

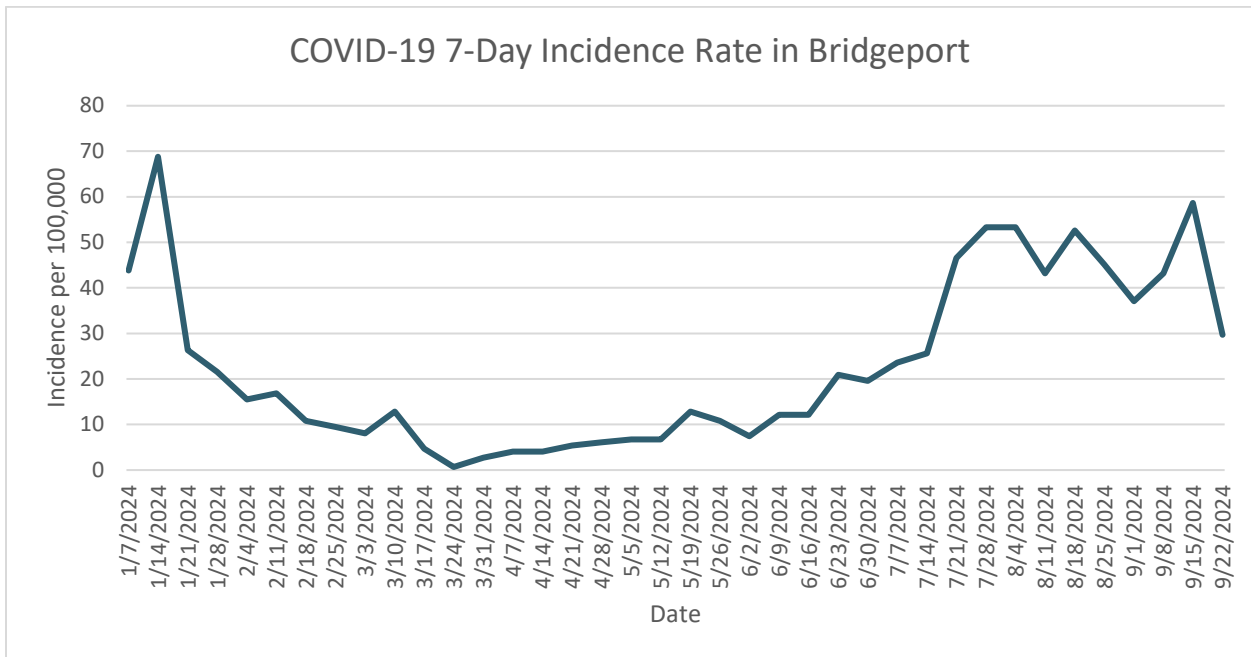
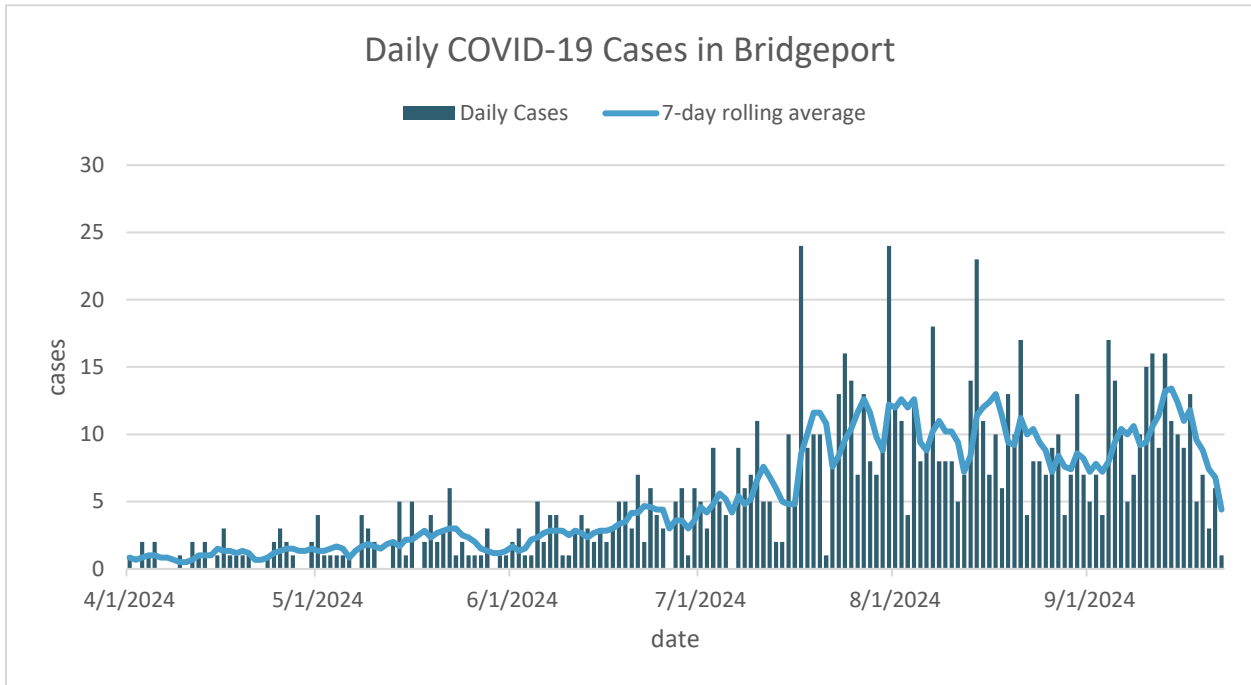


