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Update in Adult Immunizations

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Updates in Immunizations

COVID-19

Flu

RSV

PSV21

MenB

Mpox



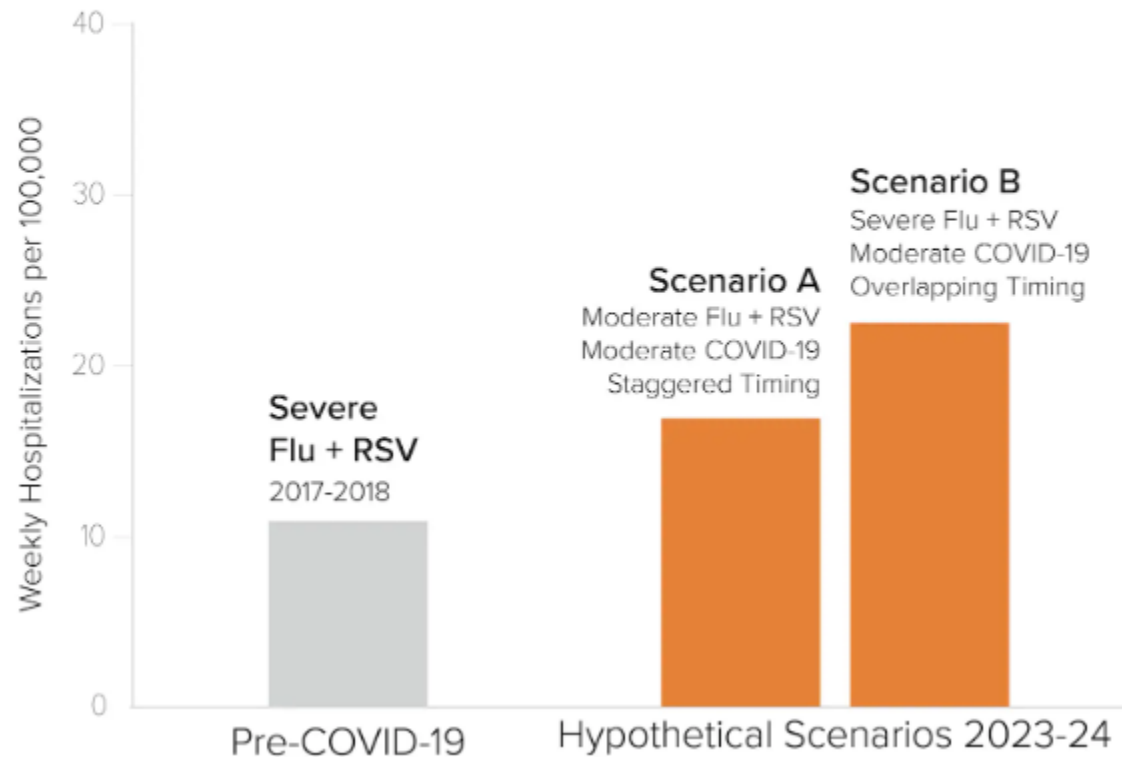


Fall Respiratory Virus Season

2023-2024 Respiratory Disease Season Outlook

Combined Peak Burden of COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV

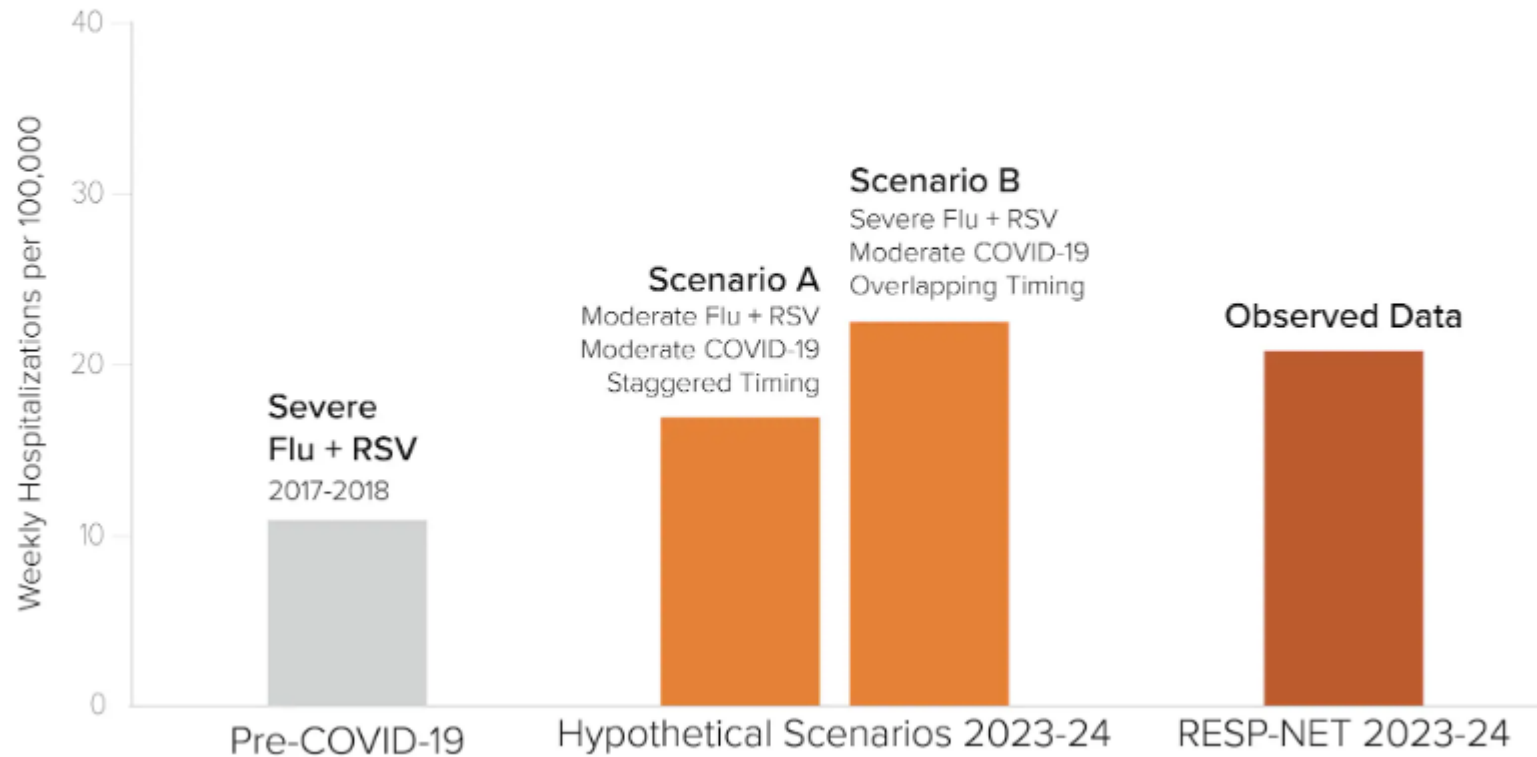
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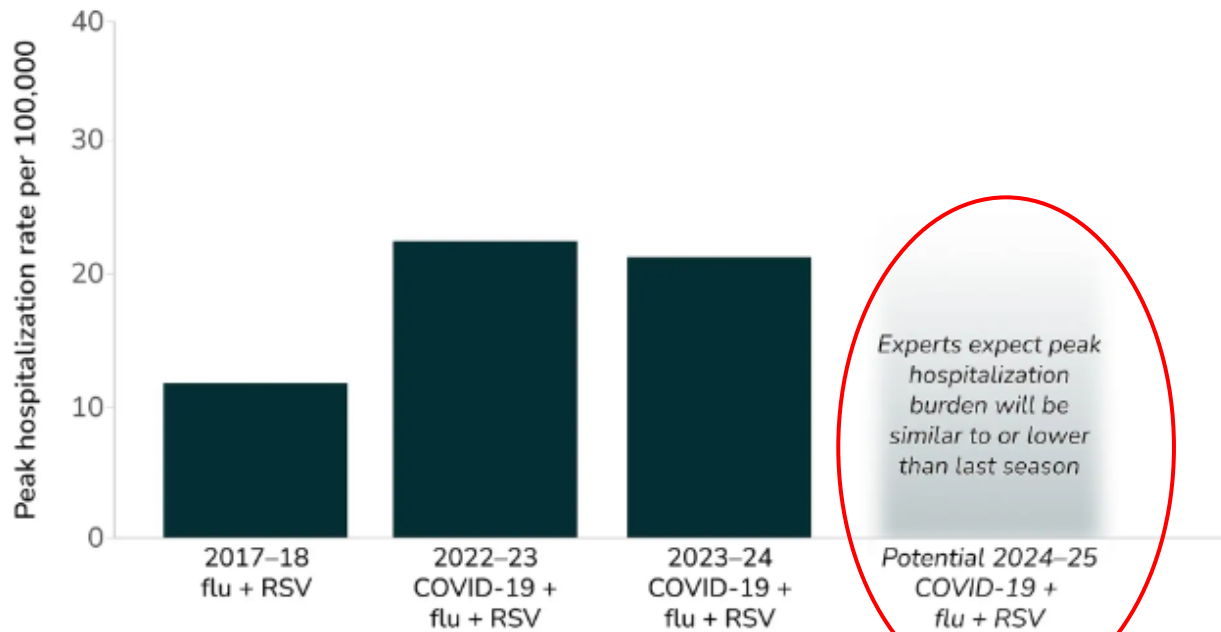
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2024-2025 Respiratory Virus Season Outlook

