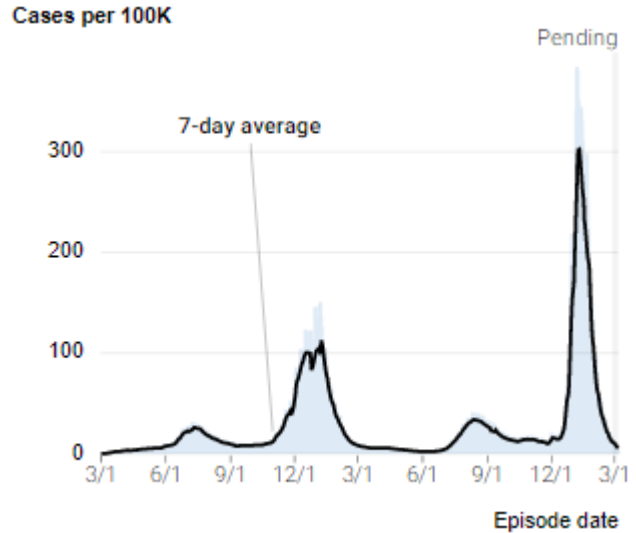
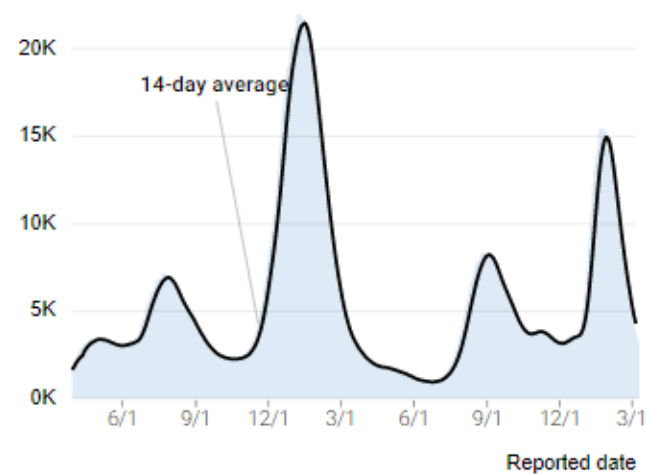


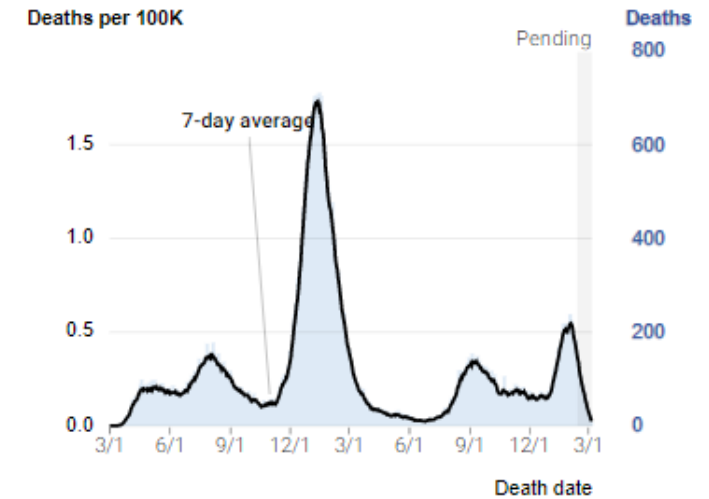
Testing Taskforce: New California COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths



14 day average Hospitalizations



7 day Average Deaths



Avg. test positivity past 7 days 1.9%, **Down 0.7% from last week**

Daily New cases falling, but still 3 times higher than previous lows last spring.

14 day average Hospitalizations are falling, still 3 times higher than previous lows

7 day average Deaths are falling

Test turnaround time improving: Avg. Turnaround time ending 2/19: 1.1 d

Turnaround time < 2 days: 96% Turnaround time < 1 day: 89%

Reported March 8, 2022 with data as of March 7, 2022.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/> <https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/>
COVID-19 Cases Dashboard v2.0 - CA Open Data | Tableau Public

Antigen testing at lower positivity rates

- When community incidence of new COVID-19 cases is low, the likelihood of a false positive antigen test increases.
- PPV for BinaxNOW 100% Winter 2020 → 75% Spring 2021
 - The positive predictive value (if a test is positive does the person truly have COVID-19) for BinaxNOW decreased from nearly 100% during 2020 winter surge to 75% Spring 2021 when community incidence was low
- In SNFs recommend confirming a positive antigen tests with a molecular test in people who are asymptomatic and not exposed to COVID-19
- People that have symptoms of COVID-19 do not need confirmatory molecular testing
- [Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance \(ca.gov\)](#)