



## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

*Updated October 23, 2020*

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Mississippi State Department of Health continue to closely monitor the outbreak of respiratory illnesses caused by the novel (new) coronavirus COVID-19, and are working to limit the spread of cases nationally and in Mississippi.

Mississippi Coronavirus Hotline (7 days a week, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.): **877-978-6453**

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**Home isolation is mandatory if you have tested positive for COVID-19** by [order of the State Health Officer](#). (If you are awaiting results of routine testing *not* related to exposure, you may [return to work](#) and follow the safety guidance of your employer.) If you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, quarantine is also important to protect others. [Find out more »](#)

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## COVID-19 in Mississippi

New Cases and Deaths as of October 22

## NEW CASES

795

New COVID-19 positive test results reported to MSDH as of 6 p.m. yesterday.

## NEW DEATHS

7

New COVID-19 related deaths reported to MSDH as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Seven deaths occurred between October 17 and October 21 in the counties below.

| County   | Total |
|----------|-------|
| Clarke   | 1     |
| Hancock  | 1     |
| Hinds    | 1     |
| Marshall | 2     |
| Panola   | 1     |
| Tippah   | 1     |

## LTC OUTBREAKS

130

Current outbreaks in long-term care facilities only. (See [LTC facility outbreak definition](#).)

**About our case counts:** We currently update our case totals each day based on test results from the previous day. Outside laboratories also report positive test results to us, which are included in our totals. Repeated tests for the same individual are counted only once. County case numbers and deaths may change as investigation finds new or additional information.

## County COVID-19 Data

### Race and Ethnicity

► [Total COVID-19 cases and deaths by county, race and ethnicity](#) PDF

Current and past data tables, updated daily

### Data Snapshots for Individual Counties

## High Cases and Incidence

## Cumulative Cases and Deaths by County

Totals of all reported COVID-19 cases for 2020, including those in long-term care (LTC) facilities.

**The numbers in this table are provisional.** County case numbers and deaths may change as investigation finds new or additional information. The data provided below is the most current available.

| County                    | Total Cases    | Total Deaths | Total LTC Facility Cases | Total LTC Facility Deaths |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <a href="#">Adams</a>     | 1073           | 43           | 64                       | 13                        |
| <a href="#">Alcorn</a>    | 987            | 12           | 18                       | 2                         |
| <a href="#">Amite</a>     | 421            | 13           | 15                       | 2                         |
| <a href="#">Attala</a>    | 790            | 26           | 90                       | 20                        |
| <a href="#">Benton</a>    | 333            | 5            | 25                       | 1                         |
| <a href="#">Bolivar</a>   | 2004           | 77           | 218                      | 30                        |
| <a href="#">Calhoun</a>   | 622            | 12           | 25                       | 4                         |
| <a href="#">Carroll</a>   | 480            | 12           | 45                       | 9                         |
| <a href="#">Chickasaw</a> | 840            | 26           | 46                       | 14                        |
| <a href="#">Choctaw</a>   | 205            | 6            | 1                        | 0                         |
| <a href="#">Claiborne</a> | 537            | 16           | 43                       | 9                         |
| <a href="#">Clarke</a>    | 743            | 51           | 93                       | 27                        |
| <a href="#">Clay</a>      | 684            | 21           | 19                       | 3                         |
| <a href="#">Coahoma</a>   | 1249           | 36           | 88                       | 7                         |
| <a href="#">Copiah</a>    | 1369           | 36           | 71                       | 7                         |
| <a href="#">Covington</a> | 970            | 26           | 50                       | 10                        |
| <a href="#">De Soto</a>   | 6932           | 79           | 80                       | 16                        |
| <a href="#">Forrest</a>   | 3007           | 78           | 176                      | 41                        |
| <a href="#">Franklin</a>  | 240            | 3            | 4                        | 1                         |
| <a href="#">George</a>    | 979            | 18           | 36                       | 6                         |
| <a href="#">Greene</a>    | 473            | 18           | 40                       | 6                         |
| <a href="#">Grenada</a>   | 1216           | 38           | 113                      | 21                        |
| <a href="#">Hancock</a>   | 816            | 28           | 45                       | 6                         |
| <a href="#">Harrison</a>  | 5129           | 83           | 257                      | 32                        |
| <a href="#">Hinds</a>     | 7894           | 177          | 464                      | 78                        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>113,876</b> | <b>3,238</b> | <b>6,670</b>             | <b>1,301</b>              |

| County             | Total Cases    | Total Deaths | Total LTC Facility Cases | Total LTC Facility Deaths |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Holmes             | 1144           | 60           | 102                      | 20                        |
| Humphreys          | 428            | 16           | 21                       | 6                         |
| Issaquena          | 107            | 4            | 0                        | 0                         |
| Itawamba           | 1122           | 25           | 87                       | 17                        |
| Jackson            | 4503           | 84           | 101                      | 8                         |
| Jasper             | 679            | 17           | 1                        | 0                         |
| Jefferson          | 275            | 10           | 13                       | 3                         |
| Jefferson<br>Davis | 405            | 11           | 7                        | 1                         |
| Jones              | 2891           | 84           | 185                      | 38                        |
| Kemper             | 322            | 15           | 41                       | 9                         |
| Lafayette          | 2483           | 43           | 124                      | 29                        |
| Lamar              | 2242           | 38           | 40                       | 11                        |
| Lauderdale         | 2437           | 134          | 261                      | 74                        |
| Lawrence           | 512            | 14           | 26                       | 2                         |
| Leake              | 1146           | 40           | 43                       | 6                         |
| Lee                | 3514           | 79           | 180                      | 37                        |
| Leflore            | 1658           | 87           | 193                      | 47                        |
| Lincoln            | 1389           | 57           | 162                      | 35                        |
| Lowndes            | 1783           | 62           | 102                      | 33                        |
| Madison            | 3812           | 93           | 238                      | 45                        |
| Marion             | 946            | 42           | 92                       | 14                        |
| Marshall           | 1412           | 29           | 54                       | 12                        |
| Monroe             | 1481           | 72           | 170                      | 52                        |
| Montgomery         | 543            | 23           | 52                       | 9                         |
| Neshoba            | 1842           | 111          | 130                      | 39                        |
| Newton             | 856            | 27           | 39                       | 9                         |
| Noxubee            | 596            | 17           | 20                       | 4                         |
| Oktibbeha          | 2008           | 54           | 193                      | 31                        |
| Panola             | 1691           | 39           | 60                       | 8                         |
| Pearl River        | 1129           | 59           | 94                       | 22                        |
| Perry              | 487            | 23           | 20                       | 7                         |
| Pike               | 1382           | 56           | 97                       | 27                        |
| Pontotoc           | 1461           | 19           | 17                       | 2                         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>113,876</b> | <b>3,238</b> | <b>6,670</b>             | <b>1,301</b>              |

| County       | Total Cases    | Total Deaths | Total LTC Facility Cases | Total LTC Facility Deaths |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Prentiss     | 1048           | 19           | 48                       | 3                         |
| Quitman      | 419            | 6            | 0                        | 0                         |
| Rankin       | 3894           | 86           | 177                      | 23                        |
| Scott        | 1249           | 29           | 21                       | 3                         |
| Sharkey      | 283            | 14           | 43                       | 8                         |
| Simpson      | 1212           | 49           | 117                      | 19                        |
| Smith        | 591            | 16           | 54                       | 8                         |
| Stone        | 464            | 14           | 55                       | 9                         |
| Sunflower    | 1609           | 49           | 83                       | 14                        |
| Tallahatchie | 840            | 25           | 29                       | 7                         |
| Tate         | 1160           | 39           | 52                       | 13                        |
| Tippah       | 889            | 22           | 60                       | 0                         |
| Tishomingo   | 800            | 41           | 96                       | 26                        |
| Tunica       | 529            | 17           | 15                       | 2                         |
| Union        | 1174           | 25           | 46                       | 11                        |
| Walthall     | 638            | 27           | 67                       | 13                        |
| Warren       | 1543           | 55           | 123                      | 26                        |
| Washington   | 2564           | 99           | 177                      | 38                        |
| Wayne        | 1008           | 21           | 59                       | 10                        |
| Webster      | 370            | 13           | 52                       | 11                        |
| Wilkinson    | 337            | 20           | 20                       | 5                         |
| Winston      | 833            | 21           | 42                       | 11                        |
| Yalobusha    | 526            | 14           | 54                       | 7                         |
| Yazoo        | 1217           | 33           | 89                       | 12                        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>113,876</b> | <b>3,238</b> | <b>6,670</b>             | <b>1,301</b>              |

## Case Classifications

Mississippi investigates and reports both probable and confirmed cases and deaths according to the [CSTE case definition](#).

|        | Confirmed | Probable | Total          |
|--------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Cases  | 100,939   | 12,937   | <b>113,876</b> |
| Deaths | 2,932     | 306      | <b>3,238</b>   |

Confirmed cases and deaths are generally determined by positive PCR tests, which detect the presence of ongoing coronavirus infection.

