



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Updated December 12, 2020

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

Advisory from the State Health Officer on social gatherings: Due to rapidly rising COVID-19 cases, all residents of Mississippi should avoid any social gathering that includes individuals outside of the immediate family or household. MSDH recommends that Mississippians only participate in work, school or other absolutely essential activities, and avoid gatherings such as social events, sporting events, in-person church services, and weddings and funerals unless they involve only close family (preferably outdoors).

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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.)

Quarantine is mandatory for household members of someone who has COVID-19. Home quarantine permits working under certain circumstances.

COVID-19 in Mississippi

New Cases and Deaths as of December 11

NEW CASES

2,665

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

NEW DEATHS

56

New COVID-19 related deaths reported to MSDH as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Thirty-two deaths occurred between November 20 and December 11 in the counties below.

County	Total
Alcorn	1
Attala	1
Covington	3
Desoto	1
Forrest	1
Grenada	1
Harrison	3
Hinds	3
Jackson	2
Lafayette	2
Lowndes	1
Marion	1
Neshoba	2
Newton	1
Prentiss	1
Rankin	1
Scott	1
Tippah	1
Webster	1
Winston	2

County	Total
Jefferson Davis	1
Smith	1

24 COVID-19 related deaths occurred between November 5 and December 6, identified from death certificate reports.

County	Total
Chickasaw	1
Choctaw	1
Clay	1
Desoto	2
George	1
Hancock	1
Jackson	1
Jones	1
Lauderdale	3
Lee	1
Leflore	1
Marion	1
Montgomery	2
Neshoba	1
Rankin	5
Stone	1

LTC OUTBREAKS

218

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. Multiple positive 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

- ▶ [Weekly COVID-19 snapshots for each Mississippi county](#)

High Cases and Incidence

- ▶ [Map of Mississippi counties by 7-day incidence](#)
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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.

Long-term care data for today is delayed.

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Adams	1587	52
Alcorn	1821	35
Amite	734	16
Attala	1411	39
Benton	558	19
Bolivar	2796	89
Calhoun	904	15
Carroll	842	17
Chickasaw	1274	34
Choctaw	421	9
Claiborne	609	16
Clarke	1036	55
Clay	1076	28
Coahoma	1715	47
Copiah	1918	42
Covington	1562	61
De Soto	11868	114
Forrest	4413	92
Franklin	441	6
George	1475	30
Greene	838	24
Grenada	1651	50
Total	177,947	4,180

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Hancock	1486	46
Harrison	8624	122
Hinds	11753	220
Holmes	1467	62
Humphreys	616	21
Issaquena	132	4
Itawamba	1829	43
Jackson	7357	142
Jasper	1030	24
Jefferson	411	12
Jefferson Davis	652	19
Jones	4277	91
Kemper	588	19
Lafayette	3626	66
Lamar	3411	51
Lauderdale	4145	157
Lawrence	819	14
Leake	1606	45
Lee	6157	104
Leflore	2310	96
Lincoln	2178	71
Lowndes	3127	72
Madison	5836	121
Marion	1429	54
Marshall	2469	56
Monroe	2419	80
Montgomery	868	30
Neshoba	2535	131
Newton	1304	31
Noxubee	800	17
Oktibbeha	2825	64
Panola	2645	62
Pearl River	1977	73
Total	177,947	4,180

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Perry	739	27
Pike	1871	62
Pontotoc	2490	32
Prentiss	1737	39
Quitman	536	7
Rankin	7188	128
Scott	1829	31
Sharkey	350	17
Simpson	1690	54
Smith	845	17
Stone	966	16
Sunflower	2098	57
Tallahatchie	1073	28
Tate	2045	52
Tippah	1546	35
Tishomingo	1293	47
Tunica	665	19
Union	2142	27
Walthall	863	32
Warren	2108	64
Washington	3632	108
Wayne	1423	25
Webster	565	16
Wilkinson	478	22
Winston	1508	37
Yalobusha	828	29
Yazoo	1781	42
Total	177,947	4,180

Case Classifications

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

	Confirmed	Probable	Total
Cases	132,930	45,017	177,947
Deaths	3,519	661	4,180

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.

Long-term care and residential living facility data for today is delayed.

- ▶ [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

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 website of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). MSDH is providing the following links to view this data, which is reported directly by 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 Maps

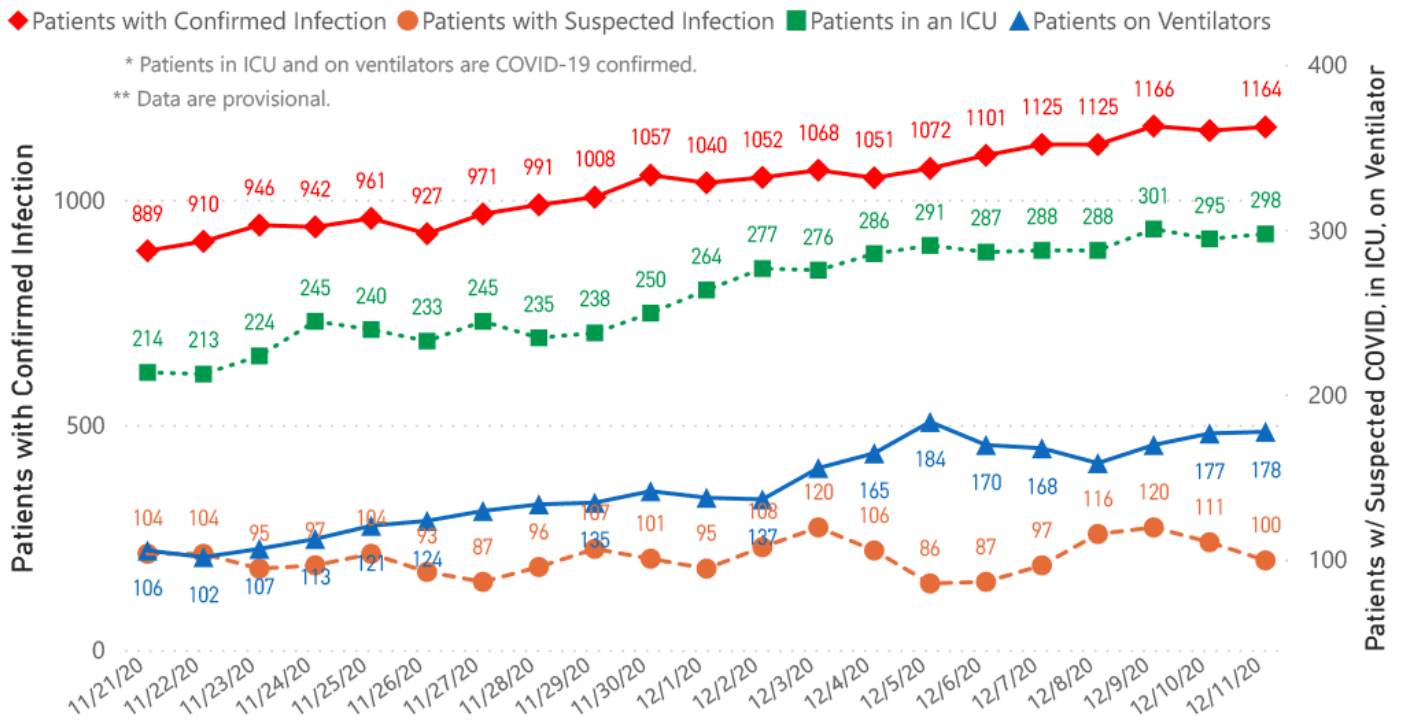
All data reports below are updated as they become available.

