



**COVID-19 Question and Answer Session
for Long-Term Care and Congregate Residential Settings**

April 23rd , 2021

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Agenda

- Upcoming Webinars
- LTC Vaccination Update
- LTC Data
- Johnson and Johnson/Janssen Update
- Public Guidance vs Healthcare Guidance
- Open Q & A

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Upcoming Friday Brief Updates and Open Q&A 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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LTC Vaccination Update

Waiting for Additional CDC Guidance

Chicago Tribune | Section 1 | Friday, April 23, 2021

NATION & WORLD

US vaccination campaign working

Fewer older adults being hospitalized with COVID-19

By Matthew Perrone and Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — COVID-19 hospitalizations among older Americans have plunged more than 70% since the start of the year, and deaths among them appear to have tumbled as well, dramatic evidence the vaccination campaign is working.

Now the trick is to get more of the nation's younger people to roll up their sleeves.

The drop-off in severe cases among Americans 65 and older is especially encouraging because senior citizens have accounted for about 8 out of 10 deaths from the virus since it hit the U.S., where the toll stands at more than 570,000.

COVID-19 deaths among people of all ages in the U.S. have plummeted to about 700 per day on average, compared with a peak of



A nurse inoculates Sandra Lally with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine Thursday in Worcester, Mass. JOSEPH PHEZOSOG/GETTY-APF

Mark Sullivan, a critical care doctor at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle. "They tend to recover a little quicker because of their youth."

With enough people vaccinated, COVID-19 cases should eventually begin to fall as the virus finds fewer and fewer people to infect. Guest and other experts say that appeared to reach that threshold last month after it fully vaccinated roughly 40% of its population of 9 million people.

But the U.S. faces challenges in conducting mass vaccinations because of its far greater size, diversity, geography and health disparities.

On Tuesday, President Joe Biden announced new federal funding for small businesses so that employees can take time off with pay to get vaccinated or recover from the shot's side effects.

The challenges will be quickly vaccinating younger Americans, who feel they are less vulnerable to the coronavirus but are usually the ones spreading the disease. "To really feel that we're

McKnight's LONG-TERM CARE NEWS

NEWS MAGAZINE COLUMNS

News

April 22, 2021

CDC guidance on post-vaccination plans at nursing homes could come this week; J&J pause not expected to cause interruptions



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Postvaccination SARS-CoV-2 Infections Among Skilled Nursing Facility Residents and Staff Members — Chicago, Illinois, December 2020–March 2021

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COVID-19 Outbreak Associated with a SARS-CoV-2 R.1 Lineage Variant in a Skilled Nursing Facility After Vaccination Program — Kentucky, March 2021

