COVID-19 Update

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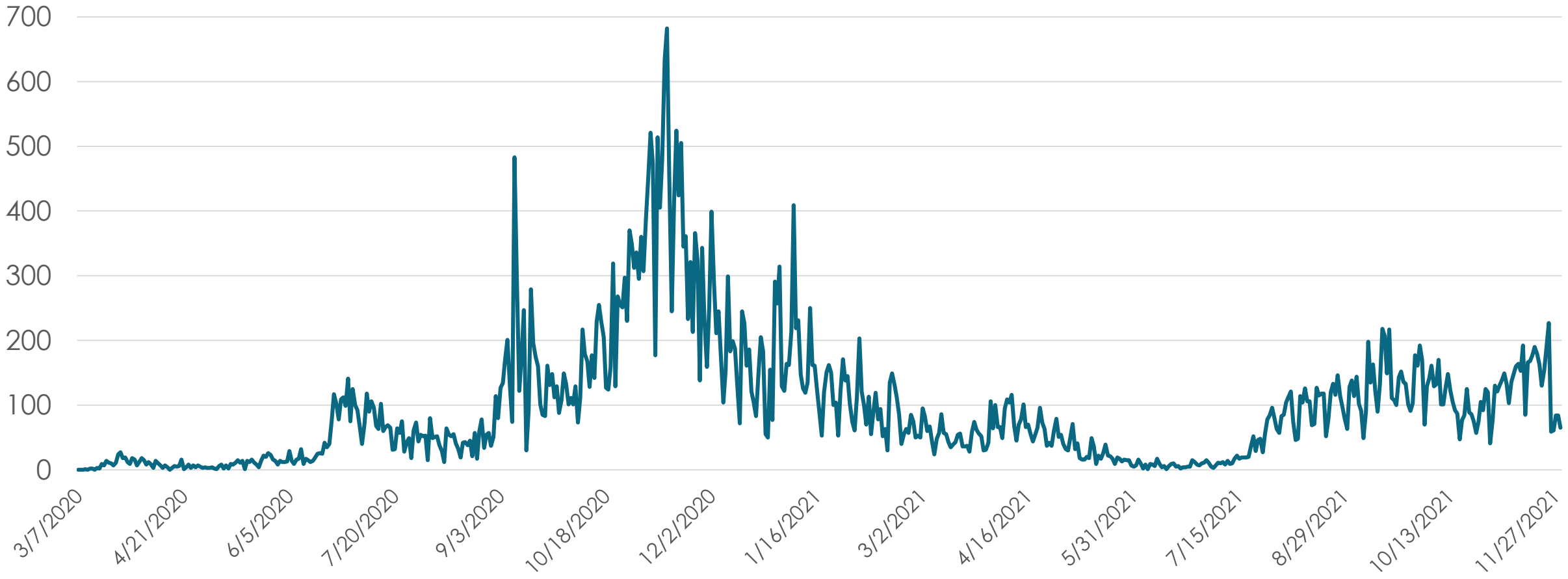
DATA

60,400+ people have tested positive for COVID.



Our rate is close to the national rate and half of Wisconsin's rate.

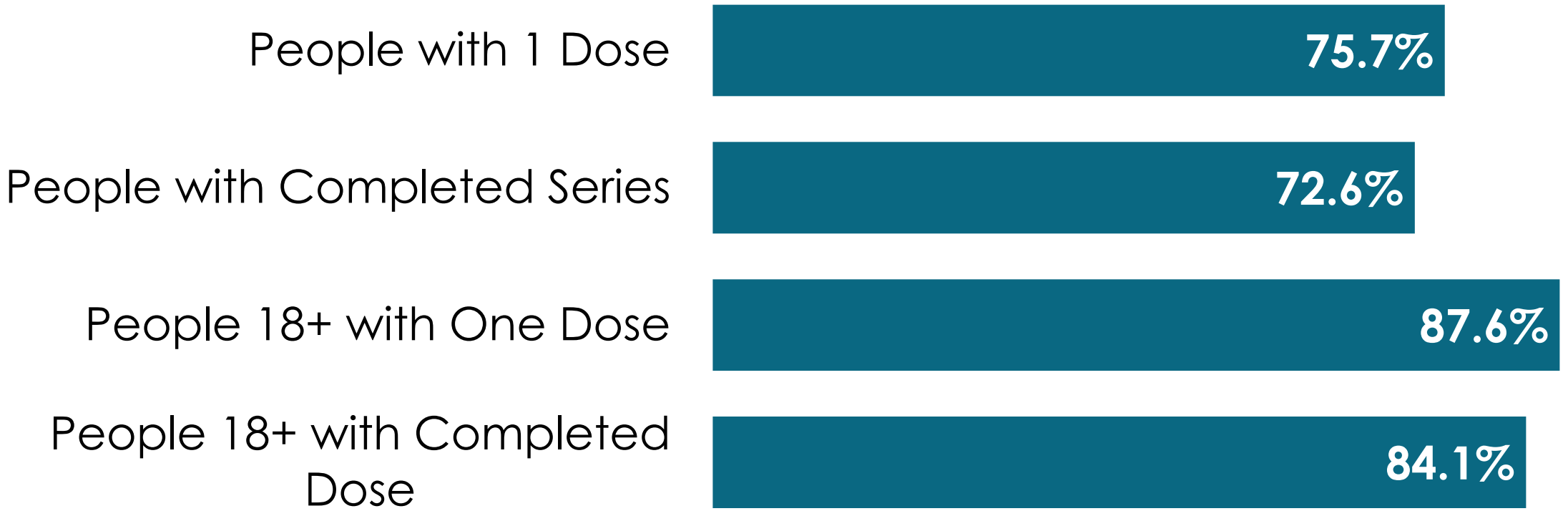
DANE COUNTY	WISCONSIN	UNITED STATES
25.9	52.6	24.2
Cases per 100,000 per day	Cases per 100,000 per day	Cases per 100,000 per day