Hospitalizations and Bed Availability

- ▶ [View interactive hospitalization charts](#)

Note: We are awaiting updated data for the chart below

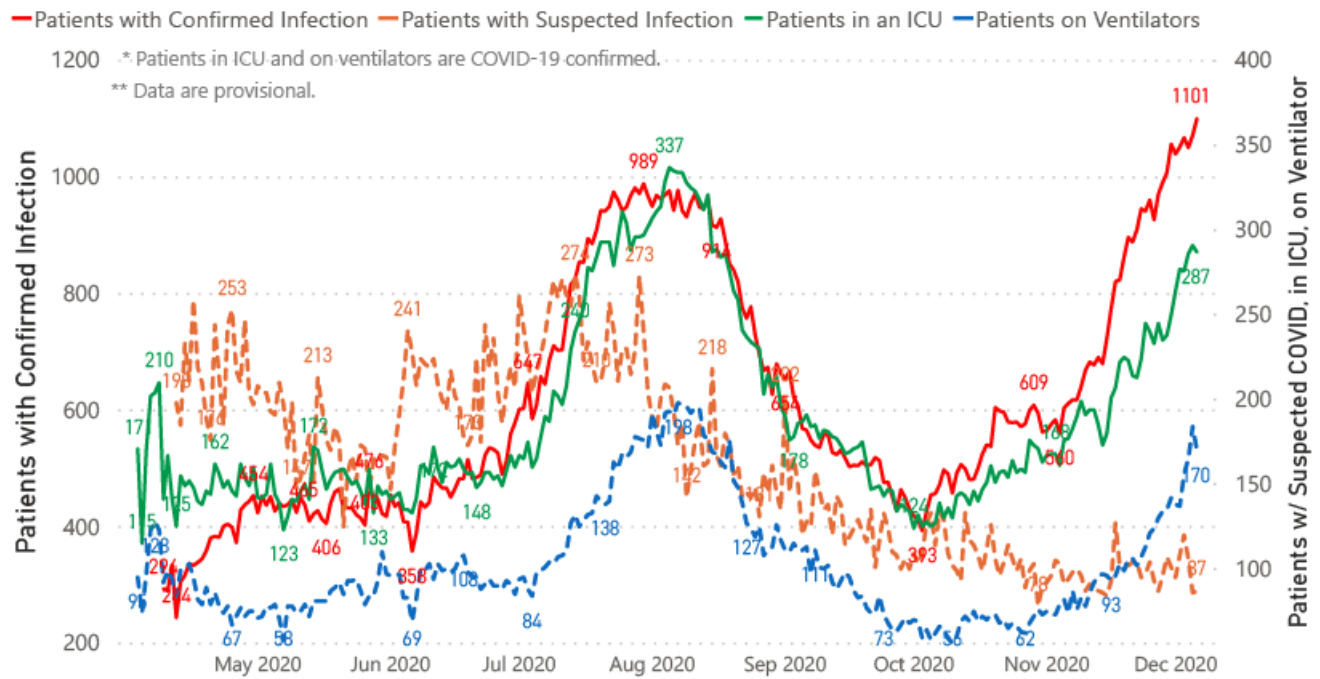
COVID-19 Hospitalizations Reported by MS Hospitals, 11/21/20-12/11/20 ^{*,**}



Hospitalization and ICU Use to Date

Updated weekly

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Trends, Reported by MS Hospitals as of 12/6/20 **, **



Daily Case Maps

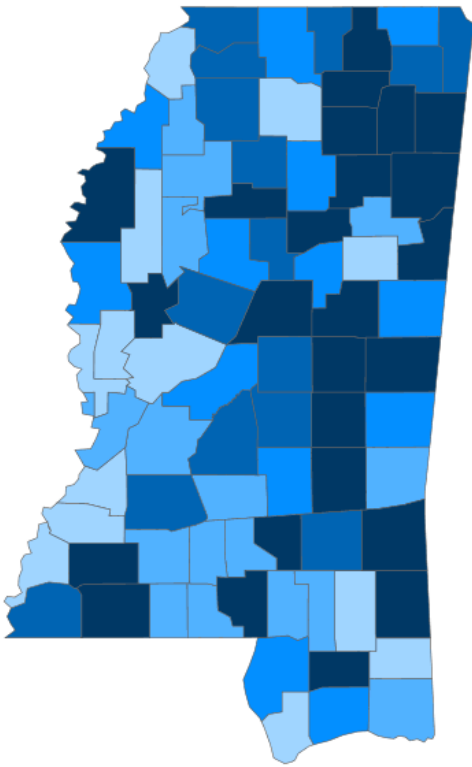
▶ [View all interactive maps](#)

Recent COVID-19 Activity

The chart below shows counties according to COVID-19 incidence (cases by population) over the last 7 days.

▶ [See also: Weekly county incidence tables](#)

Mississippi COVID-19 Cases Incidence Rate * as of December 11, 2020



● <50.0 ● 50.0 to 60.0 ● 60.0 to 70.0 ● 70.0 to 80.0 ● >80.0

* Based on average daily new cases of past 7 days per 100,000 population.

7 Day Average
New Cases

2,069.9

7 Day Average
Incidence Rate *

73.3

Cumulative Cases

177,947

2019 Estimated Population

2,976,149

County	Incidence Rate	New Cases (7-Day Avg)	2019 Est. Population	Mask Mandate Status	Mask Mandate Started	Mask Mandate Ended
Greene	180.9	24.6	13,586	None		
Union	157.2	45.3	28,815	Active	11/24/20	
Covington	128.8	24.0	18,636	Active	11/11/20	
Pontotoc	127.9	41.1	32,174	Active	11/16/20	
Amite	122.0	15.0	12,297	None		
Winston	117.8	21.1	17,955	Active	11/16/20	
Tippah	114.2	25.1	22,015	Active	11/24/20	
Kemper	111.4	10.9	9,742	None		
Lowndes	109.2	64.0	58,595	Active	11/24/20	
Chickasaw	104.4	17.9	17,103	Active	11/24/20	

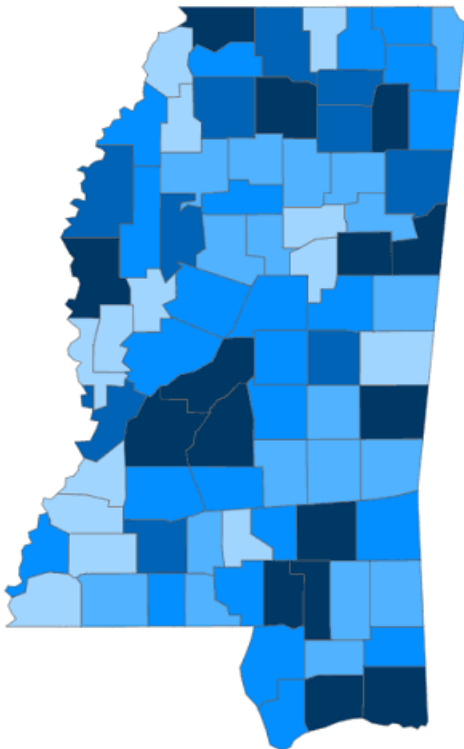
Cumulative COVID-19 Cases

Total cases and deaths by county since the start of the pandemic.

► [See also: Weekly estimate of recoveries](#)

Mississippi COVID-19
Cases and Deaths by Race with Ethnicity
as of 6 pm CT, December 11, 2020

Total Cases
177,947



	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other	Unknown
Non Hispanic	727	525	50,538	61,421	1,851	996
Hispanic	31	21	236	1,294	2,379	272
Unknown Ethnicity	818	164	11,792	16,153	5,614	23,115

Total Deaths
4,180

	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other	Unknown
Non Hispanic	71	6	1,569	1,775	24	6
Hispanic	1	0	7	23	16	1
Unknown Ethnicity	21	6	216	304	33	101