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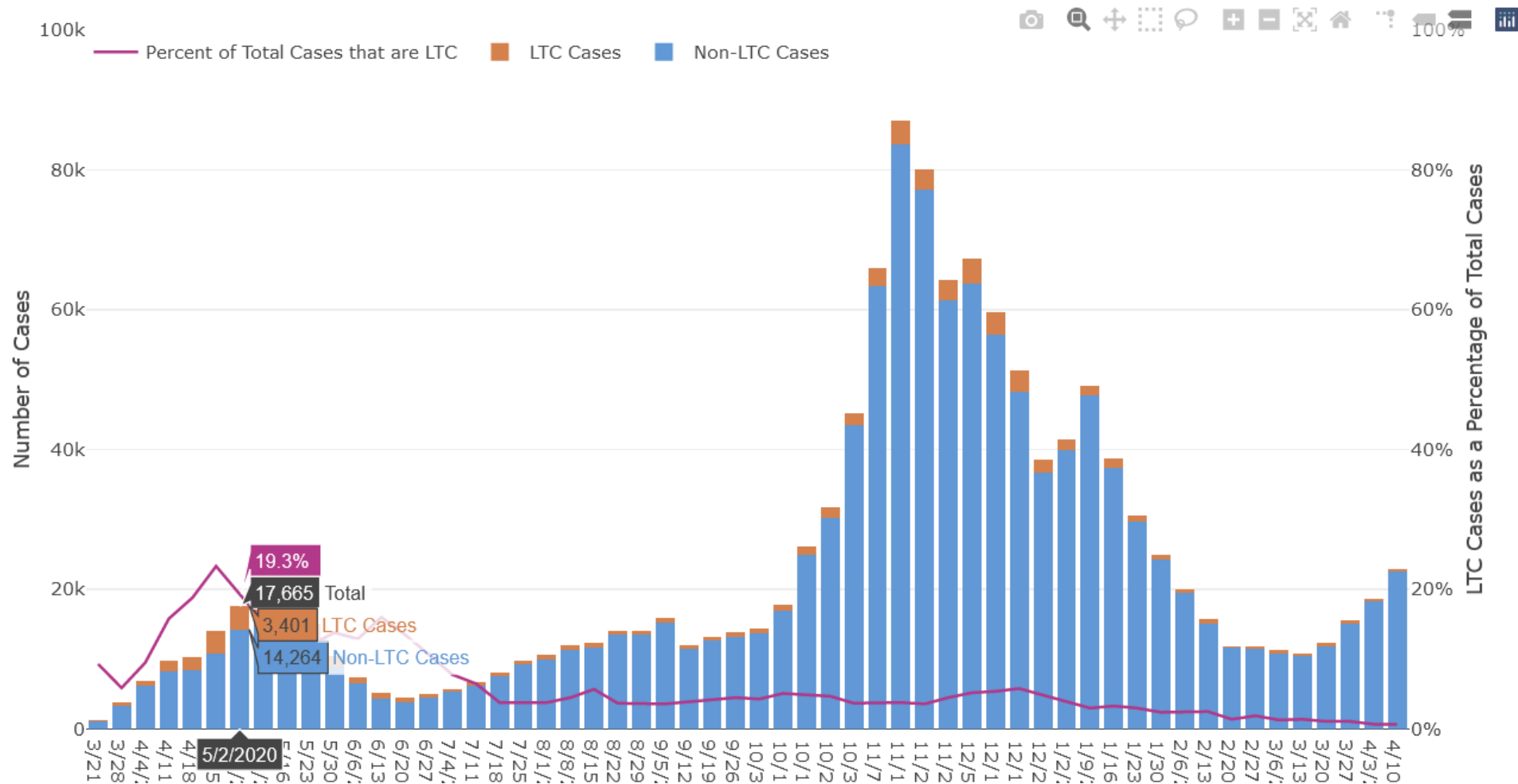
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LTC Cases May 2020: 3,401 LTC Cases (19%)

