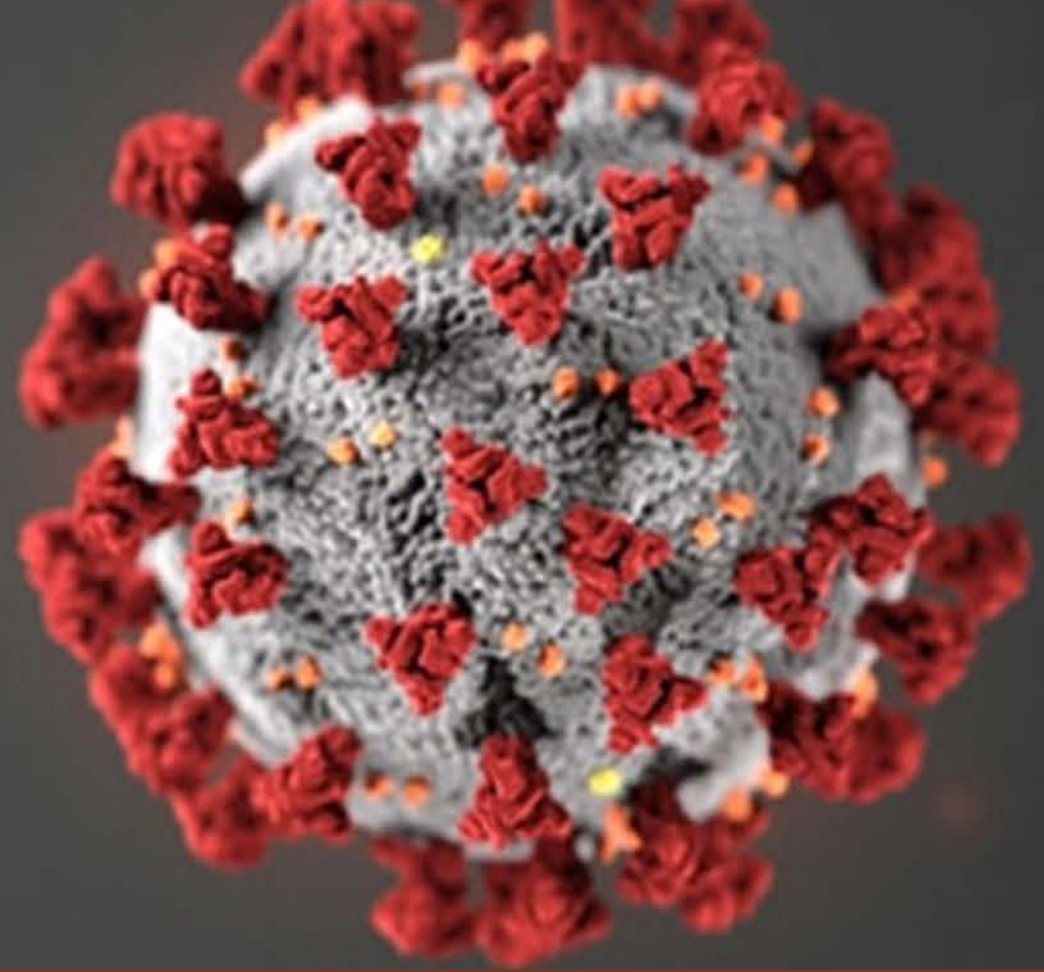


# COVID-19

## UPDATES



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# Update on Seasonal Flu

# Increase Awareness

- Enhancing communication about flu prevention, importance and availability of flu vaccine via expanded media campaign
- Updated Flu Information website: [www.mecknc.gov/flu](http://www.mecknc.gov/flu)
- COVID-19 & Flu Information Hotline: **980-314-9400**
  - Monday-Friday 8:30AM – 5PM
  - Saturday-Sunday 10AM – 2PM