BRIDGEPORT COVID-19 EPI REPORT

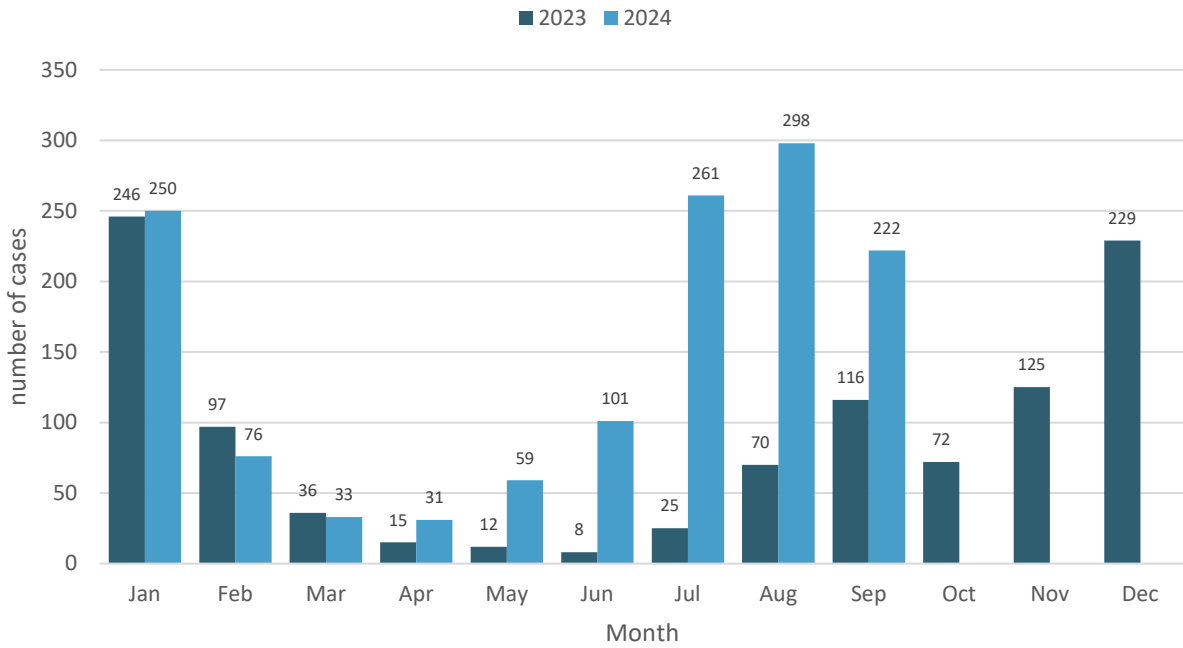
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