● 1 to 700 ● 701 to 1400 ● 1401 to 2100 ● 2101 to 2800 ● >2800

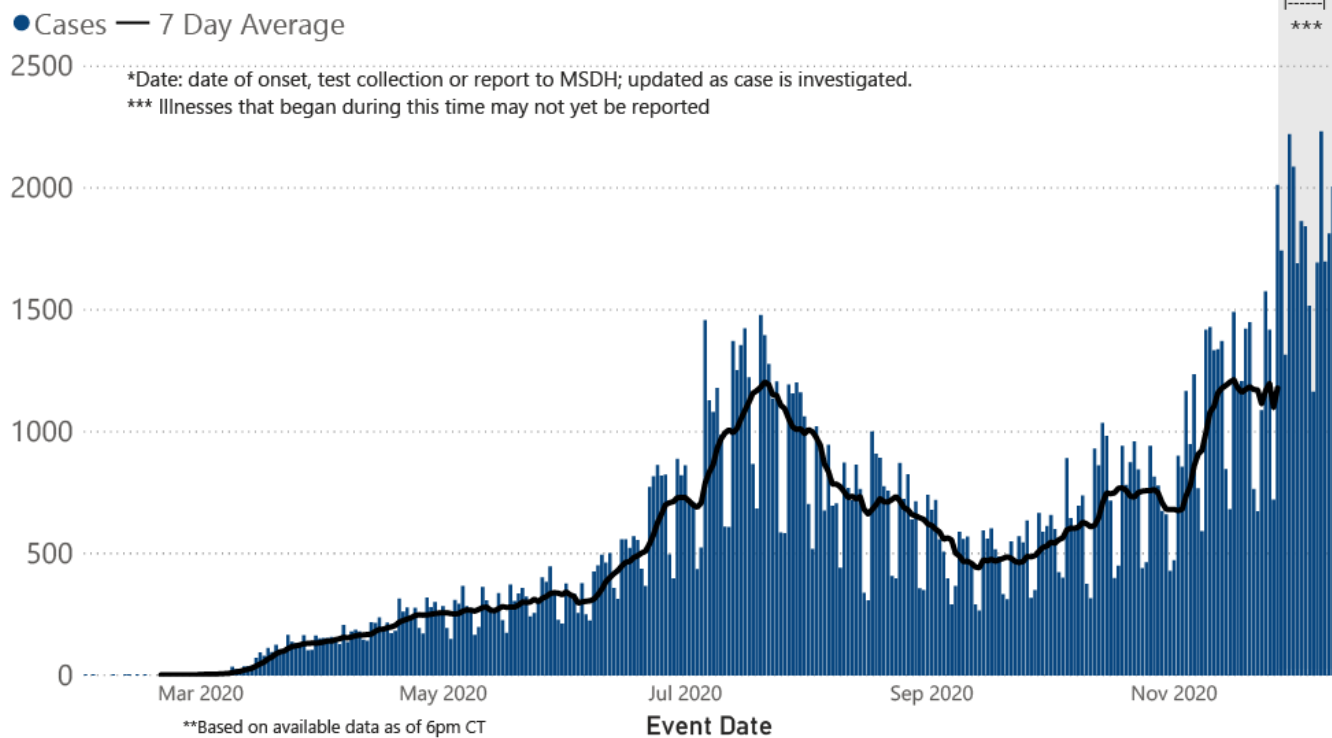
Daily Statewide Data Charts

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

▶ [View interactive epidemiological and surveillance charts](#)

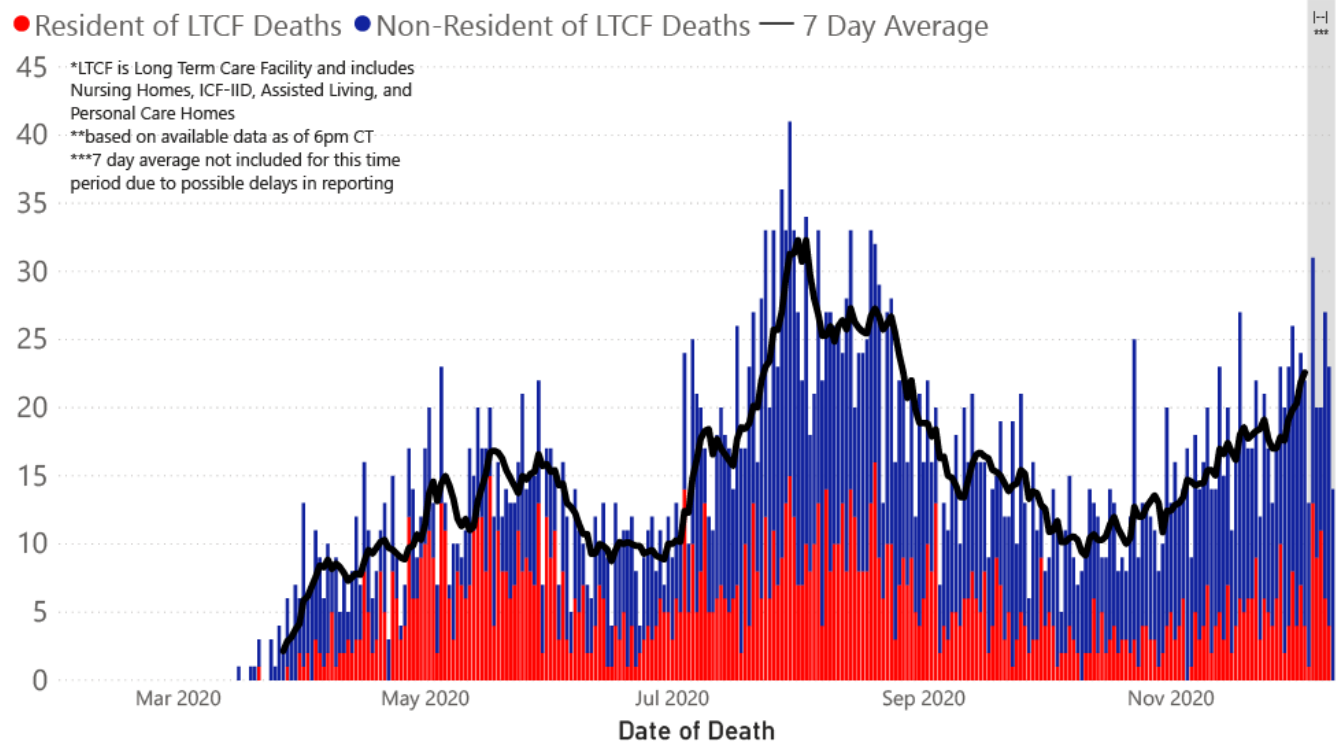
The charts below are based on available data at the time of publication. Charts do **not** include cases where insufficient details of the case are known.

COVID-19 Cases by Date* through December 11, 2020**, Mississippi



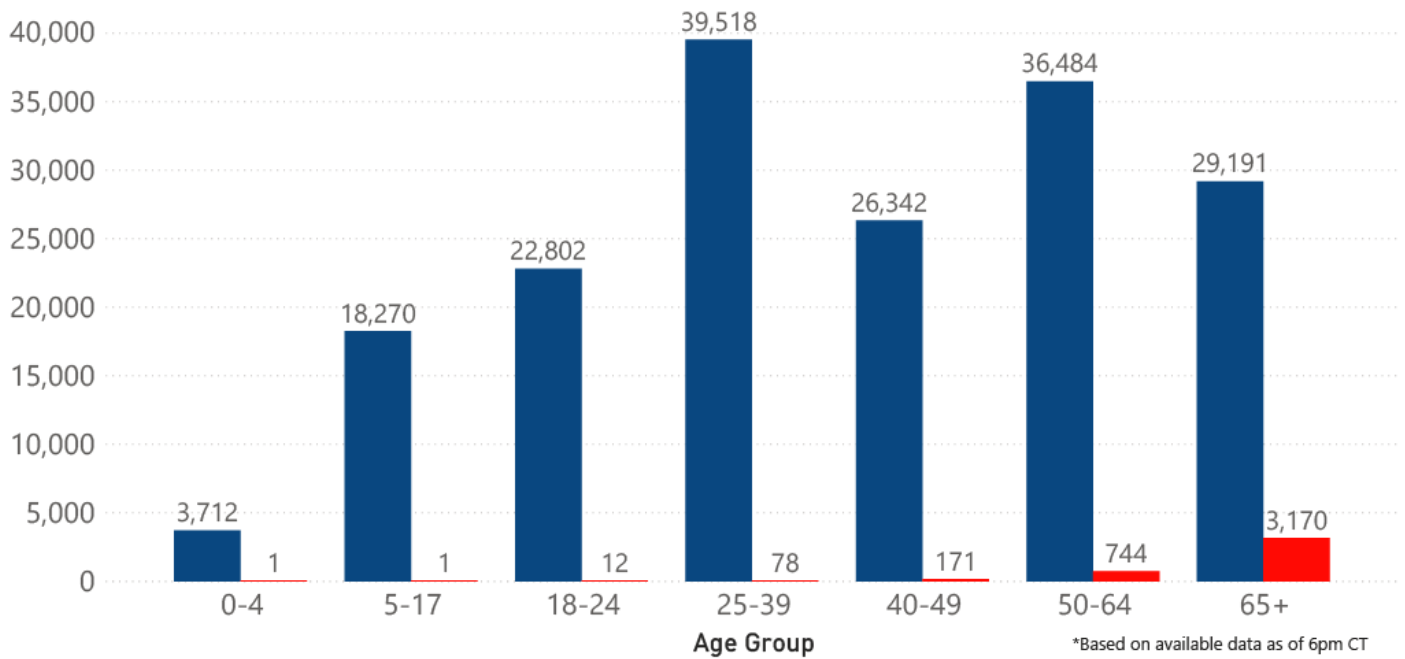
Note: Values up to two weeks in the past on the chart of Cases by Date above can change as we update it with new information from disease investigation.