Upcoming 2024–25 respiratory season peak hospitalization burden likely similar to or lower than last year

Combined peak hospitalization burden of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV

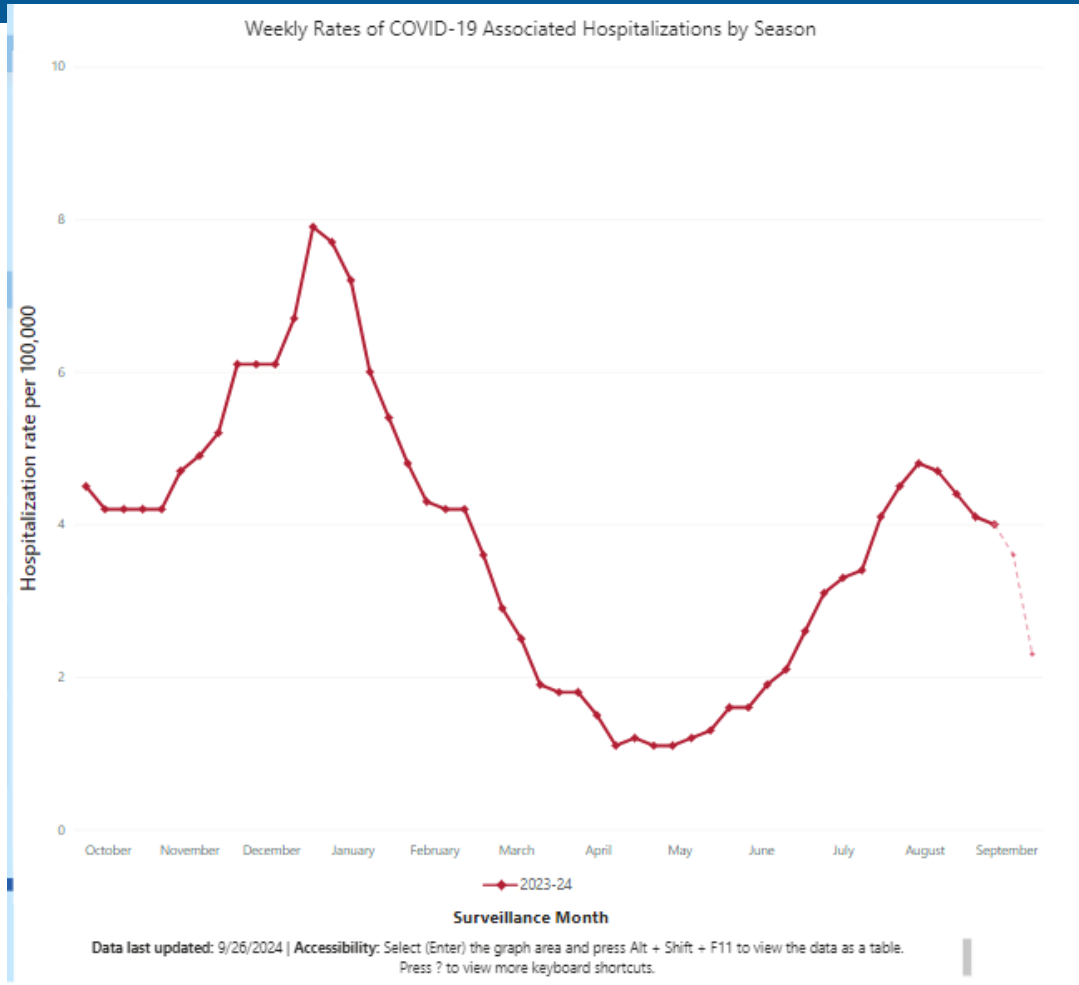


Scenario relative to 2023-2024	Definition	Percentage chance estimated by experts
Similar peak	The combined peak hospitalization burden for the 2024-2025 season will be similar (within +/- 20%) to the combined peak burden for the 2023-2024 respiratory season.	54%
Lower peak	The combined peak hospitalization burden for the 2024-2025 season will be substantially lower (at least 20%) than that of the 2023-2024 respiratory season.	28%
Higher peak	The combined peak hospitalization burden for the 2024-2025 season will be substantially higher (at least 20%) than that of the 2023-2024 respiratory season.	18%