BRIDGEPORT, CT

TOTAL CASES

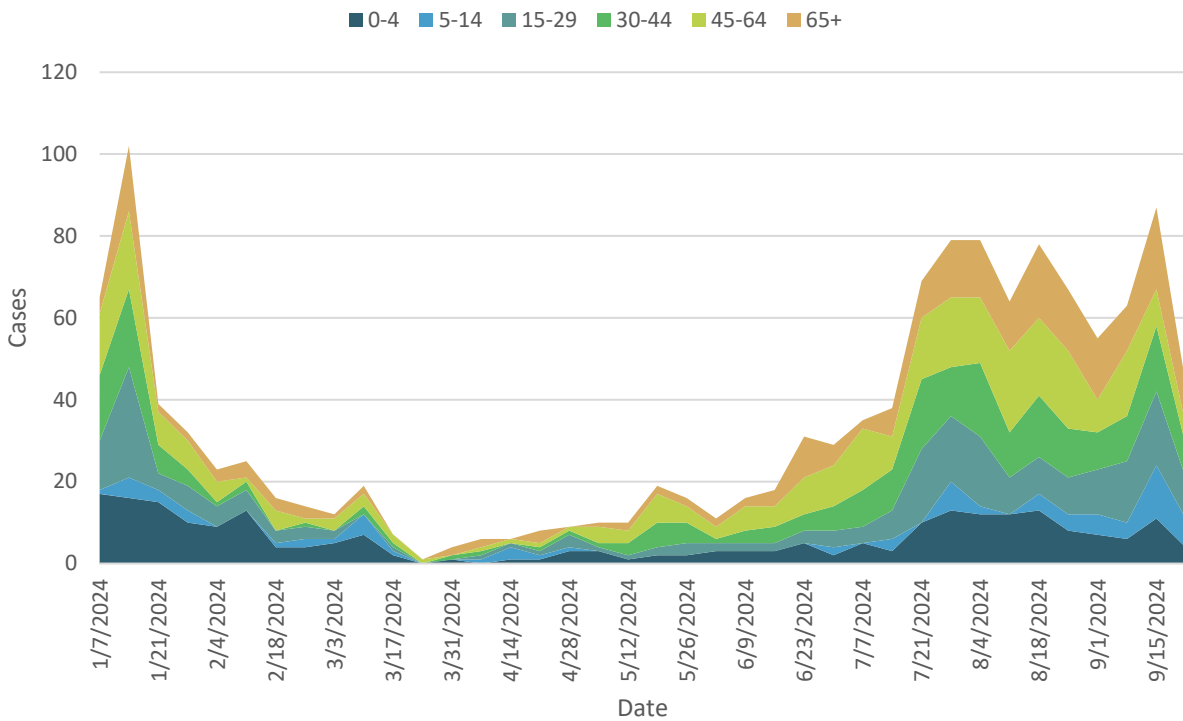


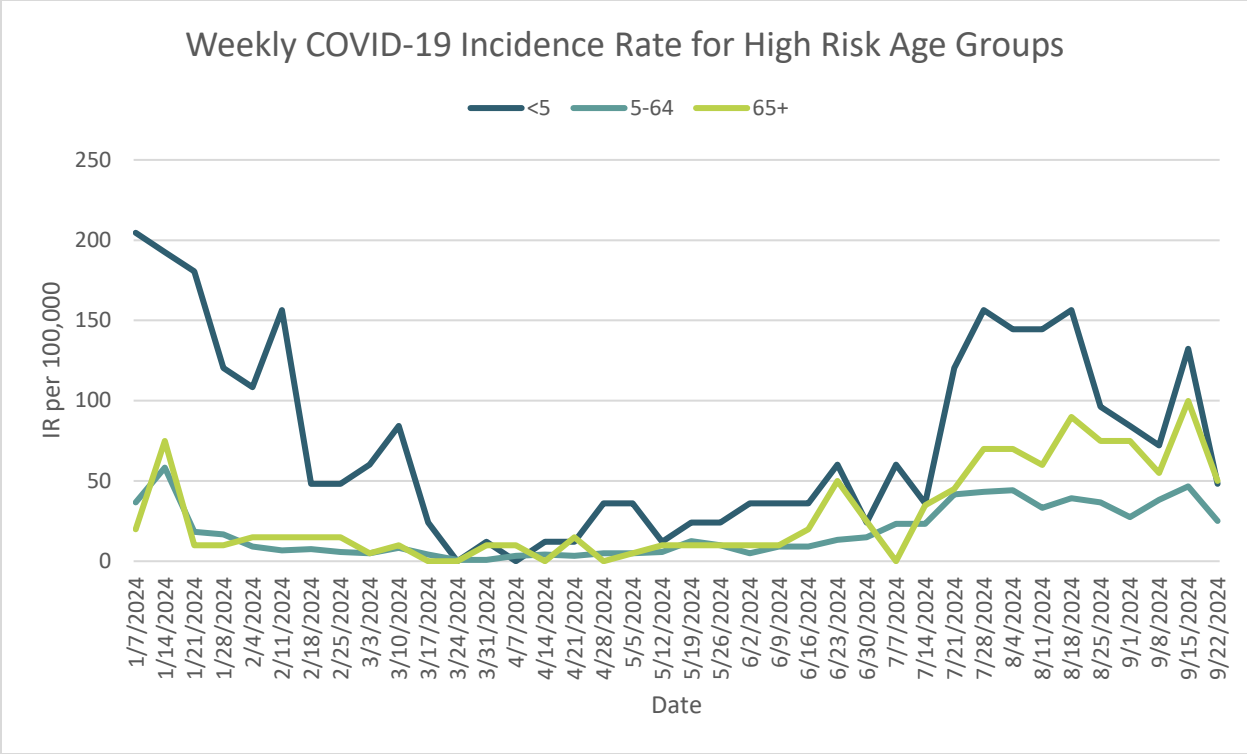
Bridgeport COVID-19 Cases per Month as of 9/8/2024



