

# COVID-19 Epidemiology Update

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# Global COVID-19 cases and deaths

## Global Situation

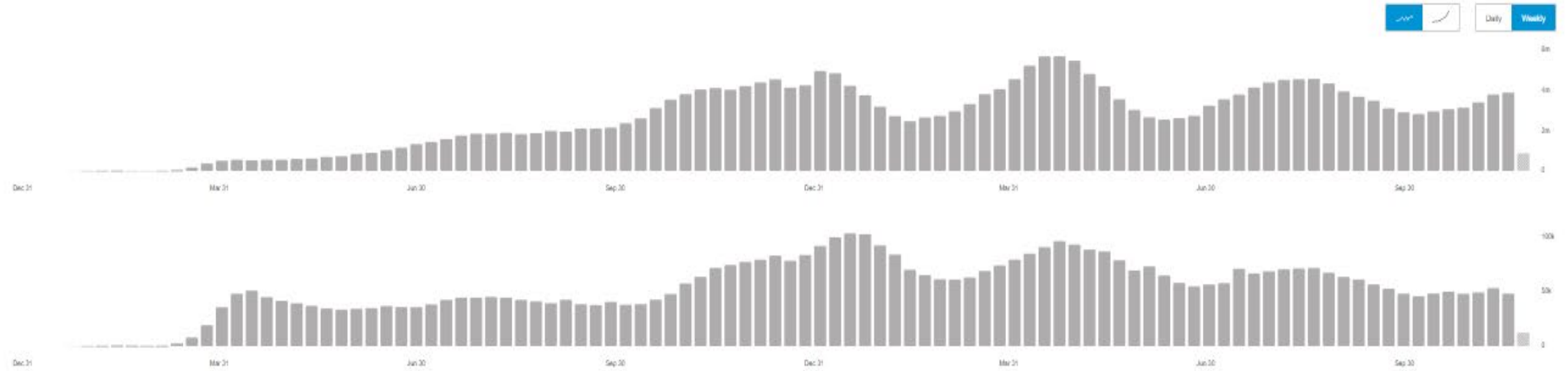
**261,435,768**

confirmed cases

**5,207,634**

deaths

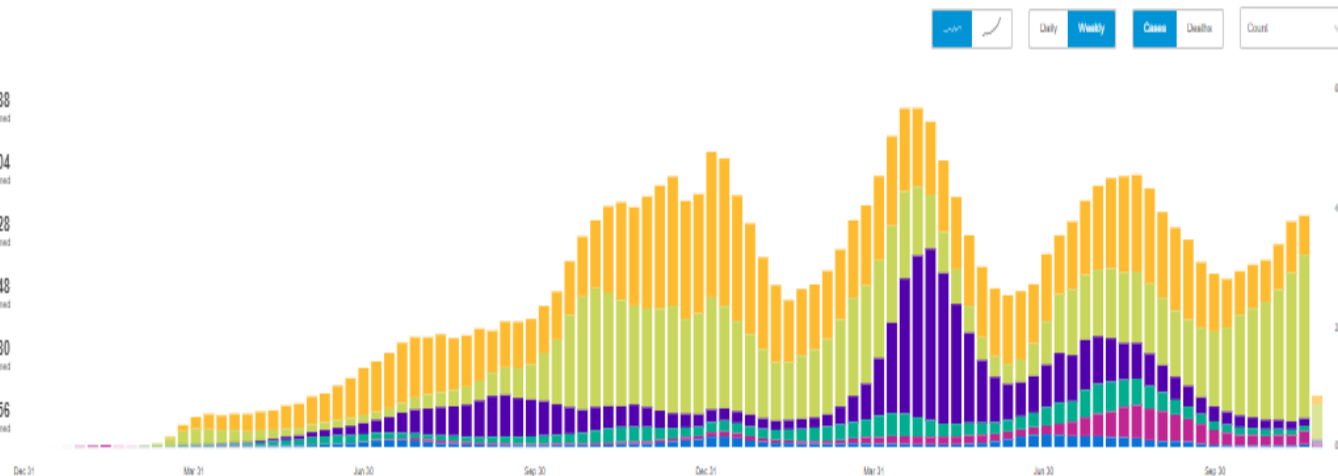
Source: World Health Organization  
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## Situation by WHO Region

Americas	96,776,888 confirmed
Europe	86,830,404 confirmed
South-East Asia	44,557,428 confirmed
Eastern Mediterranean	16,777,948 confirmed
Western Pacific	10,221,280 confirmed
Africa	6,271,056 confirmed

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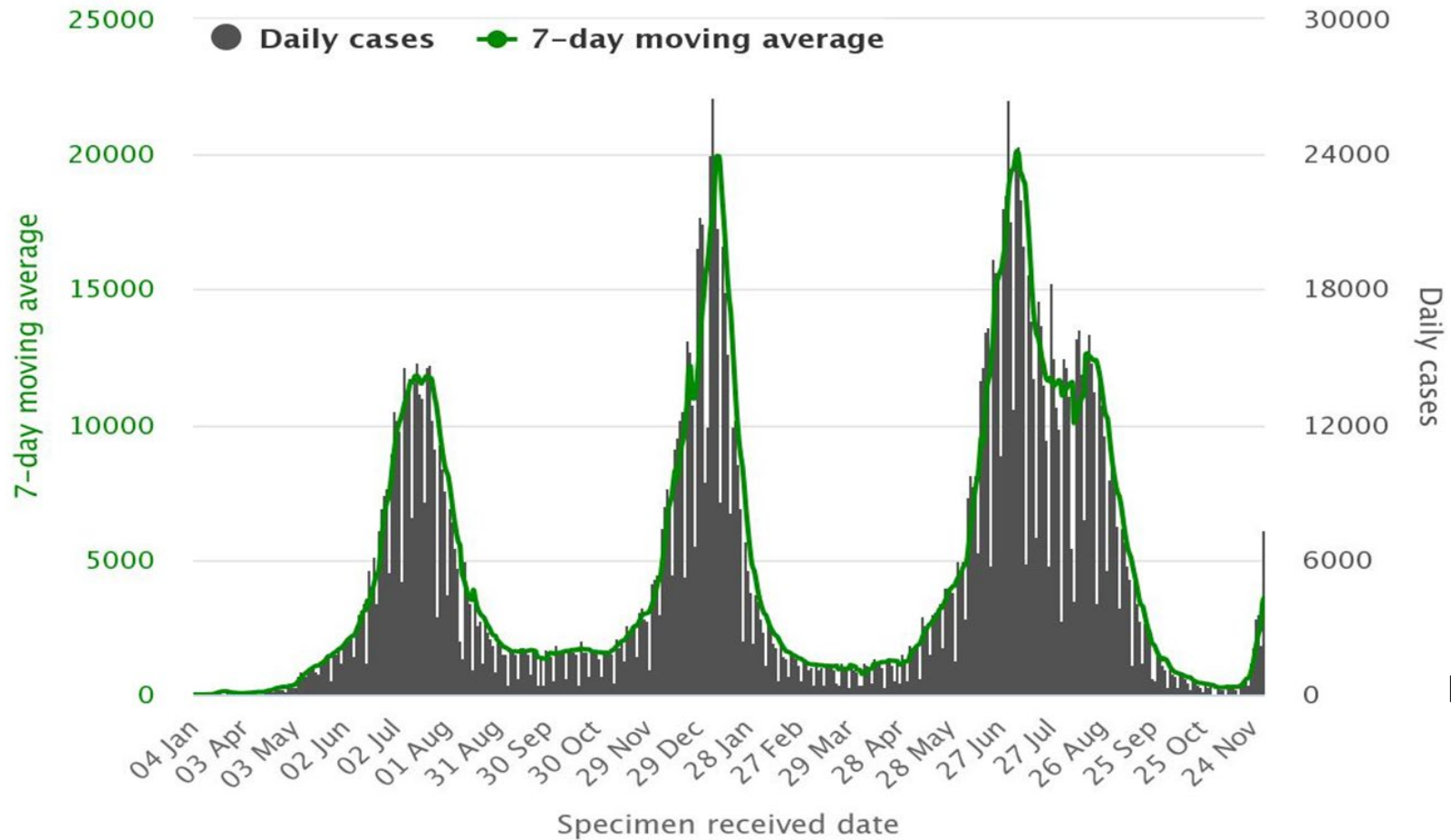


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# South Africa – laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases



Total = 2 976 613

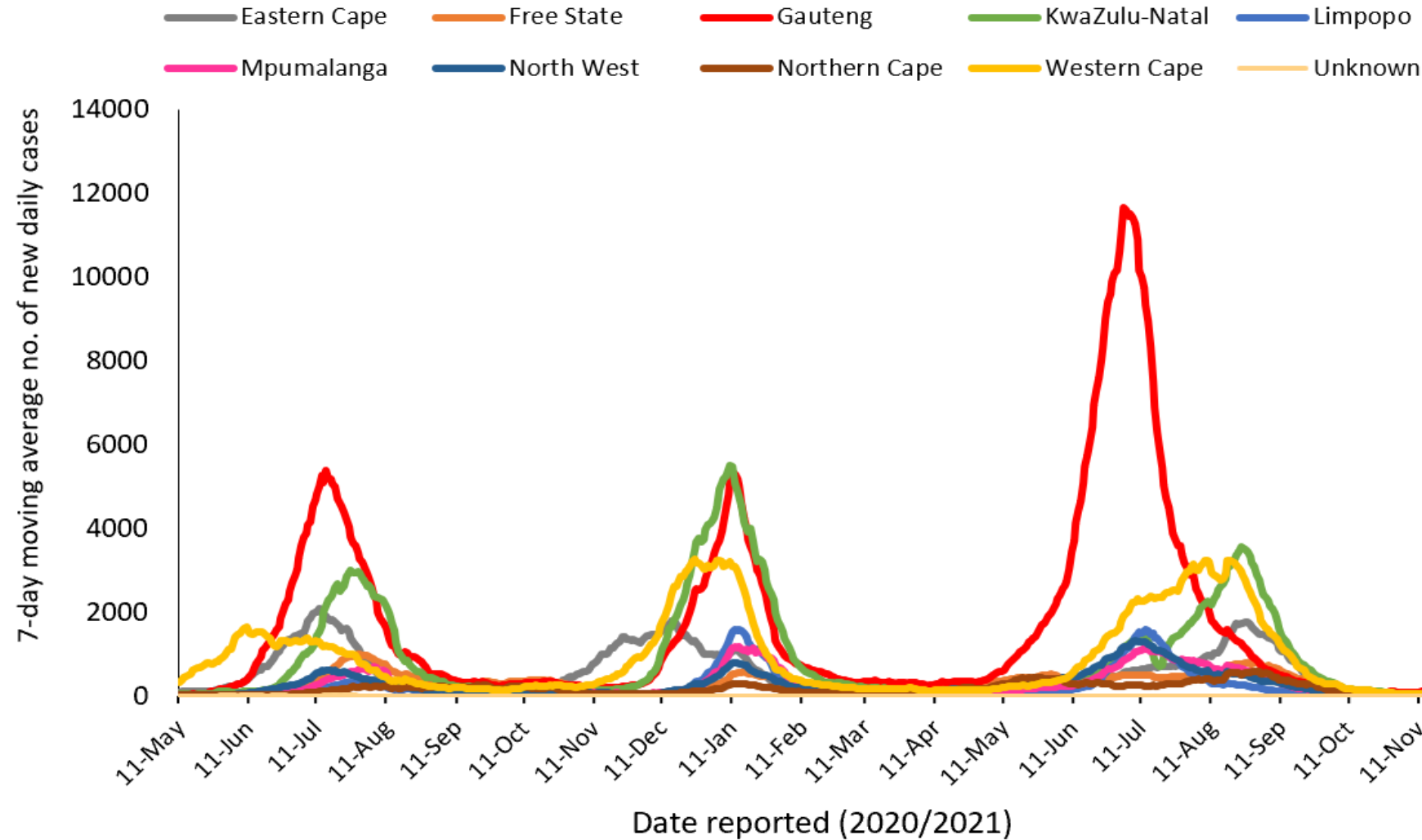
7-day moving average  
increasing rapidly

- 16 Nov 2021 = 332
- 23 Nov 2021 = 1010
- 30 Nov 2021 = 3578

New cases on 01 Dec 2021 = **8561**

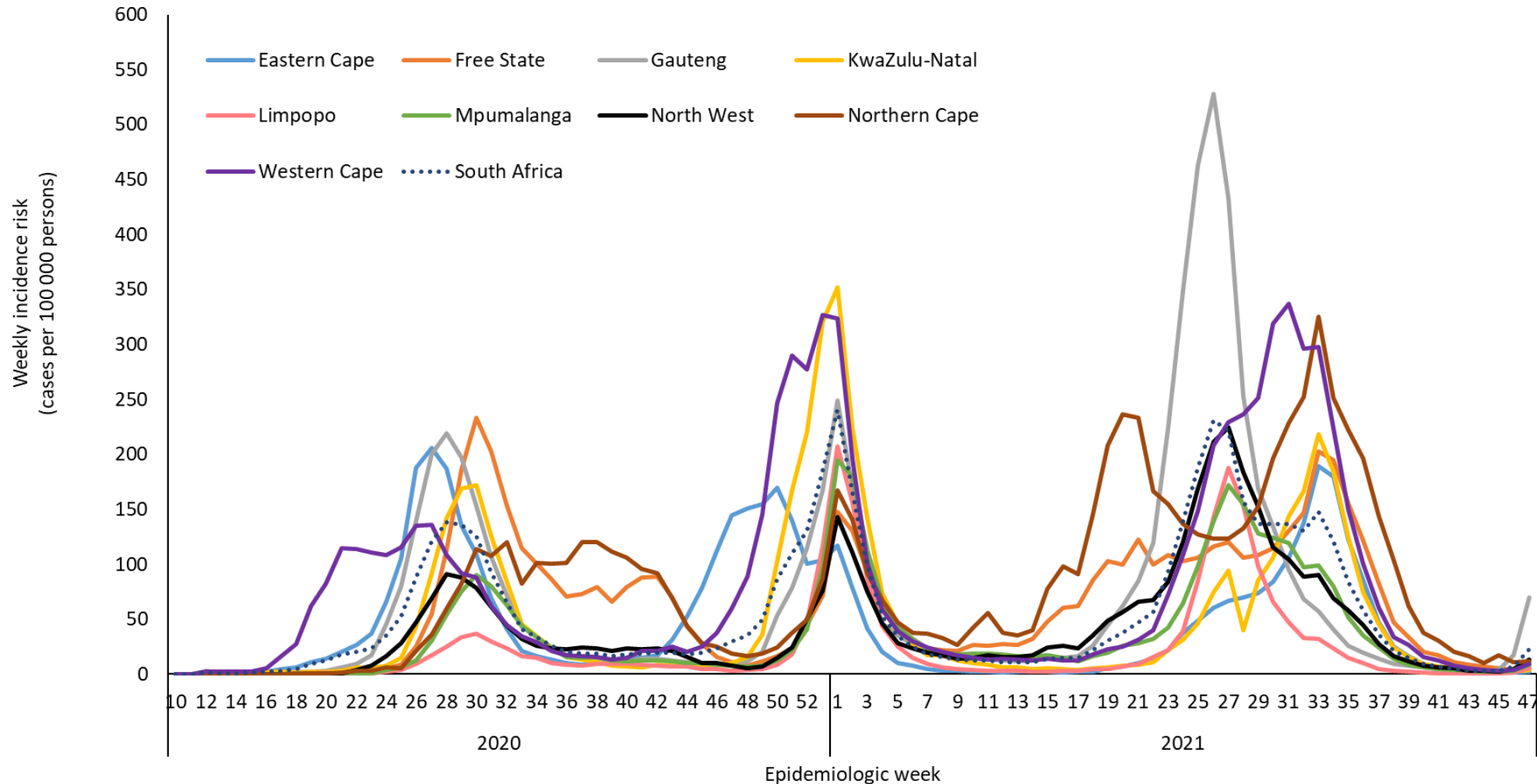


# 7-day moving average number of new cases by province





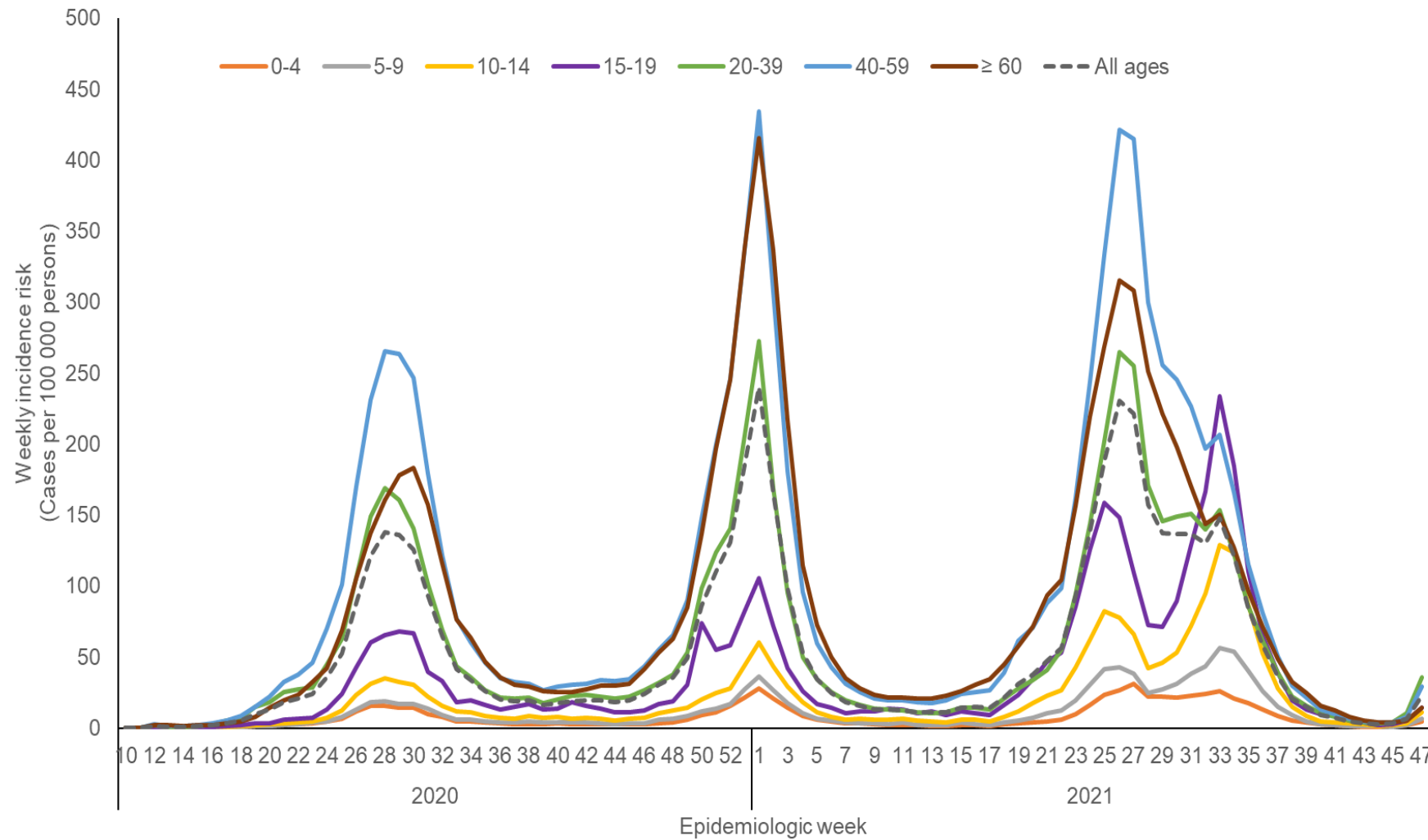
# Weekly incidence of laboratory-confirmed cases (week 47)



- All provinces reported an increase in weekly incidence risk.
- In the past week, the Gauteng Province reported the highest weekly incidence risk (69.9 cases per 100 000 persons), followed by North West Province (13.3 cases per 100 000 persons), and the Northern Cape Province (11.9 cases per 100 000 persons), and other provinces reported below 10 cases per 100 000 persons.

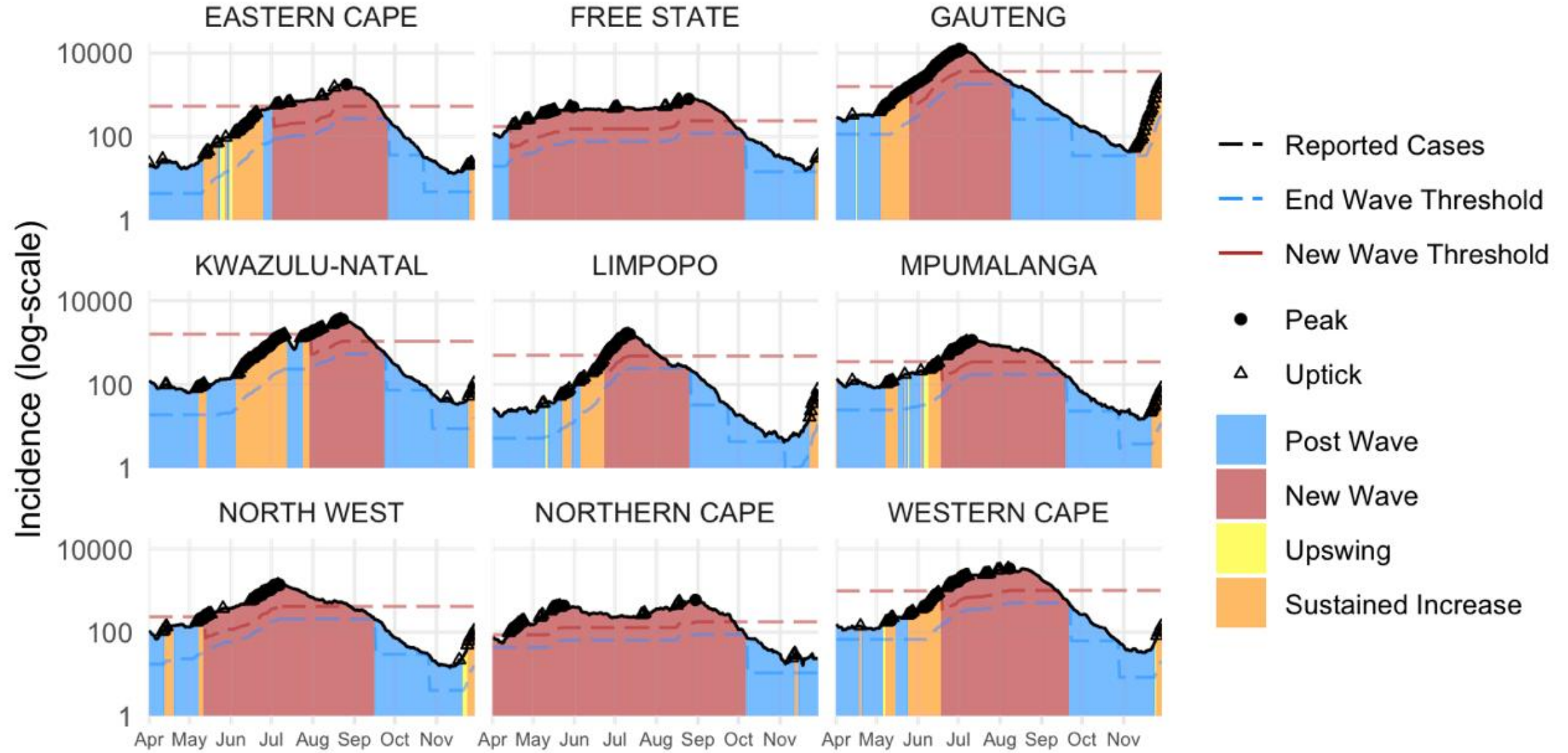


# Weekly incidence of laboratory-confirmed cases by age



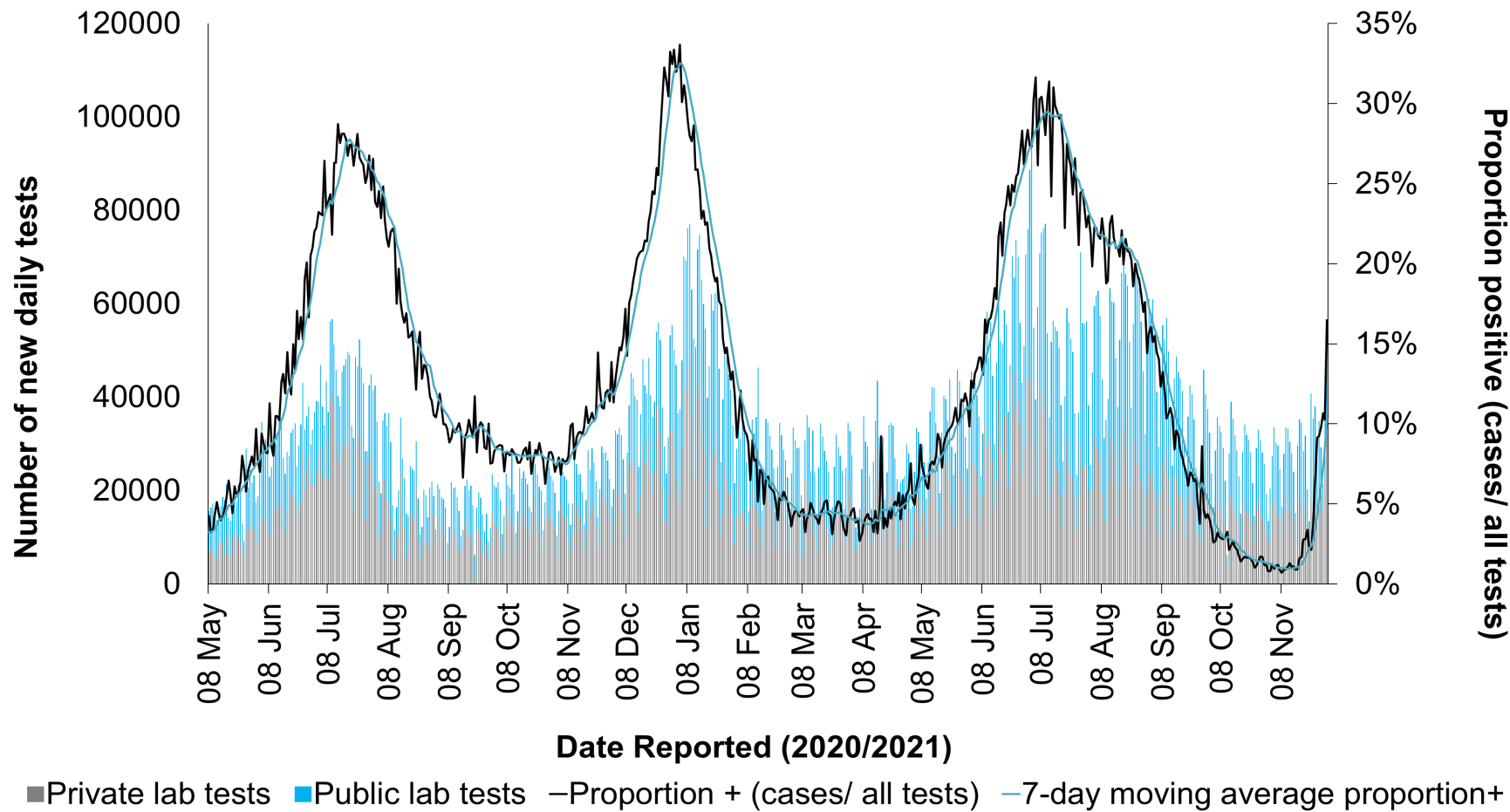
Highest weekly incidence risk among cases detected in week 47 of 2021 was reported in the 25-29-year age group (38.1 cases per 100 000 persons), and the lowest weekly incidence risk was in the 0-4-year age group (4.7 cases per 100 000 persons)