The rate for unvaccinated people is

4.0x as high

as the rate for fully vaccinated people.

COVID-19 Vaccine



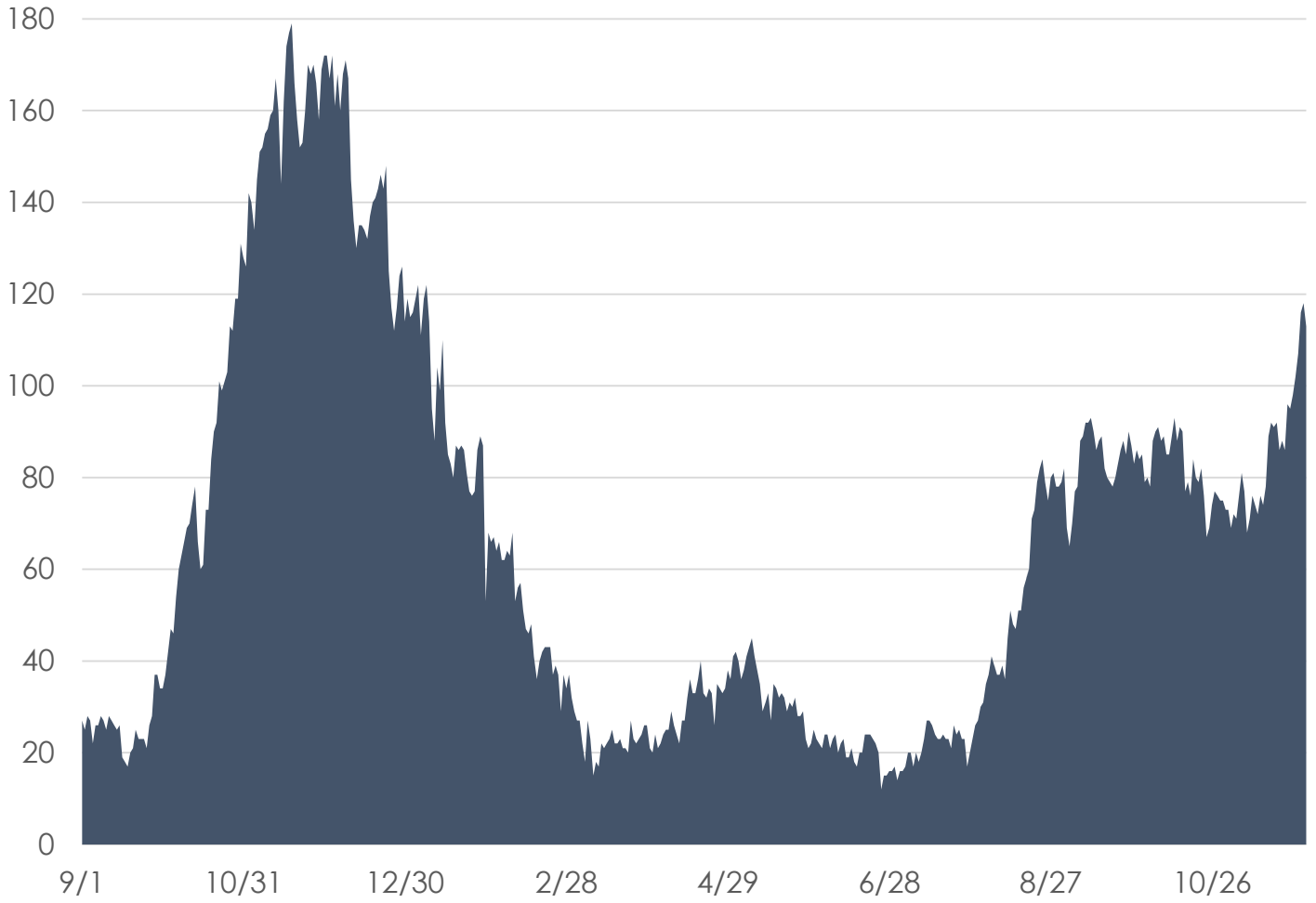
36%

of people who received a full vaccine series in Dane County have received a booster or third dose

Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations are increasing but are still below where they were in late fall 2020.

