



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

April 23rd , 2021

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

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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 Prezioso/Getty-AP) and subject to revision. tions are down 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.

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 threshold is not far off. 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 challenge 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

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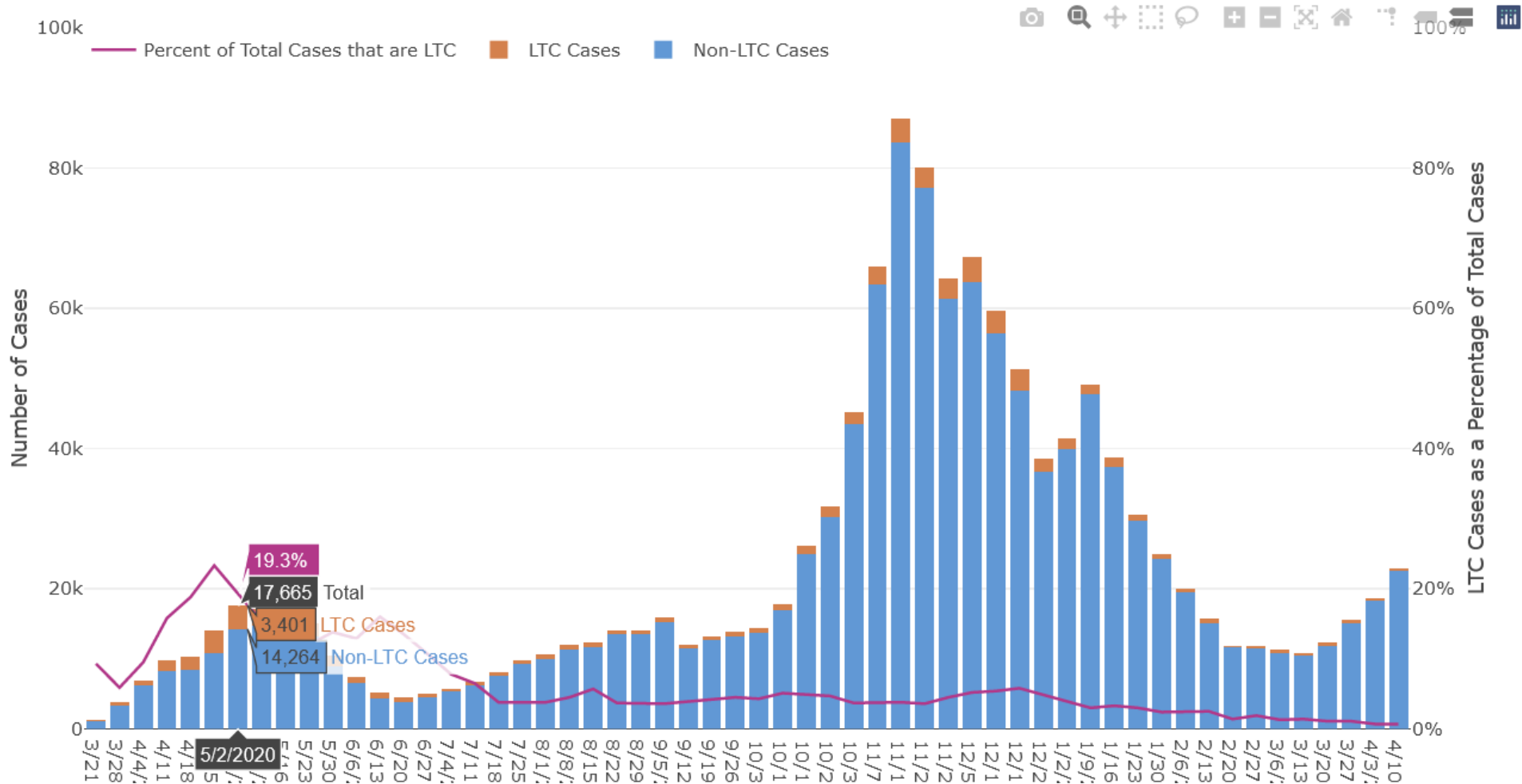
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LTC Cases May 2020: 3,401 LTC Cases (19%)