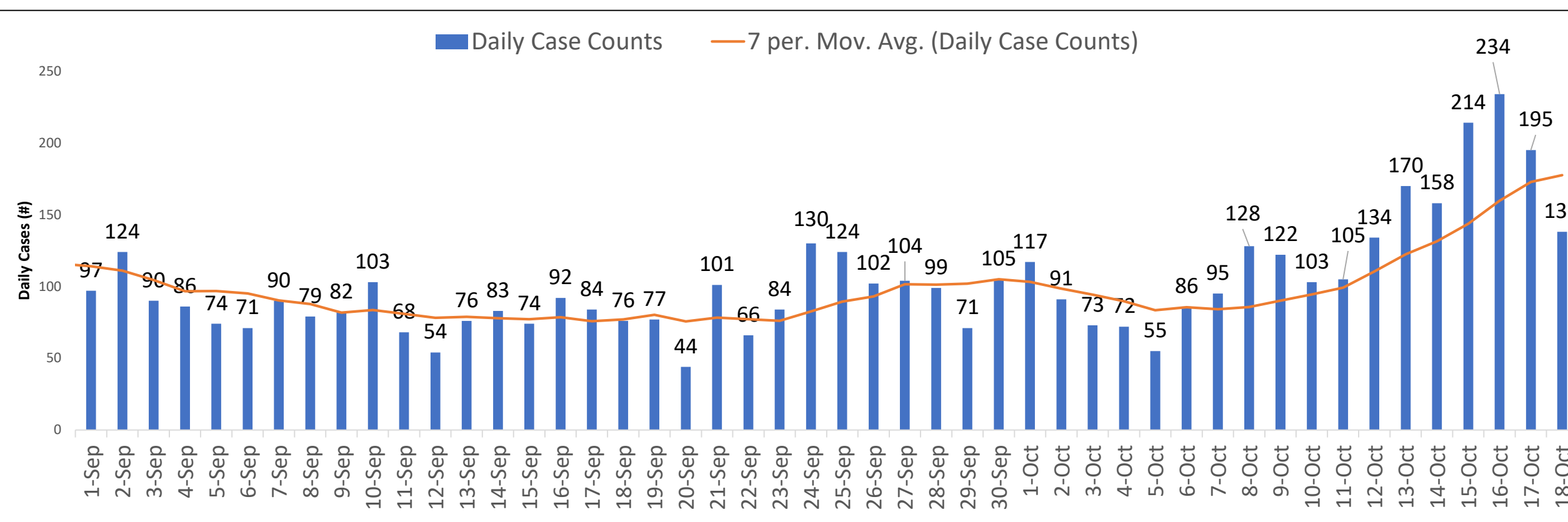


# Increase Flu Vaccinations

- Expanding the number of flu vaccines provided at MCPH clinics and MCPH off-site events
  - Obtaining additional vaccine supply (pending NC DHHS approval)
  - Extending appointment availability (e.g. evening hours and weekend clinics)
  - *Flu Fighter Fridays*: 10/23, 11/20, 12/4, 12/8
  - *Sleeve Up Saturdays*: 11/14, 12/12
- Partnering with community agencies to provide increased vaccine coverage to priority populations

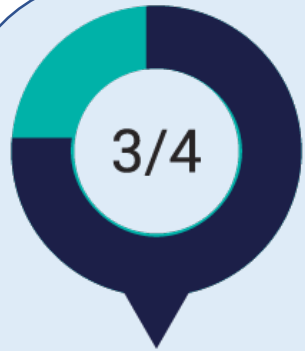
# COVID-19 Update

# Daily COVID-19 Cases Reported to MCPH by Date\*



\*Beginning June 22, case counts were updated using a new reporting function in the state communicable disease management system. These counts include cases reported after the daily cut-off time of 5p.m. This approach ensures case counts are not artificially impacted by delays in lab results and case investigations.