Probable cases are those who test positive by other testing methods such as antibody or antigen, and have recent symptoms consistent with COVID-19, indicating a recent infection.

Probable deaths are those individuals with a designation of COVID-19 as a cause of death on the death certificate, but where no confirmatory testing was performed.

## Deaths from COVID-19 and Other Causes

This table of death counts compares COVID-19 deaths in Mississippi by week with deaths from other major causes, including contributing and underlying causes.

▶ [Mississippi Provisional Death Counts by Week](#)

Updated weekly

## K-12 School Report

Mississippi K-12 schools make weekly reports of cases among students, teachers and staff, number of outbreaks, and teachers and students under quarantine as a result of COVID-19 exposure. An outbreak in a school setting is defined as 3 or more individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 in the same group within a 14-day period.

*Note:* These cases have been directly reported to MSDH by each school, and may not yet have appeared in our state and county totals of cases reported by laboratories.

▶ [K-12 reports of COVID-19 school cases, outbreaks and exposure](#)

Updated weekly

## Long-Term Care Facility Cases and Outbreaks

Long-term care (LTC) facilities like nursing homes are considered high risk locations because their residents are older or in poor health. A single confirmed COVID-19 infection in an LTC facility resident, or more than one infection in employees or staff in a 14-day period constitutes an outbreak. Residential care facilities also represent group living facilities where COVID-19 can be easily spread. We investigate residents, staff and close contacts of infected individuals for possible exposure.

**These outbreak figures are reported directly to MSDH by the facility.** Many of the cases and deaths reported by facilities may not yet be included in our totals of lab-reported cases.

▶ [Mississippi COVID-19 cases and deaths in long-term care facilities](#) PDF

Long-term care facilities include nursing homes, personal care homes, assisted living homes, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disability (ICF-IID)

▶ [Mississippi COVID-19 cases and deaths in residential care facilities](#) PDF

Residential care facilities include psychiatric or chemical dependency residential treatment centers and long-term acute care facilities.

## Ongoing Outbreaks in Nursing Homes

Because nursing homes report COVID-19 data directly to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), we have replaced our usual long-term care facility report with the most recent CMS nursing home data, avoiding duplicate reporting requirements for these facilities.

Data such as illness in residents and staff, deaths in residents, as well as a number of other data elements are now publicly available on the CMS website. MSDH is providing the following links to view this data, which is reported directly by the Nursing Homes and is updated daily.

**Note:** Cases and deaths listed on the CMS website may not have appeared yet in our county totals, which are based on reports from testing laboratories.

- ▶ [Search for nursing home COVID-19 data](#)
- ▶ [About the CMS COVID-19 dataset](#)
- ▶ [CMS state and national COVID-19 nursing home data](#)

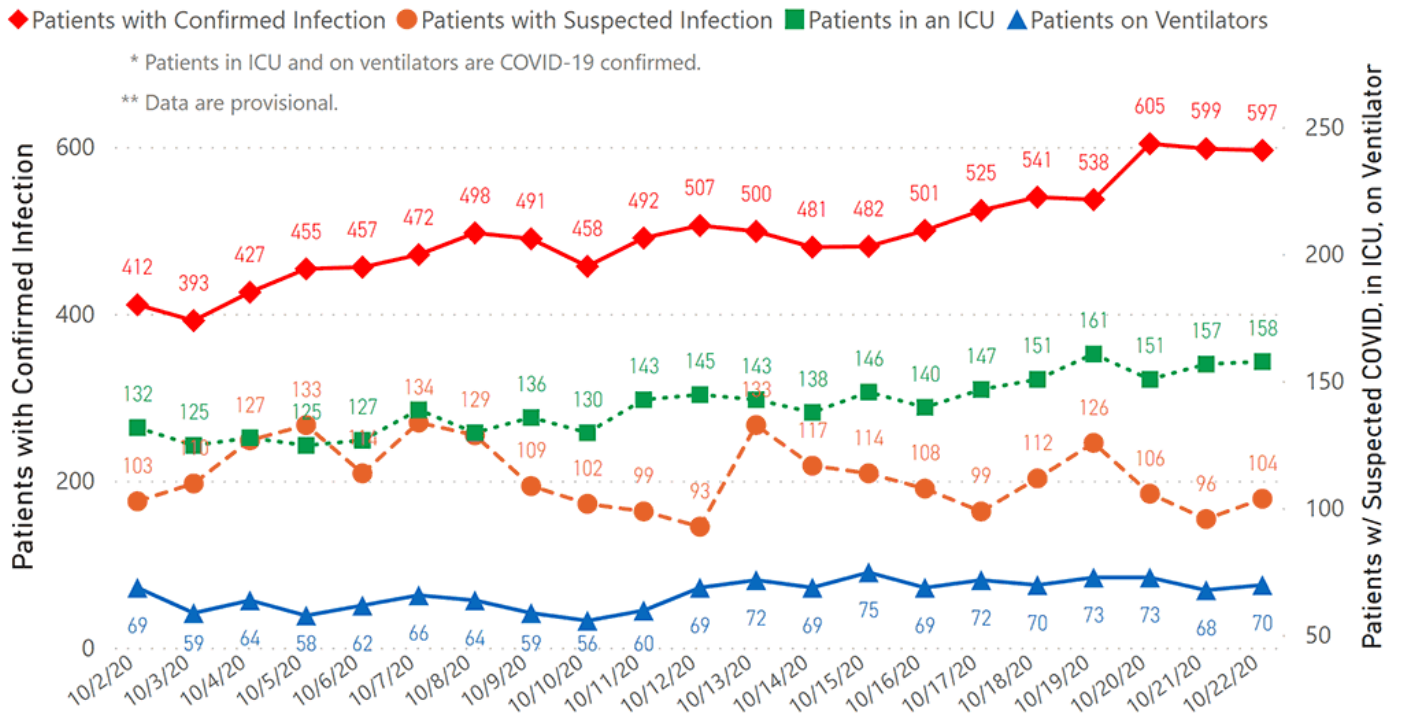
## Mississippi COVID-19 Data Charts and Map

All data reports below are updated as they become available.

### Hospitalizations and Bed Availability

- ▶ [Interactive chart of hospitalizations by date](#)
- ▶ [Interactive chart of local and state hospital bed availability](#)

### COVID-19 Hospitalizations Reported by MS Hospitals, 10/2/20-10/22/20 \*\*, \*\*



### Daily Statewide Data Charts

Our state case map and other data charts are also available in interactive form.

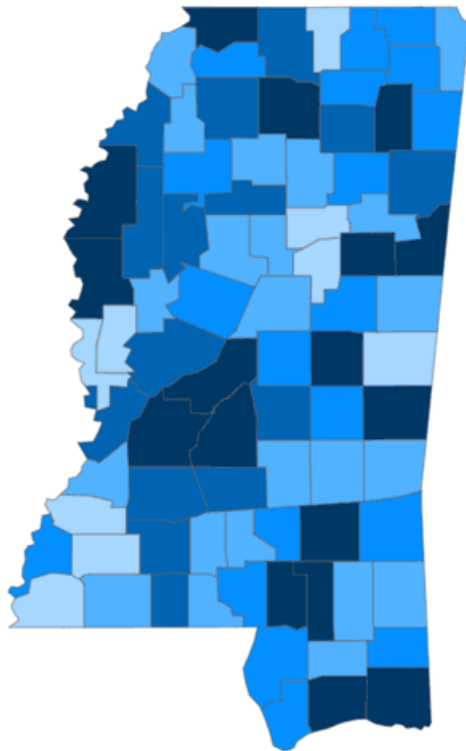
- ▶ [View interactive map](#)
- ▶ [View interactive epidemiological trend and syndromic surveillance](#)

The charts below are based on available data at the time of publication. Charts do **not** include cases where insufficient details of the case are known.