# Daily SARS-CoV-2 tests and proportion positive



Week number	Week beginning	Percentage testing positive (%)
14	04-Apr-21	4.0
15	11-Apr-21	4.8
16	18-Apr-21	5.1
17	25-Apr-21	5.7
18	02-May-21	6.9
19	09-May-21	8.3
20	16-May-21	9.7
21	23-May-21	11.3
22	30-May-21	13.4
23	06-Jun-21	17.6
24	13-Jun-21	23.7
25	20-Jun-21	27.4
26	27-Jun-21	29.9
27	04-Jul-21	31.9
28	11-Jul-21	31.5
29	18-Jul-21	28.2
30	25-Jul-21	25.2
31	01-Aug-21	23.7
32	08-Aug-21	23.3
33	15-Aug-21	22.7
34	22-Aug-21	20.0
35	29-Aug-21	16.0
36	05-Sep-21	13.0
37	12-Sep-21	9.3
38	19-Sep-21	6.8
39	26-Sep-21	4.6
40	03-Oct-21	3.3
41	10-Oct-21	2.7
42	17-Oct-21	1.8
43	24-Oct-21	1.5
44	31-Oct-21	1.1
45	07-Nov-21	1.2
46	14-Nov-21	2.4
47	21-Nov-21	8.3

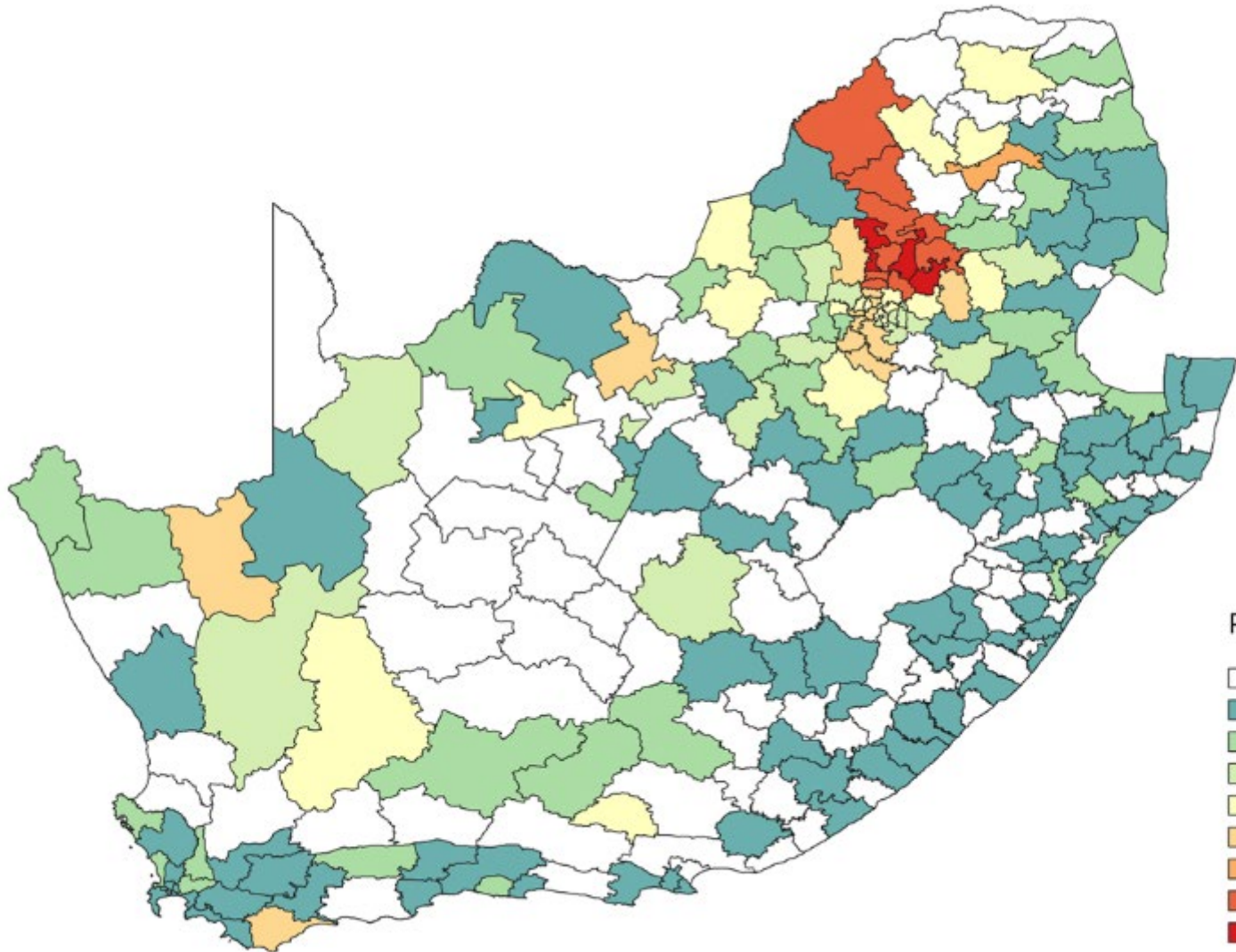


# Weekly number of tests performed and positive tests, by province

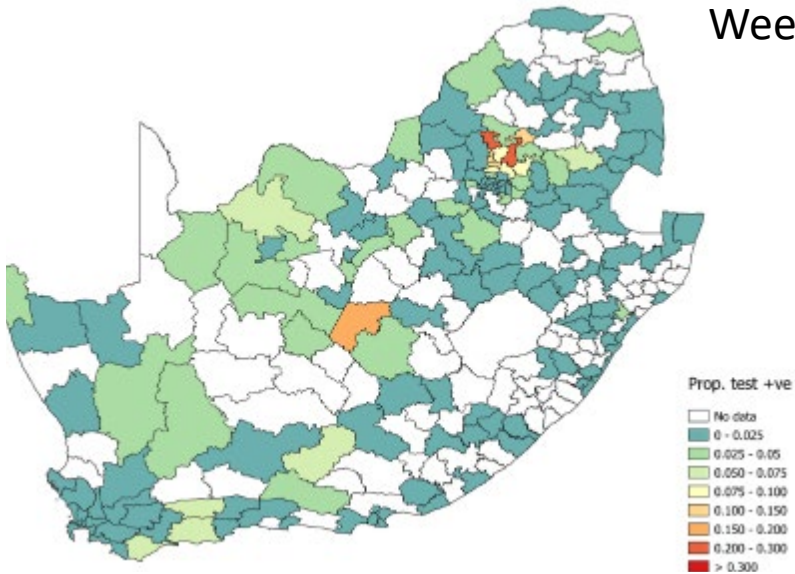
Province	Population	7-13 Nov 2021		14-20 Nov 2021		21-27 Nov 2021		Testing rate per 100000	Change in percentage positive from previous week
		No. of tests	No. positive tests (%)	No. of tests	No. positive tests (%)	No. of tests	No. positive tests (%)		
Western Cape	7005741	28944	318 (1.1)	29698	327 (1.1)	31966	779 (2.4)	456	1.3%
Eastern Cape	6734001	16301	112 (0.7)	19503	139 (0.7)	18277	185 (1.0)	271	0.3%
Northern Cape	1292786	5432	250 (4.6)	4753	165 (3.5)	4078	182 (4.5)	315	1.0%
Free State	2928903	11567	182 (1.6)	10780	123 (1.1)	8777	218 (2.5)	300	1.3%
KwaZulu-Natal	11531628	36899	309 (0.8)	37109	297 (0.8)	34463	572 (1.7)	299	0.9%
North West	4108816	9614	126 (1.3)	9513	224 (2.4)	8988	717 (8.0)	219	5.6%
Gauteng	15488137	66284	751 (1.1)	67622	3160 (4.7)	83847	13326 (15.9)	541	11.2%
Mpumalanga	4679786	11239	116 (1.0)	8914	177 (2.0)	8253	465 (5.6)	176	3.6%
Limpopo	5852553	4055	47 (1.2)	3675	79 (2.1)	4130	381 (9.2)	71	7.1%
Unknown		21	0 (0.0)	6	0 (0.0)	37	2 (5.4)		
Total	59622350	190356	2211 (1.2)	191573	4691 (2.4)	202816	16827 (8.3)	340	5.9%



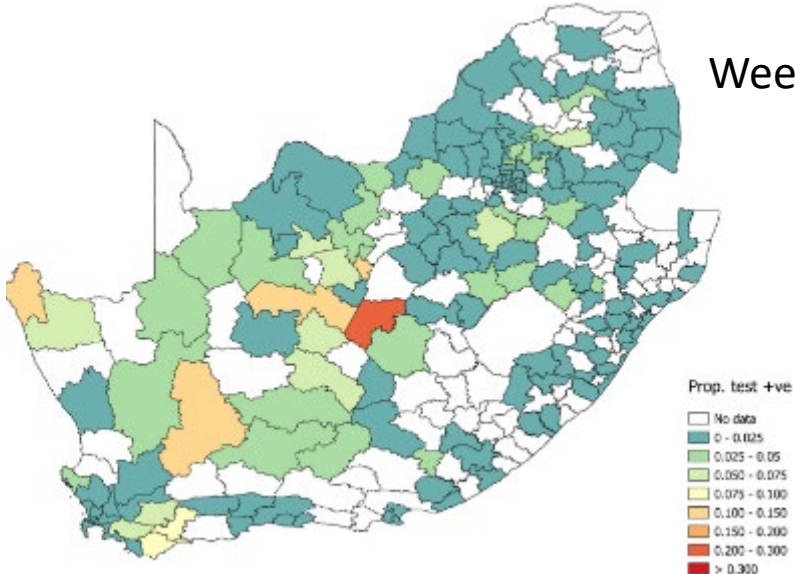
# Proportion testing positive by health sub-district in South Africa for the week of 21 – 27 November 2021 (Week 47)



Week 46

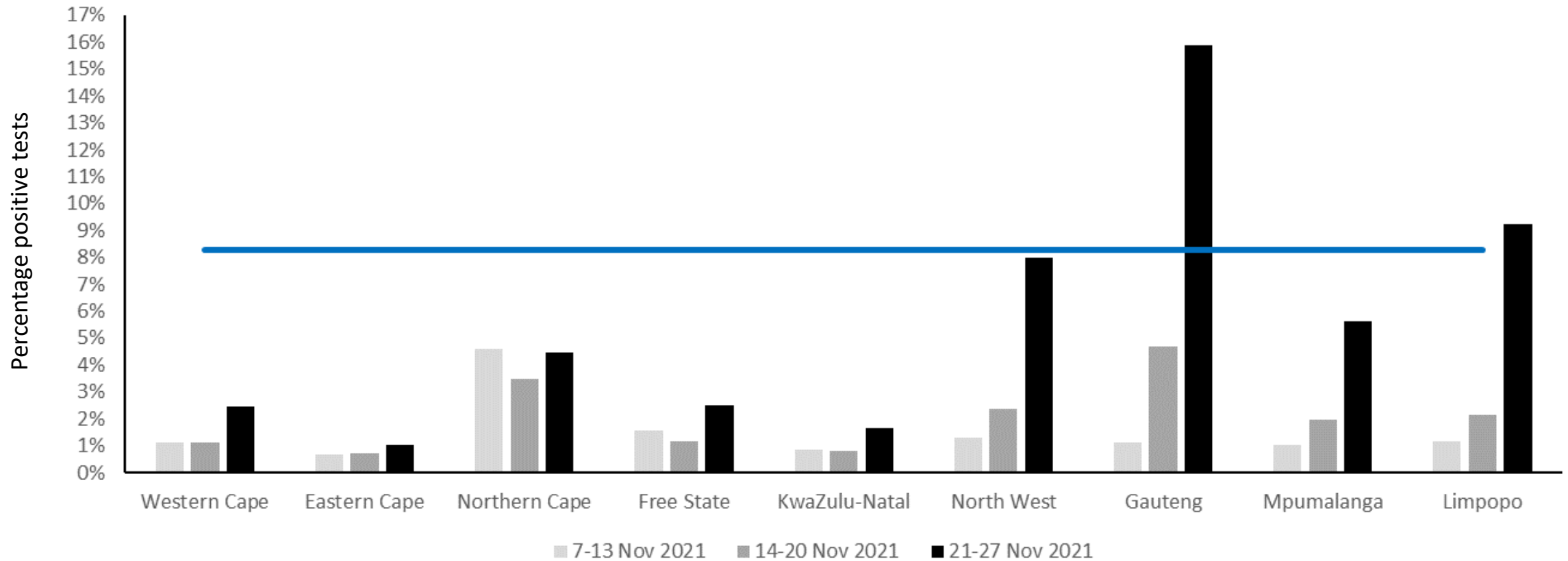


Week 45





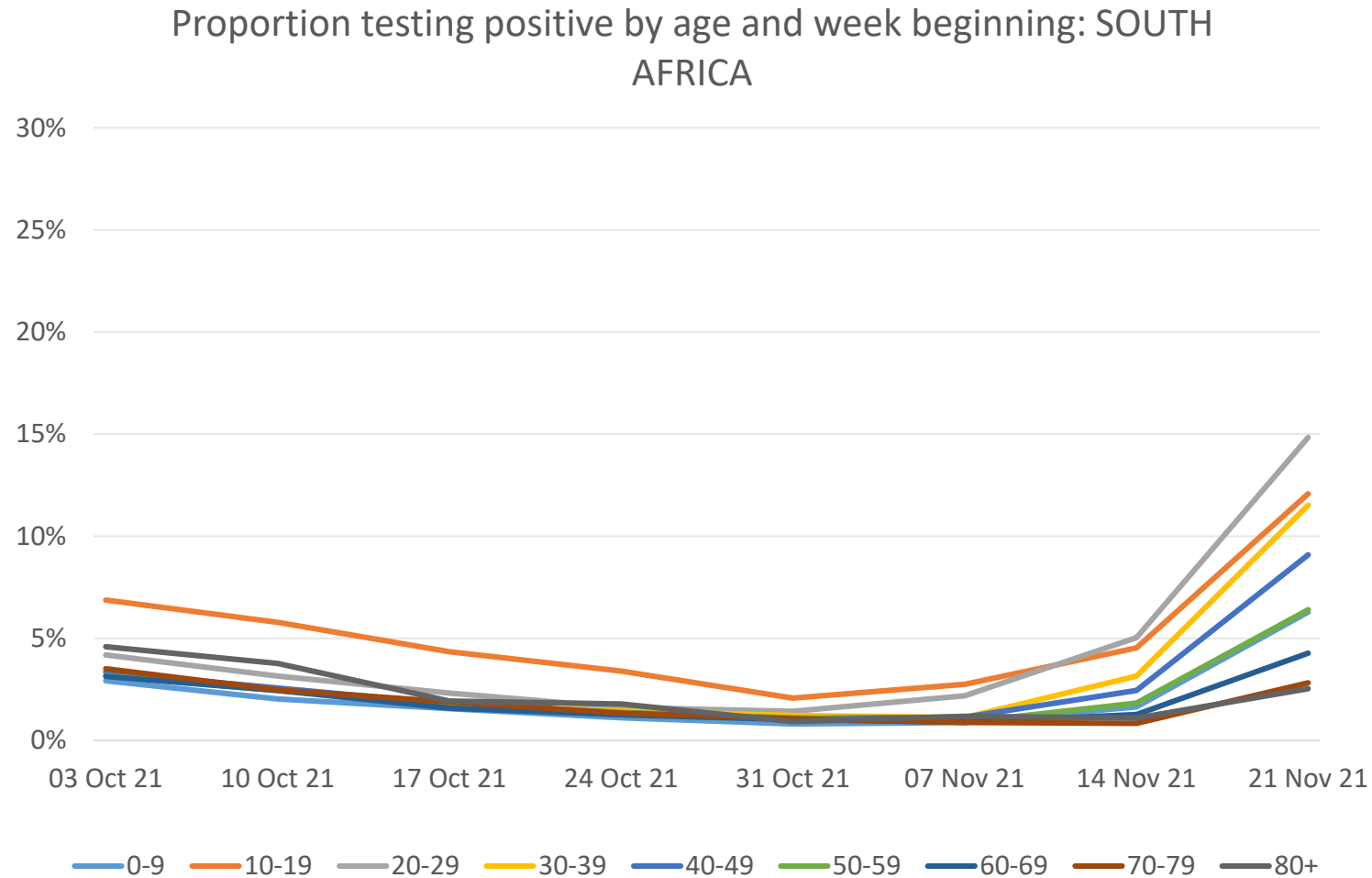
# Weekly percentage testing positive



- Percentage testing positive increased by 6.4 % in public sector (2.9% in week 46 to 9.3% in week 47) and by 5.6% in private sector (2.1% in week 46 to 7.7% in week 47).
- Percentage testing positive increased in all provinces: highest in Gauteng (15.9%), followed by Limpopo (9.2%), North West (8.0%) and Mpumalanga (5.6%) provinces, <5% in all other provinces.



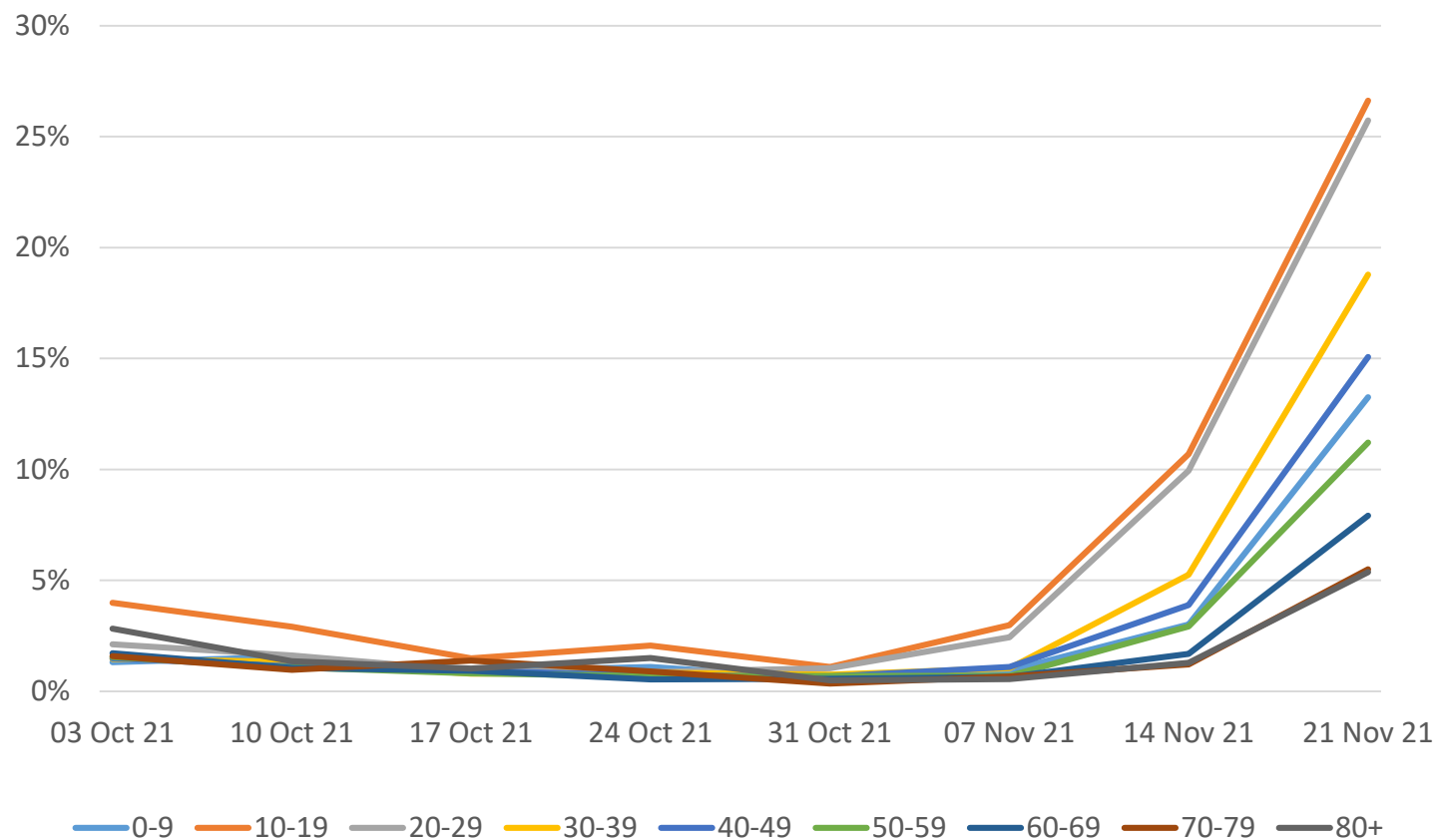
# Percent testing positive by age group (PCR only)