Data Updated: 4/21/2021

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



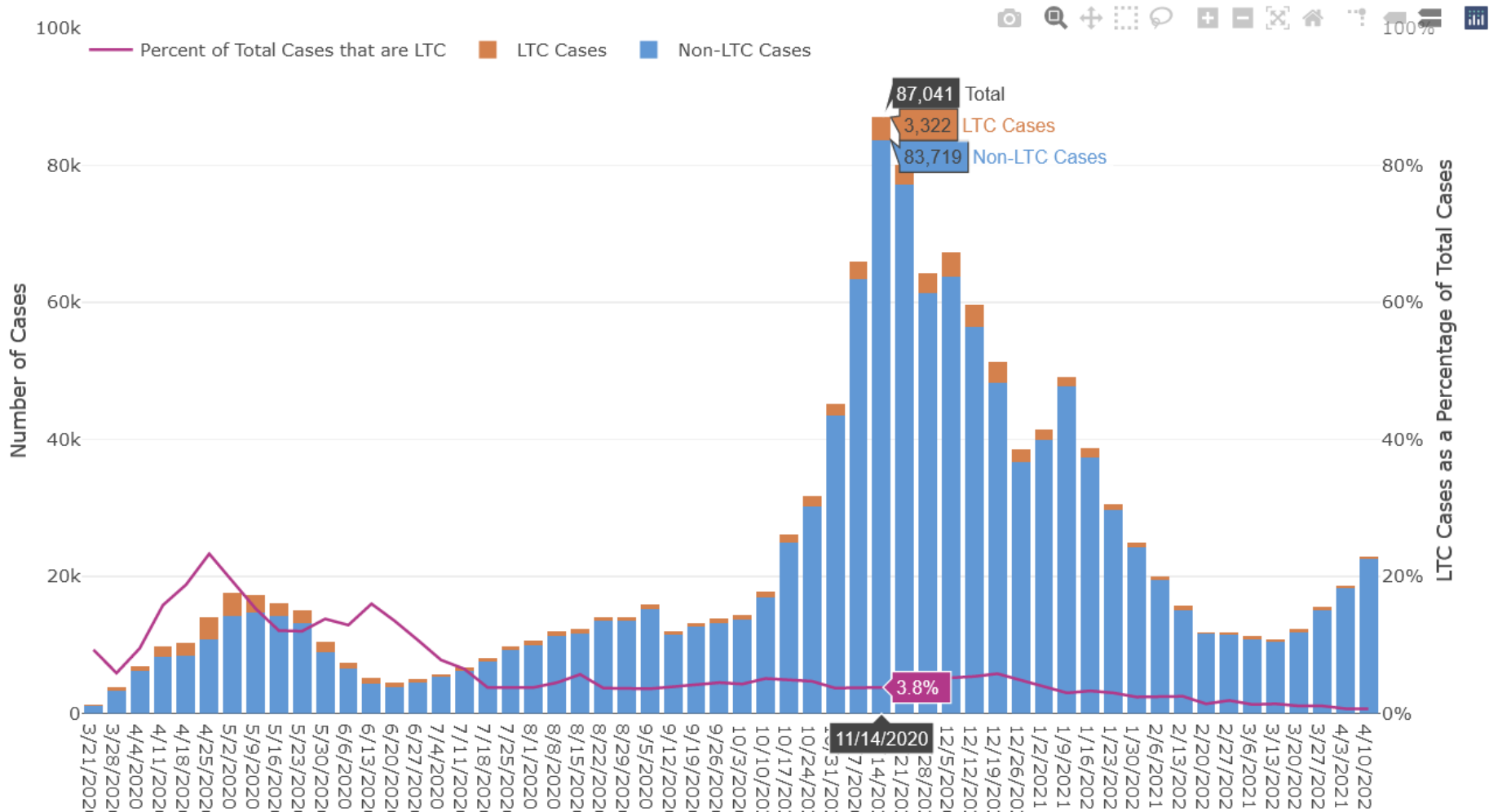
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Peak of Outbreak: 3,322 LTC Cases (3.8%)