COVID-19 LTCF* and Non-LTCF Deaths by Date of Death through December 11, 2020**, Mississippi



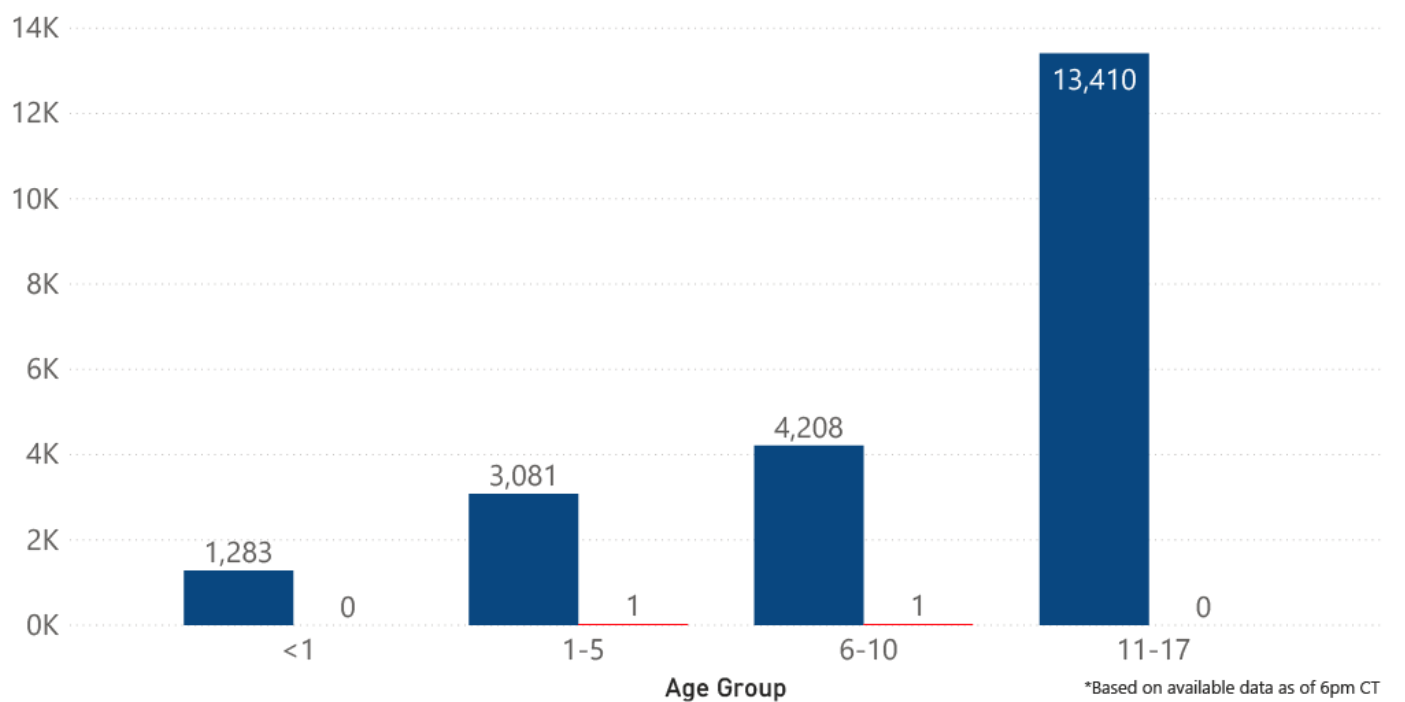
COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Age Group through December 11, 2020*, Mississippi

● Cases ● Deaths

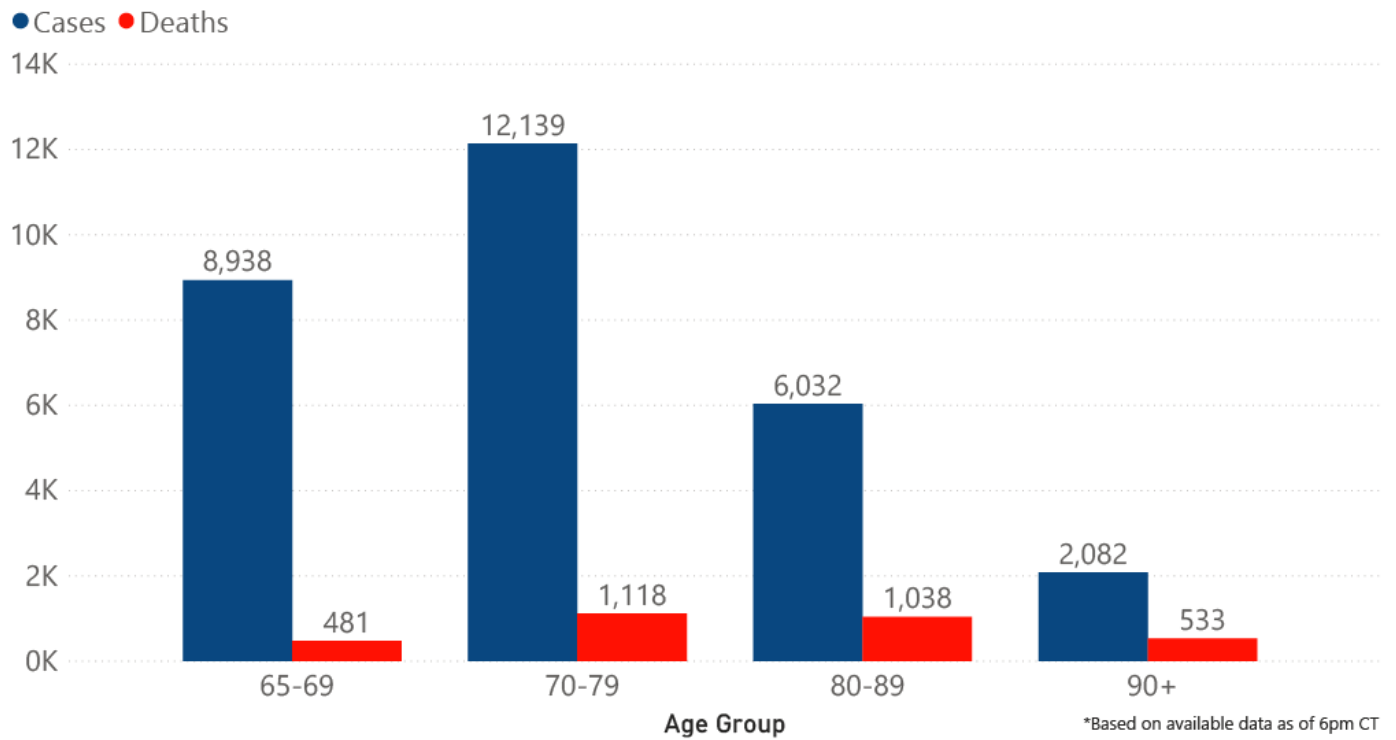


COVID-19 Pediatric Cases and Deaths by Age Group through December 11, 2020*, Mississippi