Mississippi COVID-19  
Cases and Deaths by Race with Ethnicity  
as of 6 pm CT, October 22, 2020

Total Cases  
**113,876**



● 1 to 400 ● 401 to 800 ● 801 to 1200 ● 1201 to 1700 ● >1700

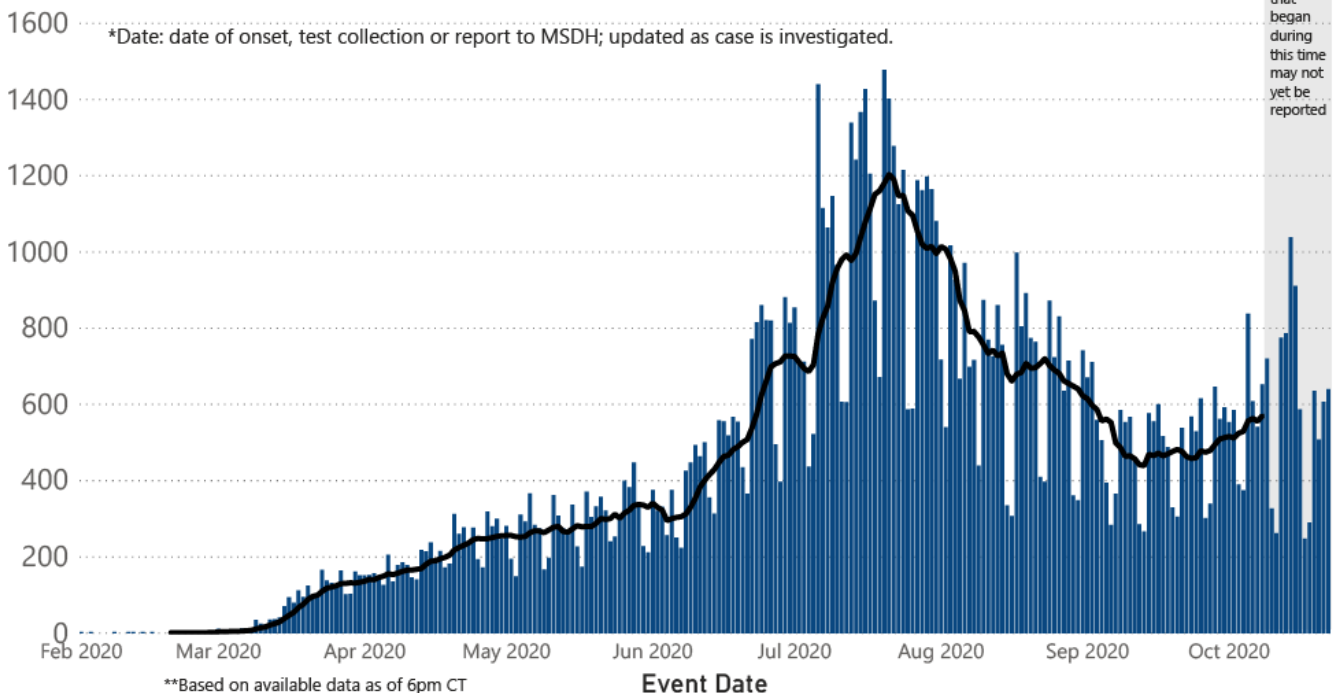
|                   | American Indian or Alaska Native | Asian | Black  | White  | Other | Unknown |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| Non Hispanic      | 528                              | 332   | 34,512 | 34,153 | 1,314 | 522     |
| Hispanic          | 18                               | 13    | 162    | 975    | 1,880 | 175     |
| Unknown Ethnicity | 792                              | 98    | 8,330  | 9,354  | 4,890 | 15,828  |

Total Deaths  
**3,238**

|                   | American Indian or Alaska Native | Asian | Black | White | Other | Unknown |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Non Hispanic      | 65                               | 3     | 1,317 | 1,295 | 18    | 4       |
| Hispanic          | 1                                | 0     | 7     | 19    | 14    | 1       |
| Unknown Ethnicity | 21                               | 5     | 161   | 206   | 26    | 75      |

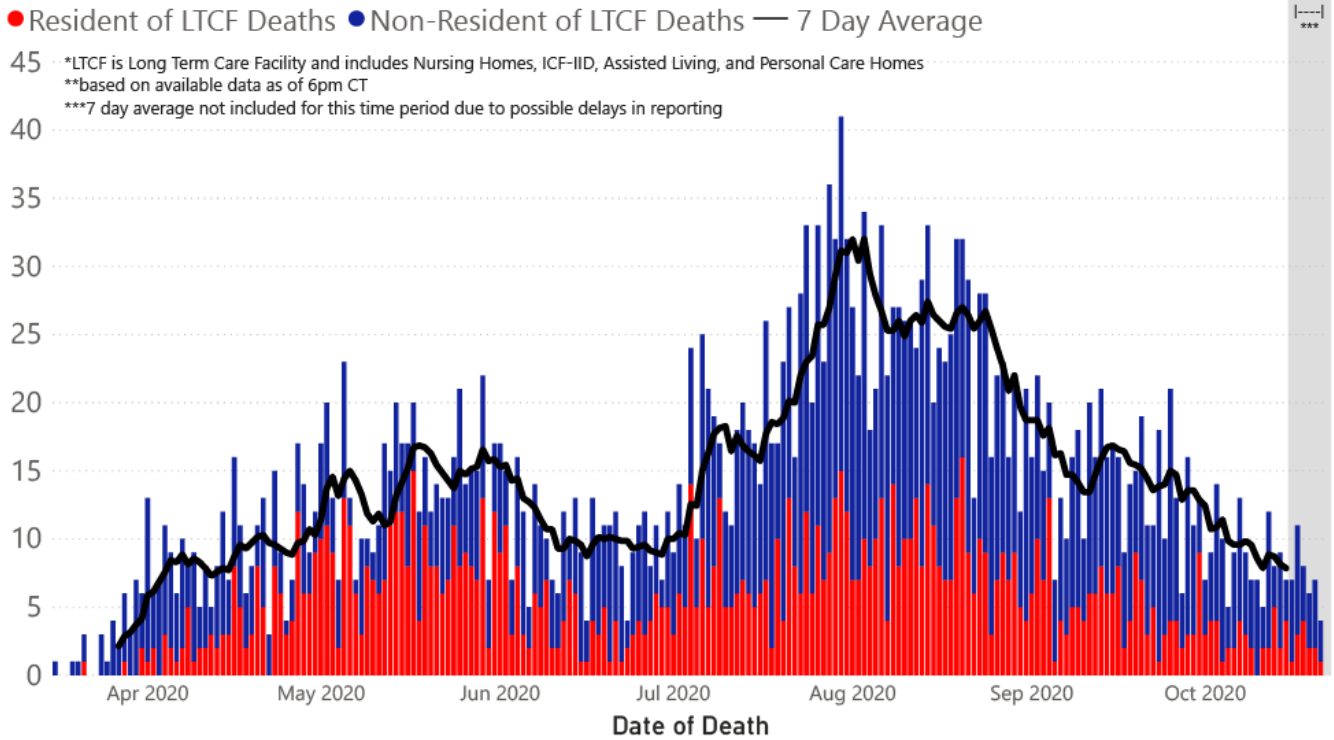
COVID-19 Cases by Date\* through October 22, 2020\*\*, Mississippi

● Cases — 7 Day Average

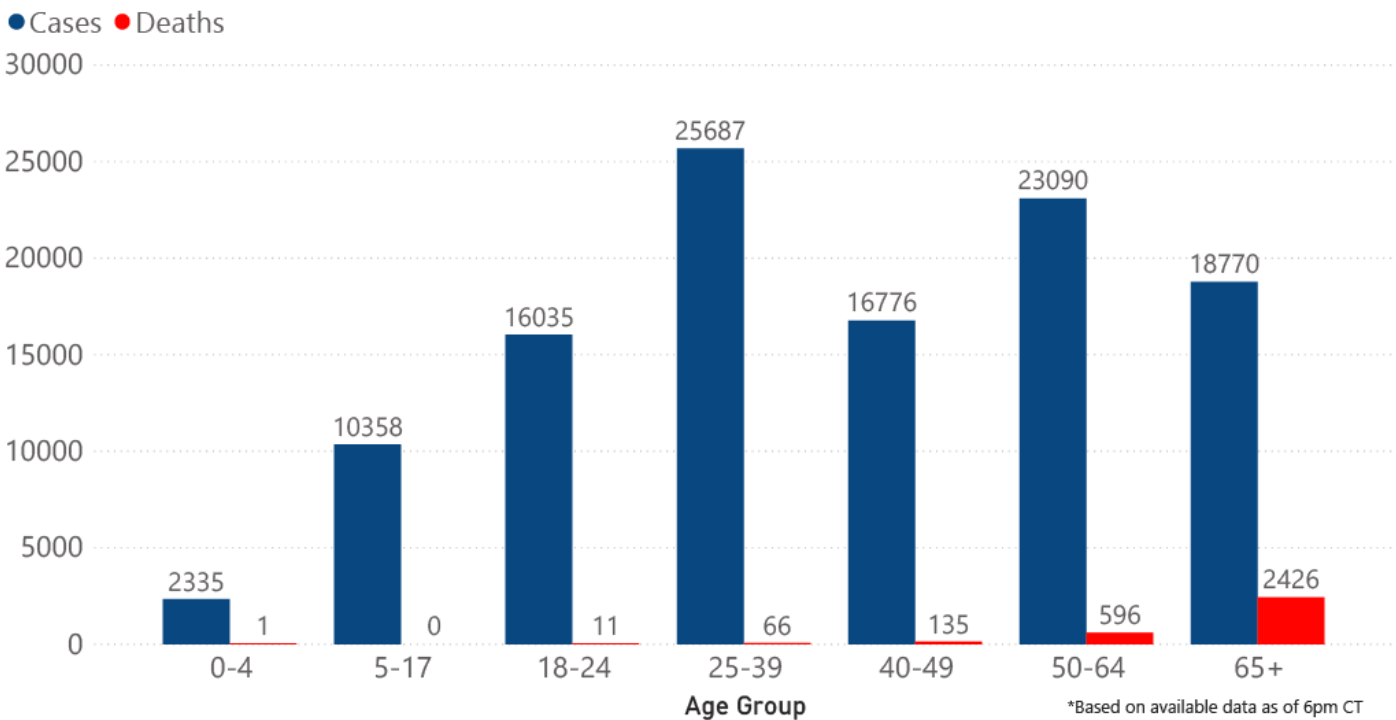


**Note:** Values up to two weeks in the past on the chart of Cases by Date above can change as we update it with new information from disease investigation.