# Characteristics of COVID-19 Cases reported to Mecklenburg County Public Health



**Were Adults**

ages 20 to 59

**1 in 4**

Were Hispanic  
(mostly younger  
adults ages 20 to 39)



**1 in 20**

Were  
Hospitalized

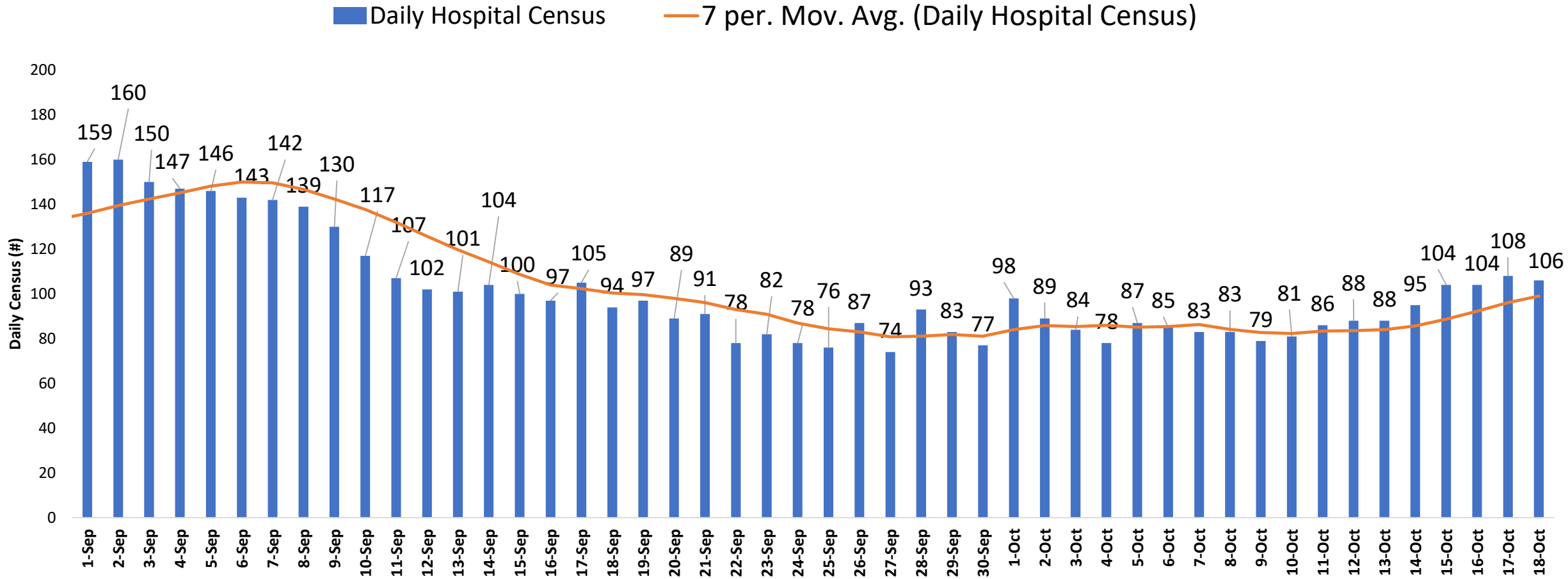


**80%**

Released from  
isolation

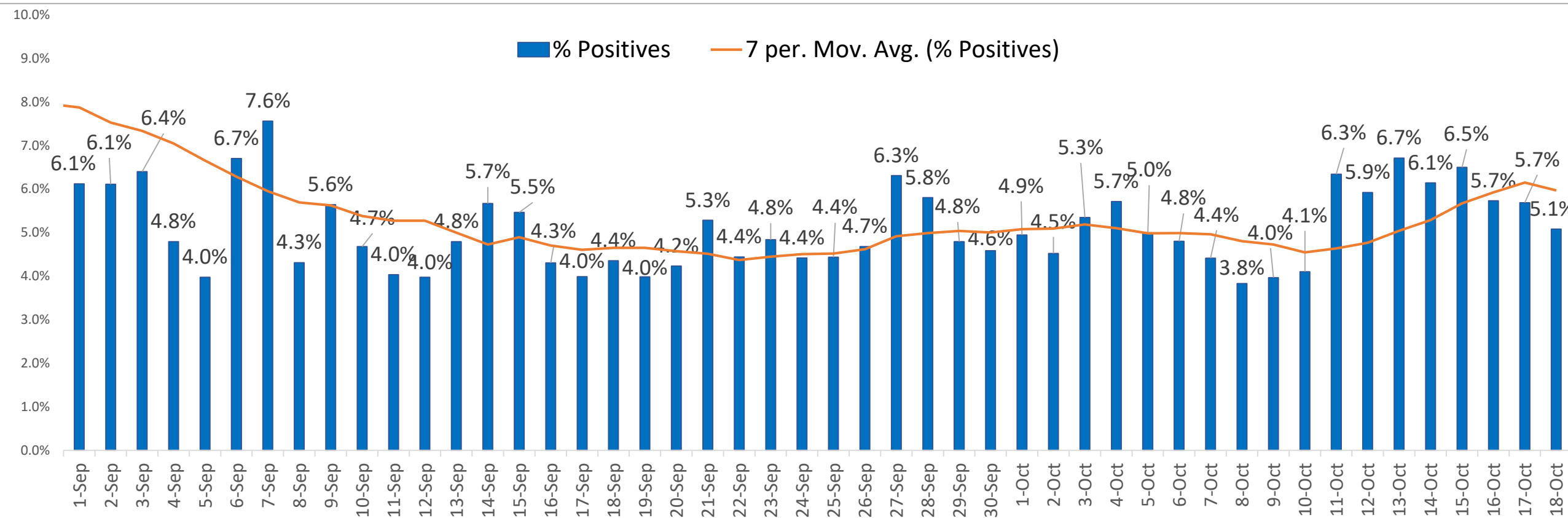