● Cases ● Deaths



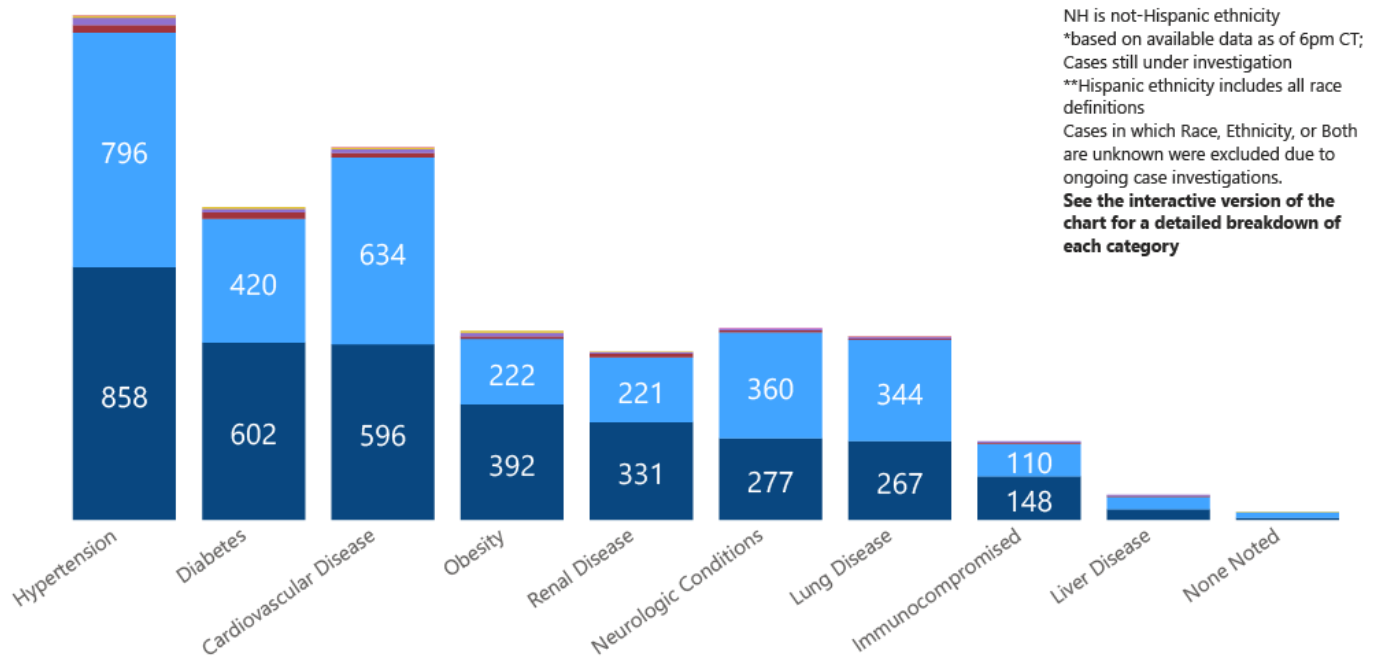
COVID-19 Geriatric Cases and Deaths by Age Group through December 11, 2020*, Mississippi



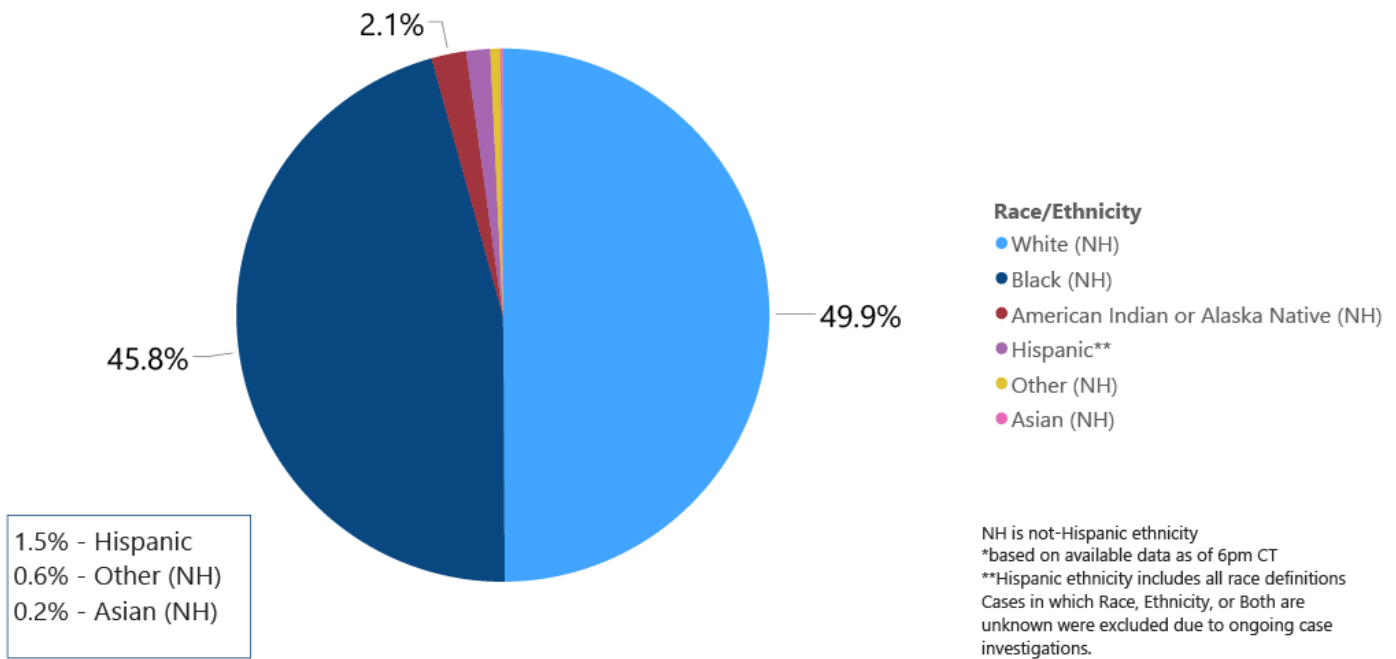
Weekly Statewide Data Summaries

COVID-19 Underlying Conditions in Deaths by Race/Ethnicity through December 6, 2020*, Mississippi

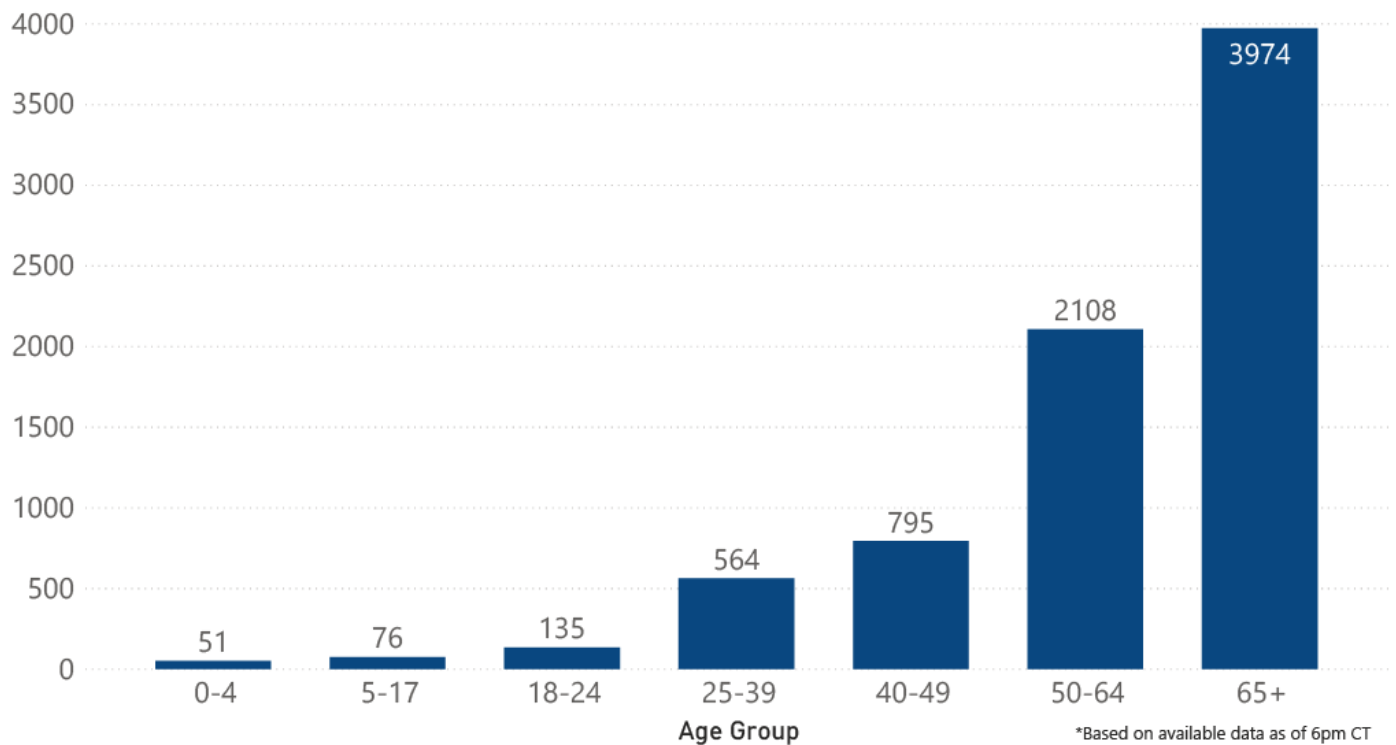
Race/Ethnicity ● Black (NH) ● White (NH) ● American Indian or Alaska Native (NH) ● Hispanic** ● Other (NH) ● Asian (NH)