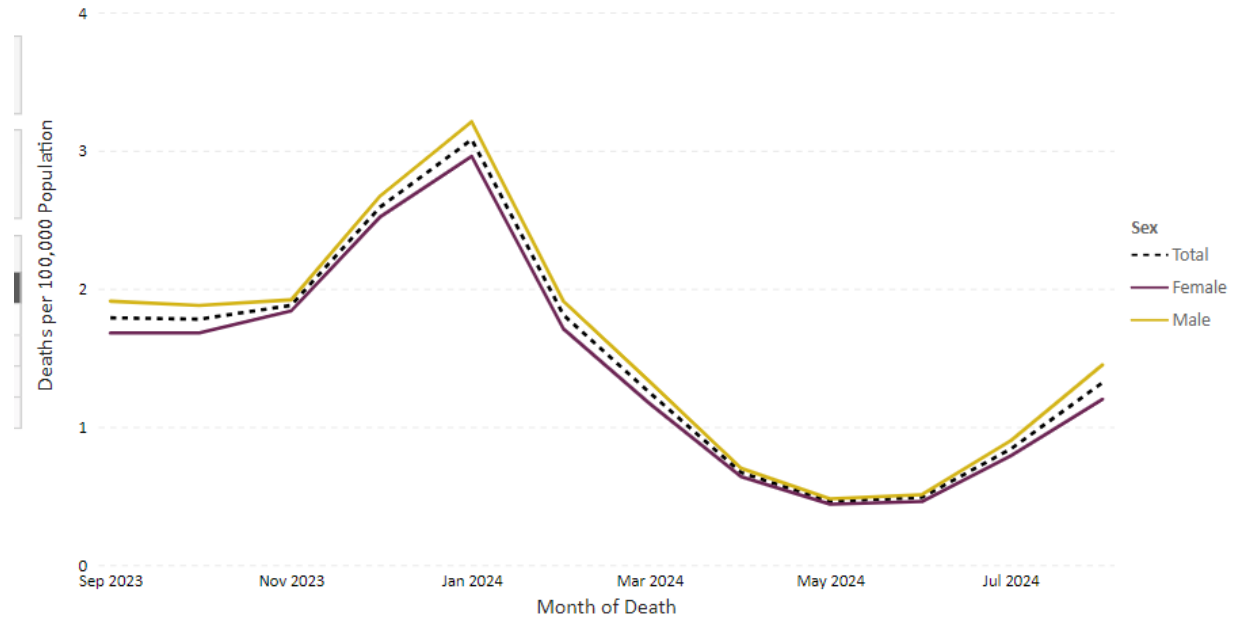
COVID-19

Summer COVID-19 Wave



<https://www.cdc.gov/covid/php/covid-net/index.html>

COVID-19 Monthly Deaths per 100,000 Population by Sex, United States
September 01, 2023 - August 31, 2024



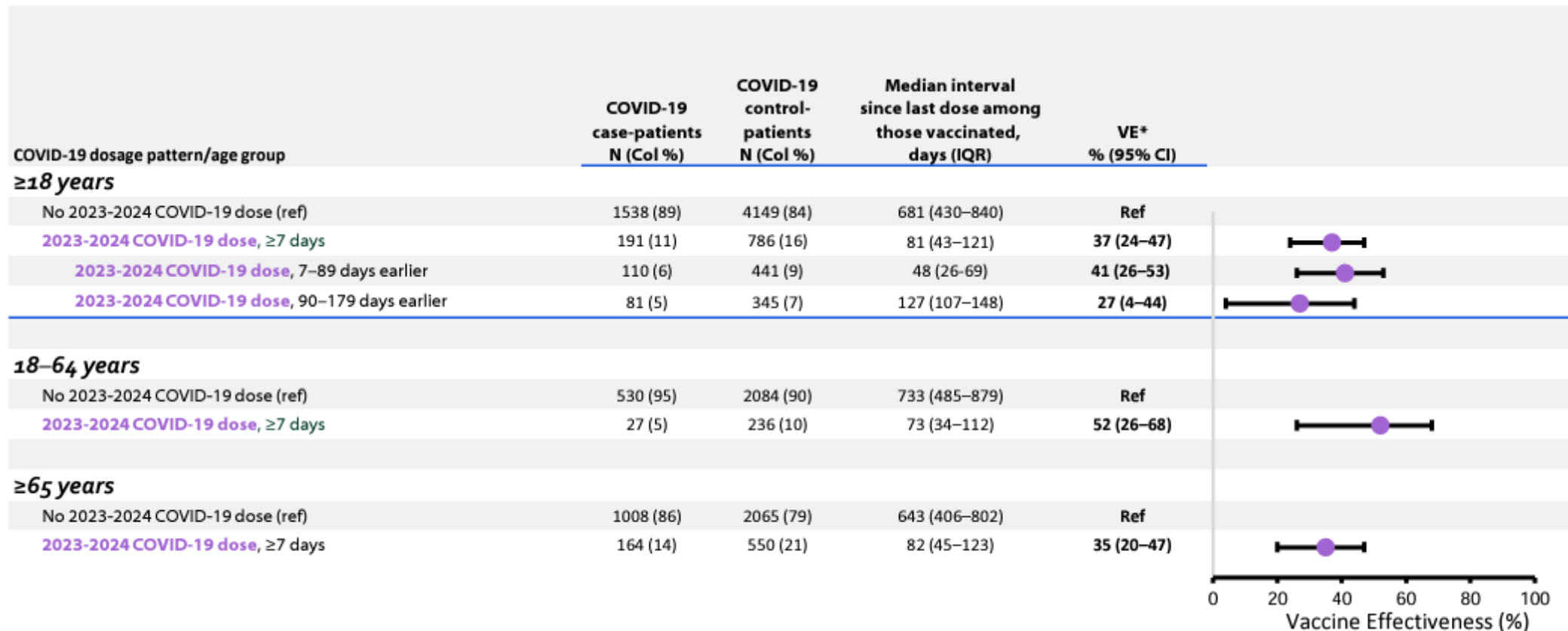
Source: Provisional Deaths from the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) National Vital Statistics System (NVSS); Visualization: NCI/D/COVID and ORR/DEO Situational Awareness Public Health Science Team

Between 30 June and 31 August – 133 COVID-19 deaths in Massachusetts

2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness against Hospitalizations

IVY: VE of **2023–2024 vaccine** against **hospitalization** among immunocompetent adults aged ≥ 18 years, by age group and time since dose

September 21, 2023 – April 30, 2024



2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine Effective in Those With Immunocompromising Conditions

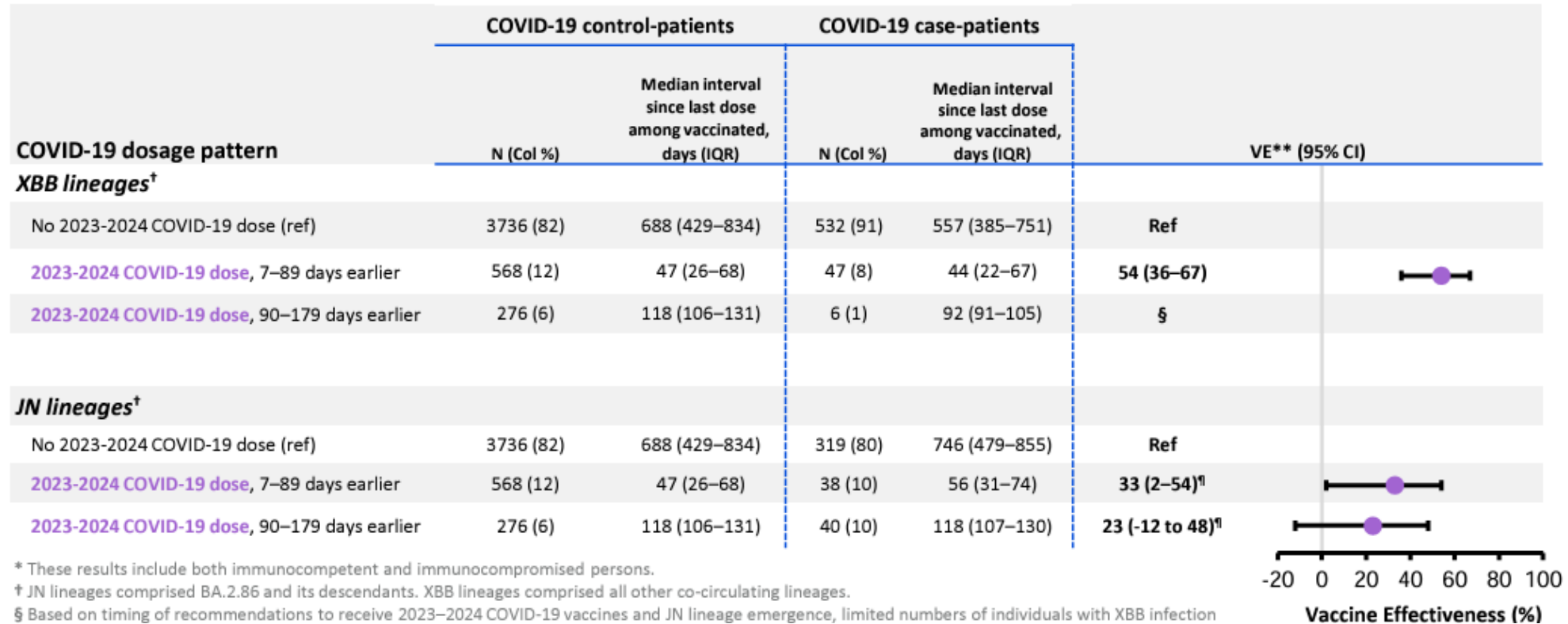
TABLE 2. Effectiveness of updated 2023–2024 (monovalent XBB.1.5) COVID-19 vaccination against laboratory-confirmed COVID-19–associated hospitalization among immunocompromised adults aged ≥18 years — VISION, September 2023–February 2024