# Percent testing positive in Gauteng by age group (years; PCR only)

Proportion testing positive by age and week beginning:  
GAUTENG



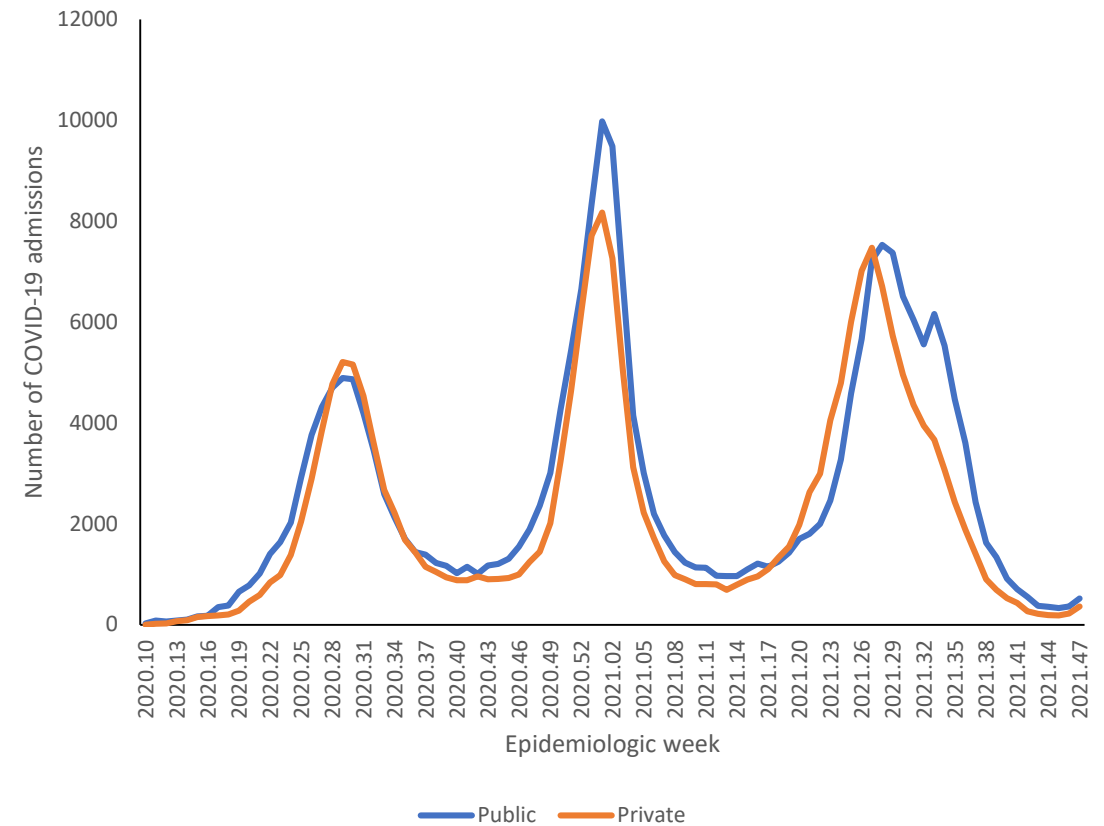
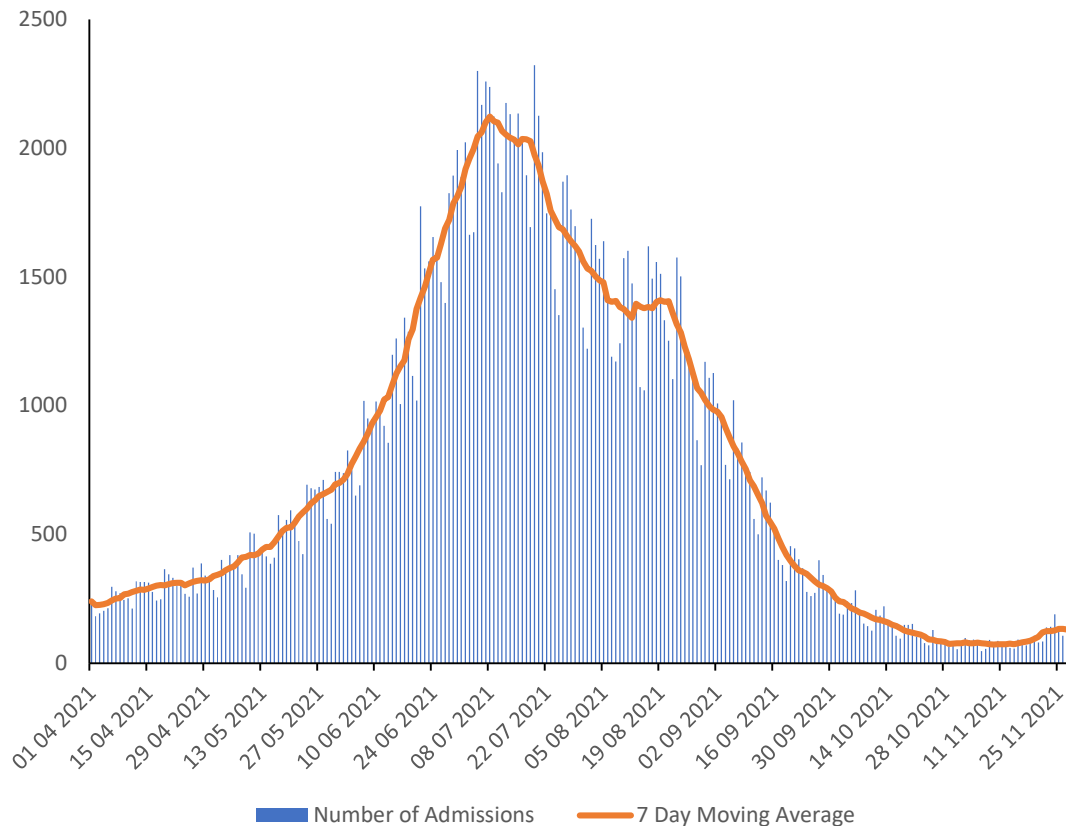


# Number and % of new daily cases of COVID-19 and tests for SARS-CoV-2 and proportion positive by province for 01 Dec 2021

Province	New cases yesterday	New cases today	New tests reported today	Proportion positive (cases/tests)	New cases % total	New tests % total
Eastern Cape	65	115	3 787	3%	1%	7%
Free State	70	138	2 071	7%	2%	4%
Gauteng	3143	6168	22 730	27%	72%	44%
KwaZulu-Natal	259	476	7 706	6%	6%	15%
Limpopo	204	271	1403	19%	3%	3%
Mpumalanga	139	375	2 614	14%	4%	5%
North West	200	356	2 302	15%	4%	4%
Northern Cape	18	36	1152	3%	0%	2%
Western Cape	275	626	7 308	9%	7%	14%
Unknown	0	0	904	0%	0%	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4373</b>	<b>8561</b>	<b>51 977</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>



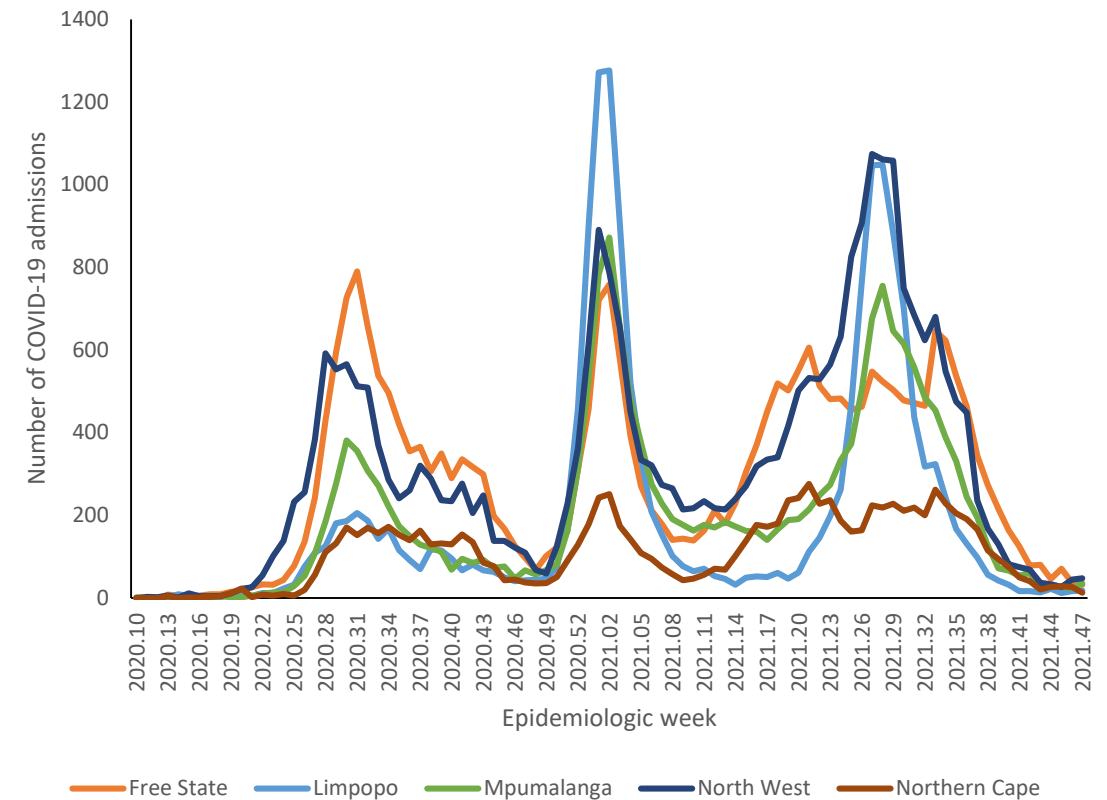
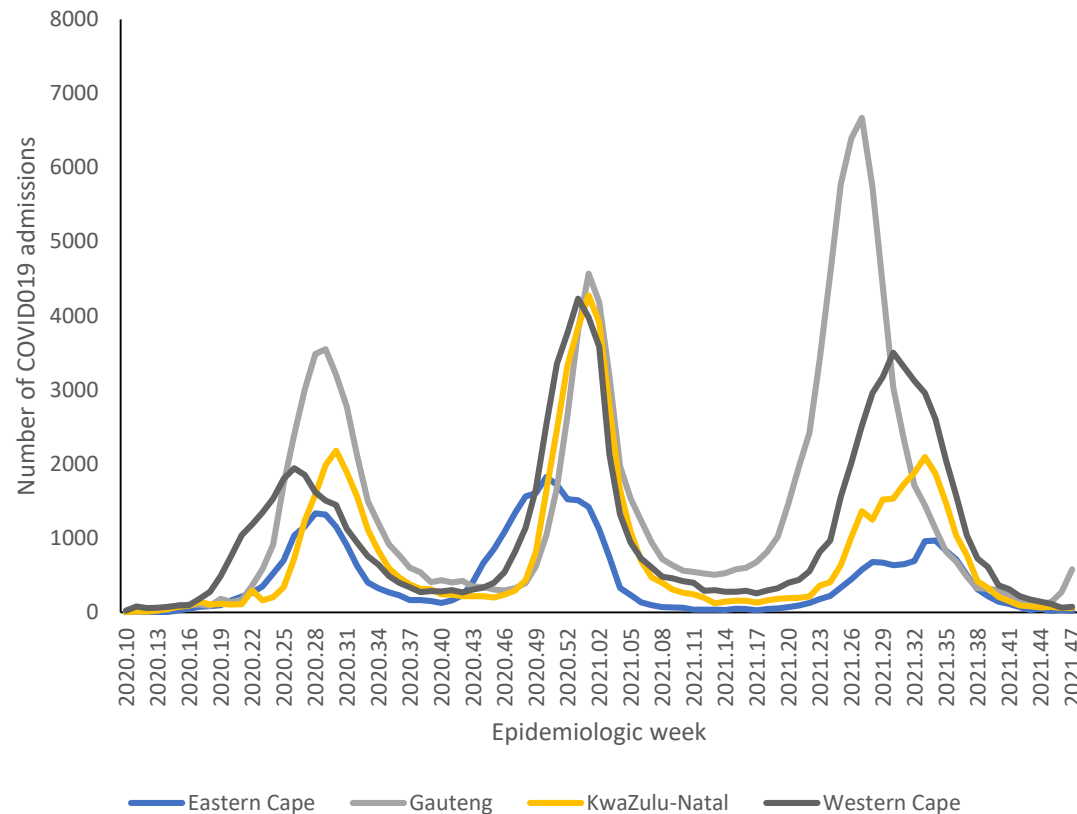
Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, South Africa, 7DMA, 1 April-27 November 2021 (left); and by epidemiologic week and health sector, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021 (right)



- Increasing number of admissions, increase in 7 DMA nationally (most recent week data lags)
- Increased admissions in both sectors in the past two weeks



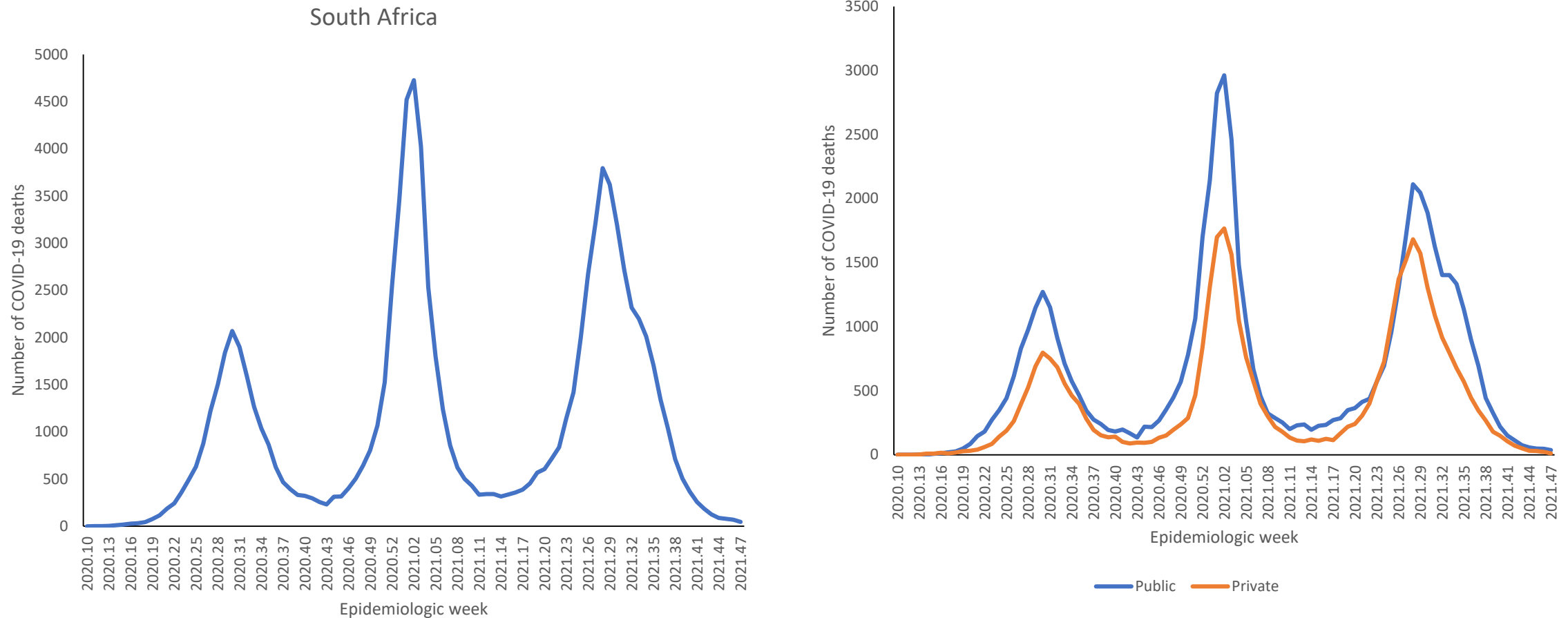
# Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by epidemiologic week and province, South Africa, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Increased admissions in Gauteng in the past two weeks
- Small increase in admissions in Limpopo and North West



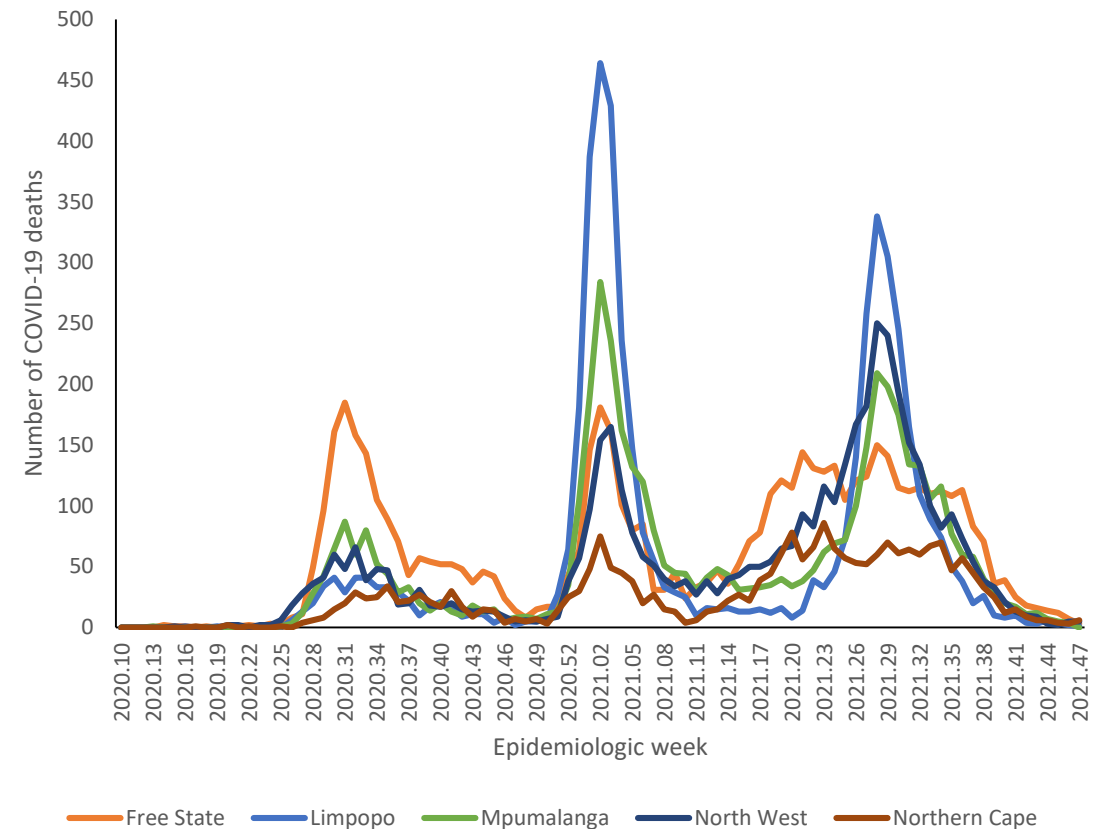
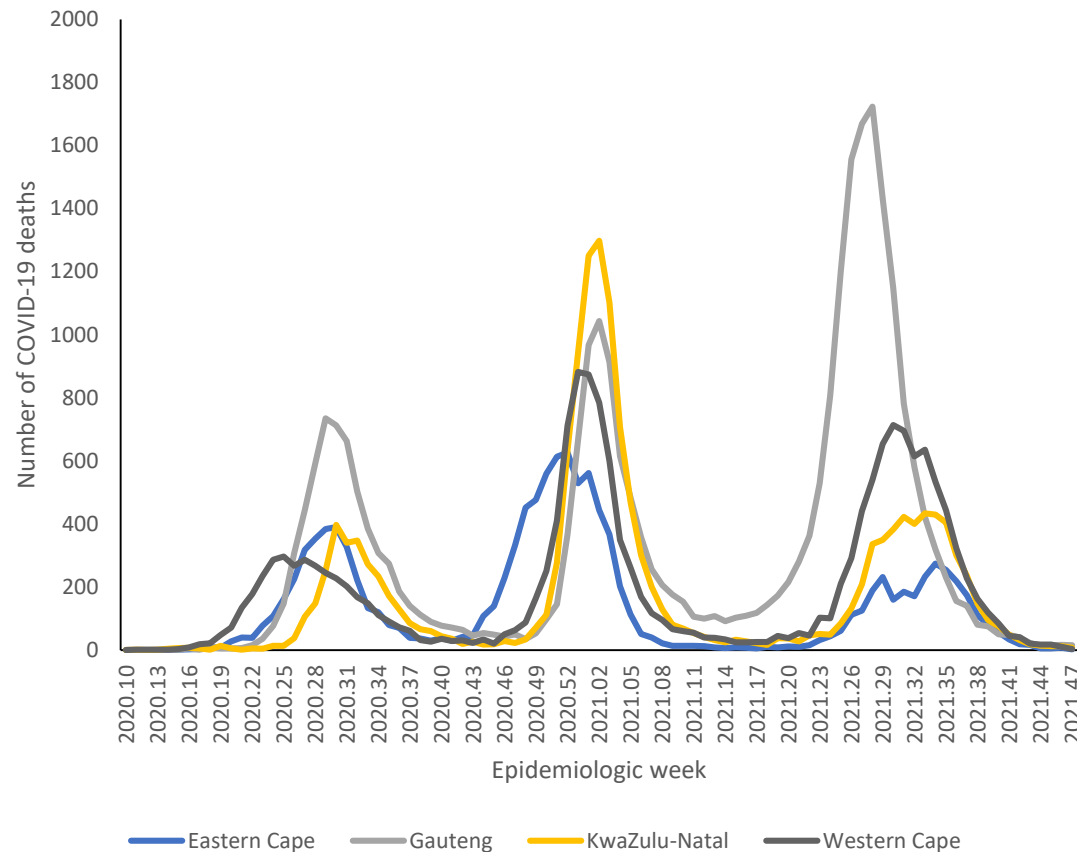
# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), South Africa, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Decreased deaths nationally, public and private sector



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and province, South Africa, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Decreased deaths in all provinces

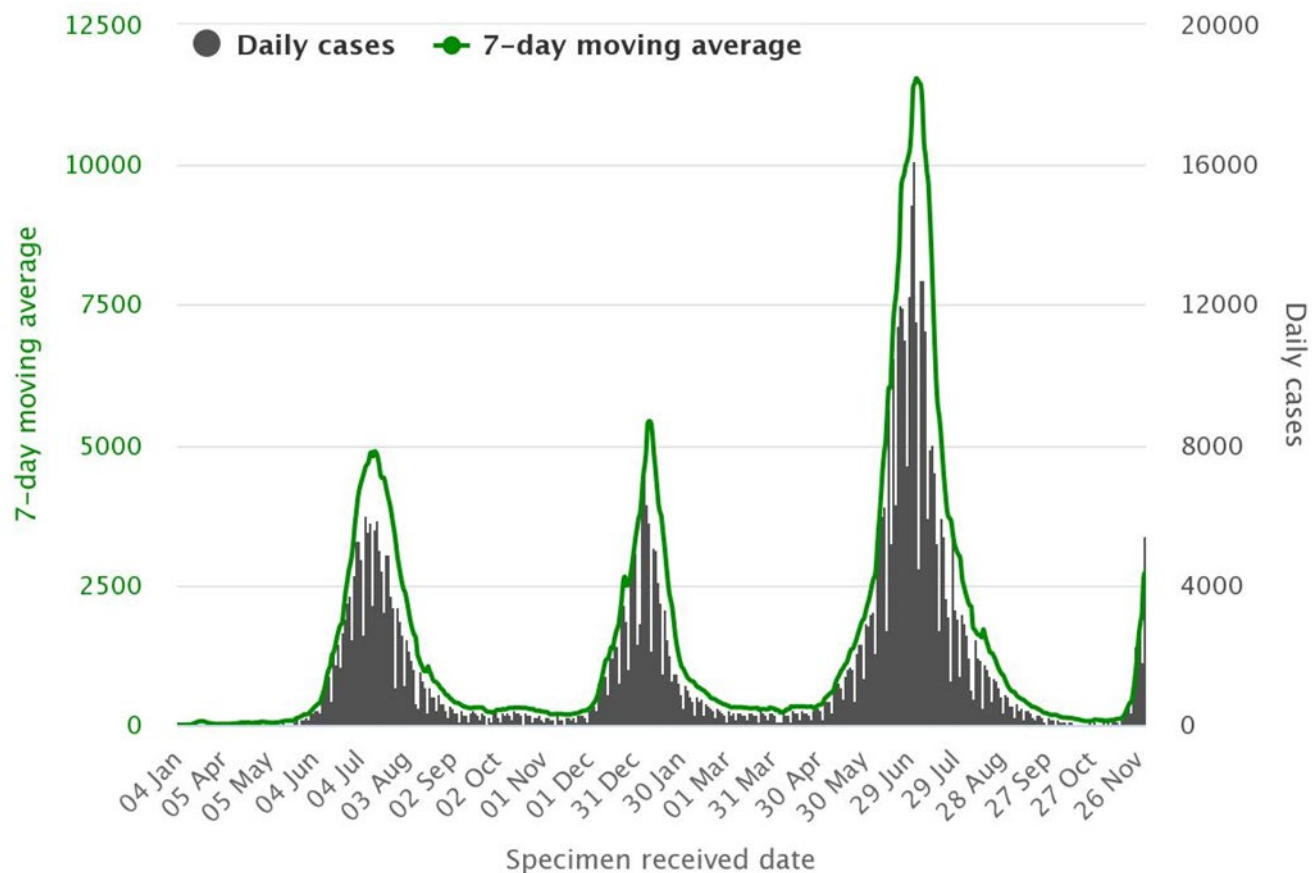


Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, South Africa, 30 October-27 November 2021

Province	Hospital admissions		Percentage change in admissions	Hospital deaths		Percentage change in deaths
	Previous 14 days admissions average	Current 14 days admissions average		Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	
Eastern Cape	4.93	3.93	-20.29	0.86	0.79	-8.33
Free State	8.36	4.93	-41.03	1.86	0.71	-61.54
Gauteng	18.21	61.14	235.69	2.14	2.36	10.00
KwaZulu-Natal	10.29	8.43	-18.06	2.00	1.50	-25.00
Limpopo	2.43	2.50	2.94	0.64	0.21	-66.67
Mpumalanga	4.29	4.21	-1.67	0.86	0.29	-66.67
North West	4.29	6.64	55.00	0.36	0.71	100.00
Northern Cape	3.93	2.86	-27.27	0.71	0.64	-10.00
Western Cape	18.79	10.21	-45.63	2.57	1.07	-58.33