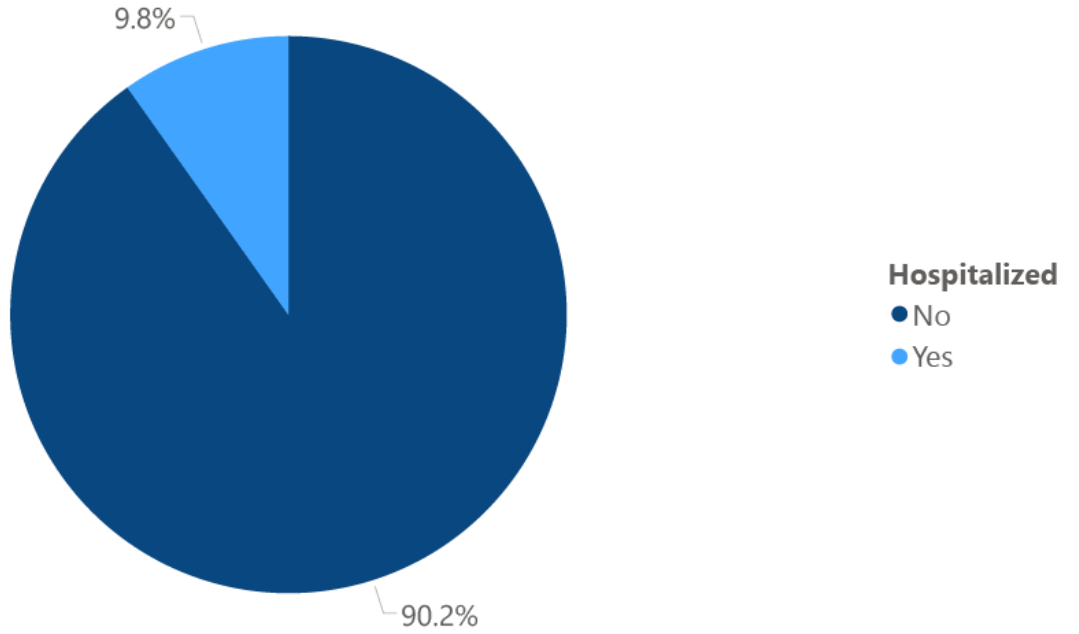
COVID-19 Deaths by Race/Ethnicity through December 6, 2020*, Mississippi



COVID-19 Hospitalized Cases by Age through December 6, 2020*, Mississippi



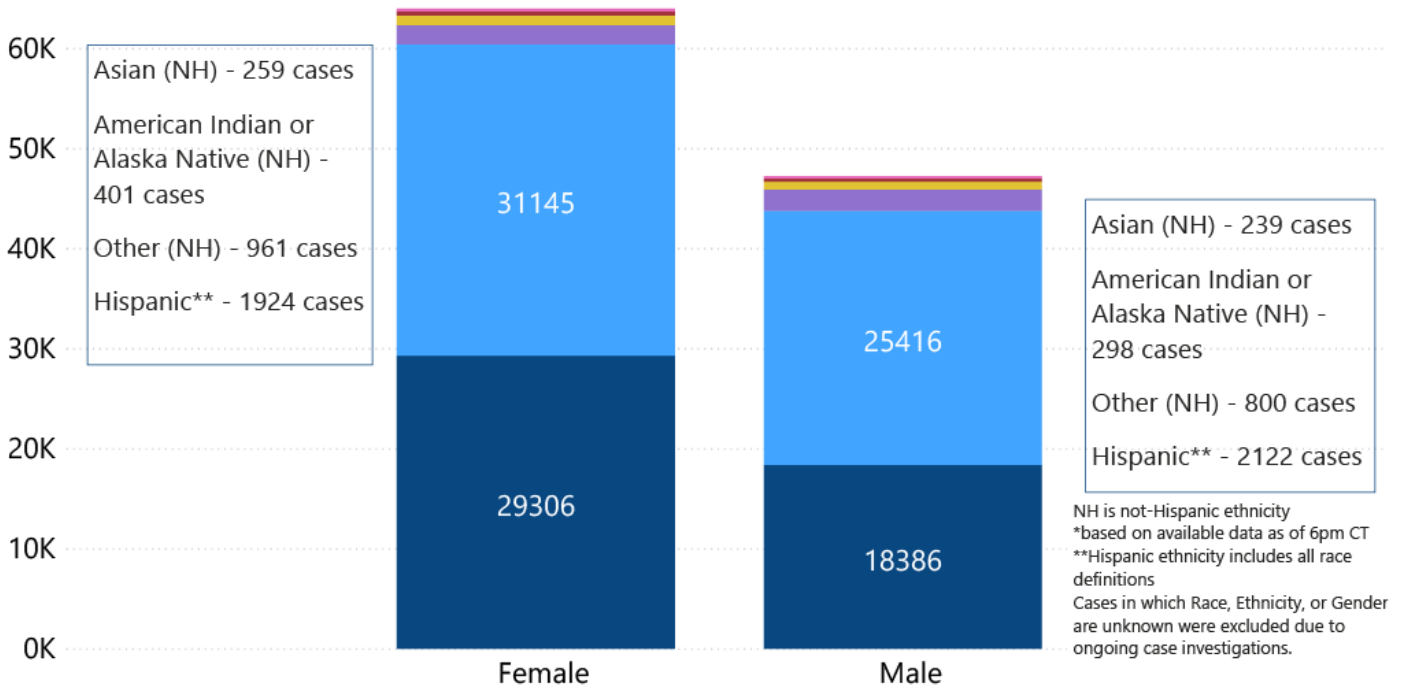
COVID-19 Cumulative Hospitalizations-Invstigated Cases December 6, 2020 *



