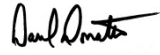




## Town of Palm Beach Fire-Rescue



TO: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: Darrel Donatto, Fire Rescue Chief 

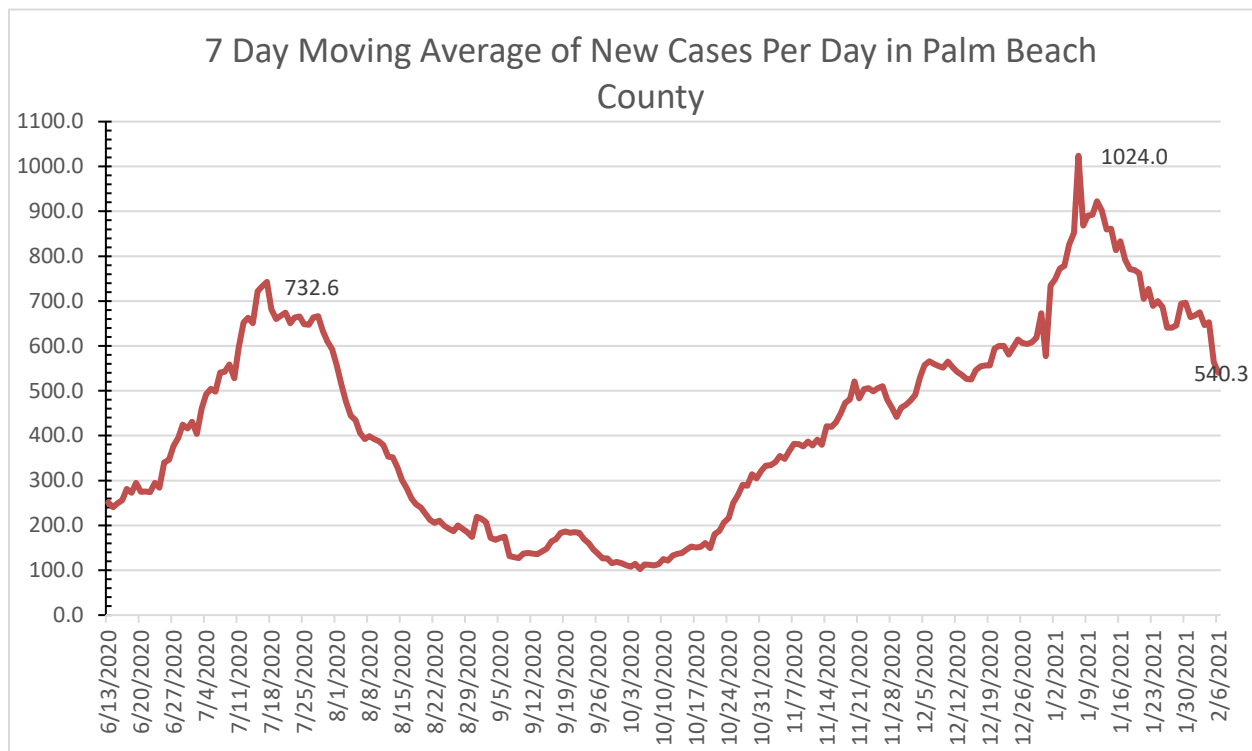
SUBJECT: February 2021 Update on COVID-19 pandemic

DATE: February 8, 2021

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COVID-19 new case rates, positivity rates, and hospitalization rates are trending down from a month ago. While the trend over the past 30 days is positive, the overall numbers are all higher than the targeted numbers. Thus, we are still in a situation that creates a great risk of exposure, and for those who are 65 years of age or older, the great risk of death from COVID-19.

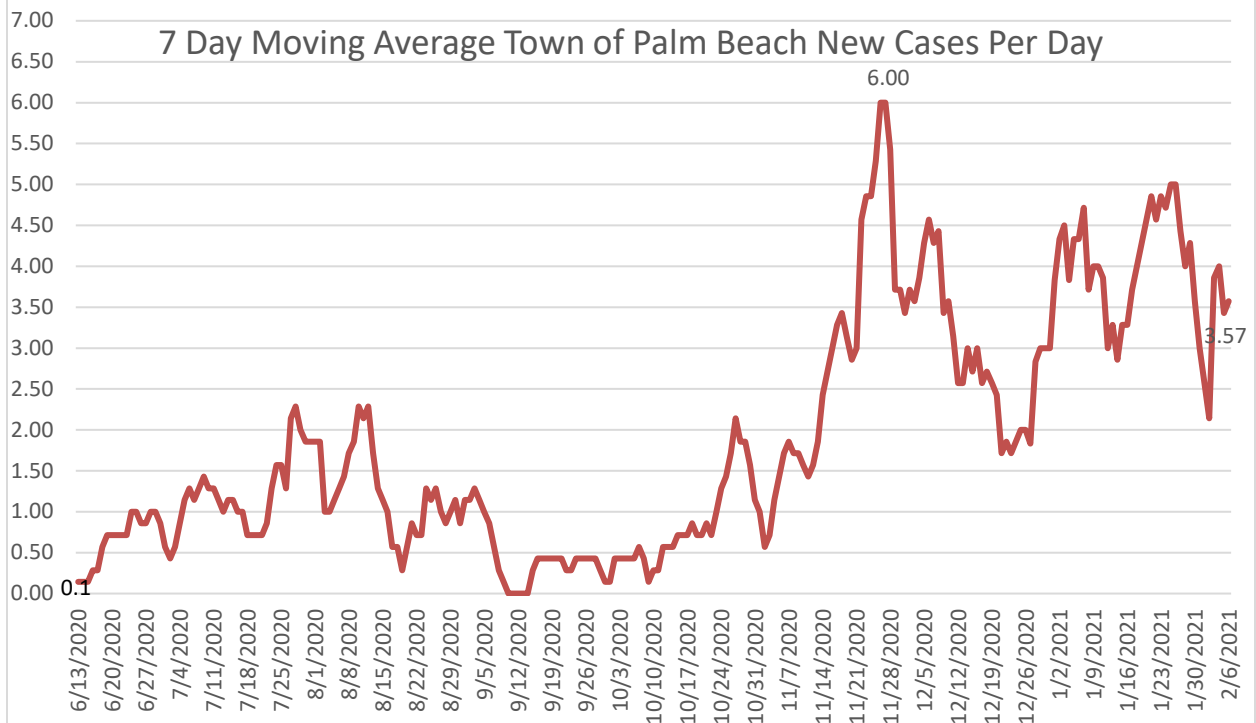
The seven-day moving average for the percent of positivity in Palm Beach County is currently 7.41%. The seven-day moving average of the number of new cases per day in Palm Beach County is now 540. And, the seven-day moving average of the number of new cases per day in the Town of Palm Beach is now 3.57 per day.