# Daily Hospital Census of Patients with Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19



Data include all patients hospitalized at Atrium Health and Novant Health acute care facilities in Mecklenburg County.

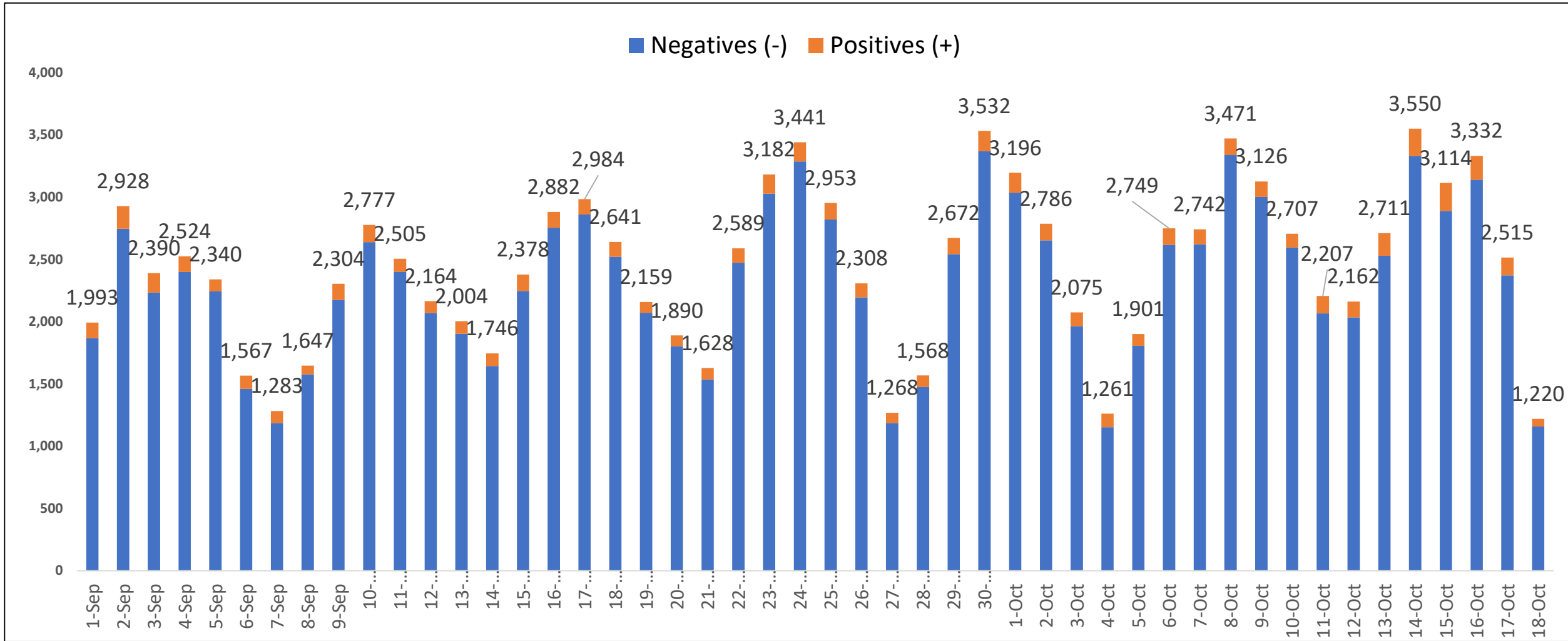
# Daily % Positive of Laboratory COVID-19 Tests