COVID-19 vaccination dosage pattern	Total	Positive SARS-CoV-2 test result, no. (%)	Median interval since last dose, days (IQR)	Unadjusted VE, %* (95% CI)	Adjusted VE, %† (95% CI)
No updated dose [§] (Ref)	11,990	1,197 (10)	587 (381–766)	Ref	Ref
Received updated dose	2,596	195 (8)	56 (32–81)	27 (14–37)	36 (25–46)
7–59 days earlier	1,381	100 (7)	34 (21–46)	30 (13–43)	38 (23–50)
60–119 days earlier	1,215	95 (8)	83 (71–98)	24 (5–38)	34 (16–47)

2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine Less Effective Against More Recent Variants

IVY: VE of 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccine against *hospitalization* among adults aged ≥ 18 years*, by SARS-CoV-2 lineage and time since dose

October 18, 2023 – March 9, 2024



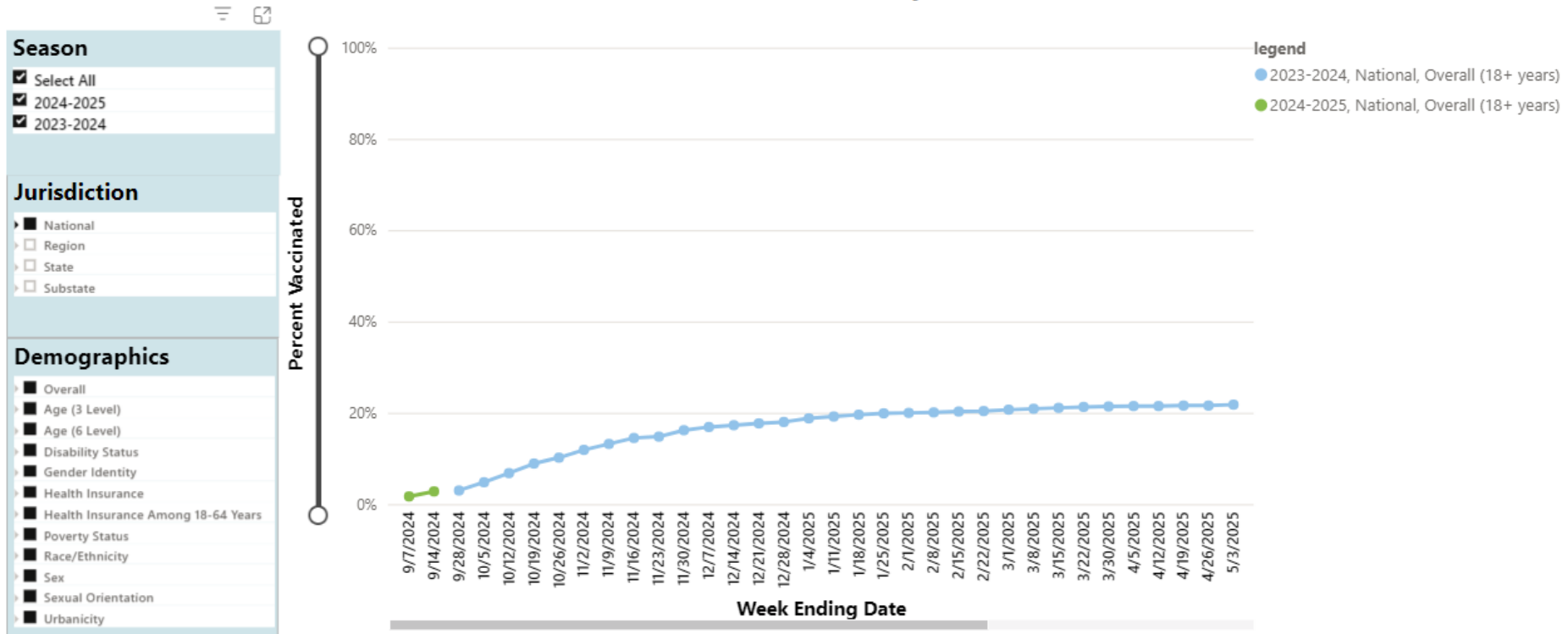
COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations and Approvals



- June 2024 - ACIP recommends 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines as authorized or approved by FDA in persons ≥ 6 months of age.
- August/September 2024 – FDA approves the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines
- Available Vaccines
 - mRNA (KP.2)
 - Pfizer
 - Moderna
 - Protein Subunit (JN.1)
 - Novavax

Figure 3A. COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage, Overall and by Selected Demographics and Jurisdiction, Among Adults 18 Years and Older, 2023–24 Through 2024–25^{*,†,‡,§}