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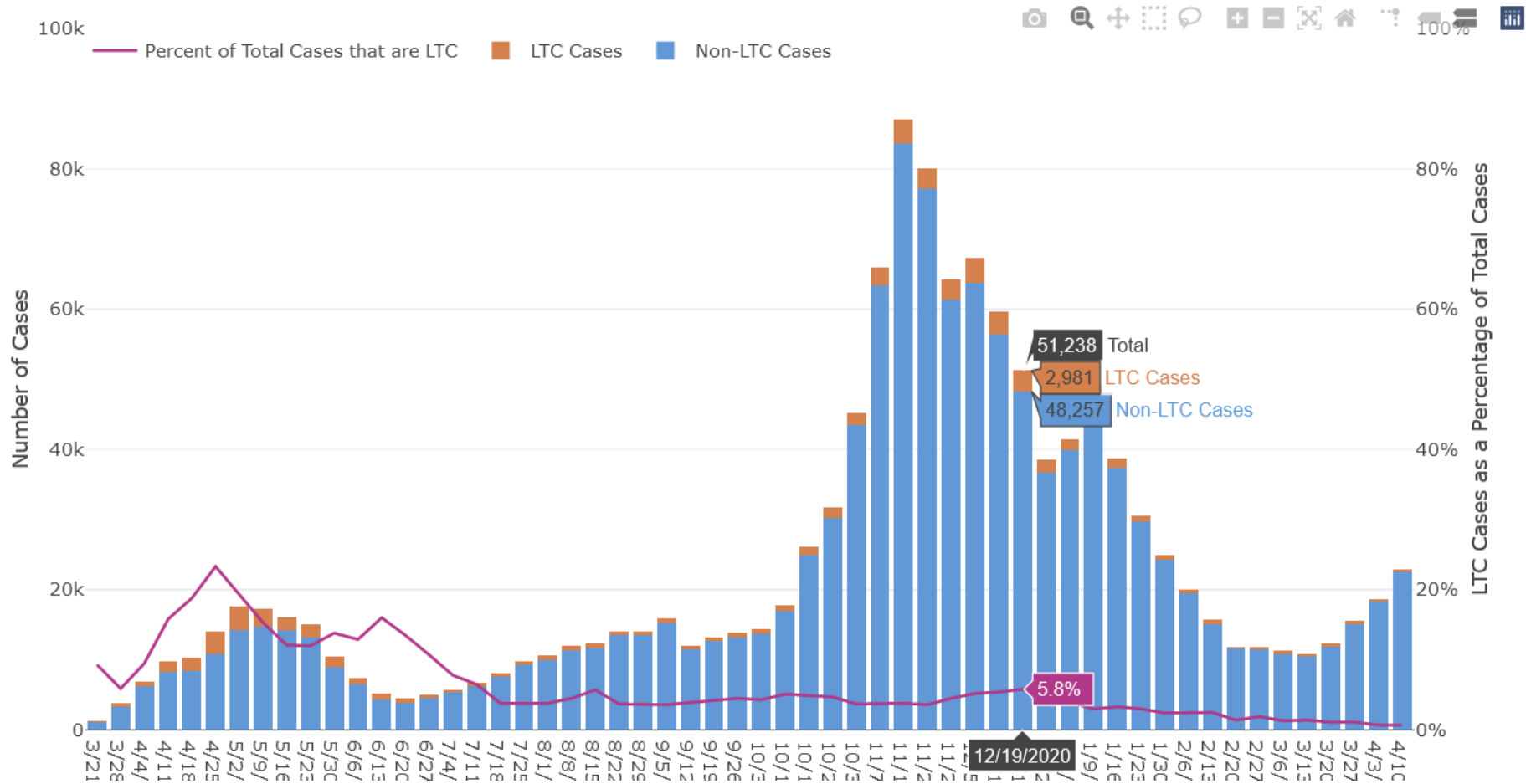
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Prior to Start of Vaccination (County Level) 2981 LTC Cases (5.8%)