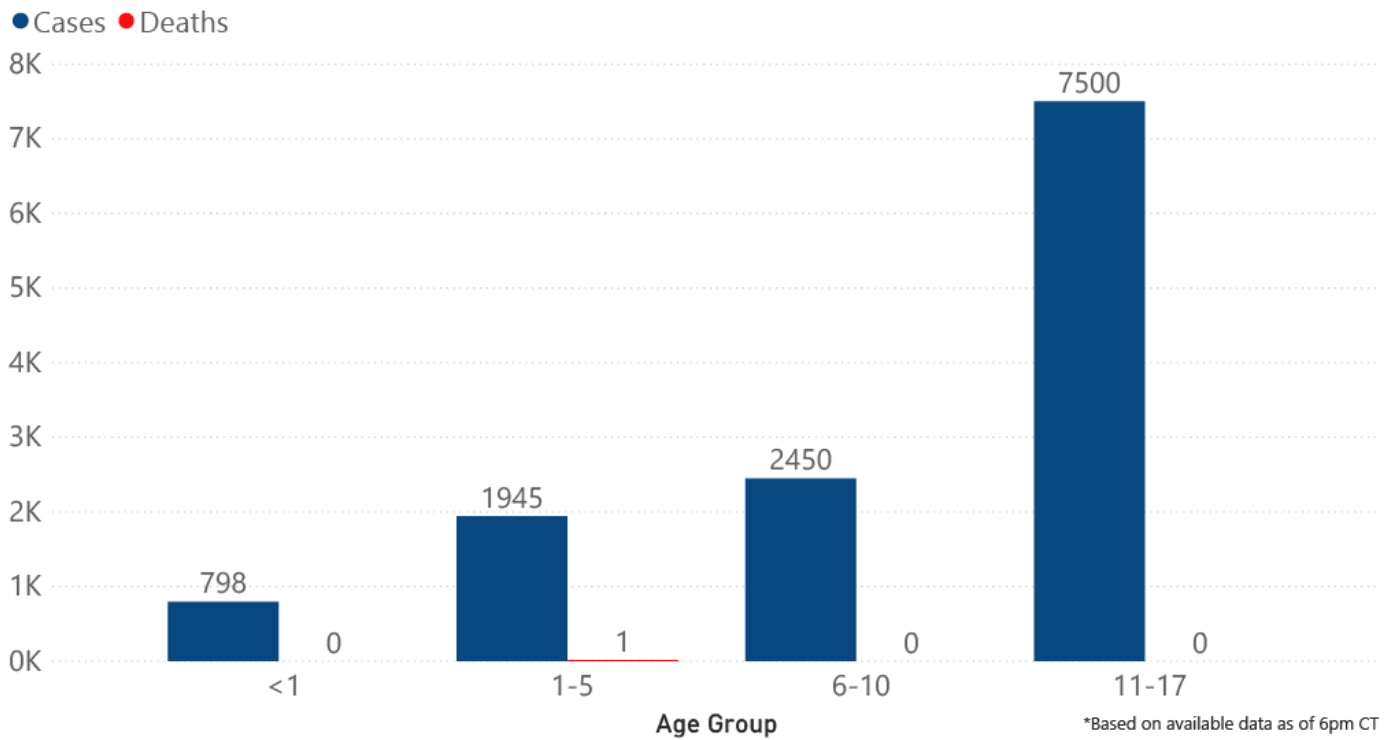
### COVID-19 LTCF\* and Non-LTCF Deaths by Date of Death through October 22, 2020\*\*, Mississippi



### COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Age Group through October 22, 2020\*, Mississippi



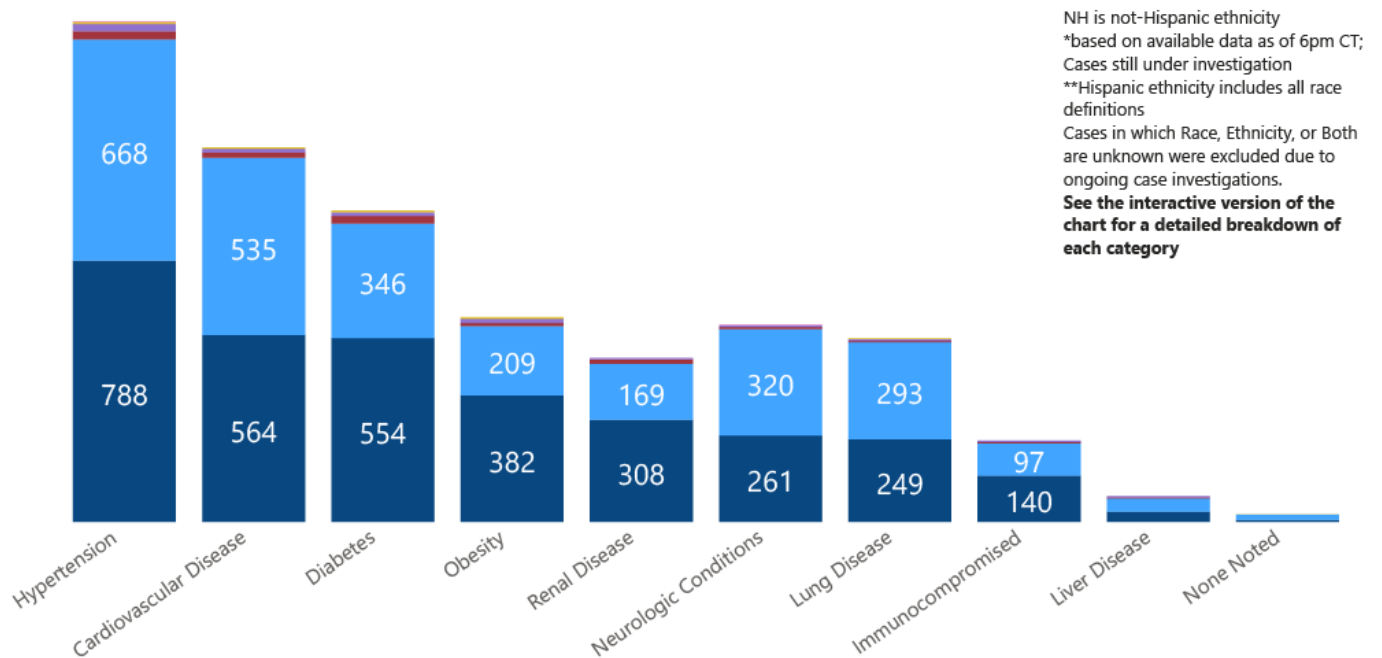
## COVID-19 Pediatric Cases and Deaths by Age Group through October 22, 2020\*, Mississippi