Data Updated: 4/21/2021

Long-Term Care Facility Share of Total COVID-19 Cases, by Week

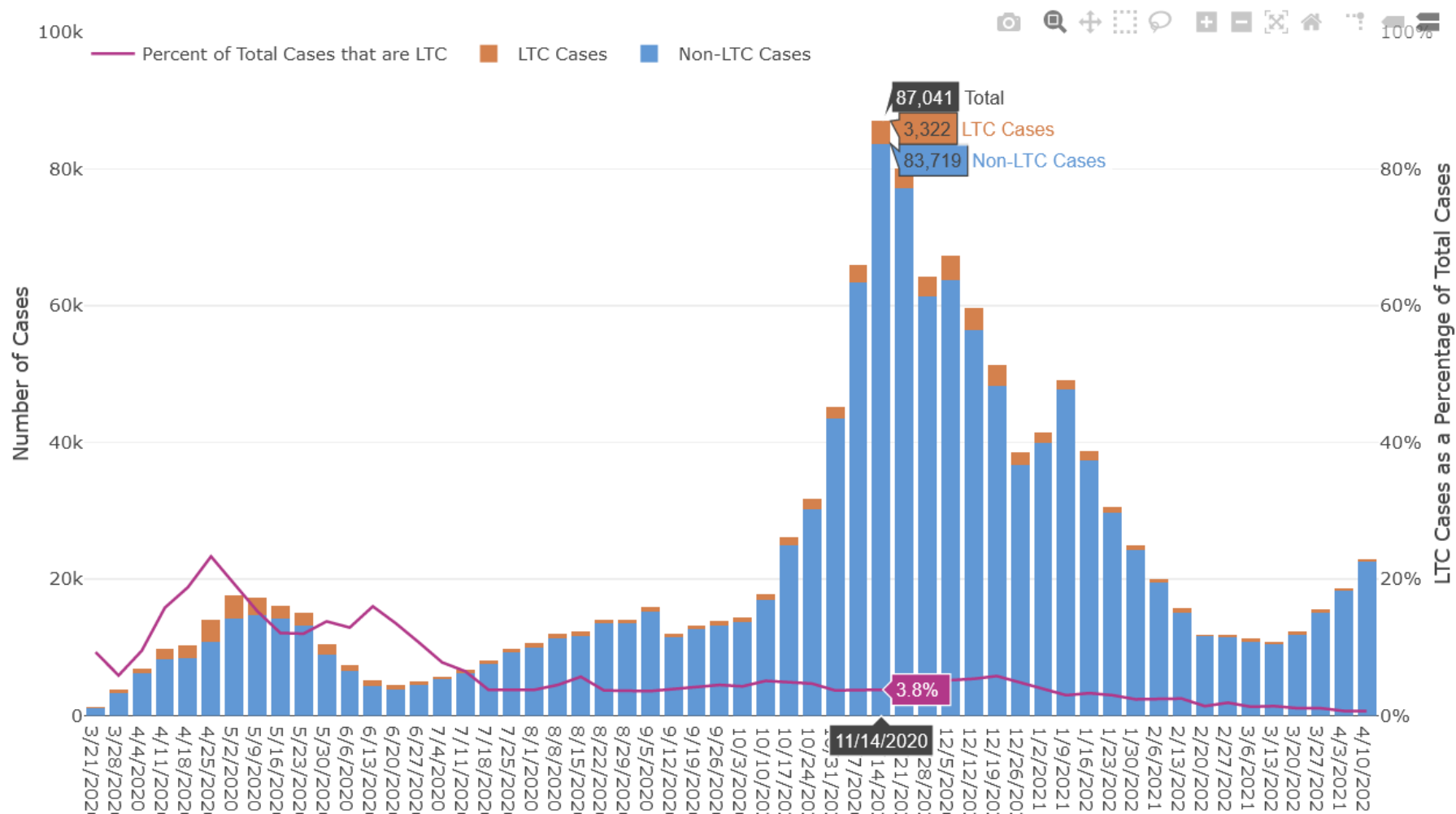


<http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/long-term-care-data-covid19>

Peak of Outbreak: 3,322 LTC Cases (3.8%)

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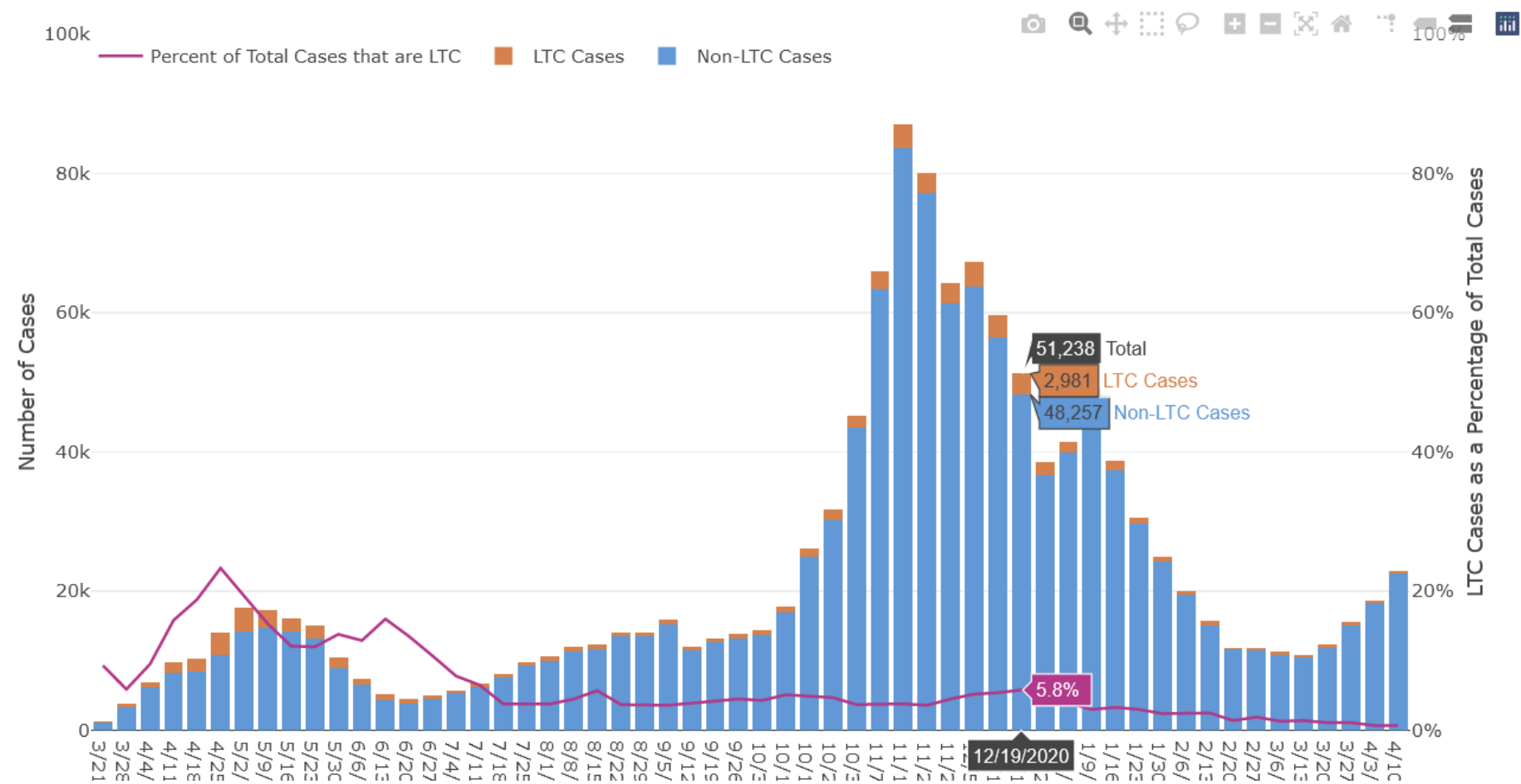


