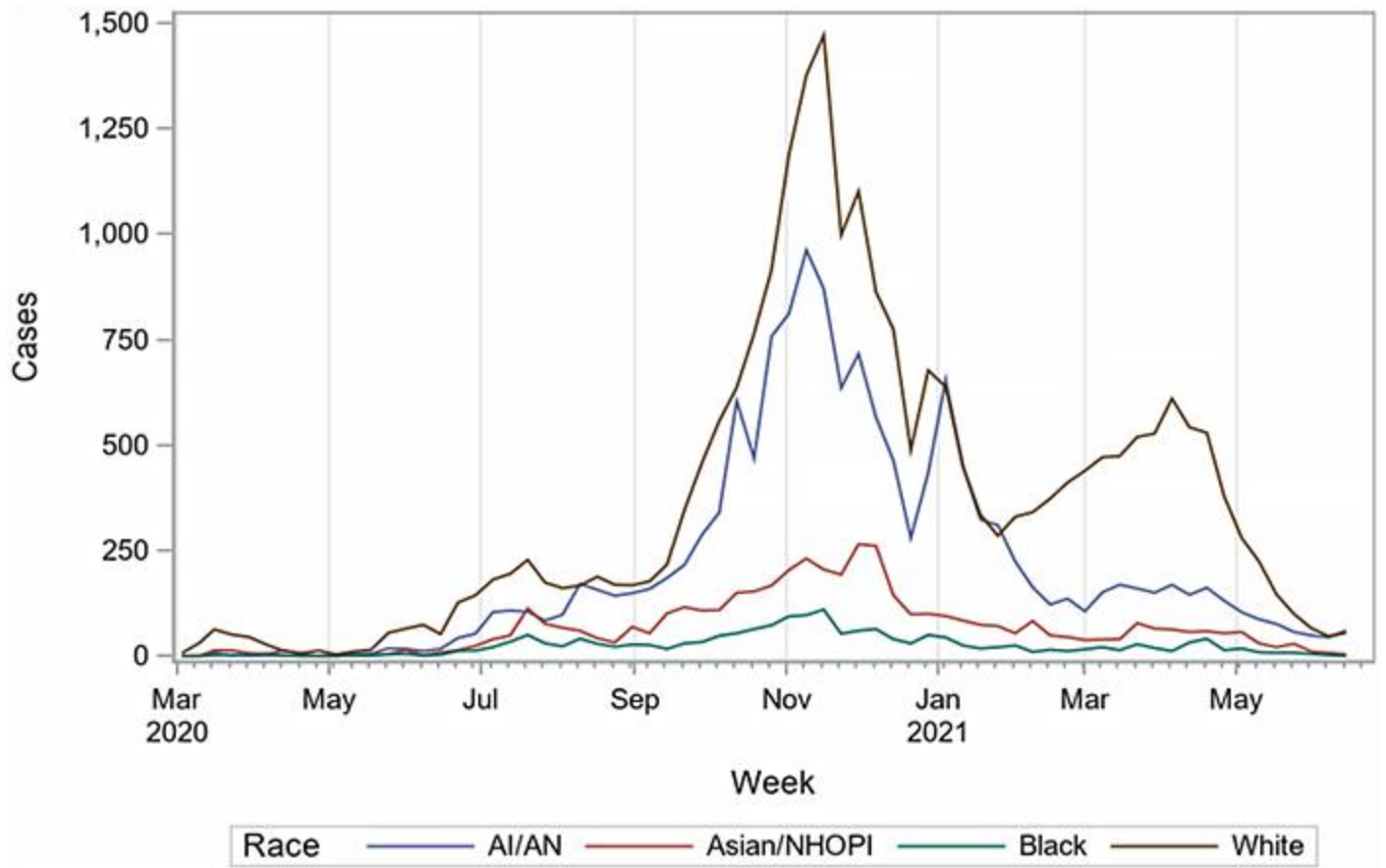
Total Confirmed COVID-19 Beds Occupied



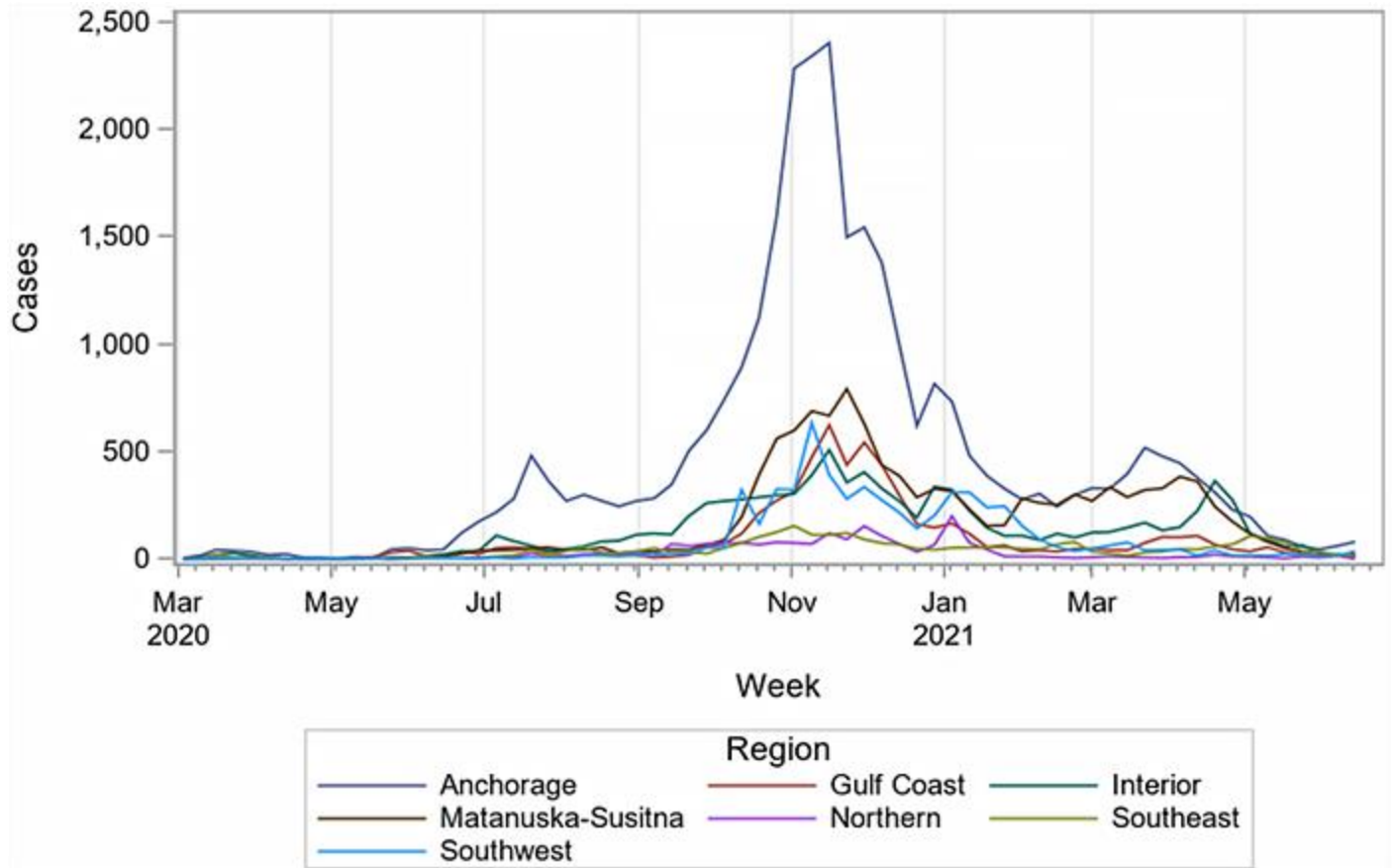
Cases by Week Reported and Age Group



Cases by Week Reported and Race



Cases by Week Reported and Region



Additional informational resources:

- The State of Alaska COVID-19 [vaccine status update](#) page:
- The State of Alaska COVID-19 [information page](#) provides more information about the virus and how individuals and businesses can protect themselves and others from transmission
- For the most up-to-date case information, see the Alaska Coronavirus Response Hub dashboard: updated Monday – Friday at data.coronavirus.alaska.gov
- For DHSS media inquiries, please contact clinton.bennett@alaska.gov