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

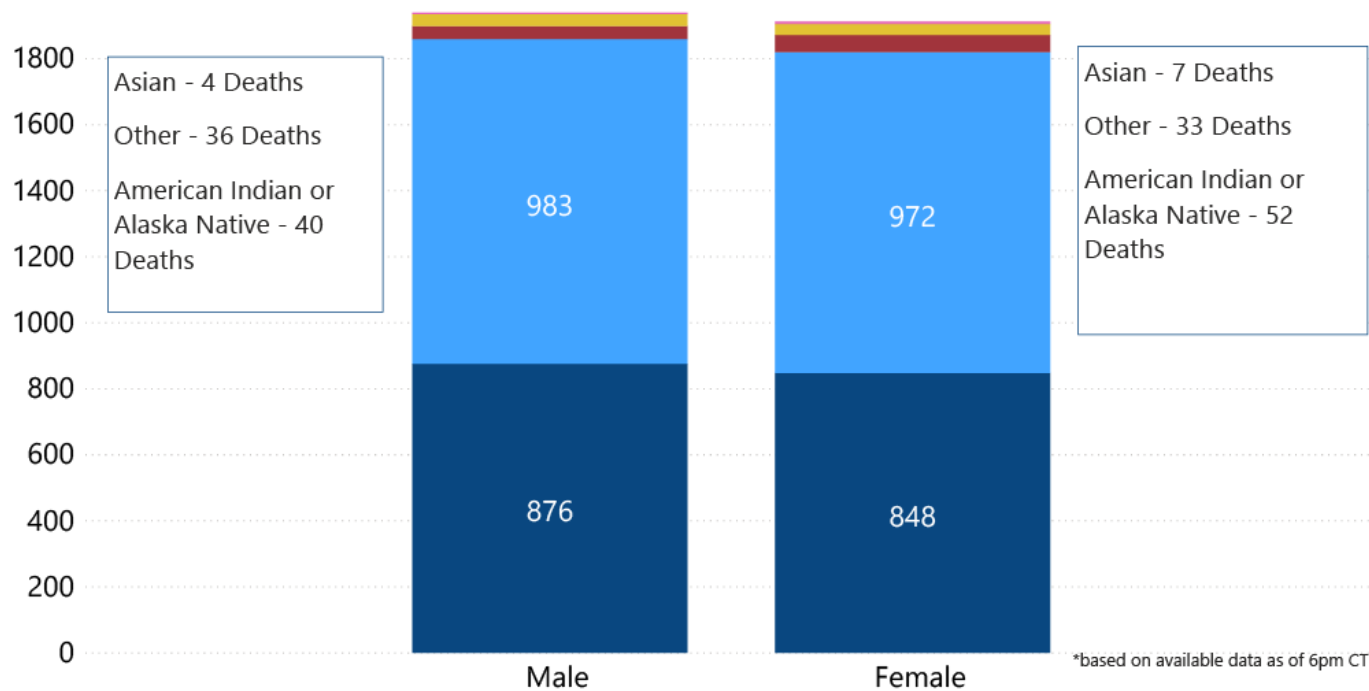
COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity and Gender through December 6, 2020*, Mississippi

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

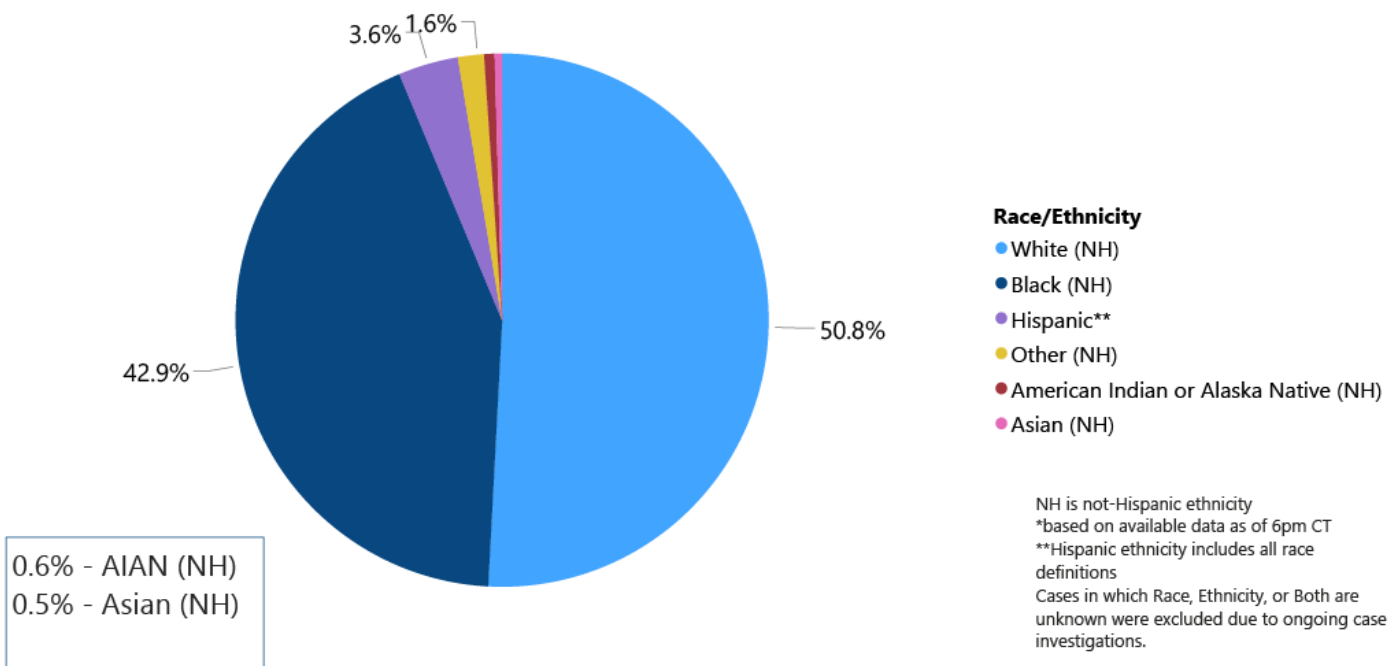


COVID-19 Deaths by Race and Gender through December 6, 2020*, Mississippi

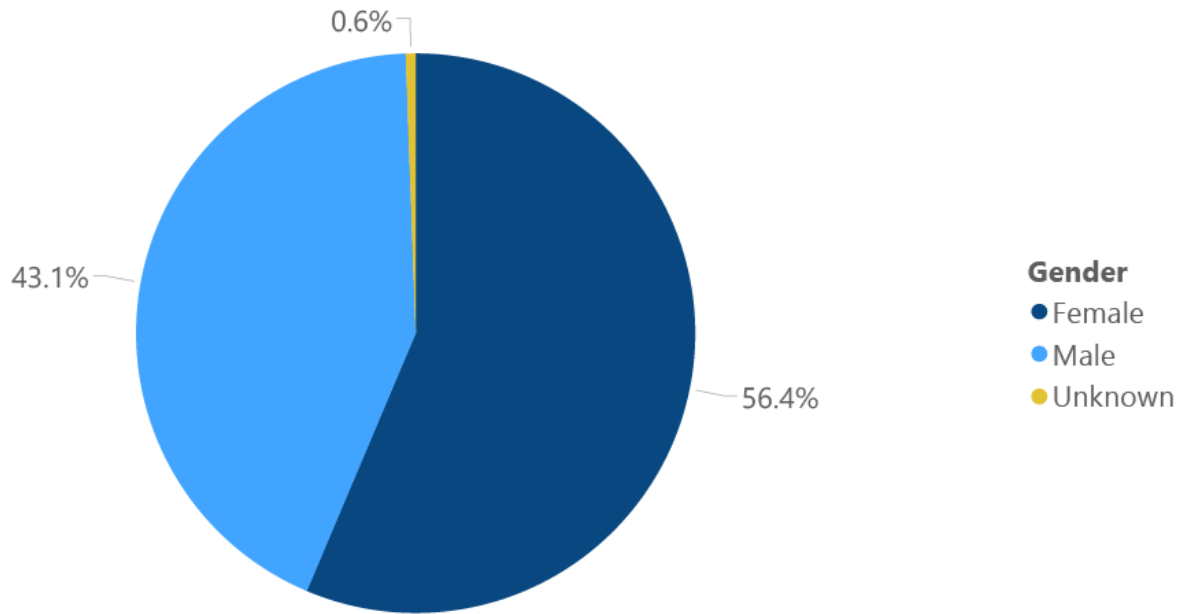
Race ● Black ● White ● American Indian or Alaska Native ● Other ● Asian



COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity through December 6, 2020*, Mississippi