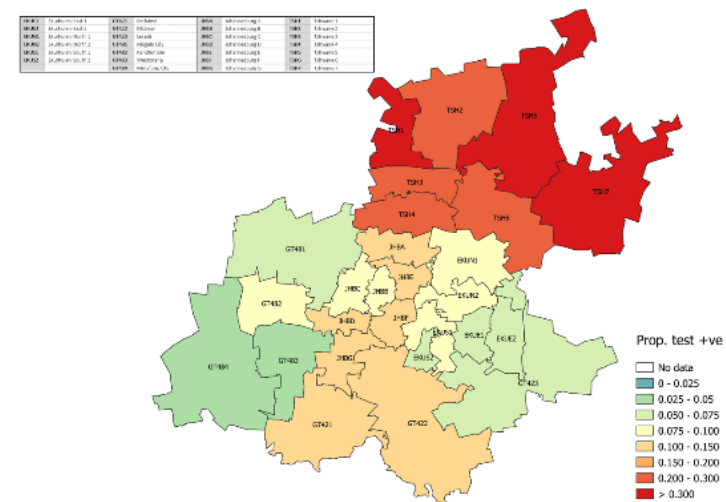


# Gauteng

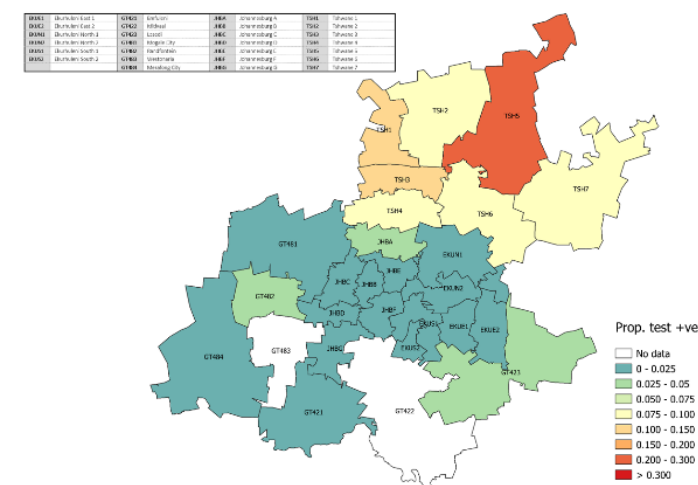


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## Week 47

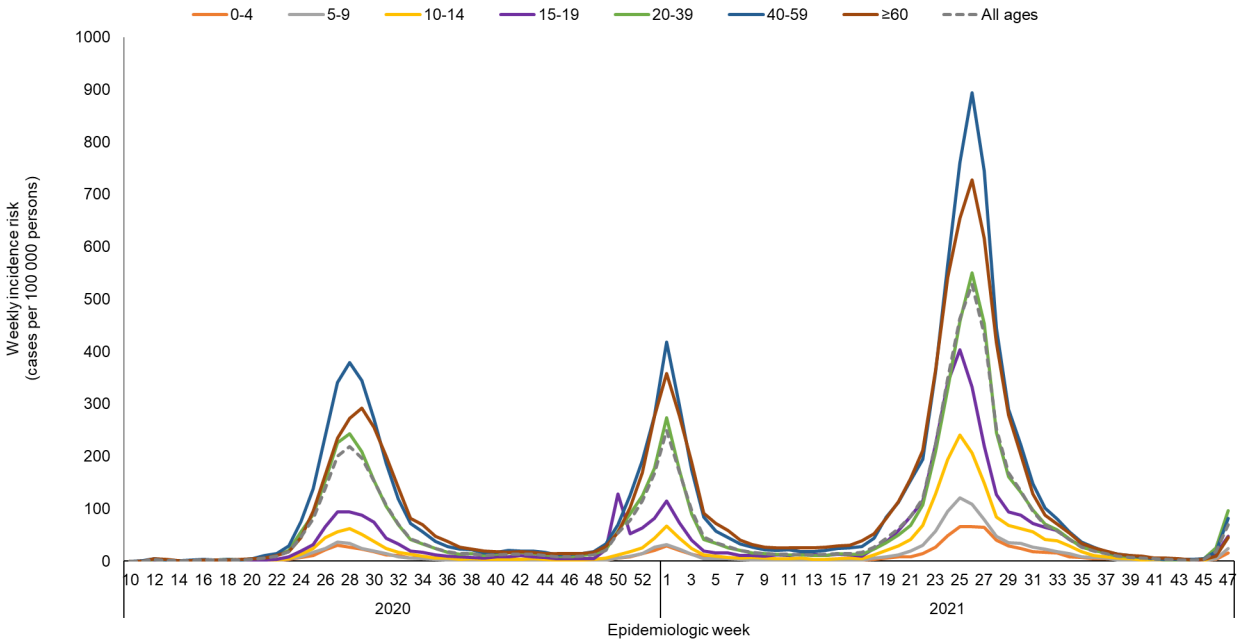
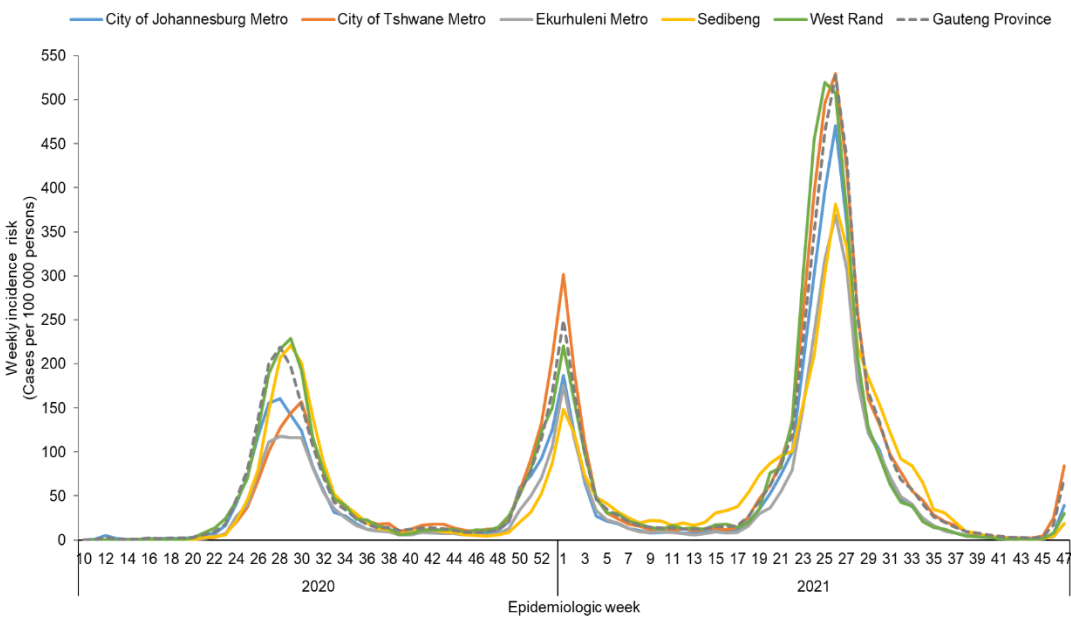


## Week 46





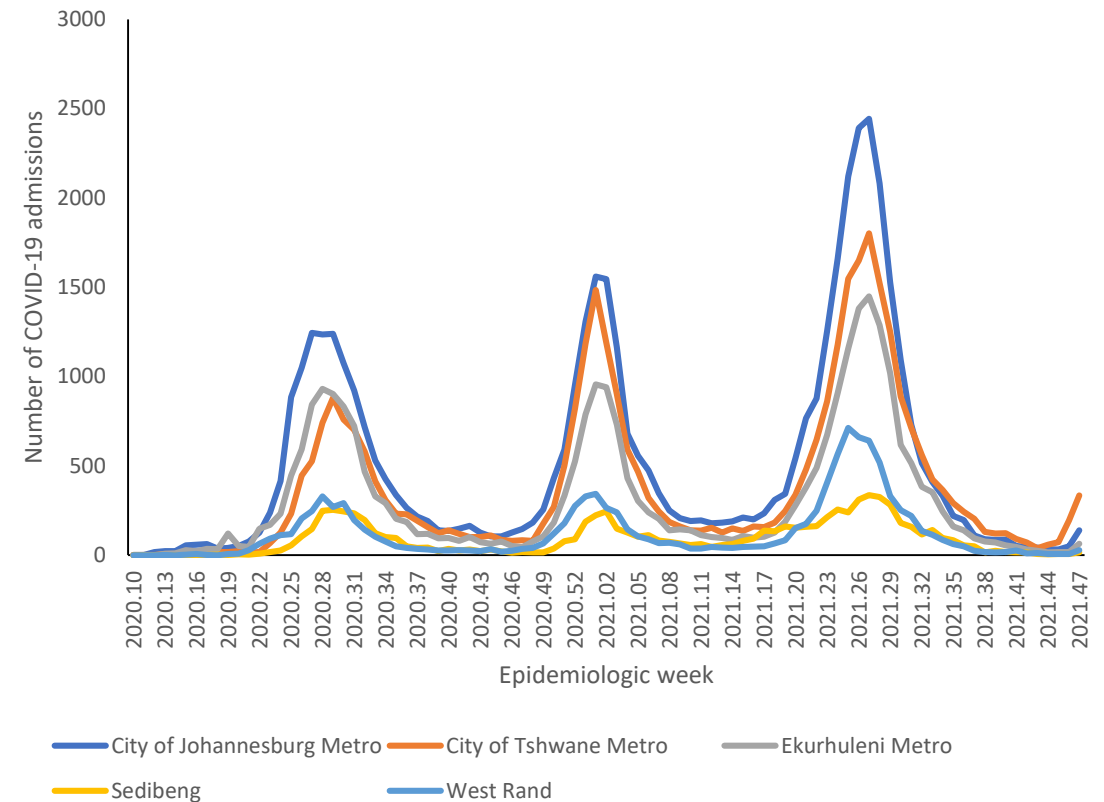
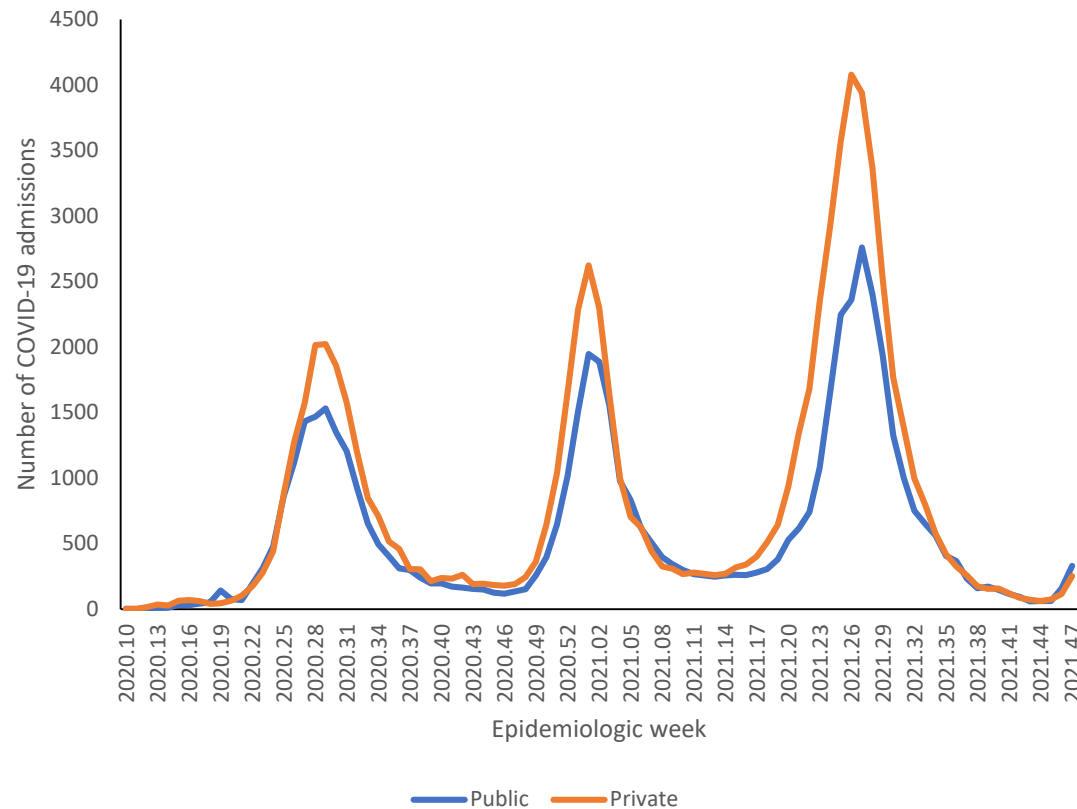
# Gauteng



District	Date	Dept of Health	Upticks	Upswing	Case Threshold (7 day total per 100k pop)	Percentage Change compared to 7 days ago (%)
Gauteng						
City of Johannesburg	2021-11-27	Response	Yes	Yes	40.31	517.49
City of Tshwane	2021-11-27	Response	Yes	Yes	86.86	273.59
Ekurhuleni	2021-11-27	Response	Yes	Yes	19.31	449.29
Sedibeng	2021-11-27	Response	Yes	Yes	19.47	376.92
West Rand	2021-11-27	Response	Yes	Yes	30.79	332.35



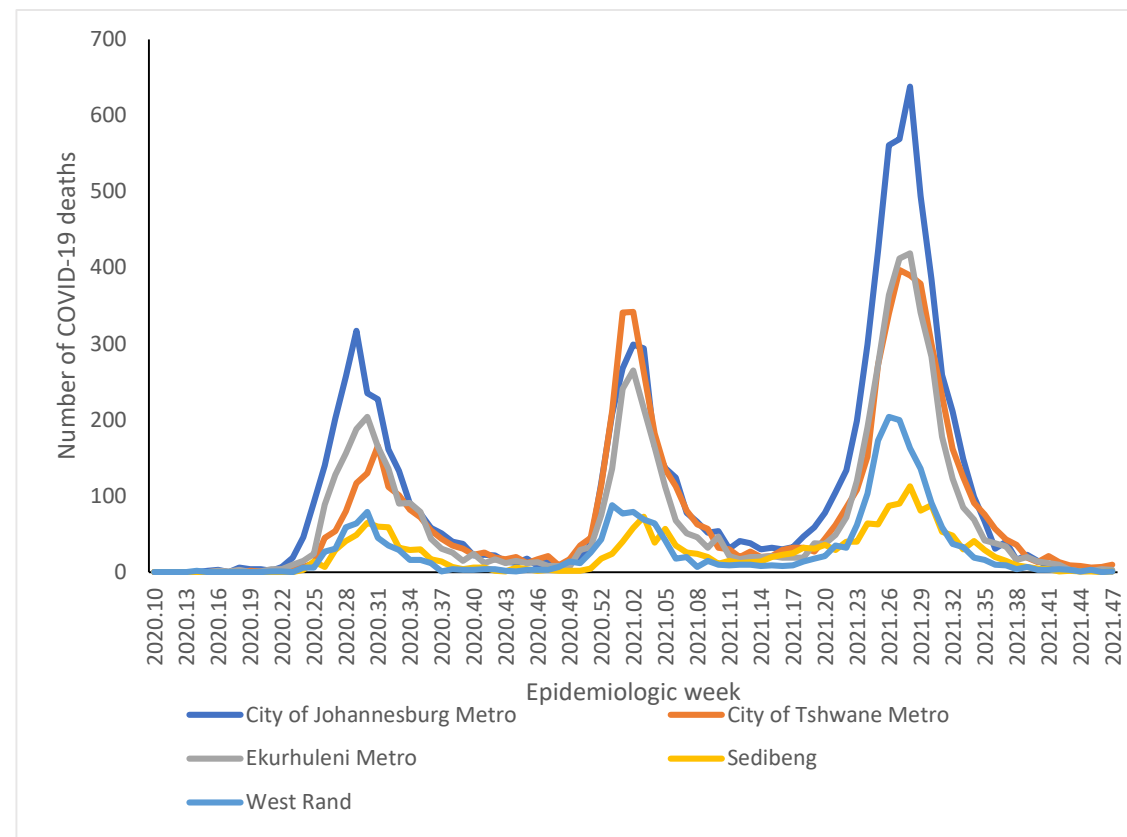
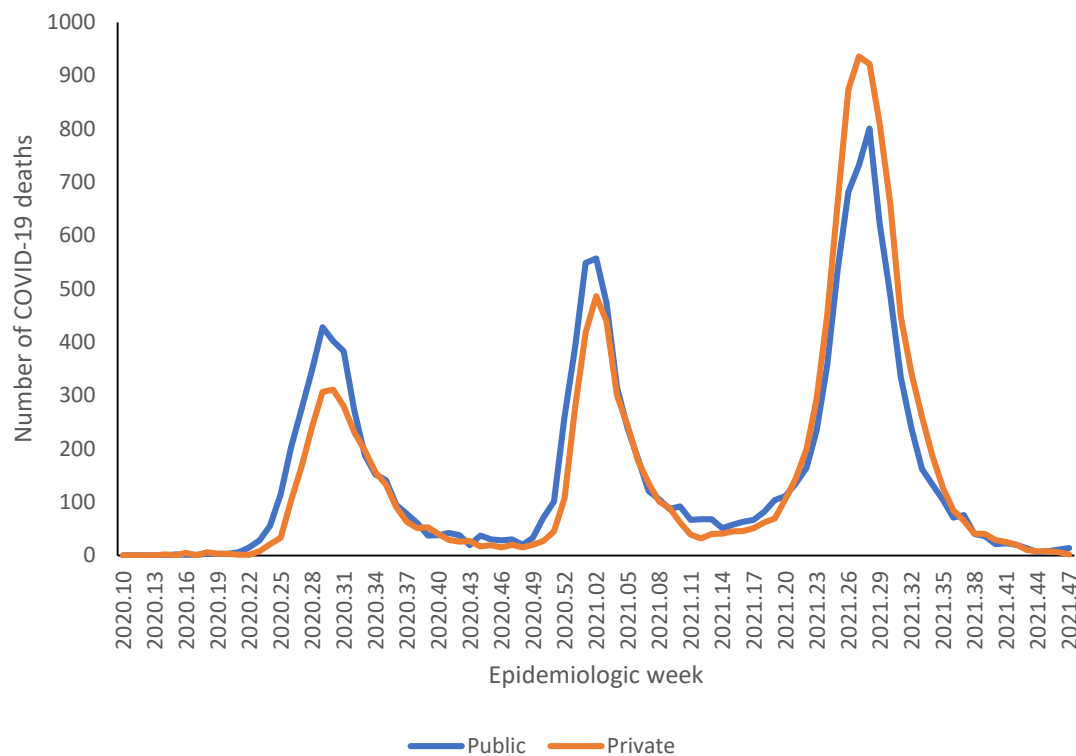
# Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Gauteng, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of admissions at peak of 3<sup>rd</sup> wave surpassed peak of second wave in both sectors, and all districts
- Increase in admissions both sectors past two weeks
- Increased admissions all districts



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Gauteng, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of deaths at peak of 3rd wave surpassed peak of second wave in both sectors, and in all districts
- Small increase in deaths in public sector
- Increased deaths in City of Tshwane and Ekurhuleni

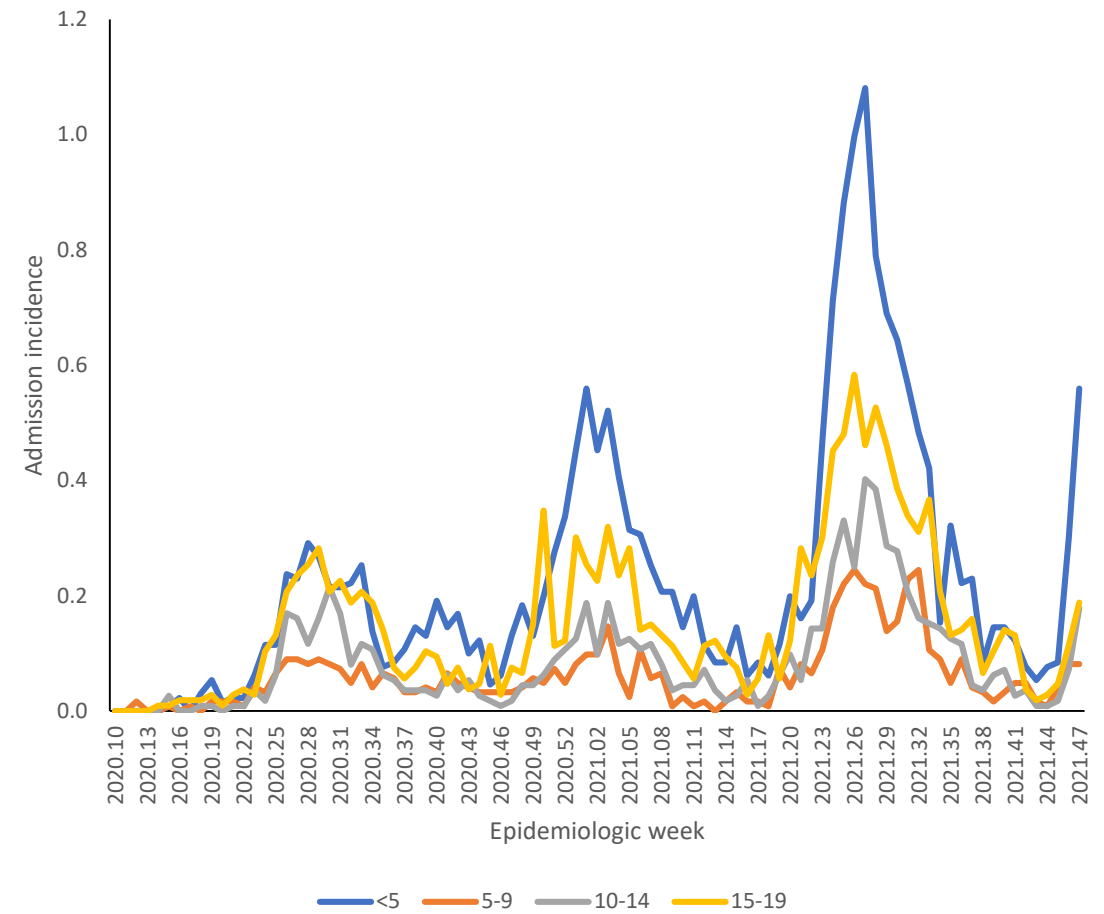
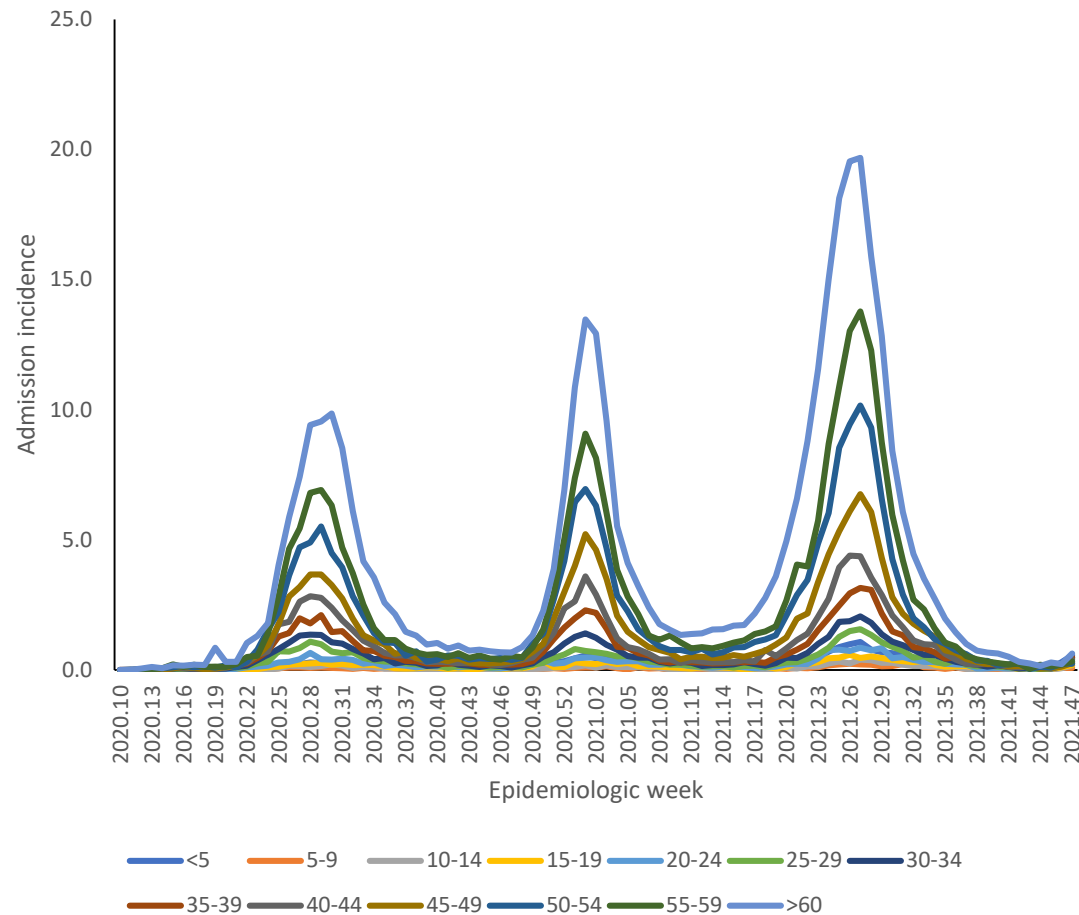


Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Gauteng, 30 October-27 November 2021

Districts	Previous 14 days admission average	Current 14 days admissions average	Percentage change in admissions	Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	Percentage change in deaths
City of Johannesburg	4.64	13.50	190.77	0.50	0.50	0.00
City of Tshwane	9.36	37.71	303.05	1.00	1.21	21.43
Ekurhuleni	2.43	5.86	141.18	0.21	0.50	133.33
Sedibeng	0.79	1.57	100.00	0.14	0.07	-50.00
West Rand	1.00	2.50	150.00	0.29	0.07	-75.00

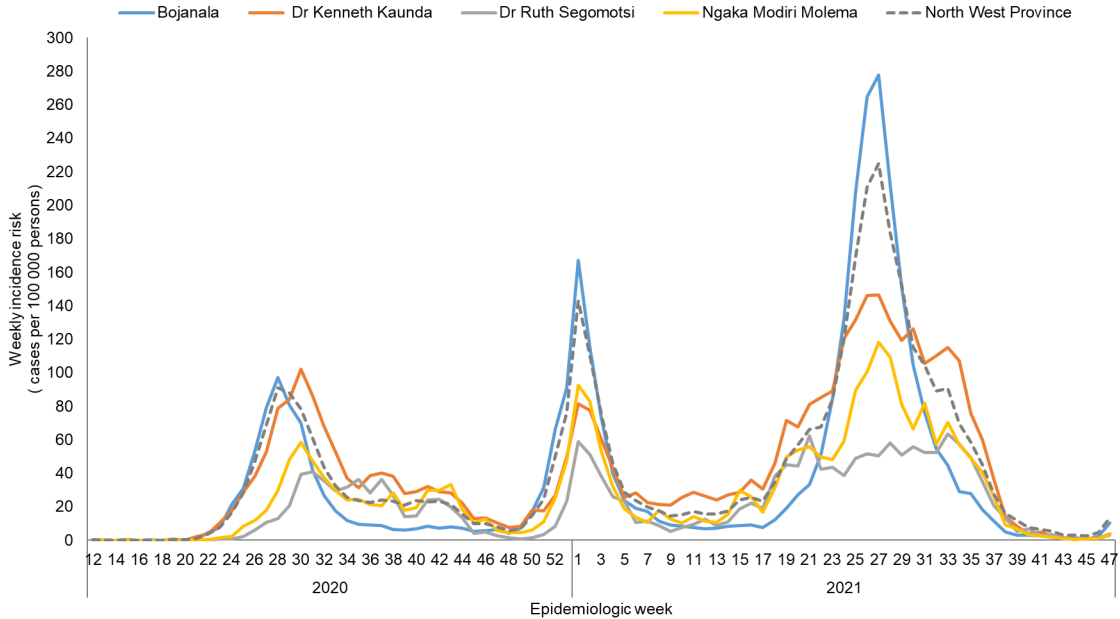
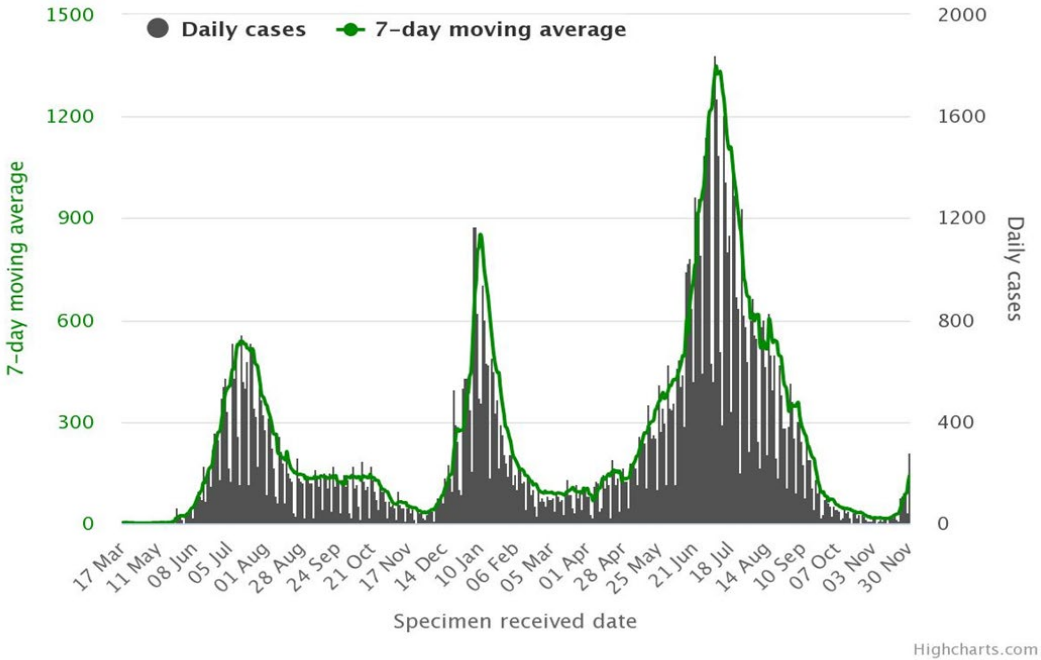


# Incidence risk of admissions per 100,000 by age group and epidemiologic week, Gauteng, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021

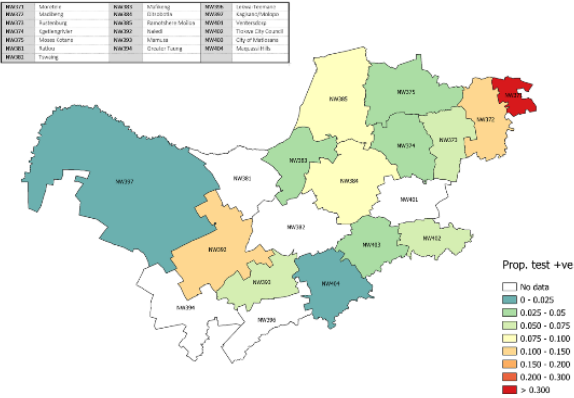




# North West

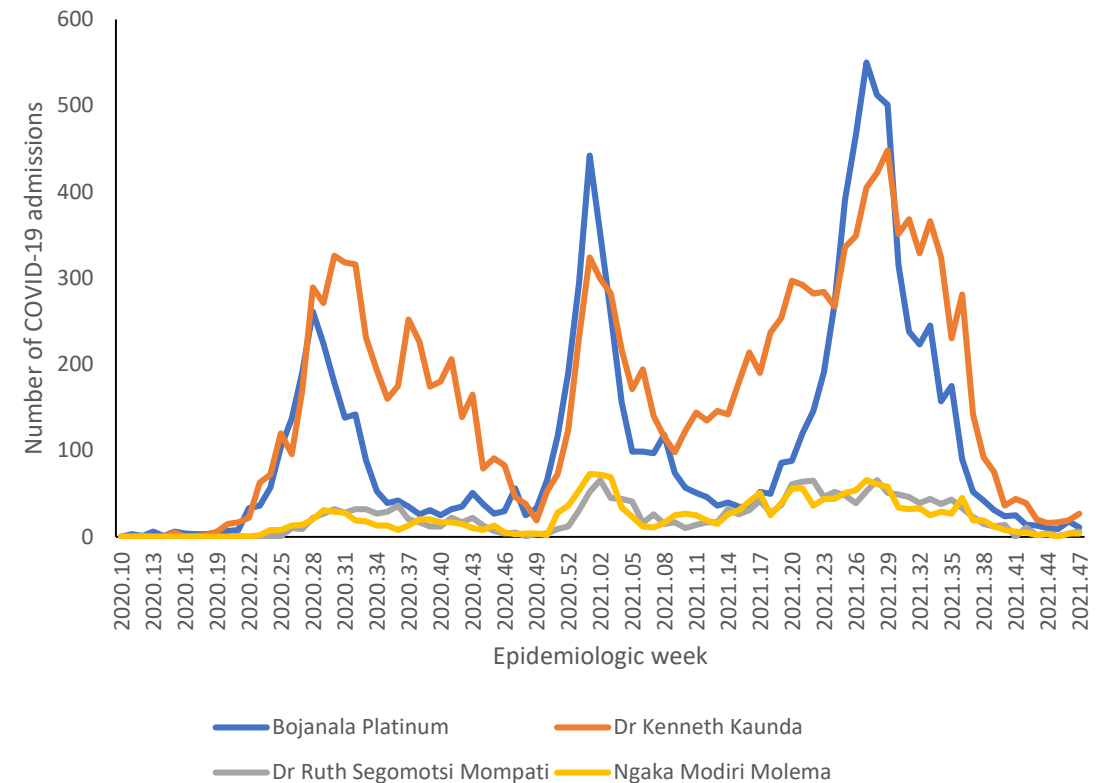
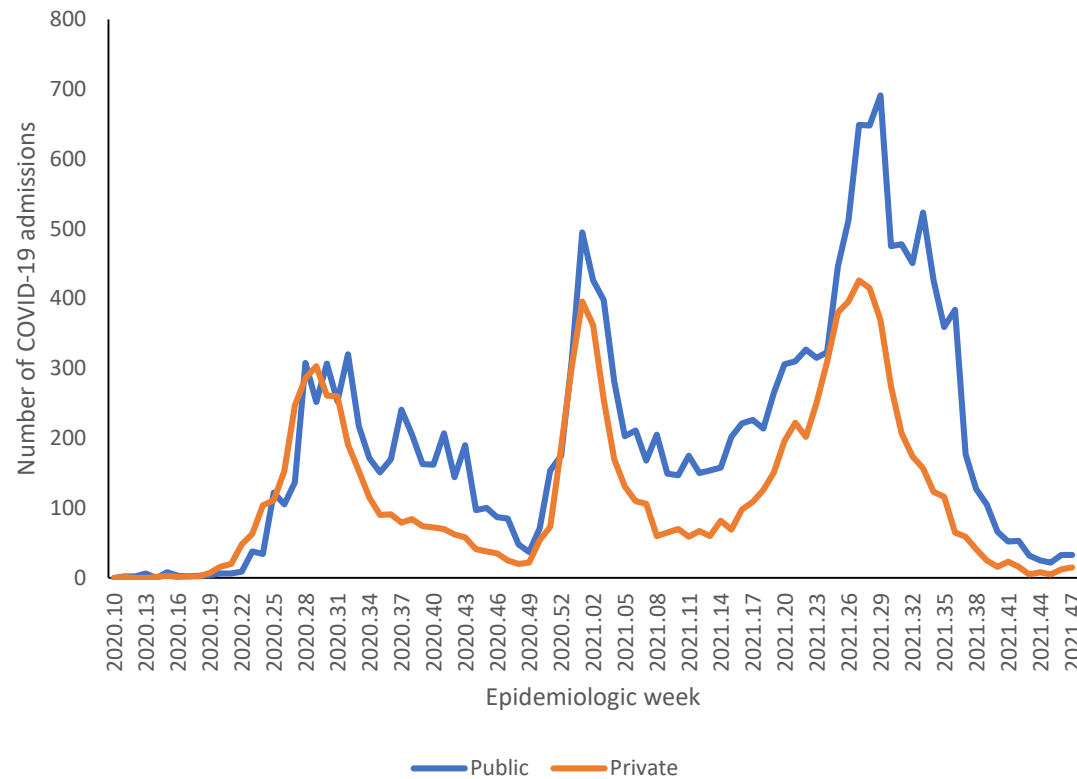


District	Date	Dept of Health	Upticks	Upswing	Case Threshold (7 day total per 100k pop)	Percentage Change compared to 7 days ago (%)
North West						
Bojanala Platinum	2021-11-27	Response	Yes	Yes	10.42	415.38
Dr Kenneth Kaunda	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	Yes	3.89	287.50
Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	2.96	133.33
Ngaka Modiri Molema	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	Yes	3.41	158.33





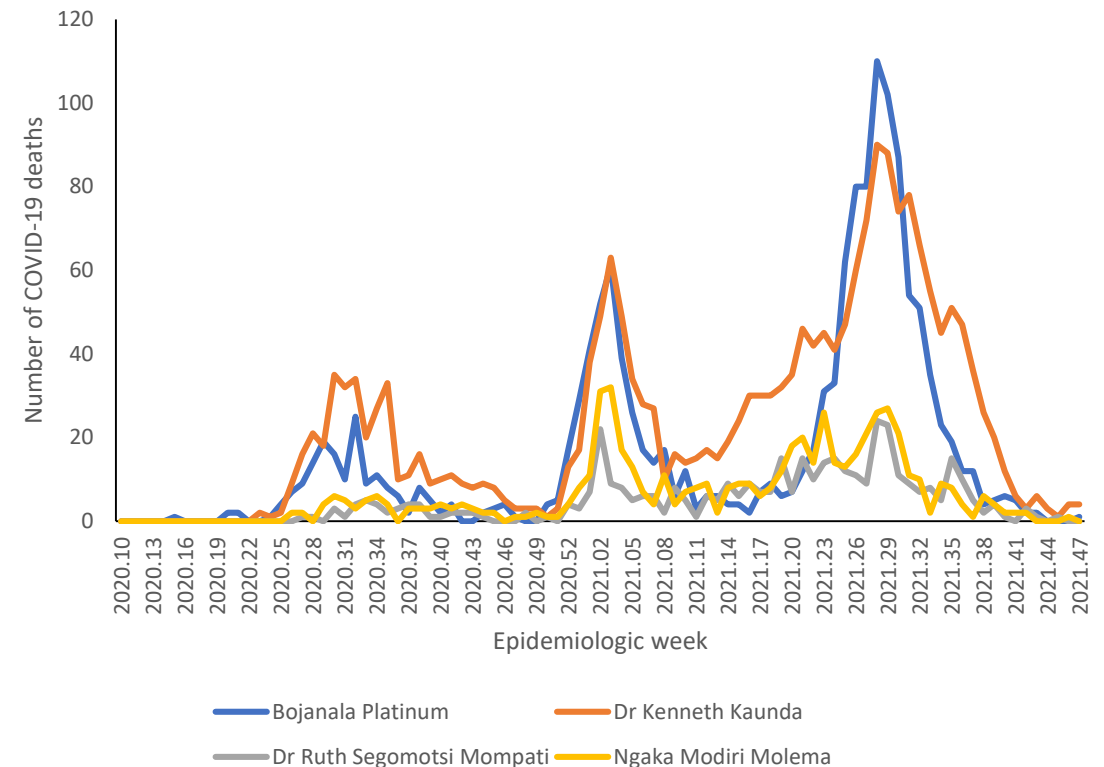
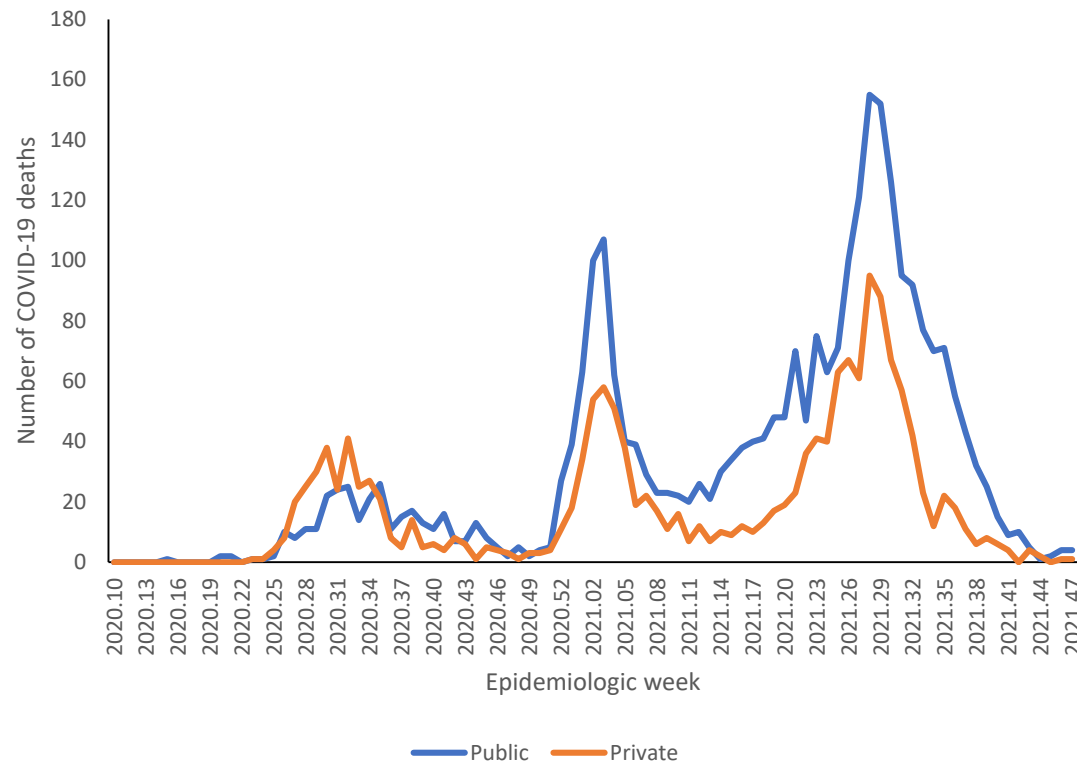
# Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), North West, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly admissions at peak of 3<sup>rd</sup> wave surpassed peak of second wave in both sectors, and in Dr Kenneth Kaunda and Bojanala Platinum districts
- Increased admissions in both sectors in the past week
- Increase in admissions all districts



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), North West, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly deaths at peak of 3<sup>rd</sup> wave surpassed peak of second wave in private sector, and in Bojanala Platinum and Dr Kenneth Kaunda districts
- Decreased deaths in both sectors
- Increased deaths in Dr Kenneth Kaunda

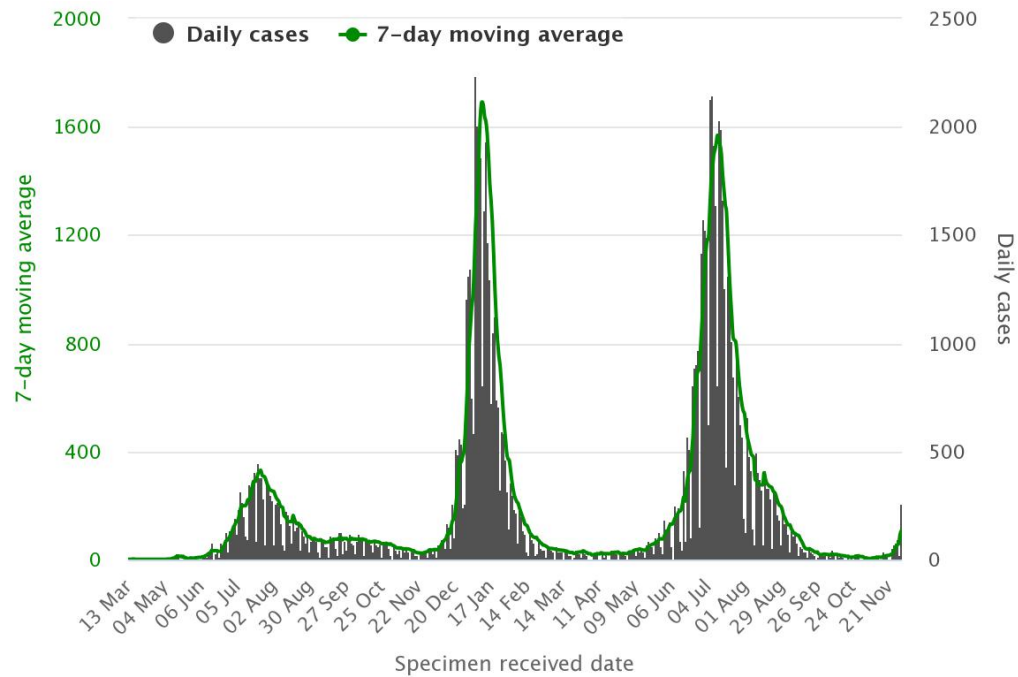


Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, North West, 30 October-27 November 2021

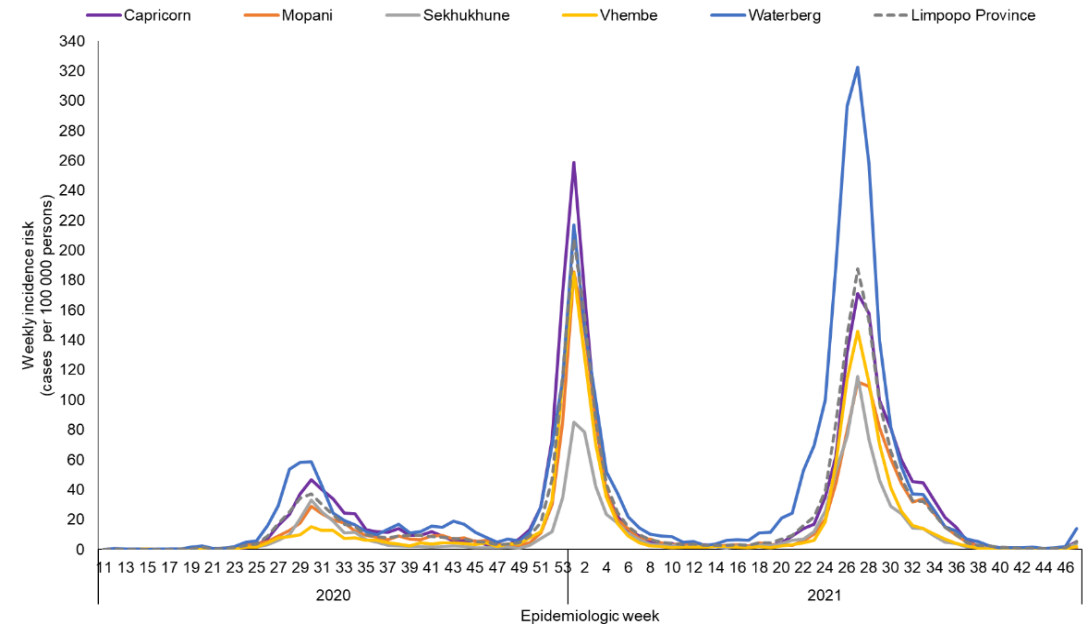
Districts	Previous 14 days admission average	Current 14 days admissions average	Percentage change in admissions	Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	Percentage change in deaths
Bojanala Platinum	1.36	2.07	52.63	0.00	0.07	0.00
Dr Kenneth Kaunda	2.36	3.29	39.39	0.29	0.57	100.00
Ruth Segomotsi Mompati	0.36	0.71	100.00	0.07	0.00	-100.00
Ngaka Modiri Molema	0.21	0.57	166.67	0.00	0.07	0.00