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Prior to Start of Vaccination (County Level) 2981 LTC Cases (5.8%)

Data Updated: 4/21/2021

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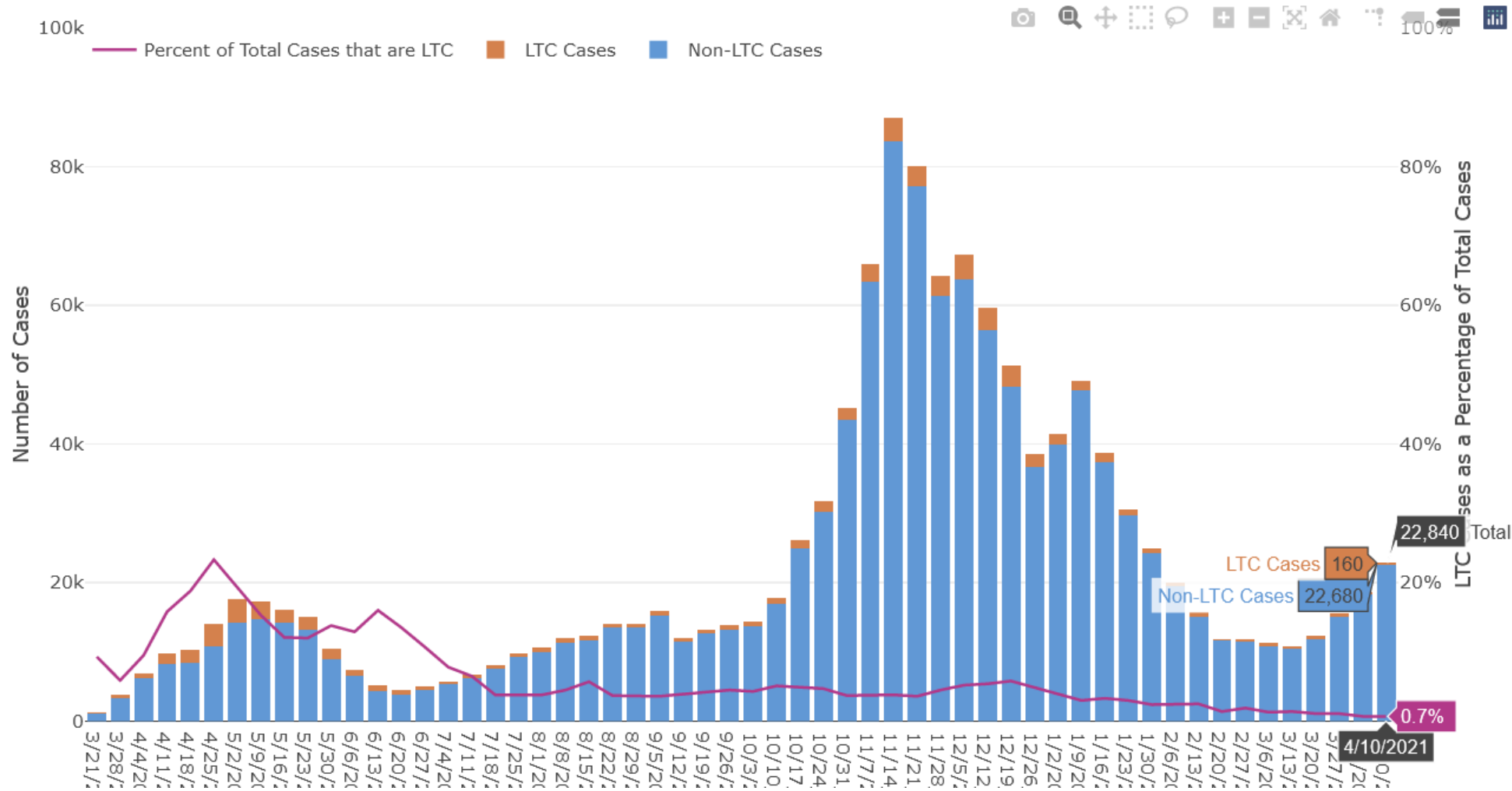