**NC DHHS ELR** - These data only include ELRs for molecular (PCR) tests submitted to NC DHHS for laboratories electronically submitting negative and positive COVID-19 results.

# COVID-19 Testing

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# COVID-19 Testing Update

- COVID-19 testing remains widely available throughout Mecklenburg County
- Turnaround times are stable, with most results being returned in 24 to 48 hours (average 1.3 days)
- MCPH is deploying new testing resources from state and federal partners
  - New mobile, surge and rapid testing capacity
  - Focus on targeted testing among special populations (e.g. high-risk adults, hardest hit neighborhoods, CMS staff/teachers, university students, gatherings, etc.)
- If community organizations would like to host a drive-thru testing event please email [meckhealth@mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:meckhealth@mecklenburgcountync.gov).

# Testing Guidance

- COVID-19 testing is recommended for people who have...
  - Symptoms of COVID-19
  - Had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, with and without symptoms
  - Higher risk due to age, other health conditions, or work environment
  - Recently attended **any gathering**, especially those where COVID-19 safety guidance not adhered to
- Public Health will continue to work with our partners to ensure COVID-19 screening and testing are available to all who need it in our community, regardless of insurance coverage.
- Speak with your healthcare provider or call the Public Health hotline at 980-314-9400, Option 1

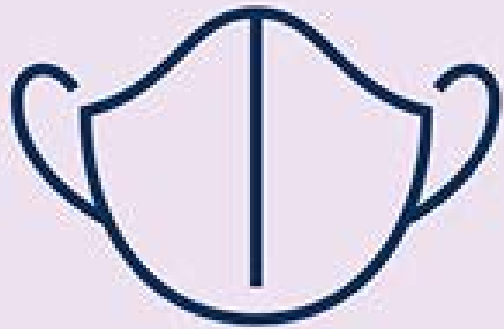
# COVID-19 Ambassador Program Update

- COVID-19 Ambassadors (CAs) have completed **758** compliance inspections and **726** service requests
  - Most common concerns continue to be mask wearing, social distancing and occupancy limits
- CAs noted improved masking and compliance by locations that had previously been visited and concerns were noted
- Several locations have increased security to assist in monitoring crowds and enforce masking and social distancing

# Update on MCPH Clinical Services

- Clinical services are available by appointment at SE (249 Billingsley Road) and NW (2845 Beatties Ford Road) locations, and virtually
  - Family Planning
  - Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing/Treatment
  - Immunizations
  - Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
  - Tuberculosis (NW only)
  - Refugee (NW only)
- Call 704-336-6500 for appointments and more information about available services

# If you leave home, know your Ws!



**WEAR**

a cloth face  
covering.



**WAIT**

6 feet apart. Avoid  
close contact.



**WASH**

your hands often or  
use hand sanitizer.