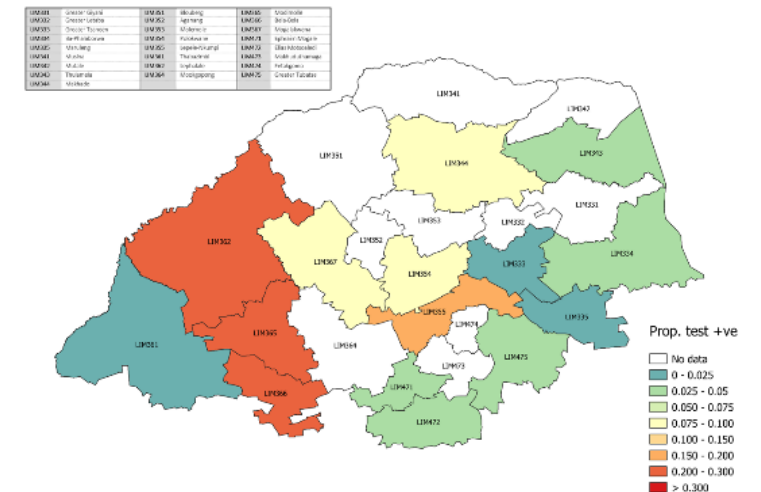
# Limpopo



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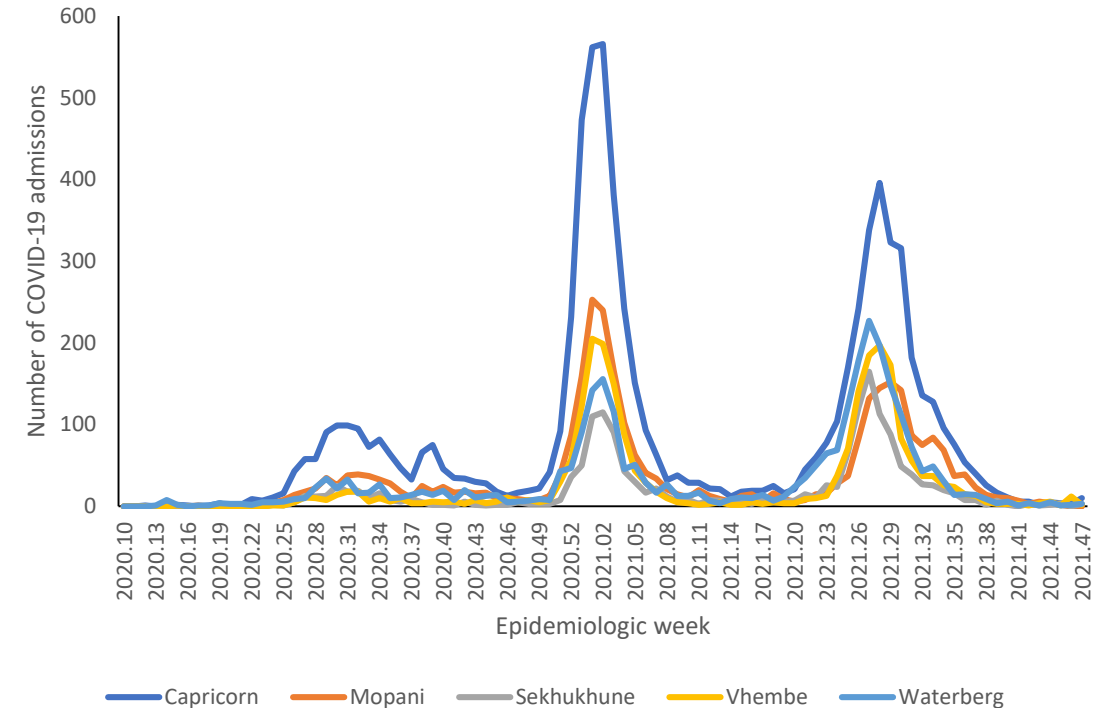
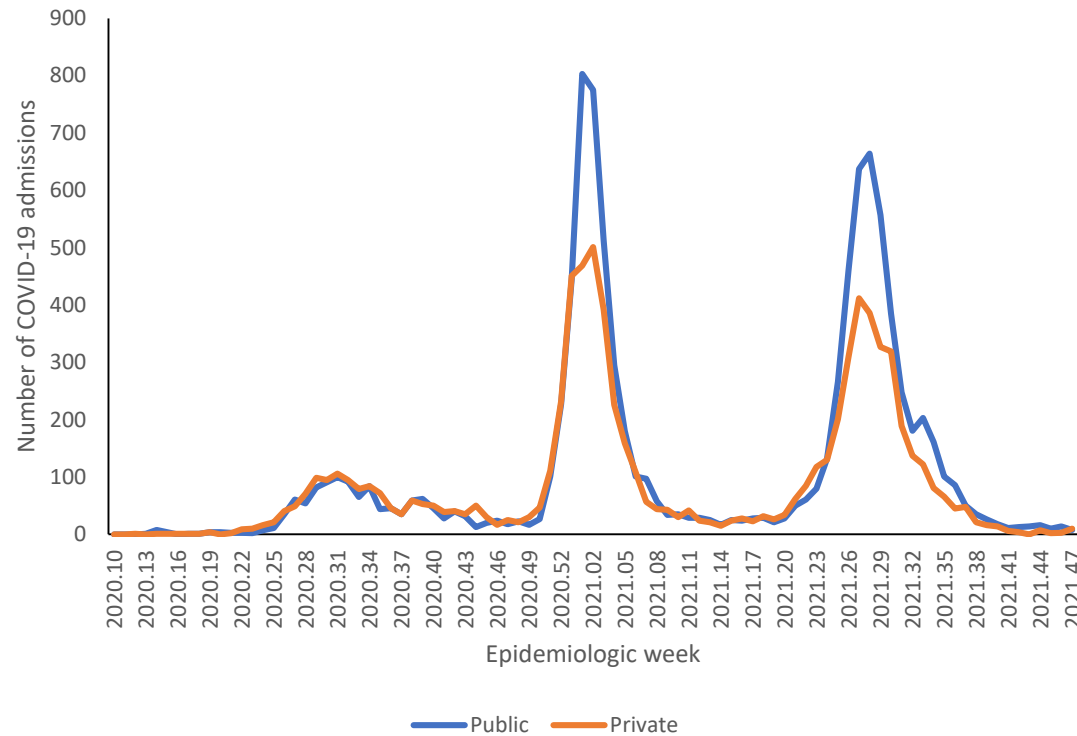


District	Date	Dept of Health	Upticks	Upswing	Case Threshold (7 day total per 100k pop)	Percentage Change compared to 7 days ago (%)
<b>Limpopo</b>						
Capricorn	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	Yes	5.50	453.85
Mopani	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	1.69	233.33
Sekhukhune	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	4.37	333.33
Vhembe	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	1.75	525.00
Waterberg	2021-11-27	Response	Yes	Yes	14.01	642.86





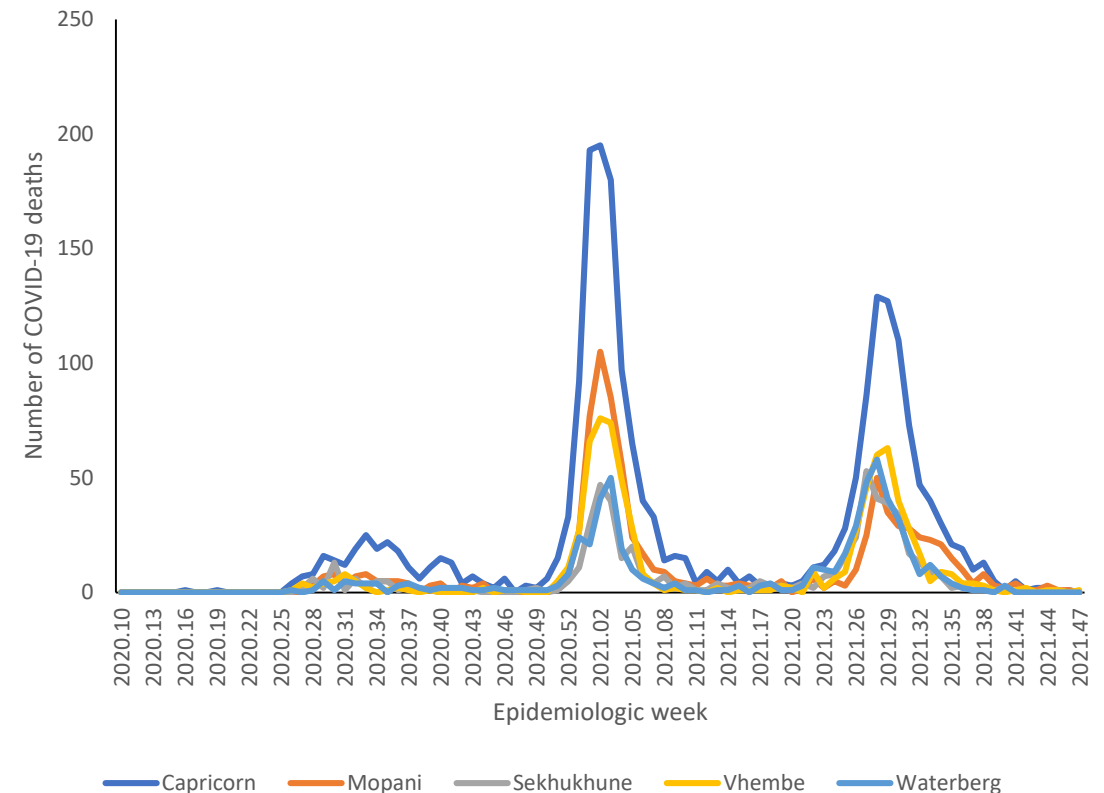
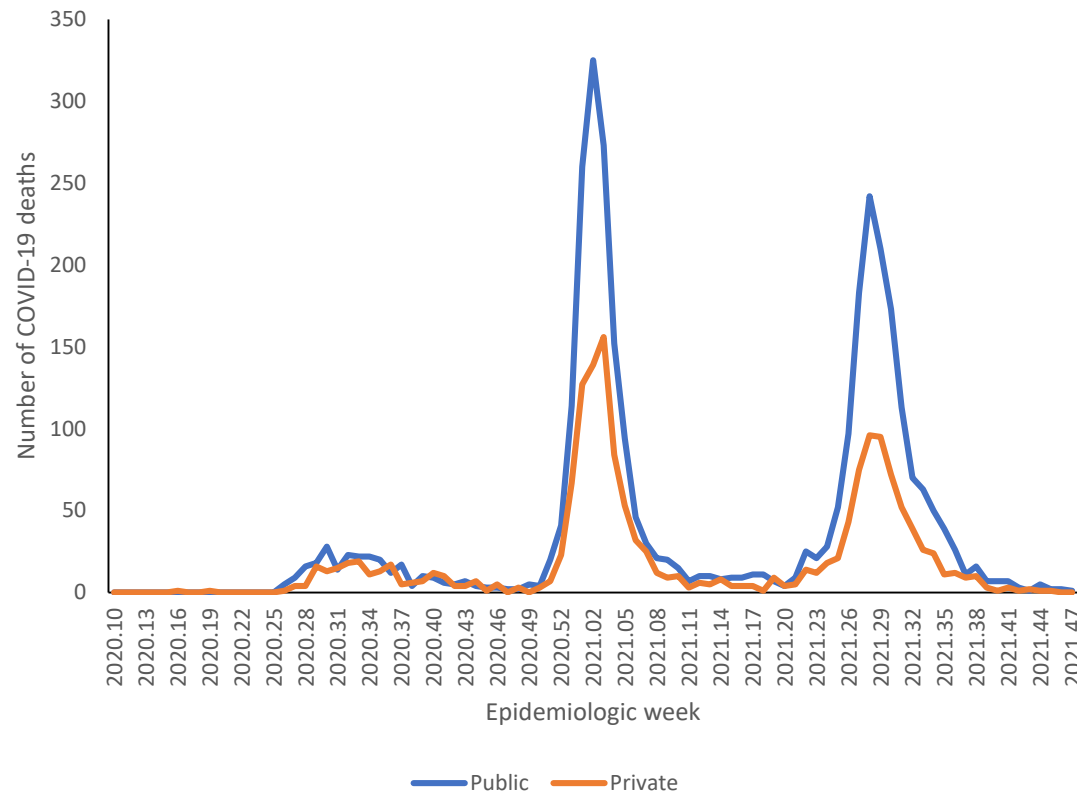
# Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by epidemiologic week and health sector, Limpopo, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of admissions at peak of 3rd wave surpassed peak of second wave in Sekhukhune and Waterberg
- Decreased admissions both sectors
- Small increase in admissions in Capricorn and Vhembe



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Limpopo, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



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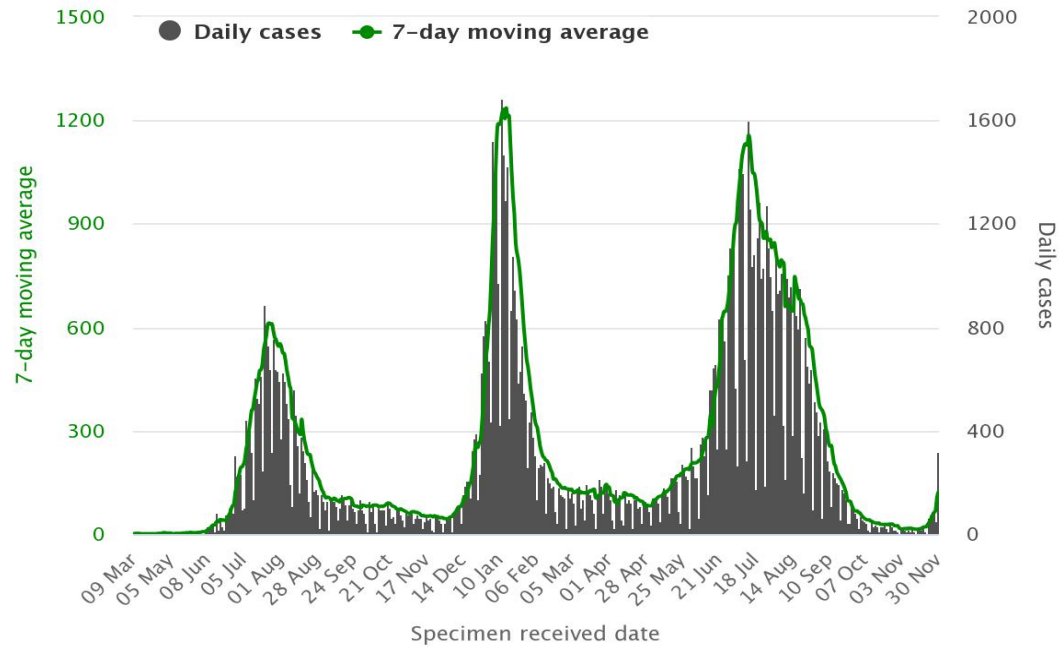


Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Limpopo, 30 October-27 November 2021

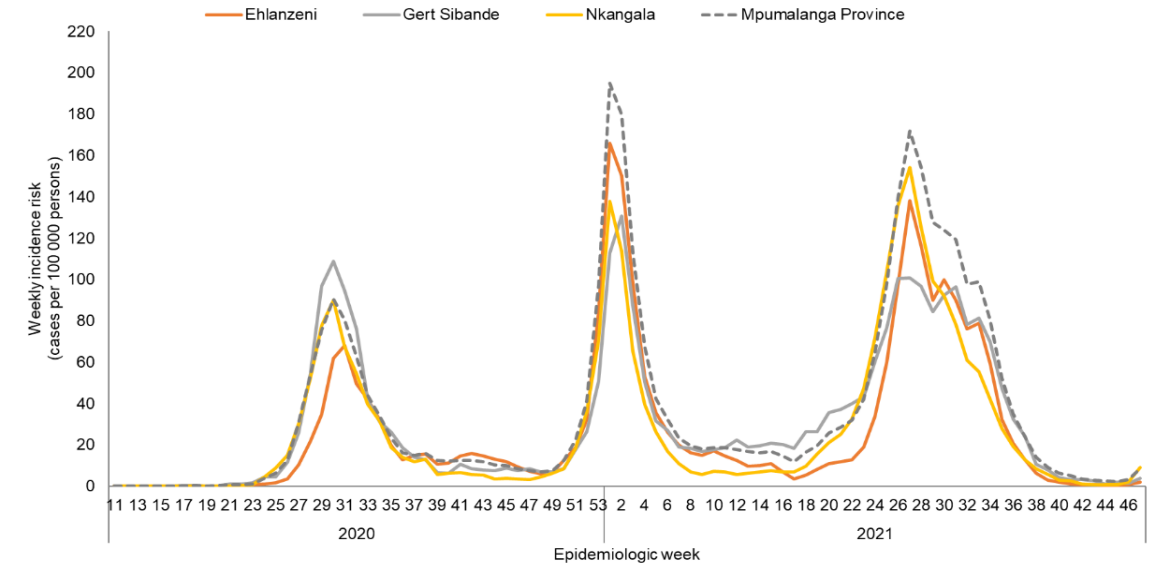
Districts	Previous 14 days admission average	Current 14 days admissions average	Percentage change in admissions	Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	Percentage change in deaths
Capricorn	0.64	0.93	44.44	0.14	0.07	-50.00
Mopani	0.43	0.00	-100.00	0.29	0.07	-75.00
Sekhukhune	0.43	0.21	-50.00	0.07	0.00	-100.00
Vhembe	0.50	1.00	100.00	0.14	0.07	-50.00
Waterberg	0.43	0.36	-16.67	0.00	0.00	0.00



# Mpumalanga

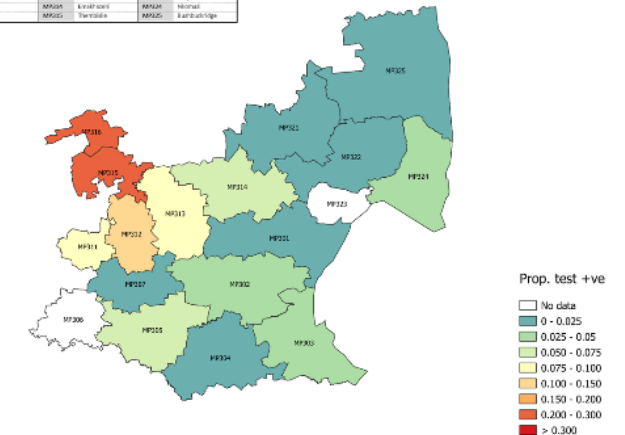


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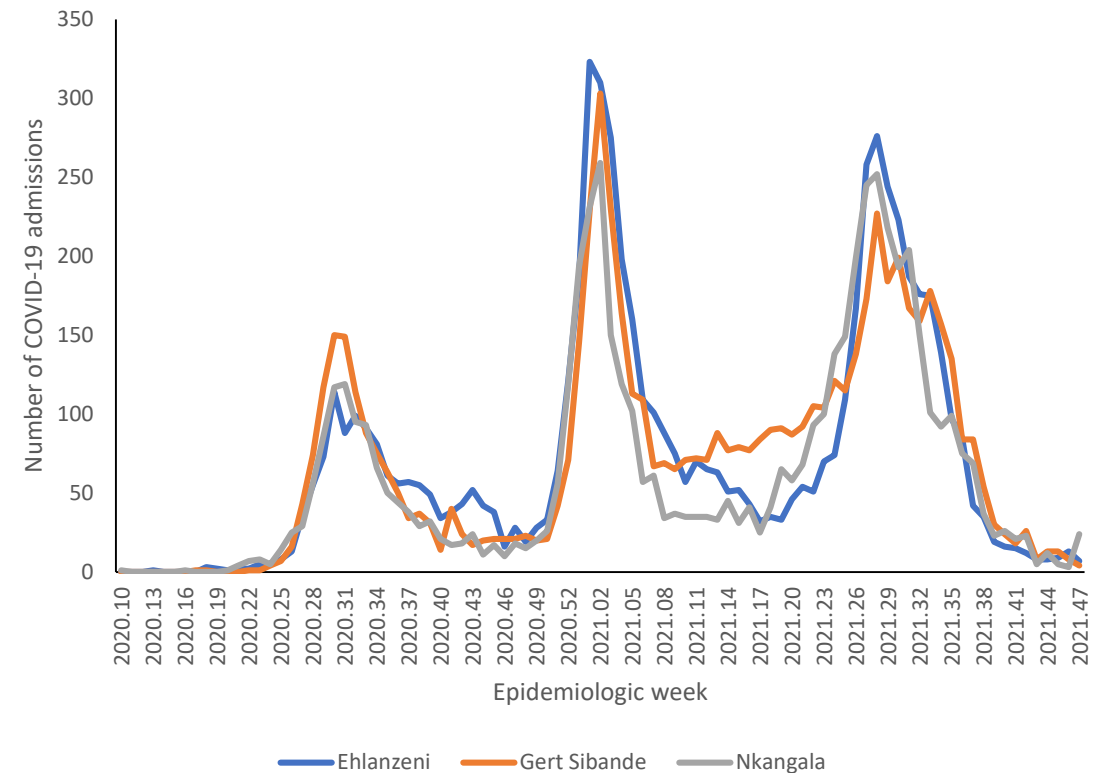
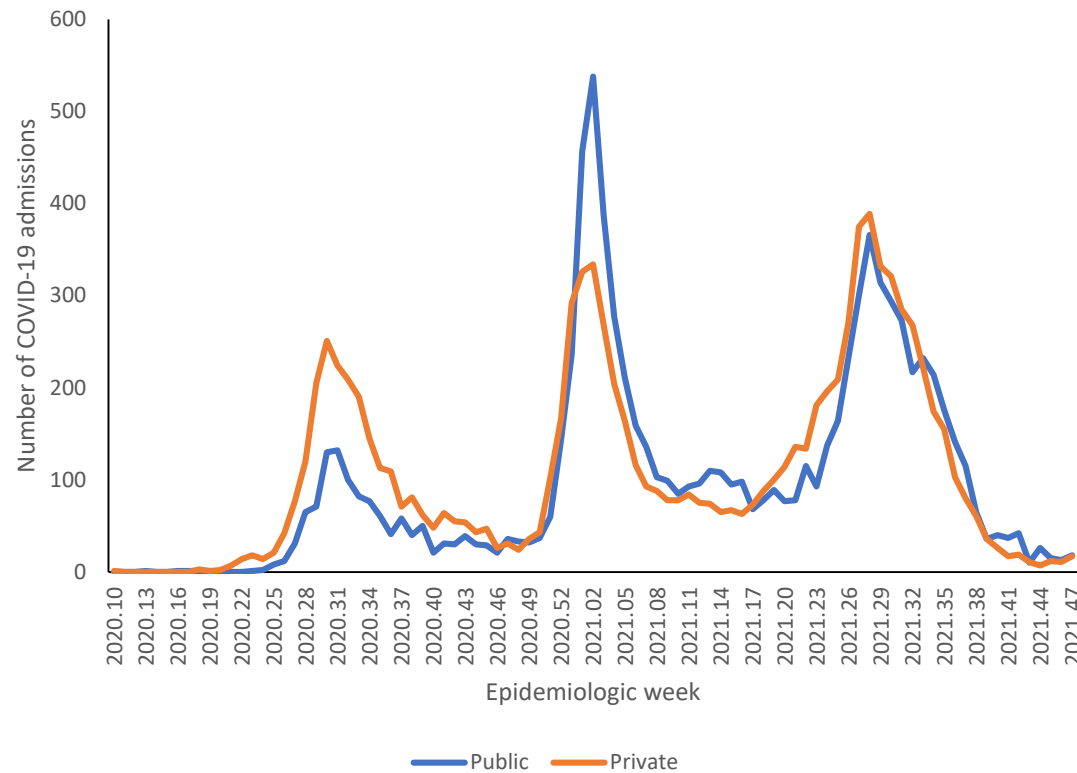
District	Date	Dept of Health	Upticks	Upswing	Case Threshold (7 day total per 100k pop)	Percentage Change compared to 7 days ago (%)
<b>Mpumalanga</b>						
Ehlanzeni	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	No	2.08	153.33
Gert Sibande	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	3.78	161.11
Nkangala	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	Yes	9.14	390.00