Data Source: National Immunization Survey–Adult COVID Module



Influenza

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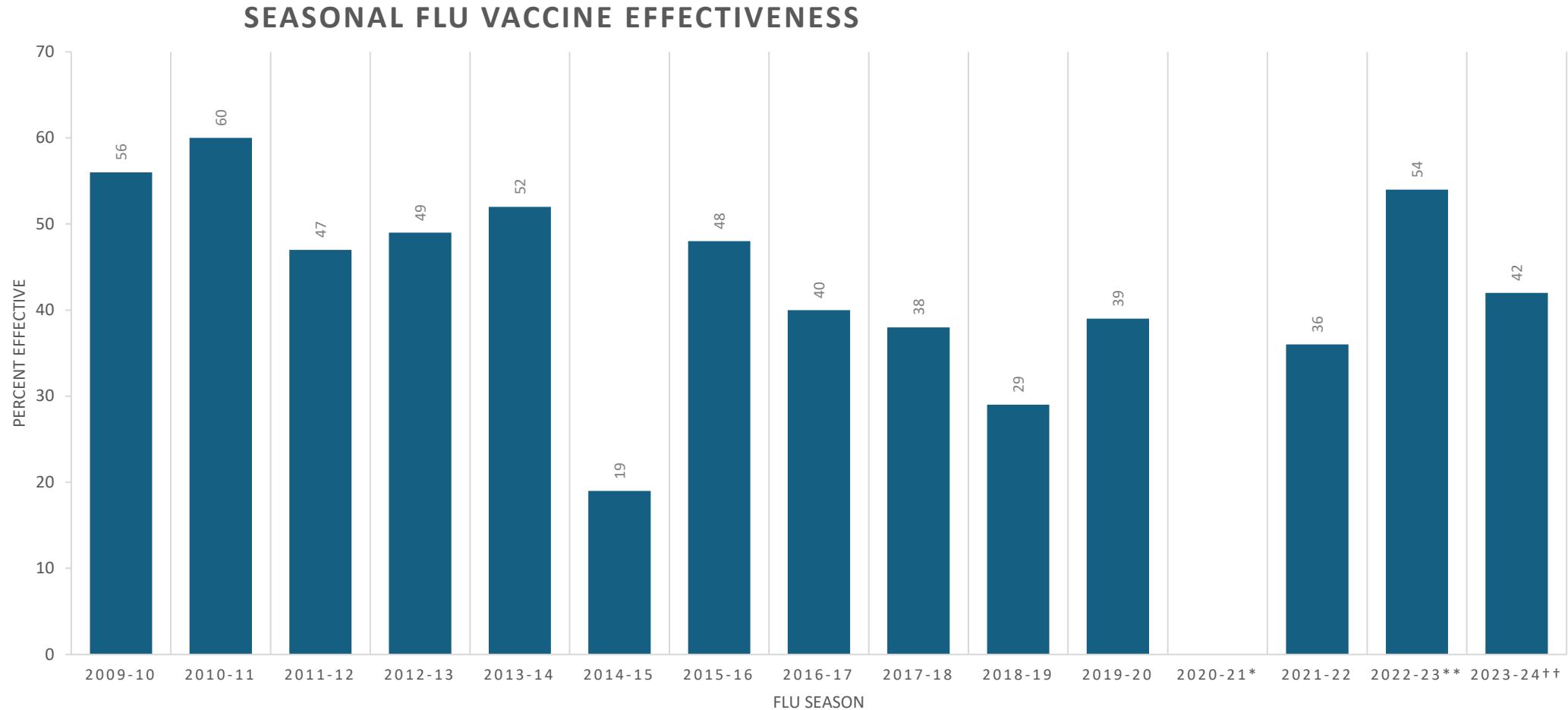


Influenza



- ACIP recommends routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥ 6 months without contraindications (since 2010/2011 season)
 - No confirmed detections of wild-type influenza B/Yamagata lineage viruses in global surveillance since March 2020 \rightarrow 2024–25 U.S. influenza vaccines will not include an influenza B/Yamagata component. Flu vaccines will be trivalent
 - HD-IIV3 and aIIV3 as acceptable options for solid organ transplant recipients aged 18 through 64 years who are receiving immunosuppressive medication regimens (without a preference over other age-appropriate IIV3s or RIV3)

Effectiveness of Seasonal Flu Vaccines from the 2005 – 2024 Flu Seasons



*2020-21 flu vaccine effectiveness was not estimated due to low flu virus circulation during the 2020-2021 flu season.

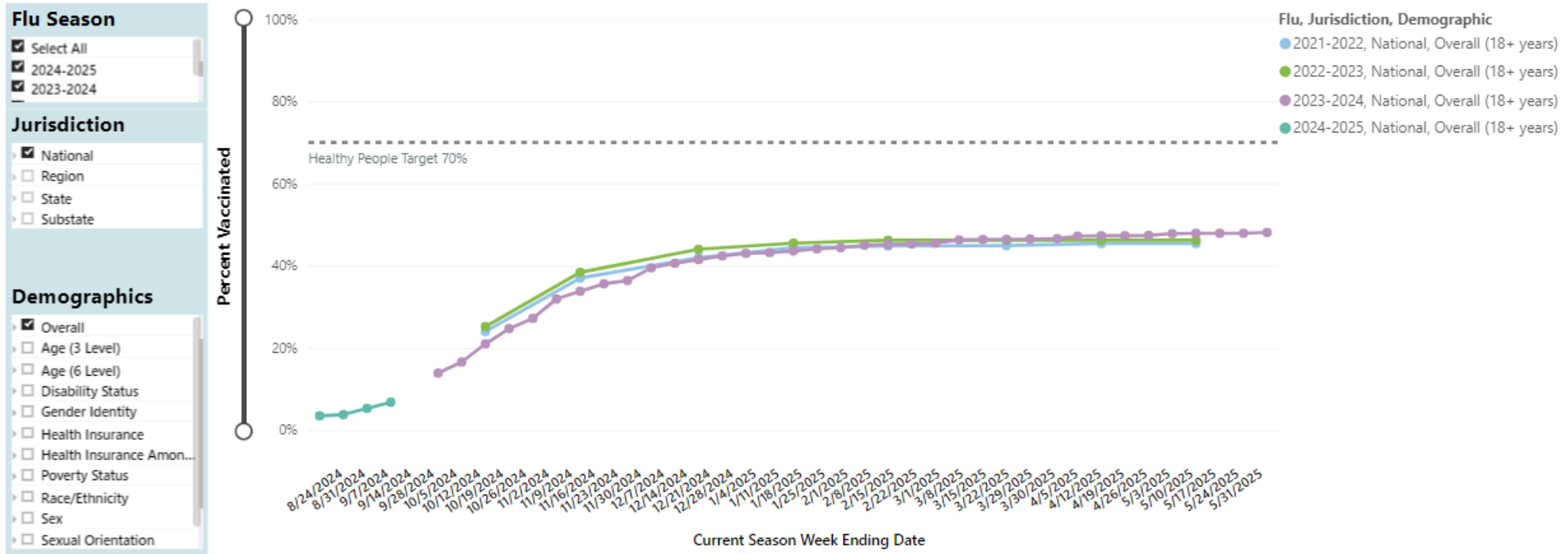
Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/effectiveness-studies.htm>

**In a Wisconsin study among patients aged 6 months to 64 years, VE was 54% against medically attended outpatient acute respiratory illness (ARI) associated with laboratory-confirmed influenza A.

†† VE estimates for 2022-2023 flu season are preliminary.

Figure 4A. Influenza Vaccination Coverage, Overall by Selected Demographics, 2024-25 and Jurisdiction, Among Adults 18 Years and Older ^{*}, [†], [‡], [§], [±]

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Flu Vaccine for Home Administration

FDA NEWS RELEASE

FDA Approves Nasal Spray Influenza Vaccine for Self- or Caregiver- Administration

*First Influenza Vaccine That Does Not Need to be Administered by a
Health Care Provider*

September 20, 2024

FluMist Home Administration



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[Why FluMist?](#) ▾

- **The same nasal spray flu vaccine** you can already get at a pharmacy or doctor's office.
- **Nasal spray** flu vaccine for **ages 2-49**
- **FluMist is recommended** by the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- **Home delivery anticipated** to be available for the 2025-2026 flu season*



Dairy cow H5N1 Situation

Multistate outbreak of HPAI A(H5N1) bird flu in dairy cows was first reported on March 25, 2024.

→ This is the first time that bird flu viruses had been found in cows.

On April 1, CDC began reporting sporadic human cases of HPAI A(H5N1) in people who had exposure to infected dairy cows.

→ This is thought to be the first instance of likely mammal to human spread of HPAI A(H5N1) virus.