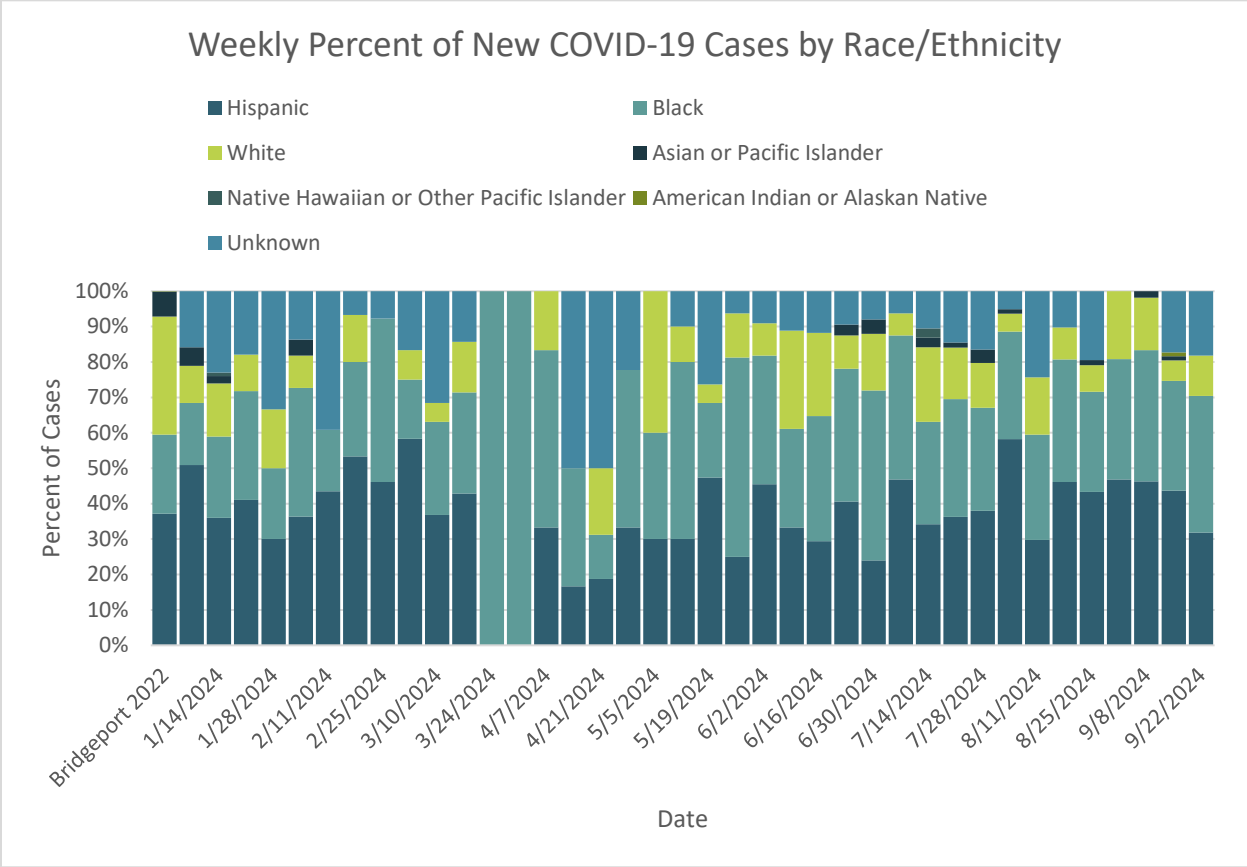
CASES BY AGE

Weekly Number of New COVID-19 Cases by Age