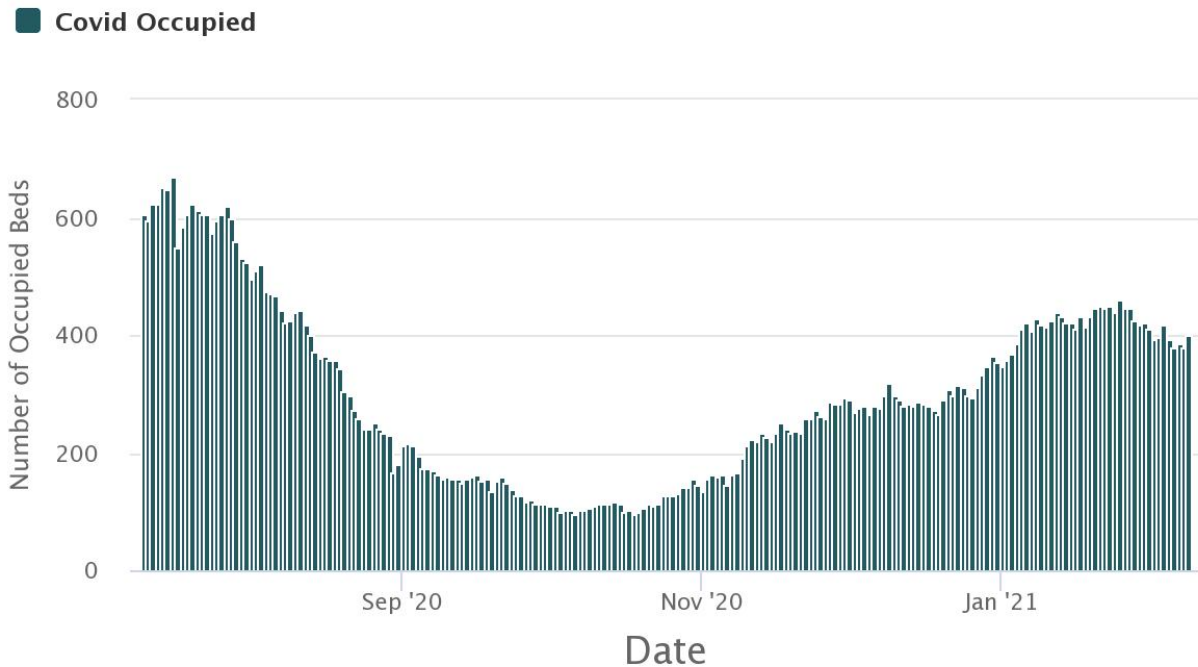
### 7 Day Moving Average of Daily Lab Positivity Rate for Palm Beach County



### 7 Day Moving Average Town of Palm Beach New Cases Per Day



## Palm Beach County Covid-Occupied Hospital Beds



As of February 6, there were 399 hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 patients. There has been a cumulative total of 2,250 COVID-19 deaths in Palm Beach County as of February 6, 2021.

The older you are, the more fatal is the disease. For those over the age of 65, the Case Fatality Rate averages 15.76%, meaning just under 1 out of every 6 in this age group with COVID-19 will die.

Palm Beach Fire Rescue began administering COVID-19 on January 5. So far, we have administered a total of 1302 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and 837 second doses (as of February 6, 2021). The remainder of the second doses will be administered by the end of February 12. The average age of people receiving a COVID-19 vaccine from the Town is 75.5 years of age.

We still have an online waiting list system with 2904 people on it. Unfortunately, we do not have any vaccines to administer, and we do not know when we may get more.

Palm Beach Fire Rescue is participating in a State of Florida mission to vaccinate Holocaust survivors. We are a part of a five ambulance strike team traveling around Palm Beach County administering COVID-19 vaccines to homebound Holocaust survivors. The vaccines for this mission are being provided directly from the State. They are only for those individuals on a list provided by the State.

Currently, Publix is the primary place where people in Palm Beach County are being vaccinated. There continues to be very low levels of supply for a very high demand for COVID-19 vaccines. Palm Beach County is doing better than many other counties with respect to vaccinations. As of February 6, 134,970 people in Palm Beach County have received their first dose of COVID-19

vaccine, and 55,800 people have received both their first dose and second dose. More people in Palm Beach County have received their first dose than any other county within the State.

We urge residents to continue to wear facemasks, continue to practice social distancing, continue to practice good hand hygiene, and continue to pursue vaccination wherever and whenever it is available to them.