Current H5N1 Bird Flu Situation

Cumulative surveillance (since 2022)

Humans

Total Reported Human Cases in the United States: **15** (since 2022)

4 following exposure to dairy cows (reported between 4/1/2024 and 7/3/2024) | [Full Report](#)

10 following exposure to poultry (reported between 4/28/2022 and 7/25/2024) | [Full Report](#)

1 with no immediately known animal exposure (reported on 9/6/2024) | [Full Report](#)

States with Reported Case(s): **4**

**10 of the 15 H5 human cases reported in the US have been confirmed as H5N1.*



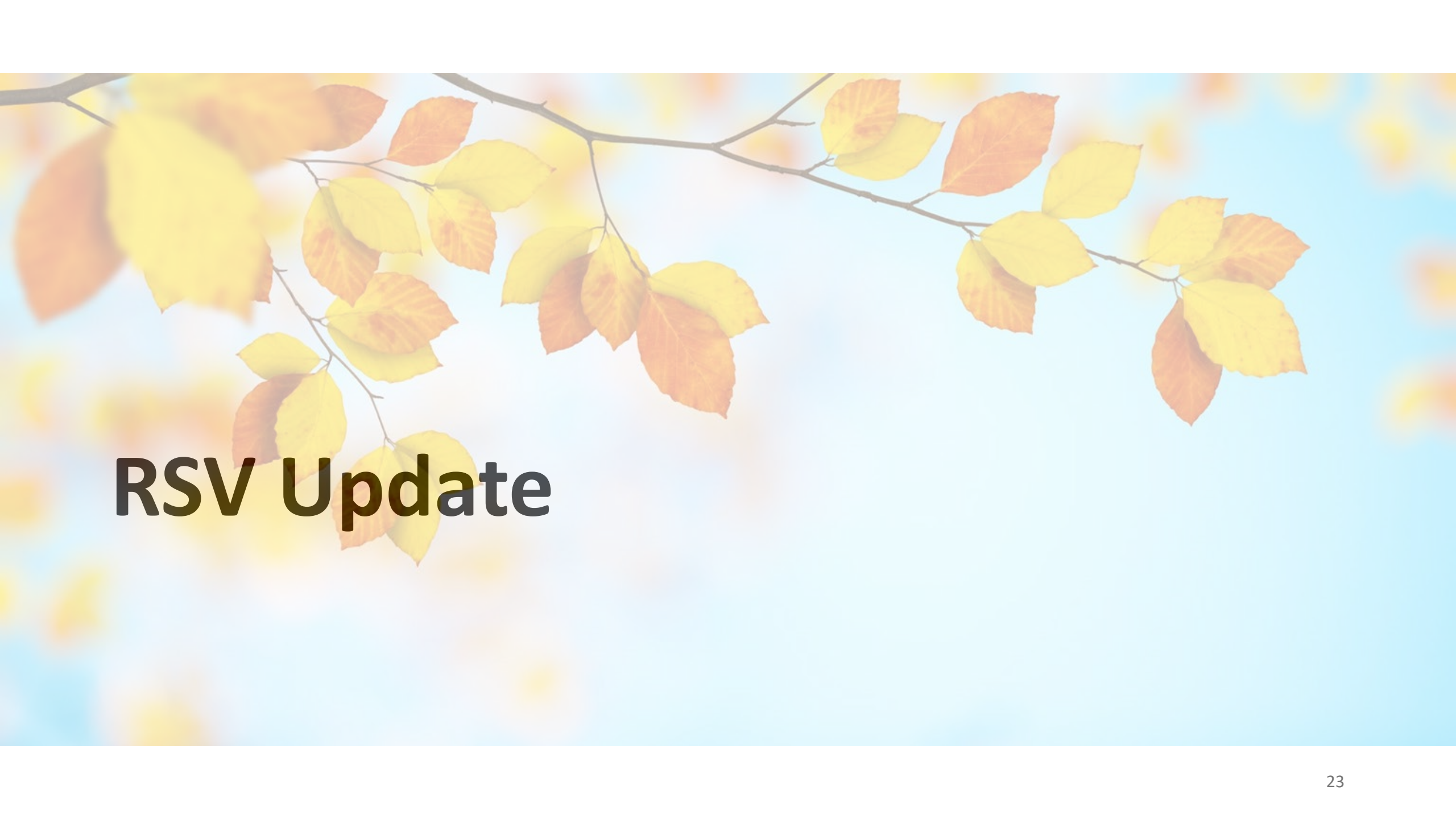
The New York Times

Possible Cluster of Human Bird-Flu Infections Expands in Missouri

Seven people in contact with a patient hospitalized with bird flu also developed symptoms, the C.D.C. reported. Some are undergoing further tests.

Sept. 27, 2024





RSV Update

RSV immunization Updates

Adult Vaccination

- Change in age indication
 - Adults aged 75 years and older receive a single dose of RSV vaccine.
 - Adults aged 60–74 years who are at increased risk of severe disease receive a single dose of RSV vaccine.
- May 2024, FDA licensed a third RSV vaccine, [mResvia](#) (Moderna), an mRNA vaccine

Infant immunization

- Abrysvo is recommended for one lifetime dose - a person who received one dose of Abrysvo should not be given Abrysvo during subsequent pregnancies; instead, infants born after subsequent pregnancies should receive nirsevimab after delivery.



From: **RSV Vaccine Effectiveness Against Hospitalization Among US Adults 60 Years and Older**

JAMA. Published online September 04, 2024. doi:10.1001/jama.2024.15775

Group	Vaccinated RSV case patients, No./total No. (%)	Vaccinated control patients, No./total No. (%)	Days since RSV vaccination, median (IQR)	Vaccine effectiveness, % (95% CI)
Adults aged ≥60 y, unweighted ^a	9/367 (2.5)	256/2611 (9.8)	84 (54-125)	75 (50-87)
Adults aged ≥60 y, inverse probability of vaccination weighting ^b	9/367 (2.5)	256/2611 (9.8)	84 (54-125)	79 (56-90)
Age group, y, unweighted ^a				
60-74	4/214 (1.9)	118/1542 (7.7)	88 (57-128)	75 (31-91)
≥75	5/153 (3.3)	138/1069 (12.9)	81 (50-123)	76 (40-91)

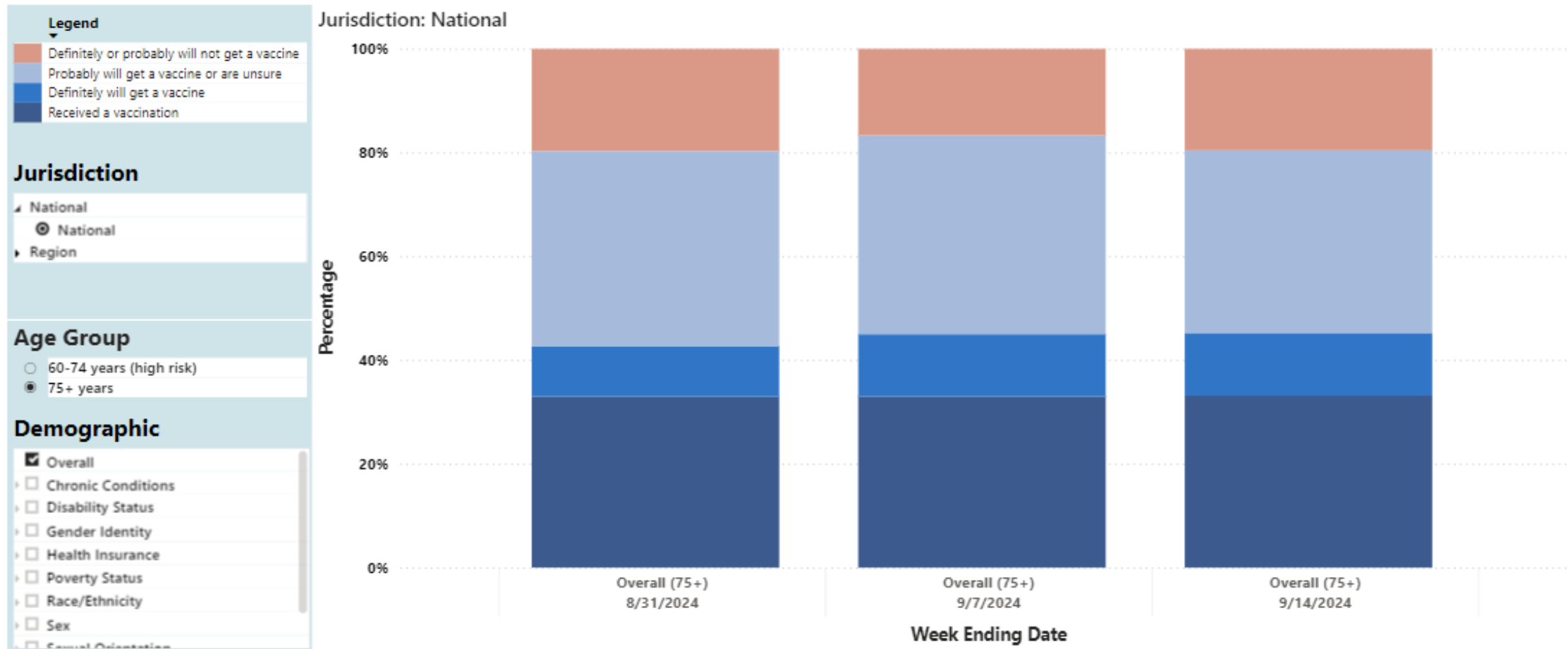
Figure Legend:

Vaccine Effectiveness Against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)–Associated Hospitalization Among Adults 60 Years and Older^aMultivariable logistic regression compared the odds of RSV vaccination among RSV case and control patients. Models were adjusted for a base set of a priori variables, including age, sex, race and ethnicity, US Department of Health and Human Services Region, and calendar month of admission. Vaccine effectiveness (VE) was computed as: $(1 - \text{adjusted odds ratio}) \times 100\%$.

^bPropensity for vaccination was modeled with an expanded set of a priori covariates. Weights were computed as the inverse of the probability of vaccination. The standardized differences for covariates after weighting were all <0.1, except for Social Vulnerability Index, which was included in the final logistic regression model that compared the odds of RSV vaccination between RSV case and control patients (eMethods in Supplement 1).

Figure 1B. Weekly Intent[±] for Vaccination and Cumulative Percentage of Adults 75 Years and Older and Adults 60–74 Years with High-Risk Conditions Ever Vaccinated with RSV Vaccine, 2024–2025^{*,†,‡,§,^}

Data Source: National Immunization Survey–Adult COVID Module





Pneumococcus Update

Pneumococcal Disease

- Caused by bacteria - *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- More serious clinical syndromes such as are pneumonia, bacteremia, and meningitis.
 - Pneumococcal pneumonia hospitalizes about 150,000 people in the US each year—killing about 5-7% ☐ 1 in 20 of those infected.
 - The death rate is even higher among adults age 65 years and older and people with certain medical conditions or other risk factors.
 - Pneumococcal meningitis or bacteremia kills more than 3,000 US adults each year.
- Less serious, but more common syndromes include acute otitis media and sinusitis.
- Highest incidence in the winter and early spring months in temperate climates.

Pneumococcal vaccine for adults

Pneumococcal vaccination is recommended for the following adults:

- Adults aged 65 years and older
- Adults aged 19–64 years with certain underlying conditions or risk factors

Previous adult pneumococcal vaccination options:

- PCV20 alone or
- PCV15 followed by PPSV23.

New Pneumococcal vaccine for adults – PCV21 (CAPVAXIVE, Merck)

- PCV21 includes 11 serotypes not included in PCV20 and excludes 10 serotypes included in PCV20.

Adult Pneumococcal Vaccines

	1	3	4	5	6A	6B	7F	9V	14	18C	19A	19F	23F	23F	8	10A	11A	12F	15B	2	9N	17F	20	15A	16C	16F	23A	23B	23F	31	35B	
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- Serotypes in PCV21 cause approximately 85% of invasive pneumococcal disease in U.S. adults age 65 and older, while those in PCV20 cover 54%
- Update** ACIP voted to recommend PCV21 as an option for adults aged 19 years and older who currently have a recommendation to receive a dose of PCV

Approved on the basis of immune response elicited


- In adults 50 years of age and older, Capvaxive was non-inferior to PCV20 for the 10 serotype polysaccharides shared with both vaccines (3, 6A, 7F, 8, 10A, 11A, 12F, 19A, 22F, 33F) (assessed by serotype-specific OPA geometric mean titers - GMTs at 1 month postvaccination)
- Capvaxive was superior to PCV20 for 10 of 11 serotype polysaccharides included in Capvaxive but not in PCV20 (9N, 15A, 16F, 17F, 20A, 23A, 23B, 24F, 31, 35B), as assessed by serotype-specific OPA GMTs 1 month postvaccination. Immune responses were observed for serotype 15C in participants receiving Capvaxive but did not meet criteria for statistical significance.
- In individuals 18 through 49 years of age, Capvaxive elicited non-inferior immune responses (immunobridged) compared to individuals 50 through 64 years of age, as assessed by serotype-specific OPA GMTs 1 month postvaccination
- Capvaxive had a safety profile comparable to PCV20.

A still life photograph with an autumn theme. In the foreground, a small, light-colored pumpkin sits on a stack of folded, textured fabrics (a white crocheted blanket and a brown woolen cloth). To the left, a clear glass vase holds a bouquet of dried, yellowed leaves and thin, dark twigs. To the right, a lit candle in a clear glass holder casts a warm glow. A single walnut nut is placed on the surface next to the candle. The background is a soft-focus view of trees with vibrant orange and yellow autumn leaves, seen through a window frame. The overall mood is cozy and seasonal.

Meningococcal Update

Schedule change for Bexsero

- On August 19, FDA approved a new dosing schedule for GSK meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine (Bexsero) that matches the schedule for Pfizer MenB vaccine (Trumenba), with 2 doses given 6 months apart or 3 doses given at 0, 1–2, and 6-month intervals.
- Bexsero's original 2-dose schedule, with a 1-month interval between the two doses, is no longer licensed.
- GSK has a meningococcal ABCWY (MenABCWY) vaccine candidate under review by the FDA for a Biologics License Application (BLA).

A photograph of a pumpkin patch with several large orange pumpkins and one green pumpkin in the foreground, surrounded by green leaves. The image has a semi-transparent light blue overlay.