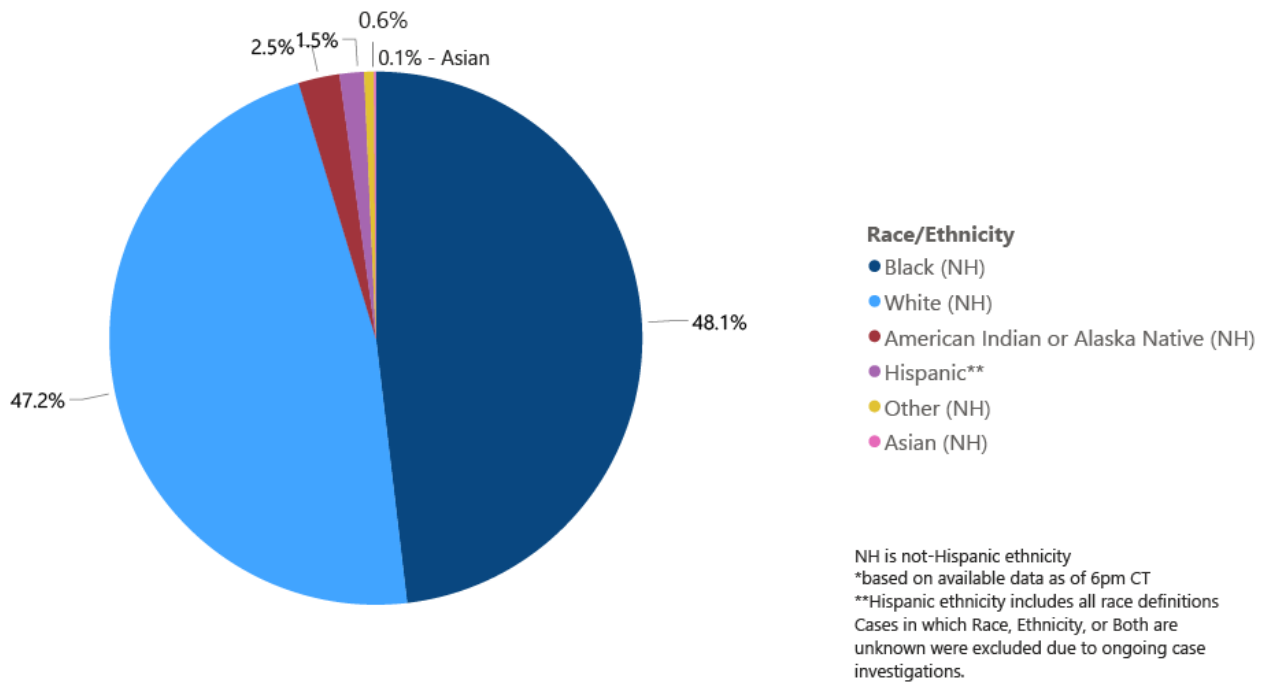
## Weekly Statewide Data Summaries

### COVID-19 Underlying Conditions in Deaths by Race/Ethnicity through October 18, 2020\*, Mississippi

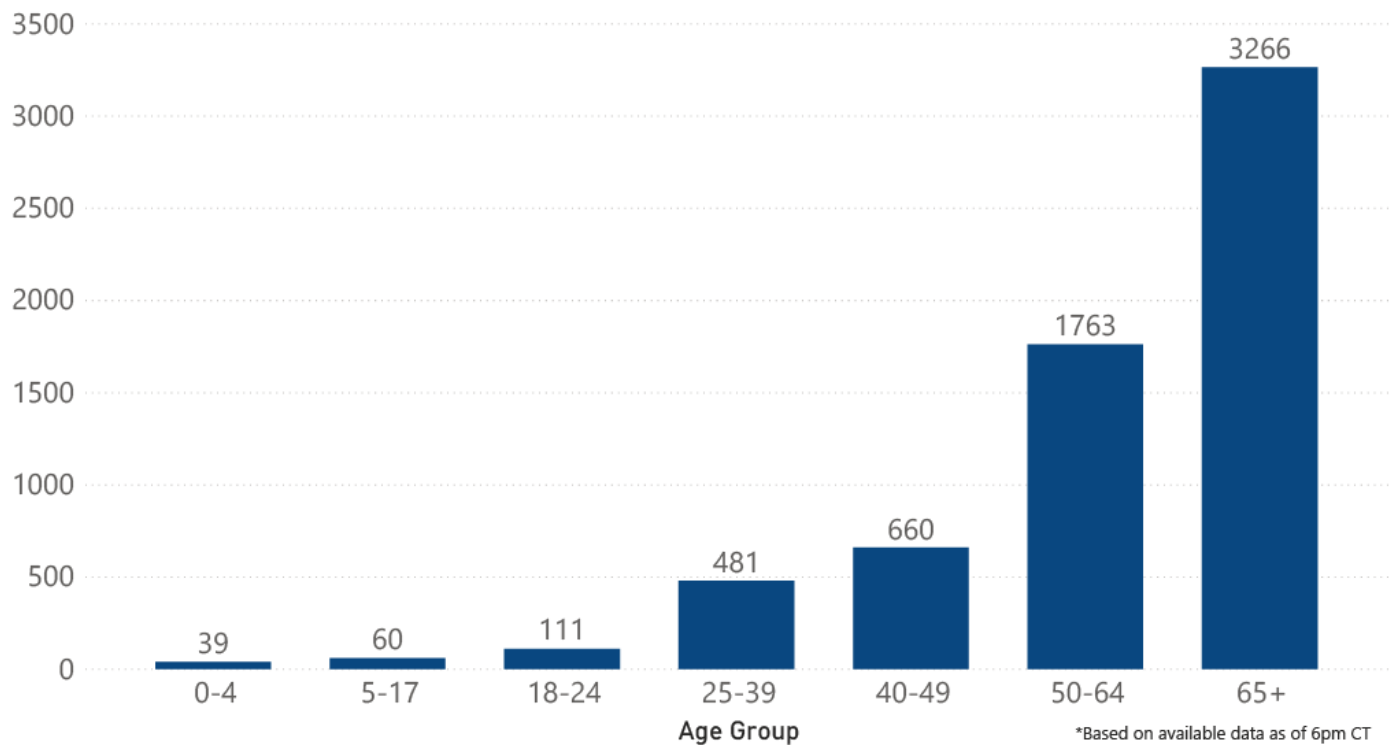
Race/Ethnicity ● Black (NH) ● White (NH) ● American Indian or Alaska Native (NH) ● Hispanic\*\* ● Other (NH) ● Asian (NH)



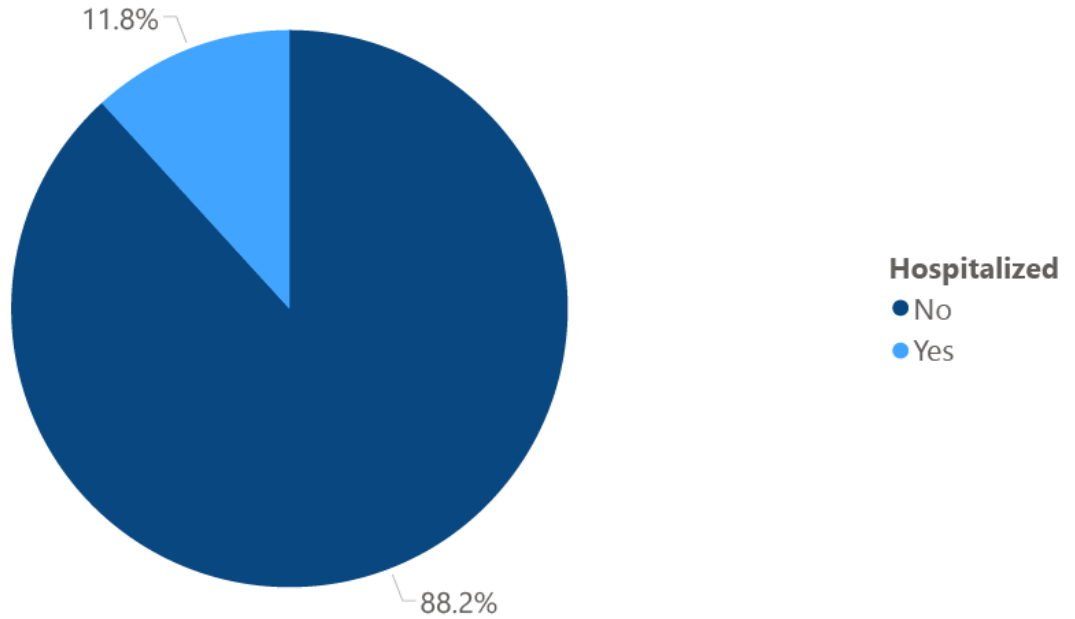
## COVID-19 Deaths by Race/Ethnicity through October 18, 2020\*, Mississippi