Today there are 113 people hospitalized.



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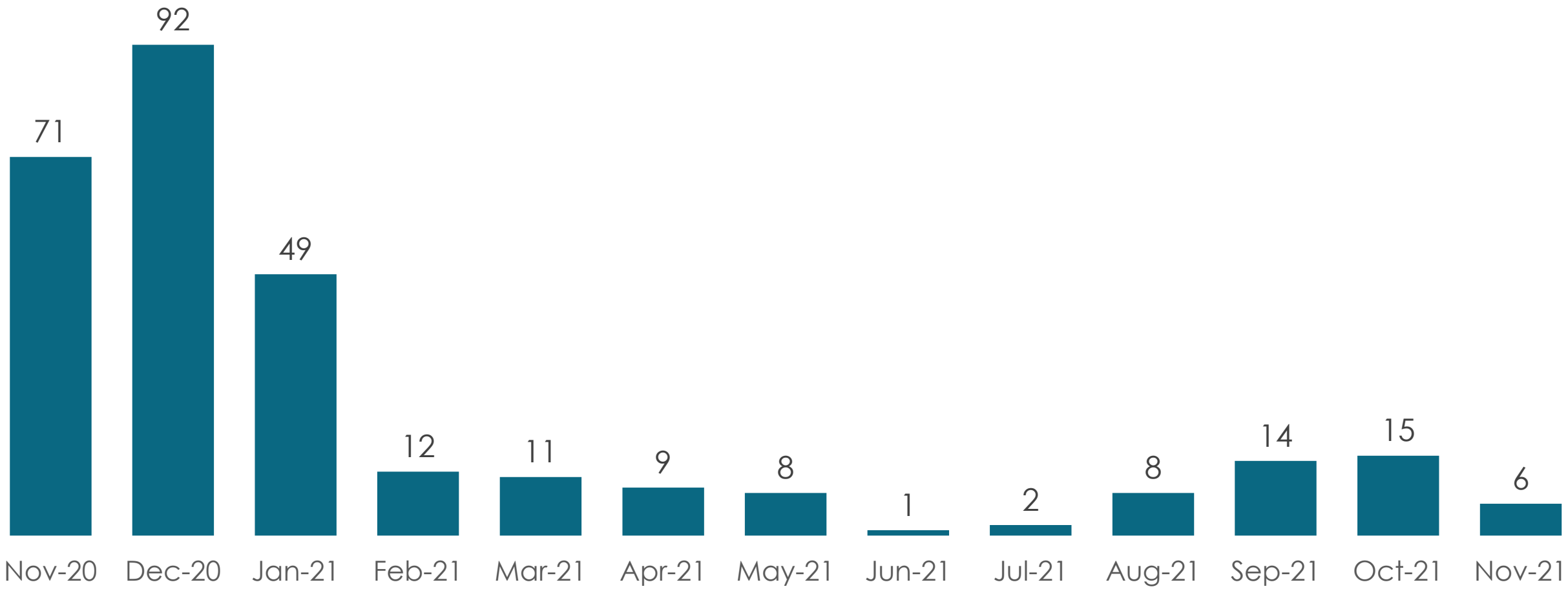
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STRATEGIES

Face Covering Order in Effect

Masks required in indoor public spaces

Exception for spaces where everyone is fully vaccinated

Expires Jan 3, 2022

Arena Mass Vaccination Clinic

Since the Arena opened on October 12:

- **6,511** primary and booster doses
- **4,186** doses for ages 5-11

Current Testing Volume & Capacity

Testing volume:

3,400 tests/day

Testing capacity:

4,500 tests/day

(including 36 partner testing locations, plus our South Madison Office)

Spotlight: Housing and Homelessness

- Current outbreak happening among people connected to shelters
- 53 people testing positive
- IQC providing isolation, quarantine, and testing

LOOKING AHEAD

Omicron Variant

- Continuing to promote vaccination and boosters as a protective factor
- We are concerned, but not panicked
- Scientists still learning more about Omicron transmissibility, symptoms, and immune evasion, and it will take some time before we have answers

Omicron Variant

- UW-Madison and WSLH monitoring sequences for VOC (variants of concern), and UW is increasing the number of samples they sequence as a result of Omicron
- Our partnerships will allow us to know quickly when Omicron is detected in Dane County