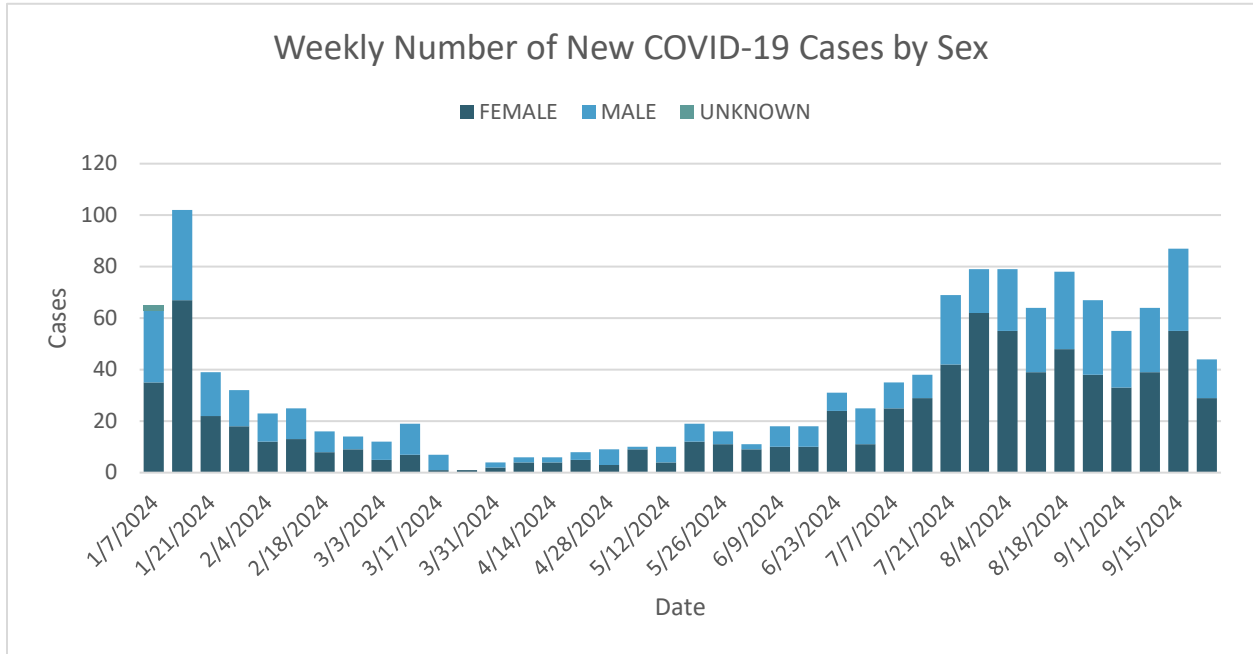




CASES BY RACE/ETHNICITY



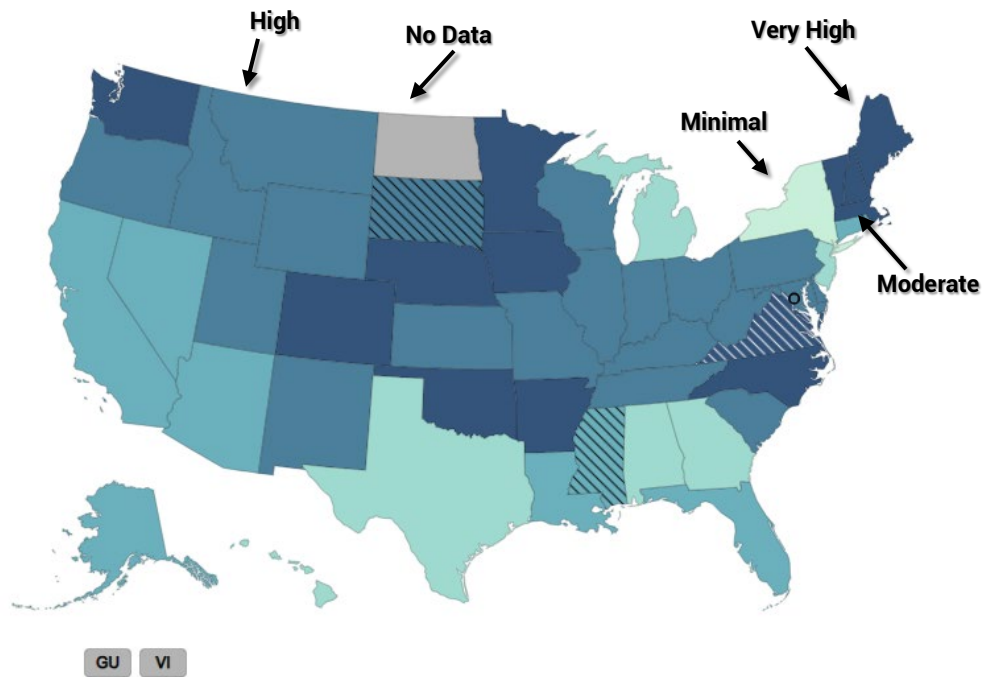