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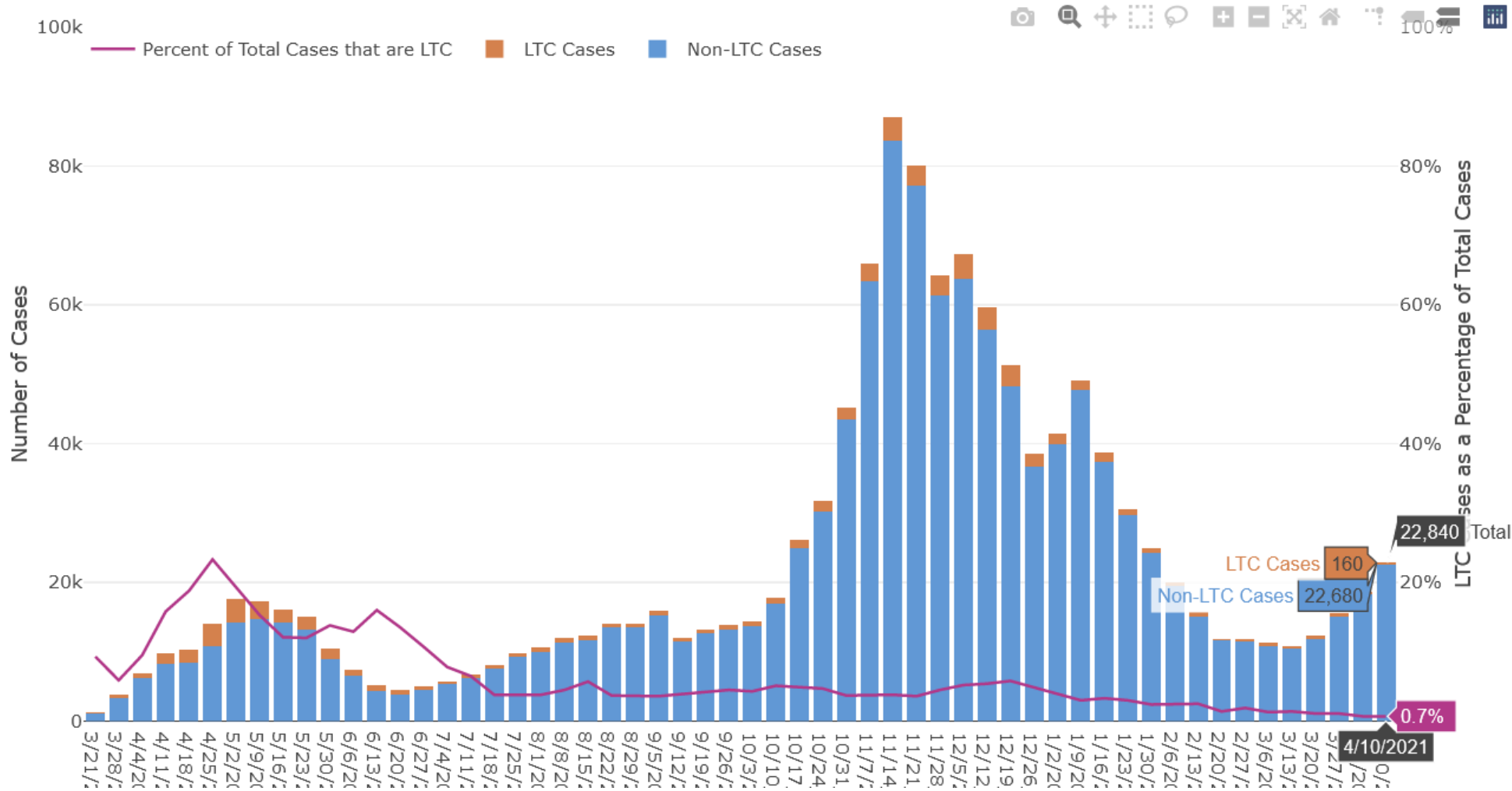


Current Post PPP LTC Vaccination 160 LTC Cases

Data Updated: 4/21/2021

(0.7%)

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



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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

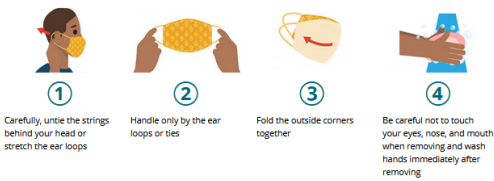
DO NOT

- Carefully, untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold the outside corners together
- 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

How NOT to wear a mask



How to take off a mask



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.



1 Cup the respirator in your hands. Hold the respirator under your chin with the top edge up. The top strap (on single or double strap respirators) goes over your head and rests at the top back of your head. The bottom strap is positioned around the neck and below the ears.

2 Place your fingertips from both hands at the top of the metal nose clip. If present, slide fingertips down both sides of the metal strip to mold the nose area to the shape of your nose.

3 Place both hands over the respirator. Take a quick breath in to check the seal. Exhale out. If you feel a leak when breathing in or exhaling out, there is not a proper seal.

4 Select other PPE items that do not interfere with the fit or performance of your respirator.



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.

Take off a disposable respirator



Remove by pulling the bottom strap over the back of the head, followed by the top strap, without touching the respirator.

Discard in a waste container.

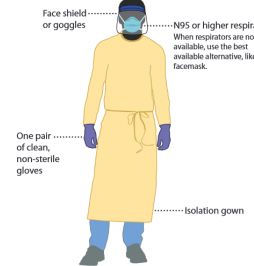
Clean your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.

Employees must comply with the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard, 29 CFR 1910.134, which includes medical evaluation, training, and fit testing. 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/faq.html>

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

Preferred PPE – Use N95 or Higher Respirator



Acceptable Alternative PPE – Use Facemask



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Facemask Do's and Don'ts for Healthcare Personnel

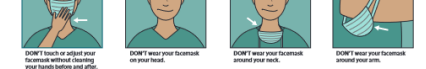
When putting on a facemask
Clean your hands and put on your facemask so it fully covers your mouth and nose.



DO wash the elastic bands around your ears.

DO ensure the top of the middle of your head and the base of your head.

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



DON'T wear your facemask under your nose or mouth.

DON'T wear your facemask so it does not fully cover your mouth and nose.

DON'T allow a strap to hang down. DON'T cross the straps.

When removing a facemask



DO have the patient care team clean your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.

DO remove your facemask touching the top of the strap or the bottom edge.



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