## COVID-19 Hospitalized Cases by Age through October 18, 2020\*, Mississippi

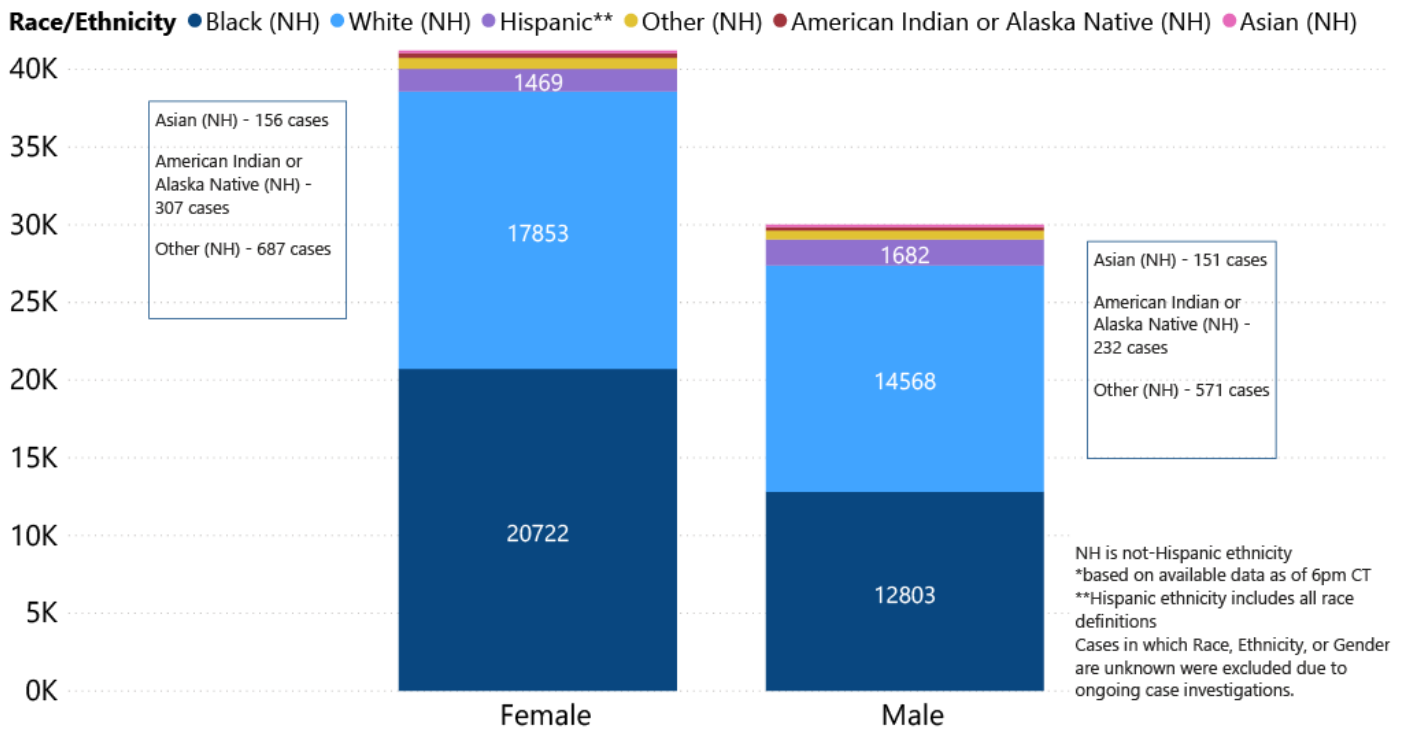


## COVID-19 Cumulative Hospitalizations- Investigated Cases October 18, 2020 \*



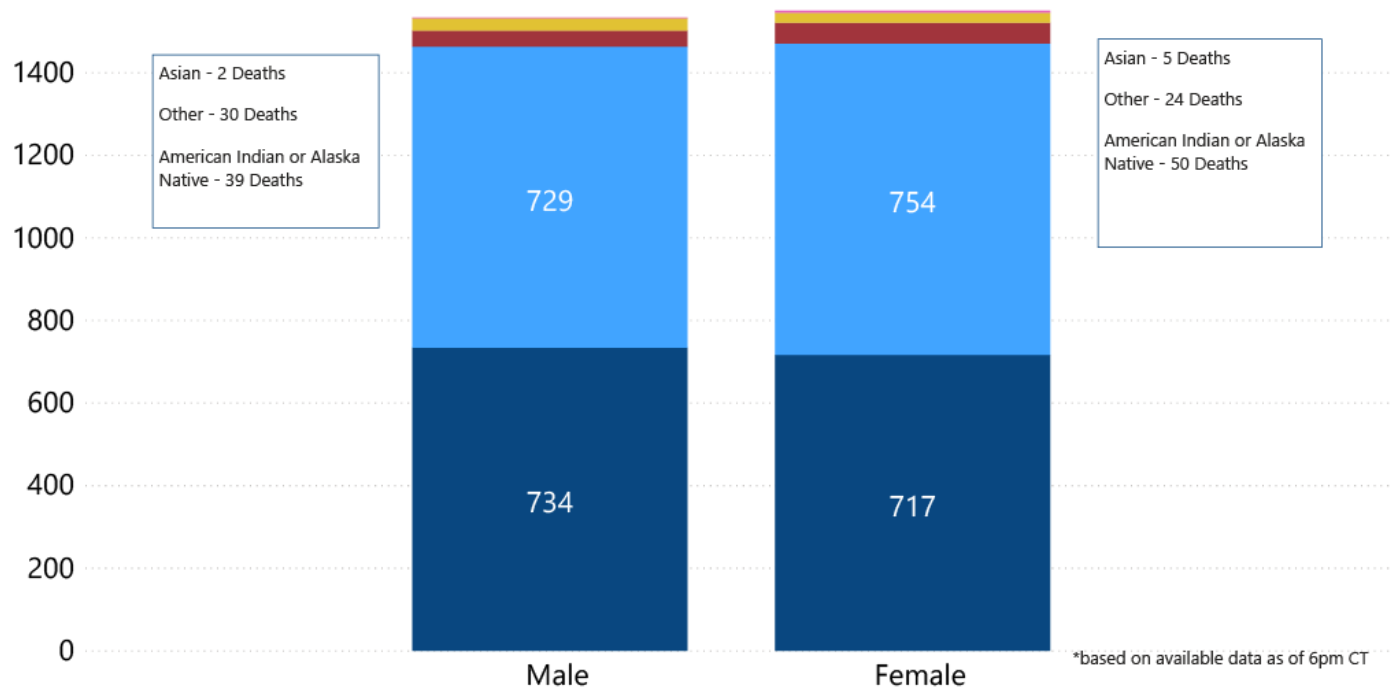
\* Cases in which hospitalization is unknown were excluded due to ongoing case investigations; based on available data as of 6 pm CT

## COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity and Gender through October 18, 2020\*, Mississippi

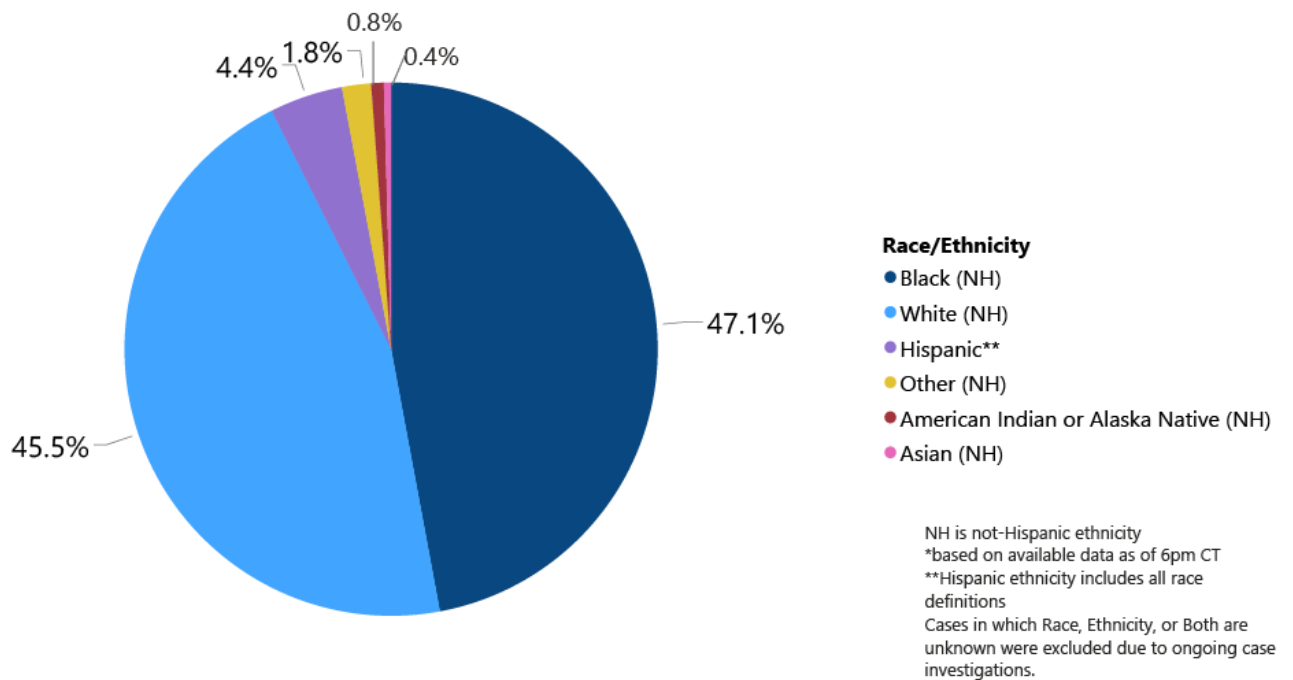


## COVID-19 Deaths by Race and Gender through October 18, 2020\*, Mississippi

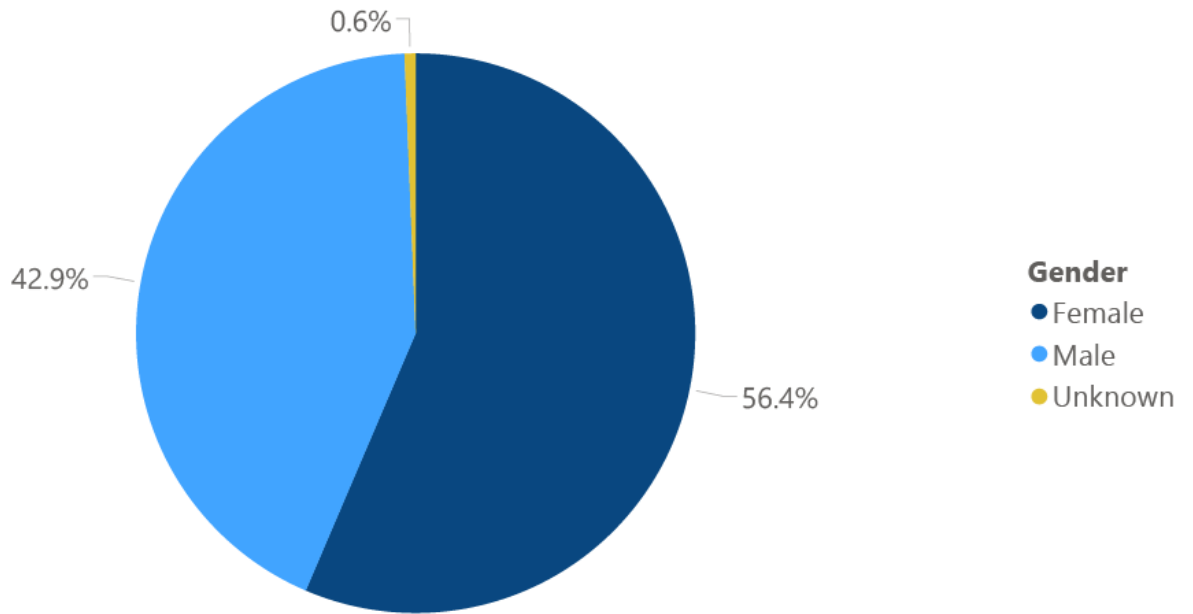
**Race** ● Black ● White ● American Indian or Alaska Native ● Other ● Asian



## COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity through October 18, 2020\*, Mississippi



## COVID-19 Cases by Gender through October 18, 2020\*, Mississippi



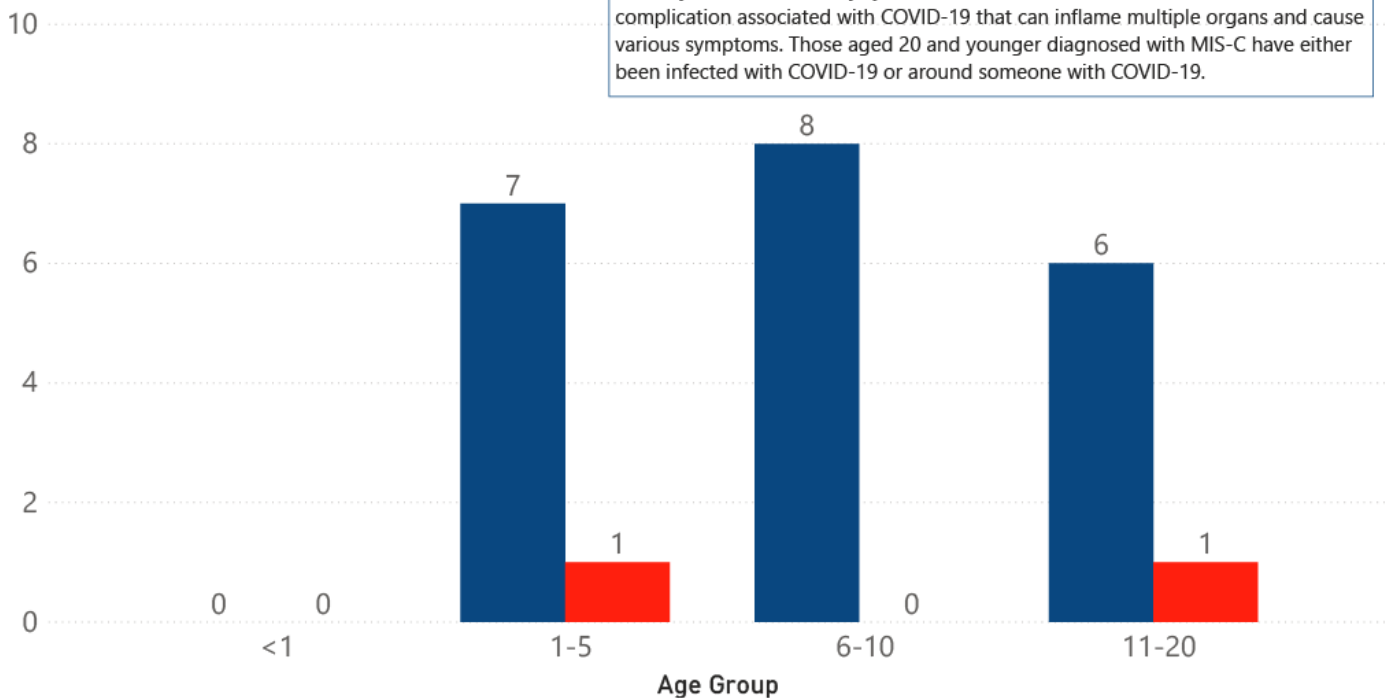
\*Based on available data as of 6pm CT

## Weekly Pediatric MIS-C Cases and Deaths

[Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children \(MIS-C\)](#) is a rare but serious condition associated with COVID-19 that causes inflammation in many body parts, including the heart and other vital organs.

## MIS-C\* Cases and Deaths by Age Group through October 18, 2020, Mississippi

● MIS-C Cases ● MIS-C Deaths



\*Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C): A rare but serious complication associated with COVID-19 that can inflame multiple organs and cause various symptoms. Those aged 20 and younger diagnosed with MIS-C have either been infected with COVID-19 or around someone with COVID-19.

## Weekly High Case and High Incidence Counties

Tracking counties with recent high numbers of COVID-19 cases, adjusted for population, provides insight on where local outbreaks are most serious, and where protective measures should be increased. For more accurate reporting, these weekly charts include sample collection dates only up to seven days in the past to allow for case investigation and delays in lab test reports.

Cases counts in these charts is based on the date of illness onset. If the date of illness is not known, the date the test sample was taken, or the date of test result reporting is used instead. Counts are adjusted as cases are investigated.

Counties are ranked by highest weekly case counts, and by weekly incidence (cases proportional to population). A separate table ranking all counties is also available. **All tables updated weekly.**

► [Full tables of counties ranked by weekly incidence and cases](#) PDF

| COVID-19 High Incidence MS Counties Over 2 Week Period (September 28- October 11, 2020*) |                                 |   |                                    |                         |                |
|--|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| County   | Cases (September 28-October 11) | Cases per 100,000 (September 28-October 11) | Cases to Date (through October 11) | Cases per 100,000 Total | Percent Change |
| ITAWAMBA   | 171                             | 731.1                                       | 1028                               | 4395.0                  | 20%            |
| NESHOBA  | 153                             | 525.4                                       | 1755                               | 6027.2                  | 10%            |
| CLAIBORNE  | 46                              | 511.8                                       | 525                                | 5841.1                  | 10%            |
| CHICKASAW  | 87                              | 508.7                                       | 779                                | 4554.8                  | 13%            |
| BENTON   | 37                              | 448.0                                       | 278                                | 3366.0                  | 15%            |
| LEAKE  | 99                              | 434.5                                       | 1070                               | 4695.9                  | 10%            |
| LINCOLN  | 144                             | 421.6                                       | 1284                               | 3759.6                  | 13%            |
| LAMAR  | 264                             | 416.8                                       | 2046                               | 3230.0                  | 15%            |
| LEE  | 353                             | 413.2                                       | 3227                               | 3777.1                  | 12%            |
| LEFLORE  | 109                             | 386.8                                       | 1547                               | 5489.1                  | 8%             |
| FORREST  | 285                             | 380.5                                       | 2862                               | 3821.2                  | 11%            |
| CLARKE   | 58                              | 373.2                                       | 676                                | 4349.8                  | 9%             |

\*based on available data as of 6pm CT  
 Cases based on test date. Cases without test date excluded due to ongoing investigations.  
 Table will be updated weekly. A one week lag is used for reporting.