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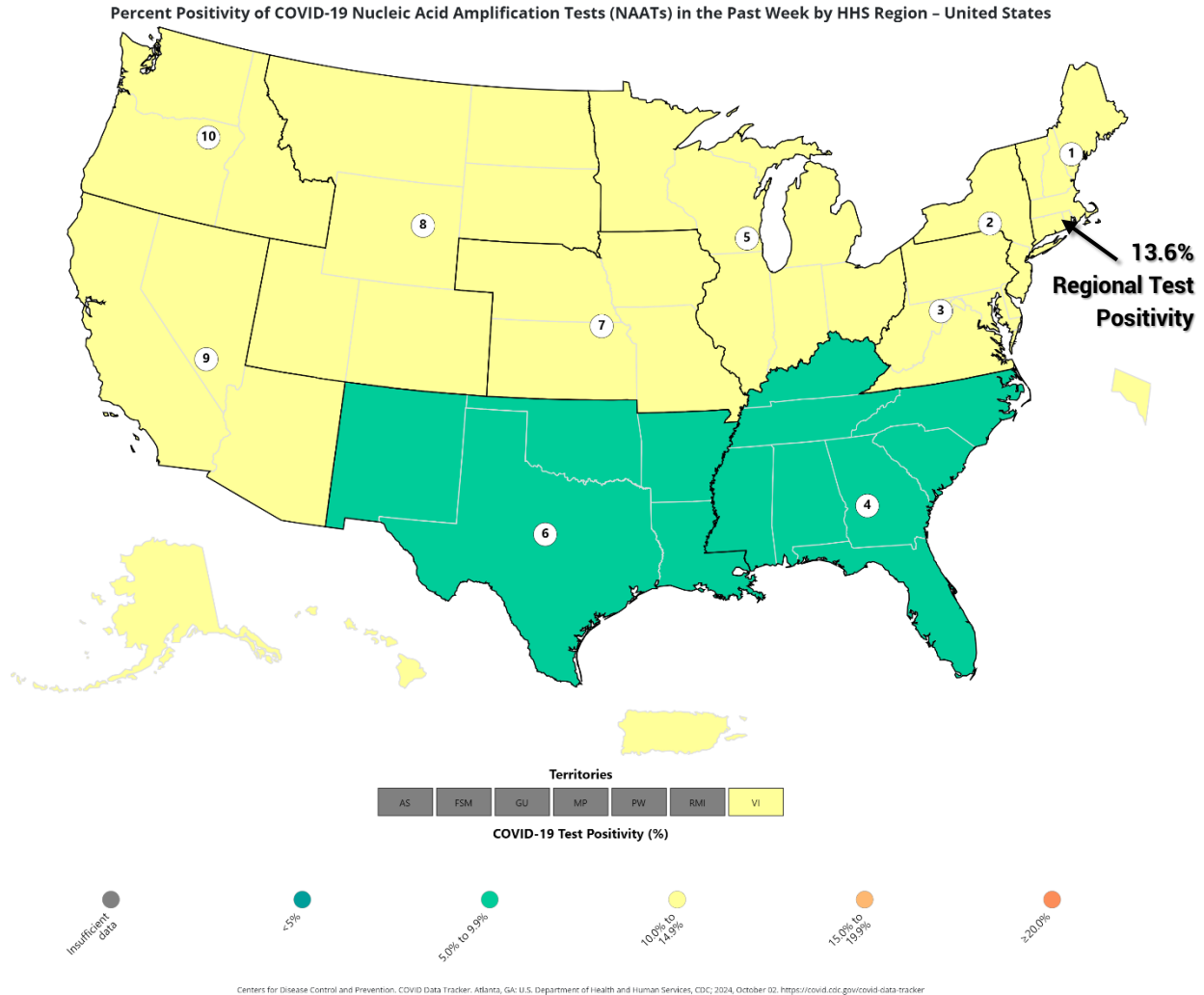
STATE AND NATIONAL