Current Post PPP LTC Vaccination 160 LTC Cases

Data Updated: 4/21/2021

(0.7%)

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Johnson and Johnson/Janssen Update

- ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP) meeting today 10 am to 4 pm
- Different technology with Johnson and Johnson (adapted adenovirus) than Pfizer and Moderna (messenger RNA)
- One in a MILLION event detected
- Seems to affect specific age range and gender
- Pause in abundance of caution important (traditional treatments for clots contraindicated)
- ACIP/CDC will provide guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/janssen/index.html>

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Order: Wearing of face masks while on conveyances and at transportation hubs

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an [Order](#) [PDF - 11 pages] on January 29, 2021 requiring the wearing of masks by travelers to prevent spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Conveyance operators must also require all persons onboard to wear masks when boarding, disembarking, and for the duration of travel. Operators of transportation hubs must require all persons to wear a mask when entering or on the premises of a transportation hub.

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Your Guide to Masks

Updated Apr. 6, 2021 [Languages](#) [Print](#)

CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings, at events and with other people. Effective February 2, 2021, **masks are required** on planes, bus transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. train stations.

How to Select

When selecting a mask, there are many choices. Here are some do's and don'ts

DO choose masks that

- Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
- Completely cover your nose and mouth
- Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps
- Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask

DO NOT

- Wear a mask around your neck, on your forehead, under your nose, or only on your nose
- Wear a mask on your chin, dangling from one ear, or on your arm
- Handle the mask by the ear loops or ties, fold the outside corners together, or be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing
- Have exhalation valves or vents which allow virus particles to escape
- Are prioritized for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators

In Healthcare Guidance

Respirator On / Respirator Off

When you put on a disposable respirator

Position your respirator correctly and check the seal to protect yourself from COVID-19.

When taking off a disposable respirator

Facemask Do's and Don'ts
For Healthcare Personnel

When putting on a facemask

Clean your hands and put on your facemask so it fully covers your mouth and nose.

When wearing a facemask, don't do the following:

When removing a facemask

Clean your hands and remove your facemask touching only the straps or ties.

COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Healthcare Personnel

Preferred PPE – Use N95 or Higher Respirator

Acceptable Alternative PPE – Use Facemask

Audience: These considerations are intended for use by federal, state, and local public health officials; leaders in occupational health services and infection prevention and control programs; and other leaders in healthcare settings who are responsible for developing and implementing policies and procedures for preventing pathogen transmission in healthcare settings.

Additional information is available about how to safely put on and remove personal protective equipment, including respirators:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/safely-handling-ppes.html>

Additional information is available about how to safely put on and remove personal protective equipment, including facemasks:
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