COVID-19 Cases by Gender through December 6, 2020*, Mississippi



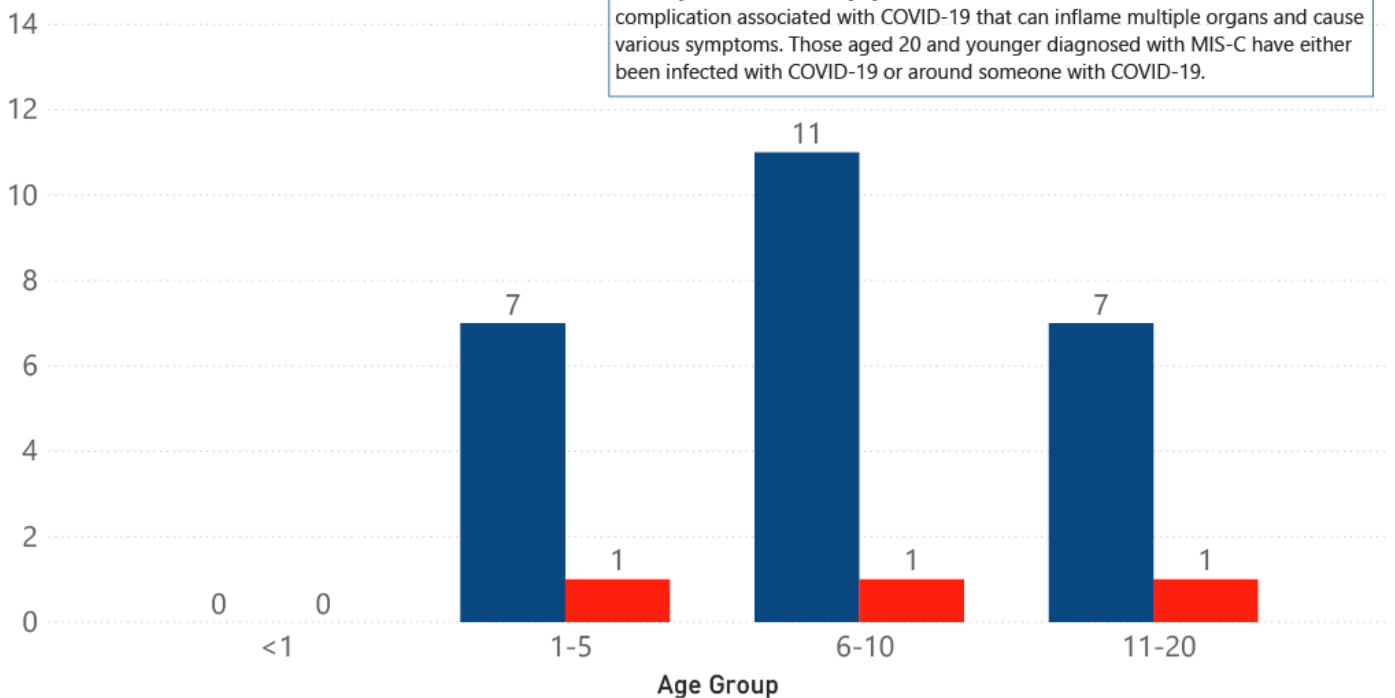
*Based on available data as of 6pm CT

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 December 6, 2020, Mississippi

● MIS-C Cases ● MIS-C Deaths



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 (November 16-29, 2020*)

County	Cases (November 16-29)	Cases per 100,000 (November 16-29)	Cases to Date (through November 29)	Cases per 100,000 Total	Percent Change
WINSTON	192	1069.3	1272	7084.4	18%
ATTALA	194	1067.5	1197	6586.3	19%
ISSAQUENA	13	979.7	121	9118.3	12%
CHOCTAW	78	950.1	357	4348.4	28%
LEE	807	944.6	5302	6205.8	18%
COVINGTON	176	944.4	1300	6975.7	16%
CARROLL	90	904.8	746	7499.7	14%
PANOLA	302	883.2	2315	6770.6	15%
TATE	244	861.6	1785	6302.7	16%
ITAWAMBA	195	833.7	1583	6767.8	14%
MONROE	288	817.0	2071	5874.8	16%
MONTGOMERY	79	808.2	764	7815.9	12%

*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 (November 16-29, 2020*)

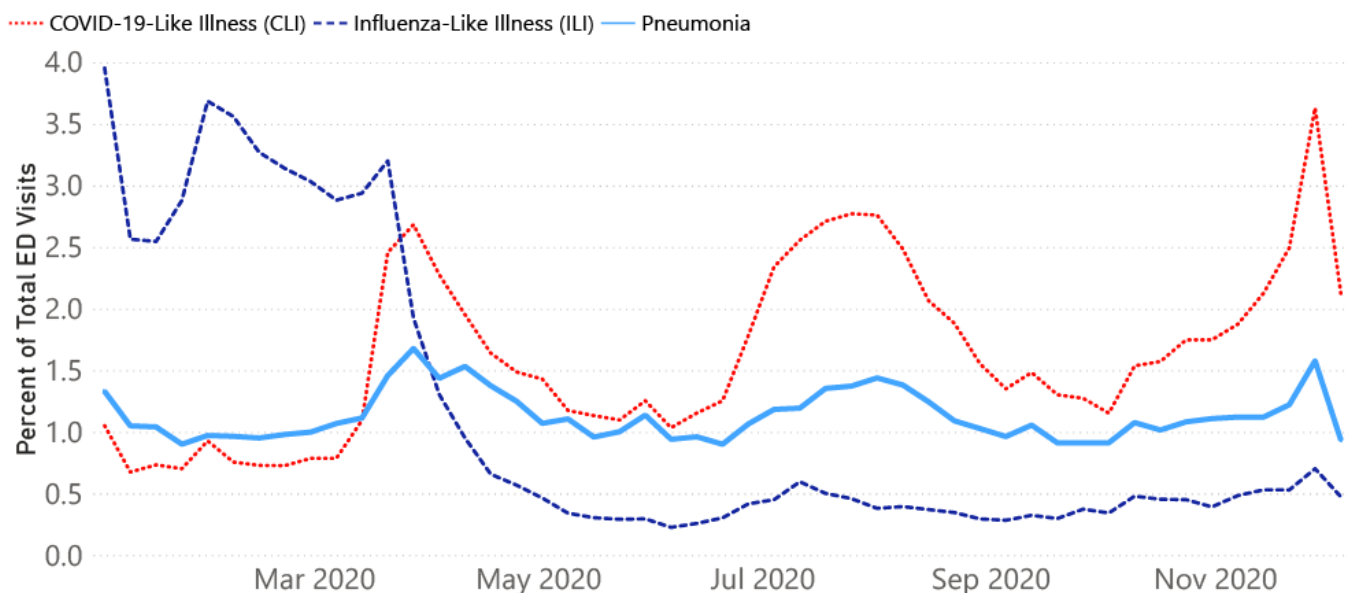
County	Cases (November 16-29)	Cases per 100,000 (November 16-29)	Cases to Date (through November 29)	Cases per 100,000 Total	Percent Change
DESOTO	1280	692.1	10416	5631.9	14%
HINDS	1125	485.2	10333	4457.0	12%
RANKIN	1000	644.0	5984	3853.9	20%
LEE	807	944.6	5302	6205.8	18%
HARRISON	757	363.8	7370	3541.9	11%
JACKSON	656	456.8	6599	4594.9	11%
MADISON	640	602.2	5065	4766.1	14%
LAUDERDALE	449	605.7	3623	4887.7	14%
LAFAYETTE	410	759.0	3373	6244.1	14%
FORREST	398	531.4	3927	5243.2	11%
JONES	395	580.0	3723	5467.1	12%
LAMAR	343	541.5	2997	4731.4	13%

*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.

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 - December 5, 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 December 6, 2020, Mississippi

136,627

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 December 5

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	134,092	132,849	1,243	0
Other testing providers	1,356,725	1,021,367	52,948	282,410

Total tests for COVID-19 statewide	1,490,817	1,154,216	54,191	282,410
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MSDH Individuals Tested as of December 11

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: **92,766**
- Total positive individuals from MPHL tests: **10,767**

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. Always call ahead to the testing provider for instructions on safely being examined before you visit for your test.

Free testing: Free drive-through testing sites are offered at county health departments on a weekly schedule by appointment.

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

Prevention and Guidance for Individuals and the Community

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

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