## COVID-19 High Case MS Counties Over 2 Week Period (September 28-October 11, 2020\*)

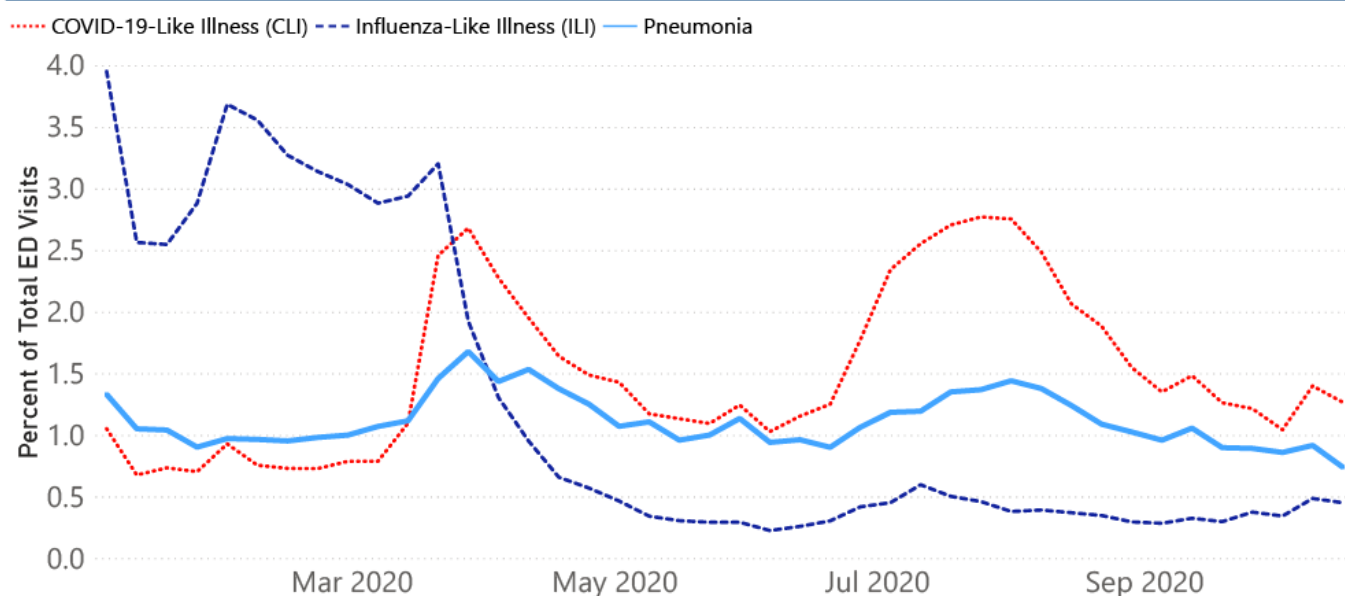
| County   | Cases (September 28-October 11) | Cases per 100,000 (September 28-October 11) | Cases to Date (through October 11) | Cases per 100,000 Total | Percent Change |
|----------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| DESOTO   | 471                             | 254.7                                       | 6227                               | 3366.9                  | 8%             |
| HARRISON | 411                             | 197.5                                       | 4479                               | 2152.5                  | 10%            |
| JACKSON  | 359                             | 250.0                                       | 4110                               | 2861.8                  | 10%            |
| LEE      | 353                             | 413.2                                       | 3227                               | 3777.1                  | 12%            |
| HINDS    | 301                             | 129.8                                       | 7539                               | 3251.8                  | 4%             |
| FORREST  | 285                             | 380.5                                       | 2862                               | 3821.2                  | 11%            |
| LAMAR    | 264                             | 416.8                                       | 2046                               | 3230.0                  | 15%            |
| RANKIN   | 246                             | 158.4                                       | 3644                               | 2346.9                  | 7%             |
| JONES    | 191                             | 280.5                                       | 2744                               | 4029.5                  | 7%             |
| MADISON  | 179                             | 168.4                                       | 3553                               | 3343.3                  | 5%             |
| ITAWAMBA | 171                             | 731.1                                       | 1028                               | 4395.0                  | 20%            |
| NESHOBA  | 153                             | 525.4                                       | 1755                               | 6027.2                  | 10%            |

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## Syndromic Surveillance

Emergency department visits by those with symptoms characteristic of COVID-19, influenza and pneumonia, updated weekly.

### Percentage of Emergency Department and Clinic visits for CLI, ILI, and Pneumonia Cases Weekly Statewide Summary, January 4, 2020 - October 17, 2020



\*The graph represents syndromic surveillance data from emergency department visits, reported electronically by hospitals throughout the state, that are consistent with COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI), Influenza-Like Illness (ILI), and Pneumonia. Based on available data as of 6pm CT. Graph will be updated weekly.

## Estimated Recoveries

Presumed COVID-19 cases recovered, estimated weekly (does not include cases still under investigation).

## COVID-19 Presumed Recovered Cases through October 18, 2020, Mississippi

# 97,675

## Presumed Recovered\*

\*Reflects Provisional Estimates. Presumed Recovered if:

- 1) It has been 14 days or more since the case tested positive, if they were not hospitalized
- 2) It has been 21 days or more since the case tested positive, if they were hospitalized or hospitalization was unknown.

All deaths excluded. Presumed recovered counts will be updated weekly.

## U.S. and World Cases

- ▶ [COVID-19 cases in the United States \(CDC\)](#)
- ▶ [U.S. COVID-19 Tracker \(CDC\)](#)
- ▶ [COVID-19 Global Case Map \(Johns Hopkins University\)](#)

## COVID-19 Testing

### Statewide Combined Testing as of October 10

**This update includes tests made as early as June 30, 2020**. As laboratories improve their reporting, they are providing more older data to MSDH.

COVID-19 testing providers around the state include commercial laboratories as well as hospital labs. Combined with testing done by the MSDH Public Health Laboratory, the figures provide a complete picture of all Mississippi testing. (Updated weekly)

**PCR** testing detects current, active COVID-19 infection in an individual.

**Antibody** (serology) testing identifies individuals with past COVID-19 infection based on antibodies they develop one to three weeks after infection.

**Antigen** testing is another way to identify current COVID-19 infection.

|                                    | Total tests    | PCR            | Antibody      | Antigen       |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| MSDH Public Health Laboratory      | 112,969        | 111,729        | 1,240         | 0             |
| Other testing providers            | 828,563        | 715,768        | 39,813        | 72,982        |
| Total tests for COVID-19 statewide | <b>941,532</b> | <b>827,497</b> | <b>41,053</b> | <b>72,982</b> |

## MSDH Individuals Tested as of October 23

MSDH Public Health Laboratory (MPHL) testing totals as of 3 p.m. These totals are for tests performed at the MPHL only.

- Total individuals tested by the MPHL: **83,645**
- Total positive individuals from MPHL tests: **9,106**

## Getting Tested for COVID-19

The MSDH Public Health Laboratory, its partners, and private providers are testing statewide for COVID-19.

Anyone with symptoms of fever, severe cough or severe chest pains – especially those who are older or in poor health – should make arrangements for testing with their doctor or one of the many healthcare providers now performing testing. Healthcare providers can assess your health history and symptoms, and perform testing for COVID-19 as needed. MSDH is also helping conduct free drive-up testing sites in many parts of the state. **Always call ahead to the testing provider for instructions on safely being examined before you visit for your test.**

- ▶ [Find a COVID-19 testing provider near you](#)

## Prevention and Guidance for Individuals and the Community

- ▶ [Preventive steps to take, recommendations, guidance and general information on COVID-19](#)

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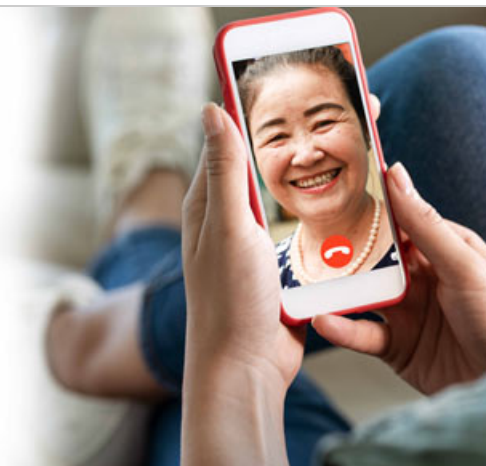
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