WASTEWATER

Time Period: September 15 - September 21, 2024



POSITIVE TESTS



SUMMARY

Over the past two weeks, Bridgeport has experienced a notable fluctuation in COVID-19 cases. From September 8 to September 22, daily case counts ranged from 1 to 16, with several days reporting double-digit increases, such as 16 cases on September 22 and 15 on September 15. This represents a slight decrease compared to the last week of August, where daily counts peaked at 24 cases.

The 7-day incidence rate also reflected these changes, decreasing from over 50 cases per 100,000 people in late August to around 29 cases by mid-September. Despite this drop, certain groups, particularly those under age 5 and over 65, continue to see higher rates of infection. For example, the incidence rate for children under 5 years peaked at 132 per 100,000 people, while for those 65 and older, it reached nearly 100 per 100,000.

The positivity rate in Bridgeport during this period has slightly decreased to 13.6% compared to the 15.1% rate earlier in the month, signaling some improvement but still indicating ongoing transmission.

In terms of demographics, Hispanic individuals continue to make up a large portion of new cases, with their percentage rising from 29% to 38% over the past two weeks. Black individuals have also seen an increase in representation, rising from 19% to 27% of new cases.

Overall, while there is a slight decline in daily cases and positivity rates, COVID-19 continues to circulate in Bridgeport, especially among vulnerable populations. It is the perfect time of year to consider getting your COVID-19 vaccine along with your flu shot to reduce the chances of having severe illness and to reduce the continued transmission of these virus in the community.

PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE

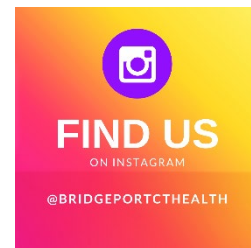
- Get vaccinated
- Wash your hands often
- Follow [CDC masking and isolation guidelines](#) for COVID-19
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that may be contaminated with the COVID-19 virus
- Take antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them

MORE INFORMATION

[COVID-19 Questions and Answers \(video\)](#)

[Is it the flu or COVID-19? \(website\)](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information \(website\)](#)



DATA SOURCES

Connecticut Epidemiologic Disease Surveillance System

[COVID Data Tracker – CDC](#)

[COVID Wastewater Data - CDC](#)