Mpox Update

Mpox outbreak – clade II

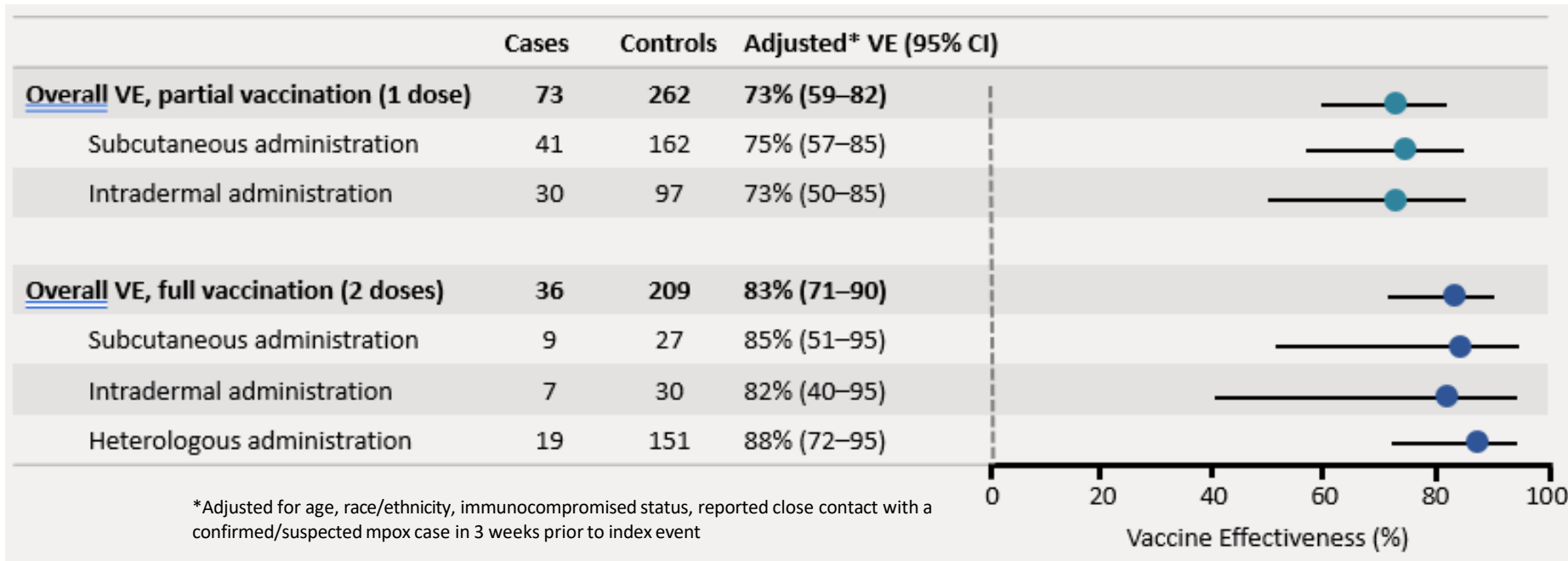
- Clade II mpox, which is endemic to West Africa, caused an ongoing global outbreak that began in 2022.
- Although the peak of the clade II mpox outbreak had decreased by early 2023, cases continue to be reported at low levels in many countries today.
- Outbreak primarily impacted MSM

JYNNEOS Vaccine

- Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine
- Developed by Bavarian Nordic/supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
- Approved by the FDA in 2019 for the prevention of smallpox and mpox
- Attenuated form of live vaccinia virus that is incapable of replicating

Multi-jurisdictional Case-Control Study

Both **partial** and **full** vaccination with JYNNEOS showed effectiveness against mpox, regardless of administration route



Only 25% of the population at risk is estimated to have been fully vaccinated

JYNNEOS (risk based) recommended for:

People aged 18 years of age or older at increased risk of mpox, including:

Persons who are gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men, transgender or nonbinary people who in the past 6 months have had:

- At least 1 sexually transmitted disease
- More than 1 sex partner
- Sex at a commercial sex venue
- Sex in association with a large public event in a geographic area where mpox transmission is occurring
- Persons who are sexual contacts of the persons described above

Licensed for persons ≥ 18 years of age; an NIH trial is underway to evaluate safety and immunogenicity for persons 12-17 years of age

Mpox outbreak – clade 1b

- This year central African regional outbreak of clade 1b in DRC - spreading to surrounding countries.
- As of September 18, 2024, >21,000 suspected clade I mpox cases have been identified in DRC, its largest annual number on record. This includes >700 deaths (population of >99 million people).
- Available data indicate that it is predominantly spreading through intimate or sexual contact between adults.

Prevention Strategies for Mpox, including Vaccinating People at Risk via Sexual Exposure, for U.S. Travelers Visiting Countries with Clade I Mpox Outbreaks

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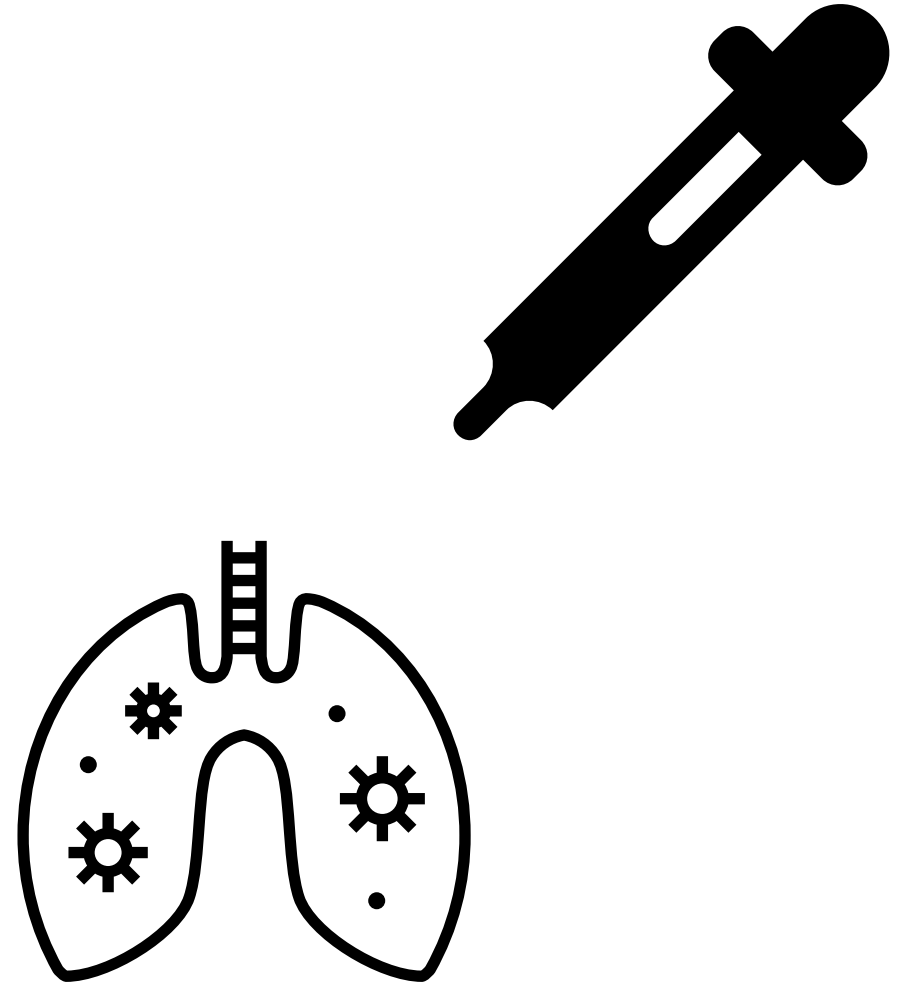
•Recommend vaccination with the 2-dose JYNNEOS vaccine series to any adult, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, if:

- They are traveling to a country where clade I MPXV is spreading between people, AND
- They anticipate experiencing any of the following:
 - Sex with a new partner
 - Sex at a commercial sex venue, like a sex club or bathhouse
 - Sex in exchange for money, goods, drugs, or other trade
 - Sex in association with a large public event, such as a rave, party, or festival

•Recommend starting, if possible, the mpox vaccine series at least 6 weeks before travel begins, since two doses should be given 28 days apart and it takes 14 more days for immunity to peak.

Conclusion

- There are safe and effective vaccines for several serious infectious conditions.
- The challenge is to promote uptake in appropriate populations



Thank you! Questions?