MPM01	Albert Luthuli	MPM07	David Mlambo	MPM16	Dr. J. Mlambo
MPM02	Chris Hani	MPM08	Edmore Mlambo	MPM17	Edmore Mlambo
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MPM04	Edmore Mlambo	MPM10	Edmore Mlambo	MPM19	Edmore Mlambo
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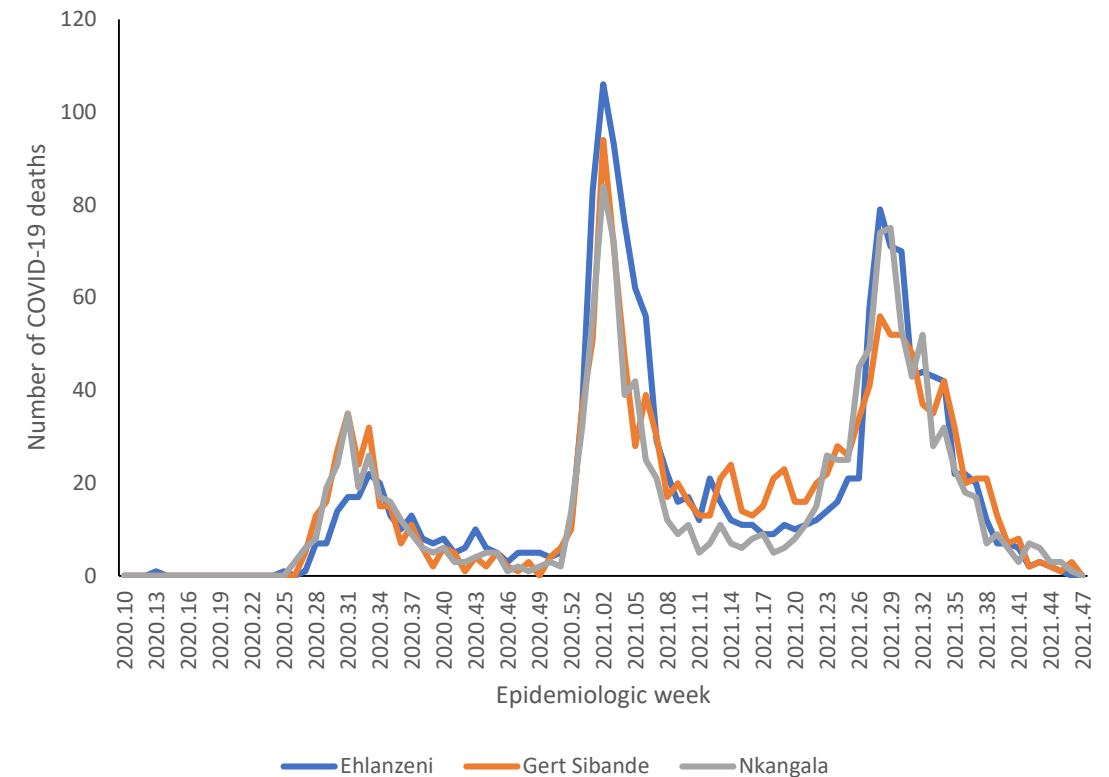
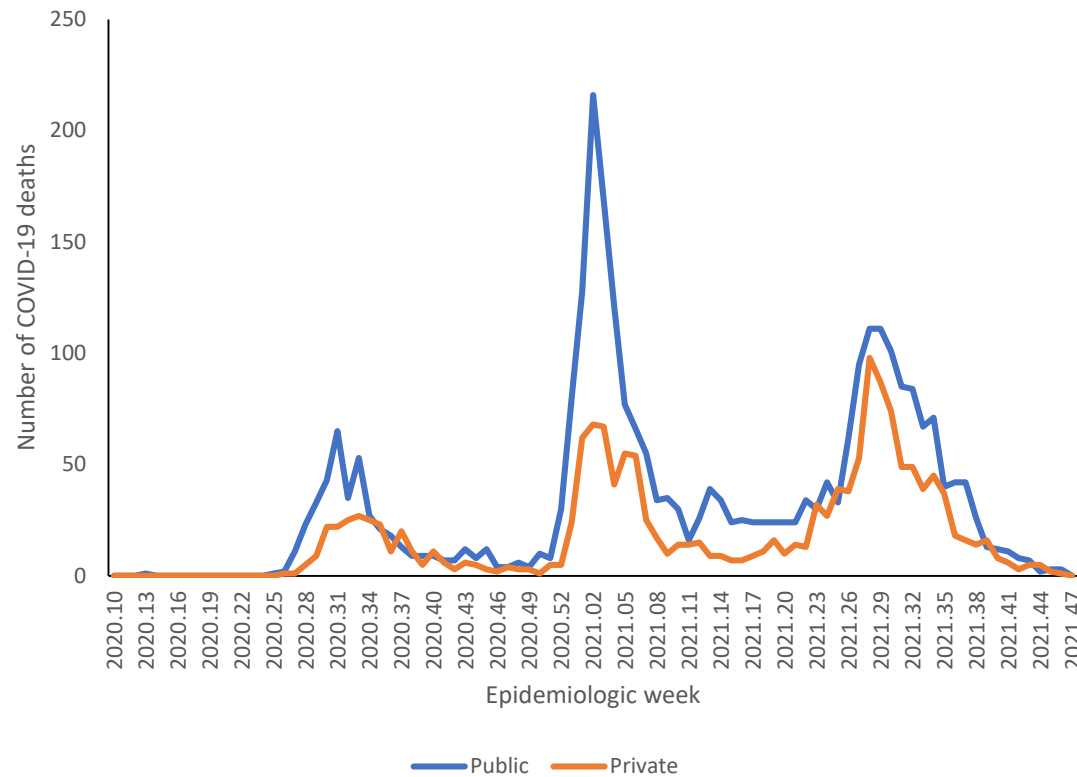
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- Weekly number of admissions at peak of 3rd wave surpassed peak of second wave in private sector
- Small increase in admissions both sectors and all districts except, Gert Sibande



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Mpumalanga, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of deaths at peak of 3rd wave surpassed peak of second wave in private sector
- Decreased deaths both sectors
- Decreased deaths all districts

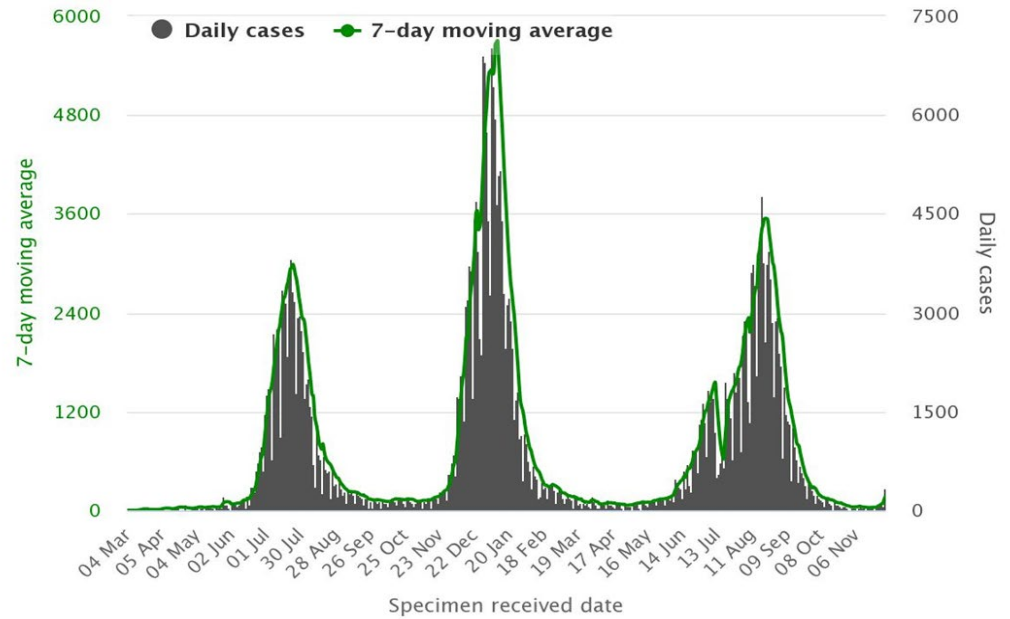


Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Mpumalanga, 30 October-27 November 2021

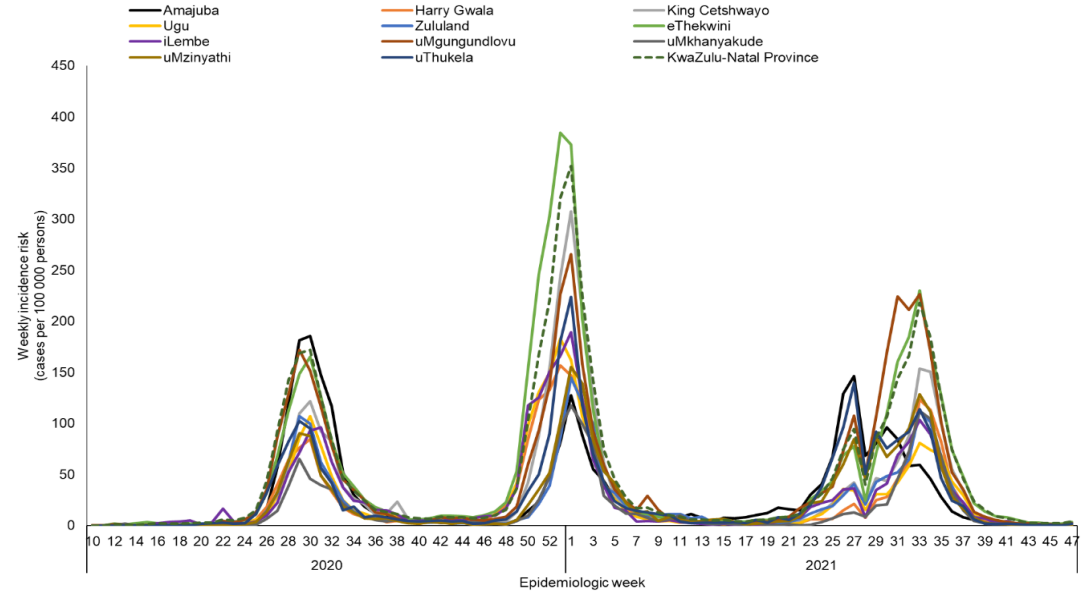
Districts	Previous 14 days admission average	Current 14 days admissions average	Percentage change in admissions	Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	Percentage change in deaths
Ehlanzeni	1.21	1.43	17.65	0.21	0.00	-100.00
Gert Sibande	1.86	0.86	-53.85	0.21	0.21	0.00
Nkangala	1.21	1.93	58.82	0.43	0.07	-83.33



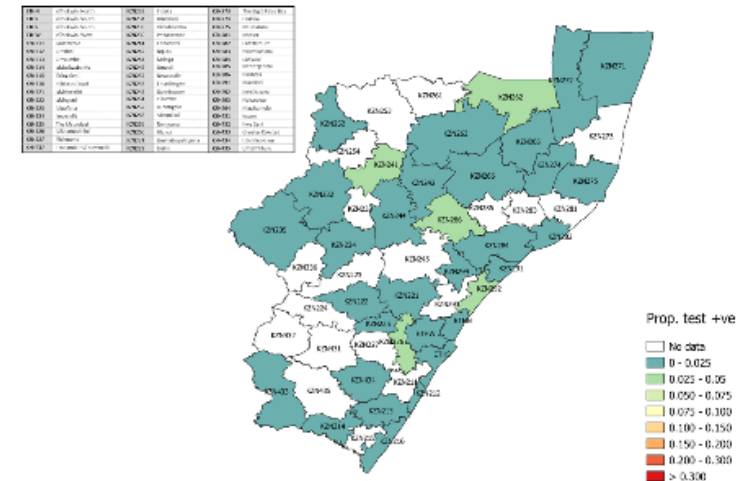
# KwaZulu-Natal



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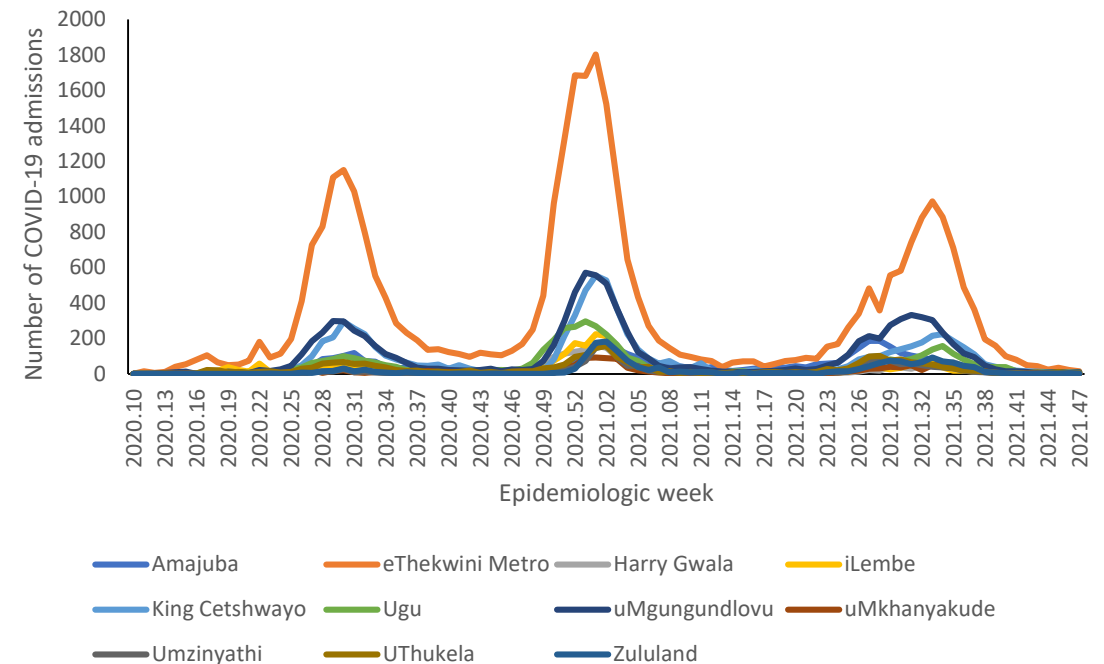
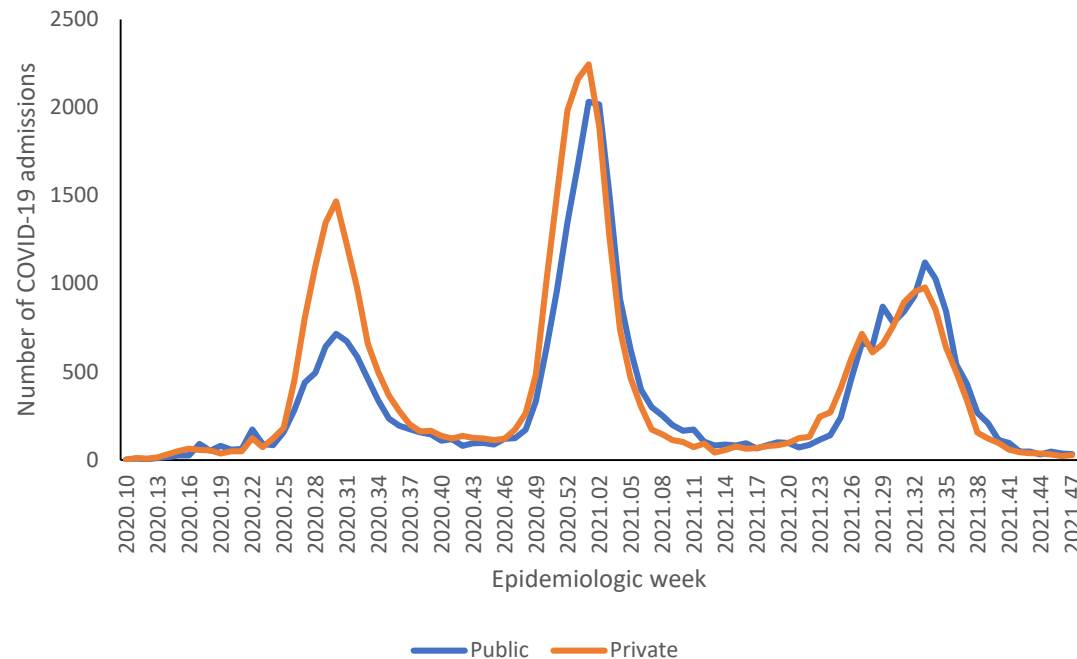


District	Date	Dept of Health	Upticks	Upswing	Case Threshold (7 day total per 100k pop)	Percentage Change compared to 7 days ago (%)
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>						
Amajuba	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	1.58	200.00
eThekweni	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	No	3.77	92.31
Harry Gwala	2021-11-26	Alert	No	No	0.39	0.00
iLembe	2021-11-26	Alert	No	No	0.72	25.00
King Cetshwayo	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	0.82	60.00
Ugu	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	1.50	71.43
uMgungundlovu	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	Yes	2.78	300.00
uMkhanyakude	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	0.87	200.00
uMzinyathi	2021-11-26	Alert	No	No	0.70	0.00
uThukela	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	1.82	333.33
Zululand	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	0.23	-66.67





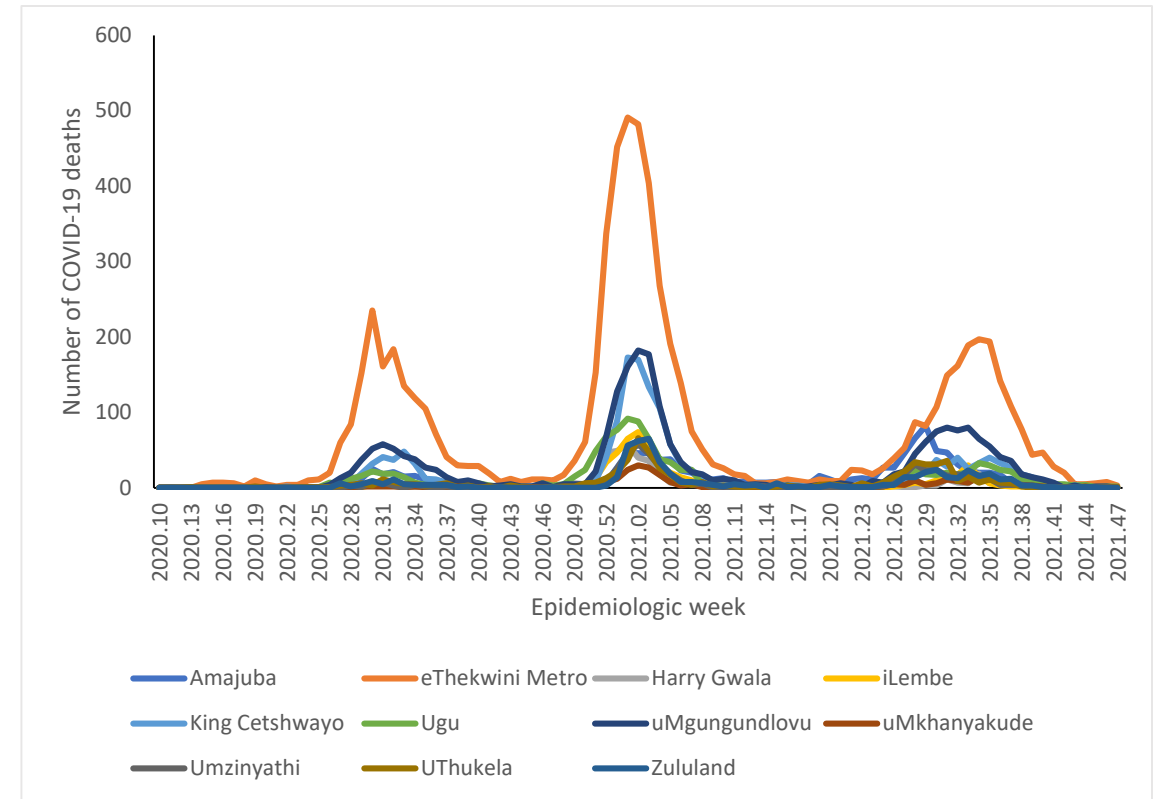
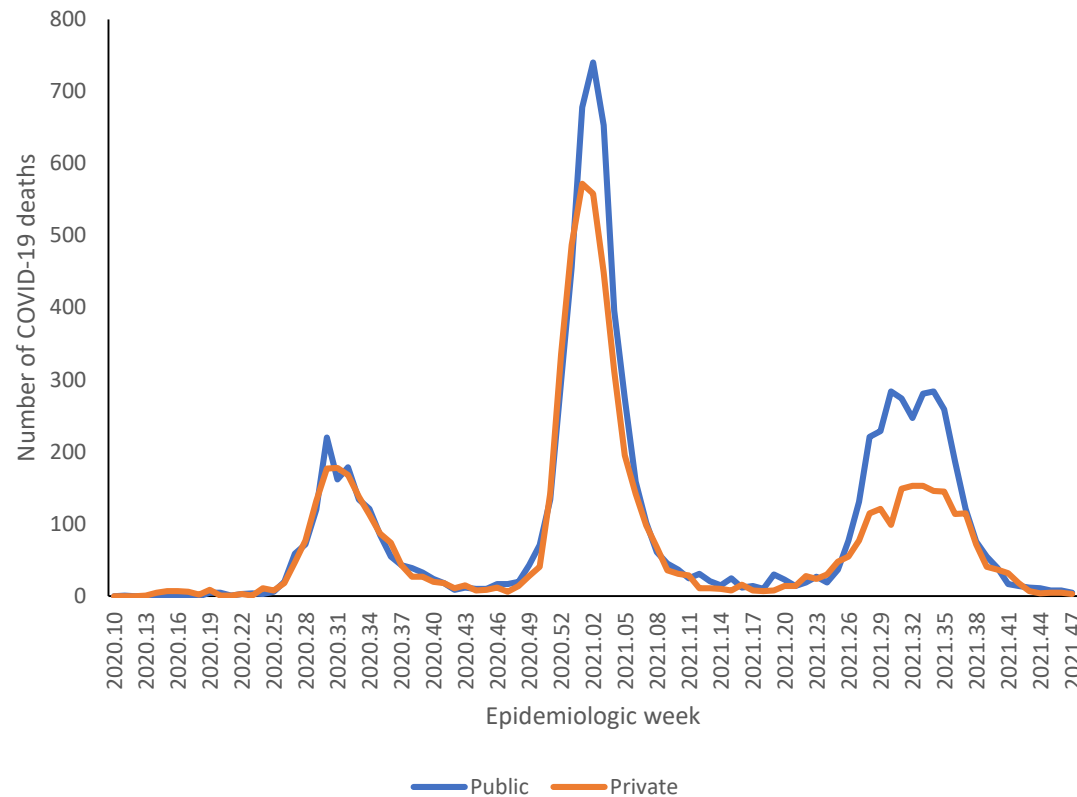
# Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Kwazulu-Natal, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of admissions at peak of 3rd wave surpassed peak of second wave in Amajuba
- Decreased admissions both sectors
- Increased admissions in Amajuba, iLembe, King Cetshwayo, uMkhanyakude and Zululand



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Kwazulu-Natal, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of deaths at peak of 3rd wave surpassed peak of second wave in Amajuba
- Decreased deaths both sectors
- Decreased deaths all districts

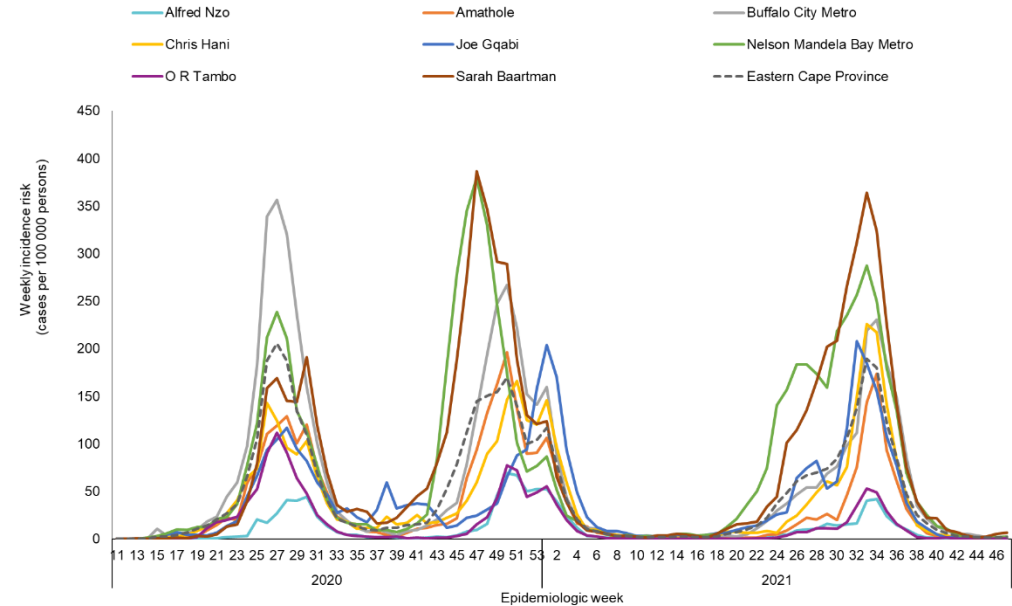
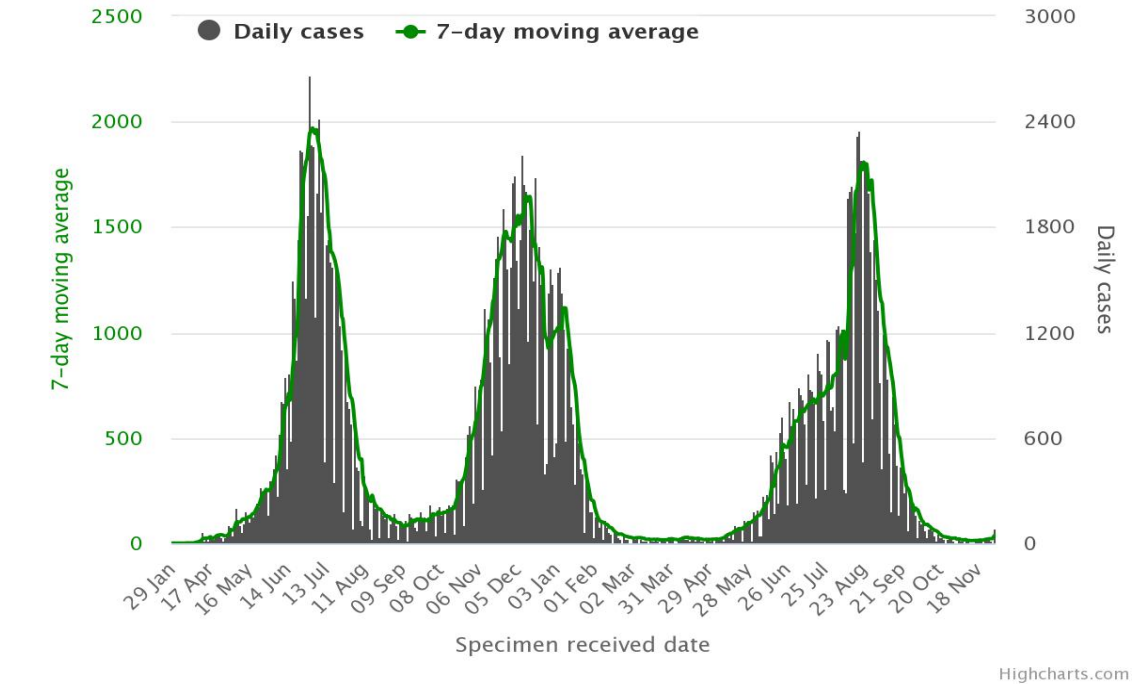


Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Kwazulu-Natal, 30 October-27 November 2021

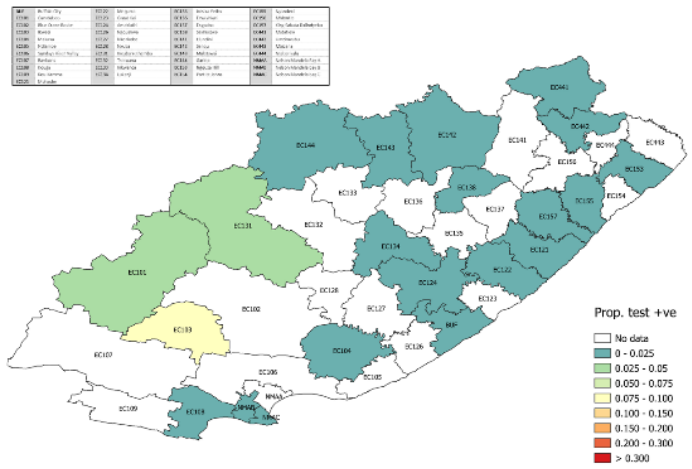
Districts	Previous 14 days admission average	Current 14 days admissions average	Percentage change in admissions	Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	Percentage change in deaths
Amajuba	0.29	0.43	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
eThekweni Metro	4.14	2.71	-34.48	0.79	0.79	0.00
Harry Gwala	0.43	0.14	-66.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
iLembe	0.43	0.57	33.33	0.07	0.00	-100.00
King Cetshwayo	0.93	1.07	15.38	0.14	0.07	-50.00
Ugu	1.21	1.14	-5.88	0.36	0.29	-20.00
uMgungundlovu	1.21	1.07	-11.76	0.14	0.14	0.00
uMkhanyakude	0.14	0.21	50.00	0.14	0.07	-50.00
UMzinyathi	0.21	0.07	-66.67	0.14	0.07	-50.00
UThukela	1.00	0.50	-50.00	0.07	0.07	0.00
Zululand	0.29	0.50	75.00	0.14	0.00	-100.00



# Eastern Cape

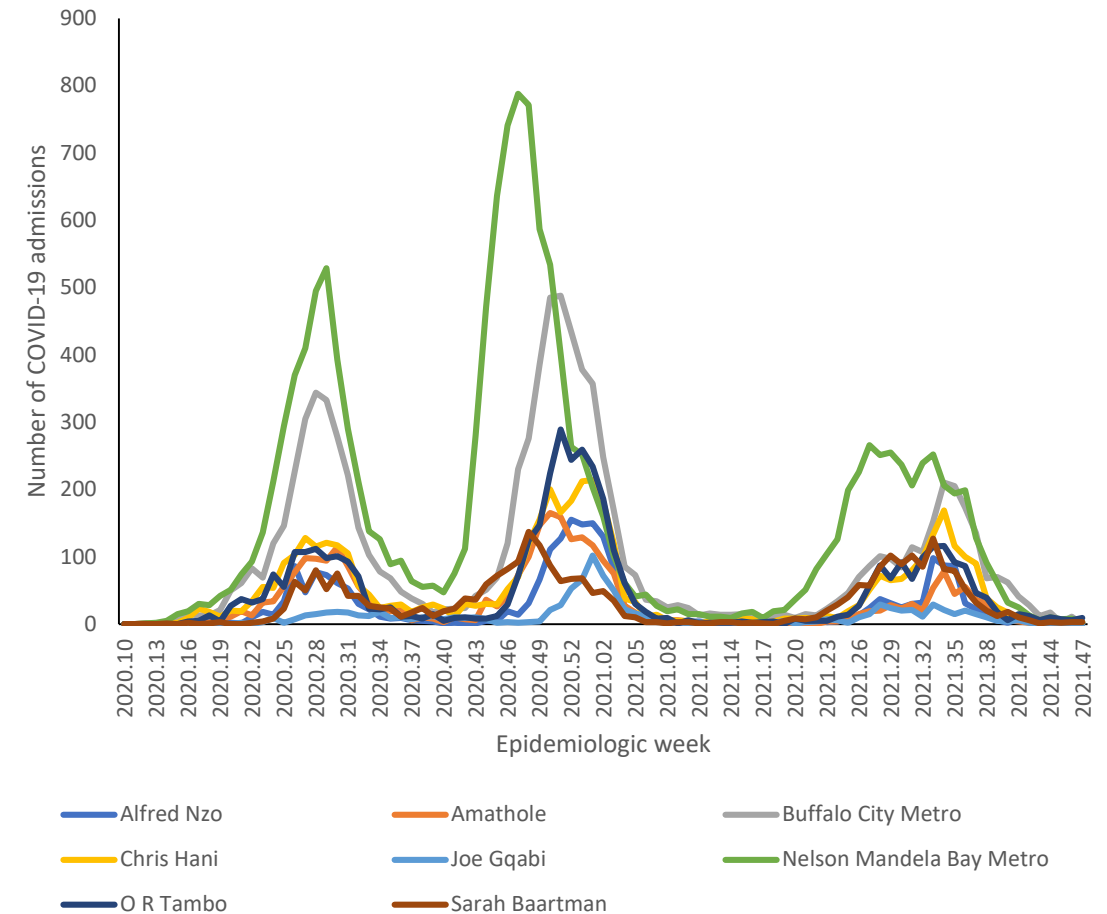
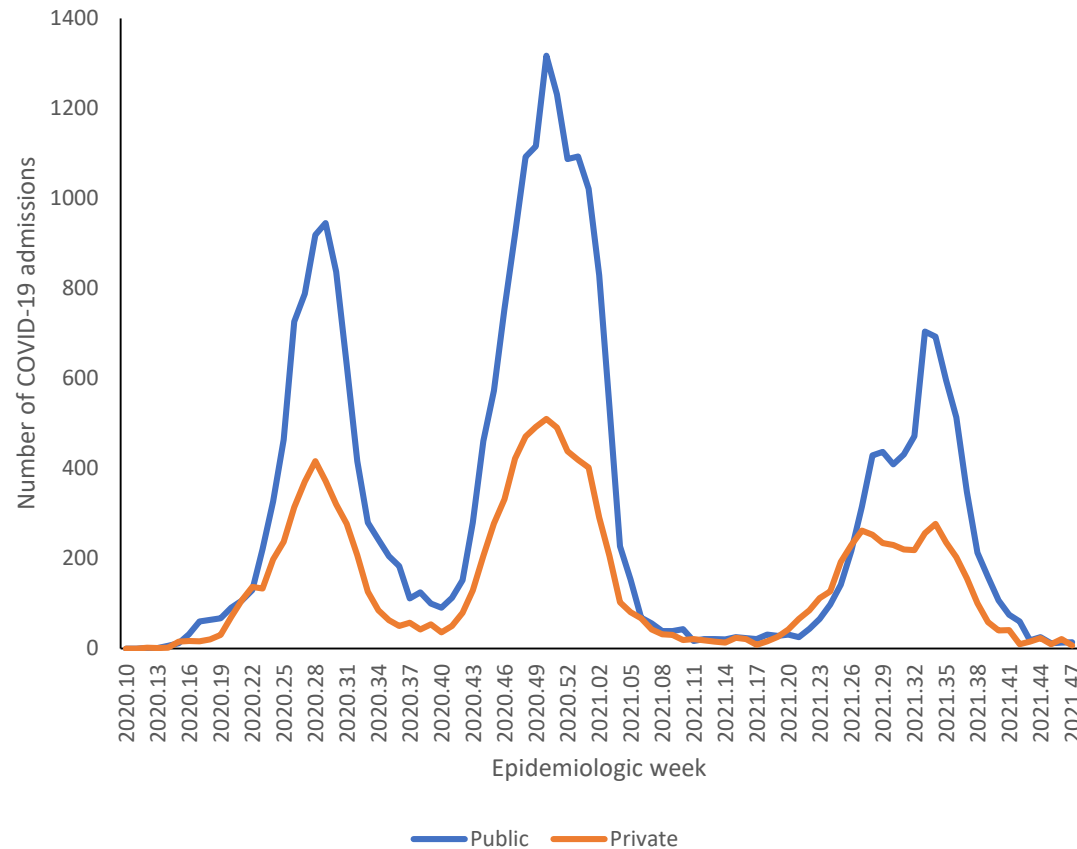


District	Date	Dept of Health	Upticks	Upswing	Case Threshold (7 day total per 100k pop)	Percentage Change compared to 7 days ago (%)
Eastern Cape						
Alfred Nzo	2021-11-23	Alert	No	No	0.24	100.00
Amathole	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	1.88	150.00
Buffalo City	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	2.37	46.15
Chris Hani	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	1.51	37.50
Joe Gqabi	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	2.03	250.00
Nelson Mandela Bay	2021-11-26	Alert	No	No	3.05	85.00
OR Tambo	2021-11-27	Alert	No	Yes	0.91	1300.00
Sarah Baartman	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	7.23	40.00





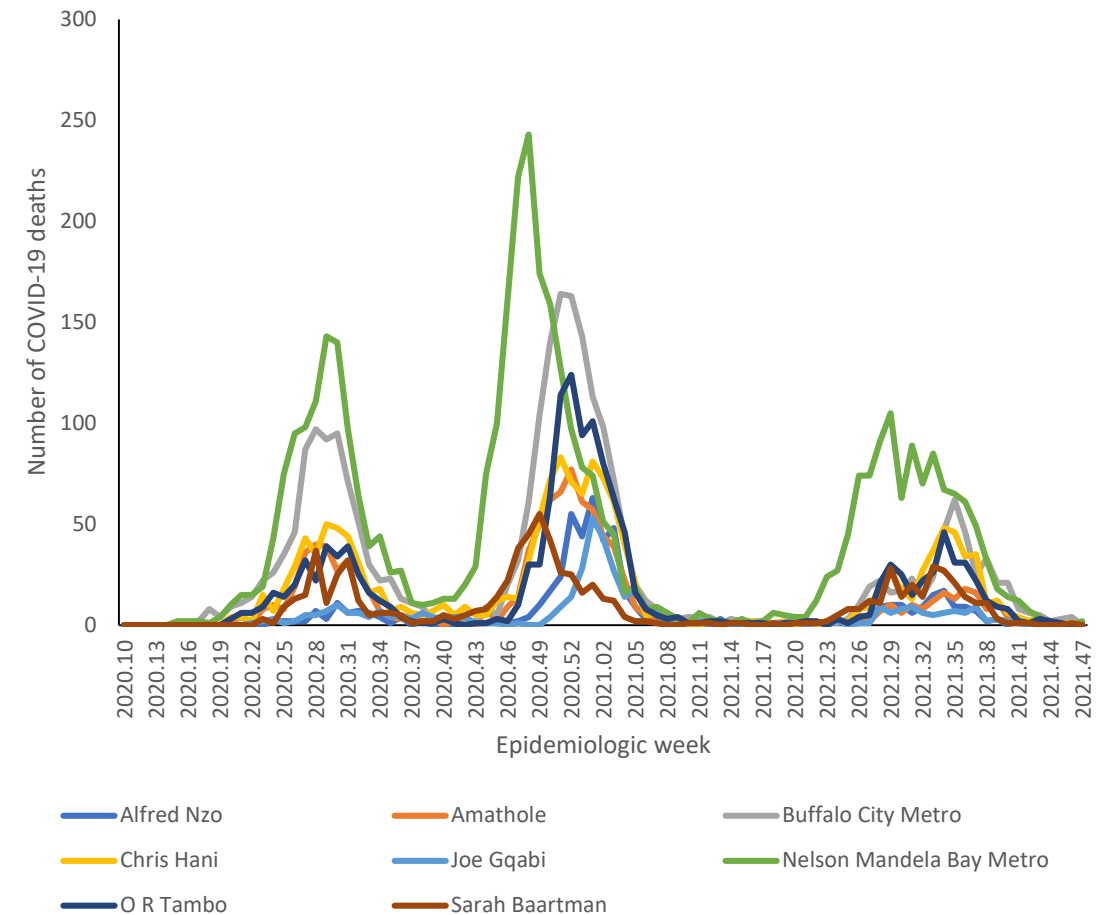
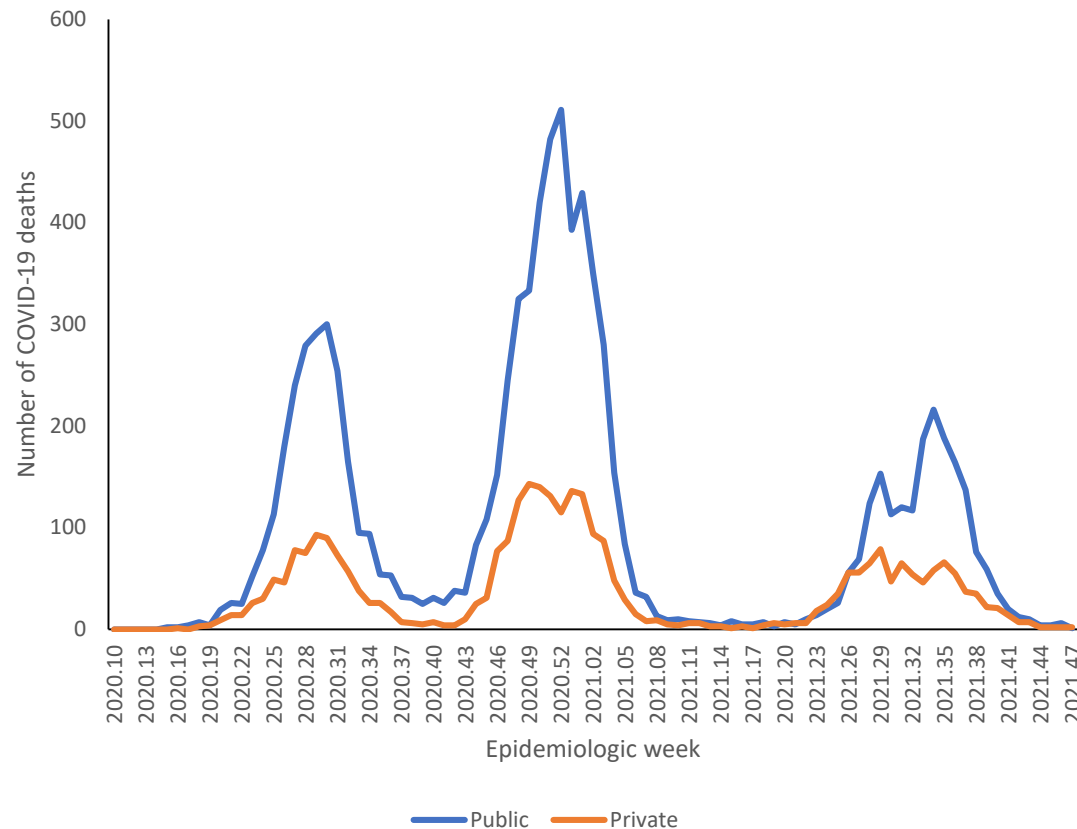
# Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Eastern Cape, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Decreased admissions both sectors
- Increased admissions in Chris Hani and Sarah Baartman



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Eastern Cape, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Decreased deaths both sectors
- Decreased deaths all districts

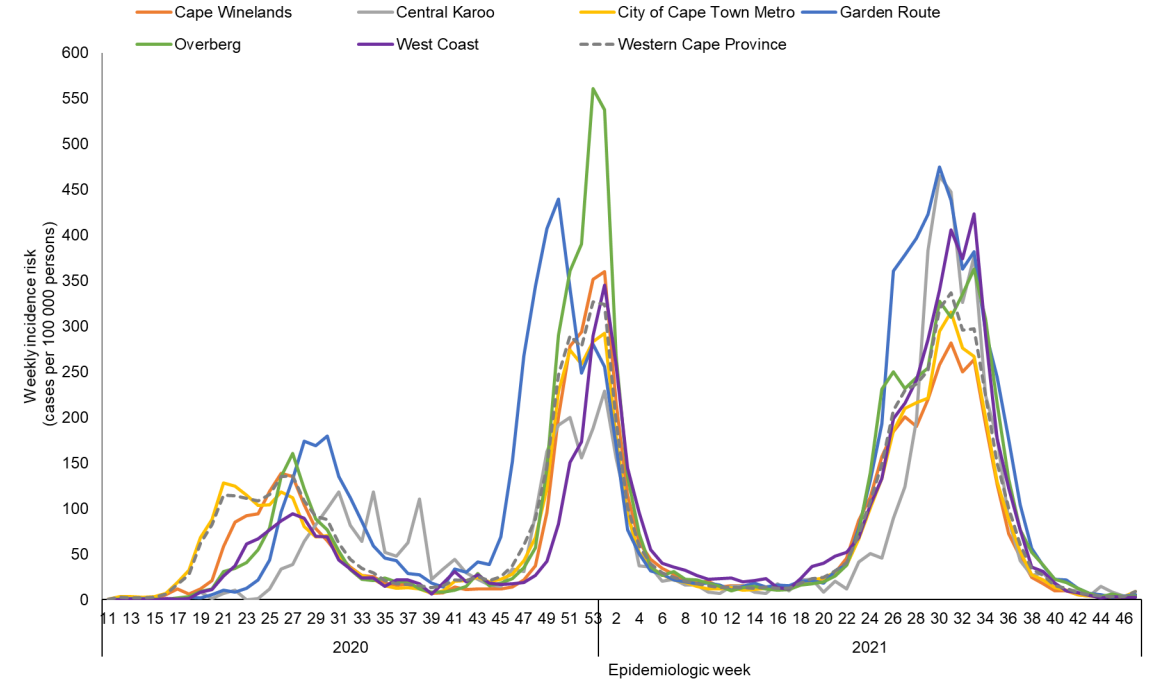
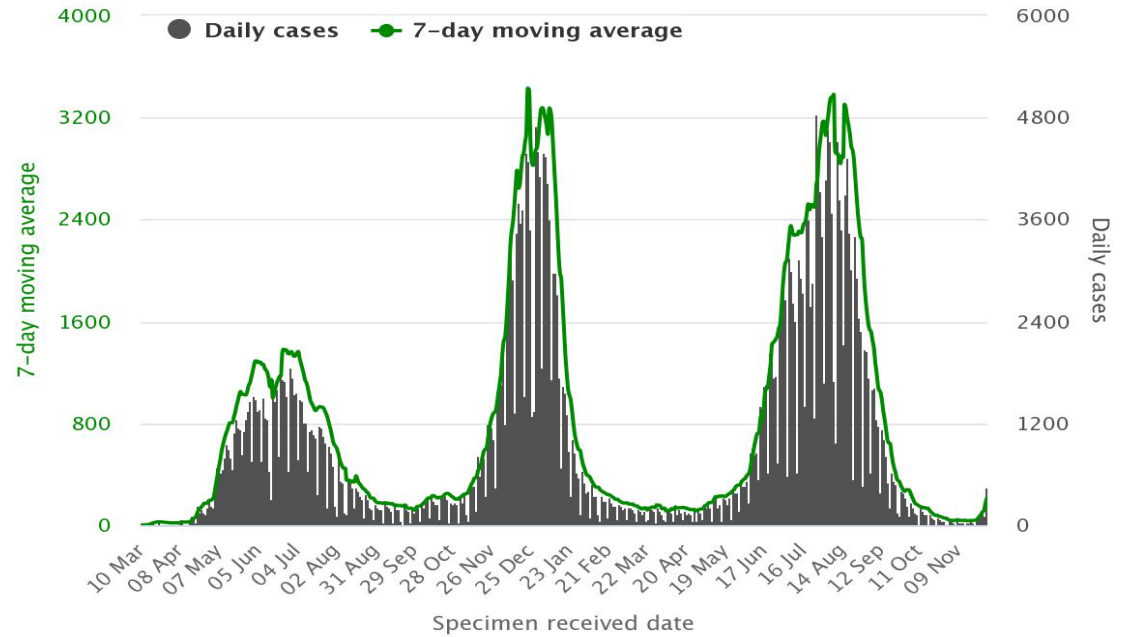


Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Eastern Cape, 30 October-27 November 2021

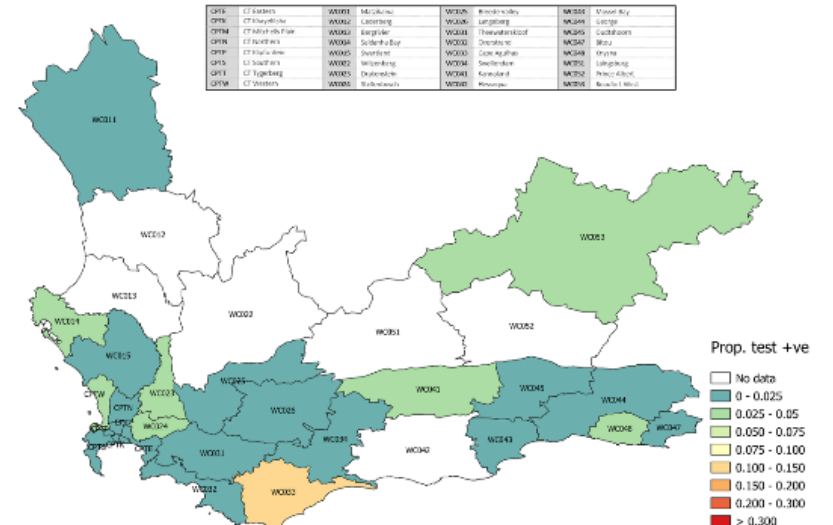
District	Previous 14 days admission average	Current 14 days admissions average	Percentage change in admissions	Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	Percentage change in deaths
Alfred Nzo	0.36	0.21	-40.00	0.00	0.14	0.00
Amathole	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.14	0.07	-50.00
Buffalo City Metro	1.36	0.79	-42.11	0.36	0.29	-20.00
Chris Hani	0.21	0.36	66.67	0.14	0.07	-50.00
Joe Gqabi	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nelson Mandela Bay	1.21	0.79	-35.29	0.00	0.14	0.00
O R Tambo	1.21	1.07	-11.76	0.21	0.00	-100.00
Sarah Baartman	0.36	0.43	20.00	0.00	0.07	0.00



# Western Cape

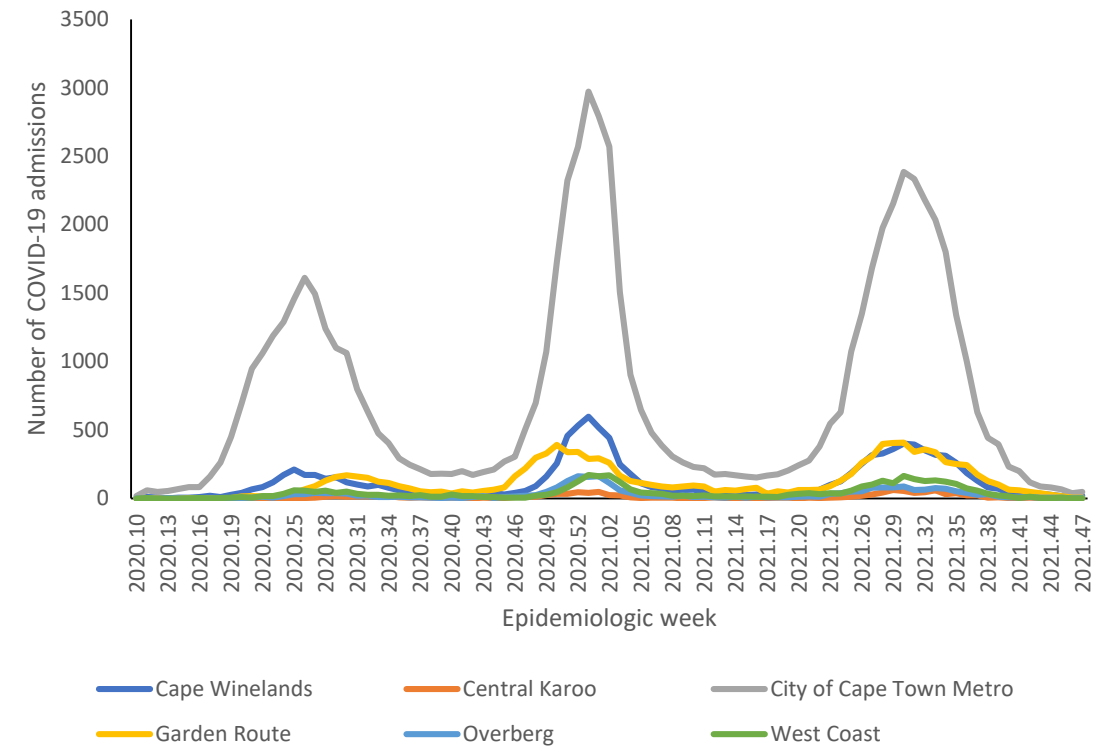
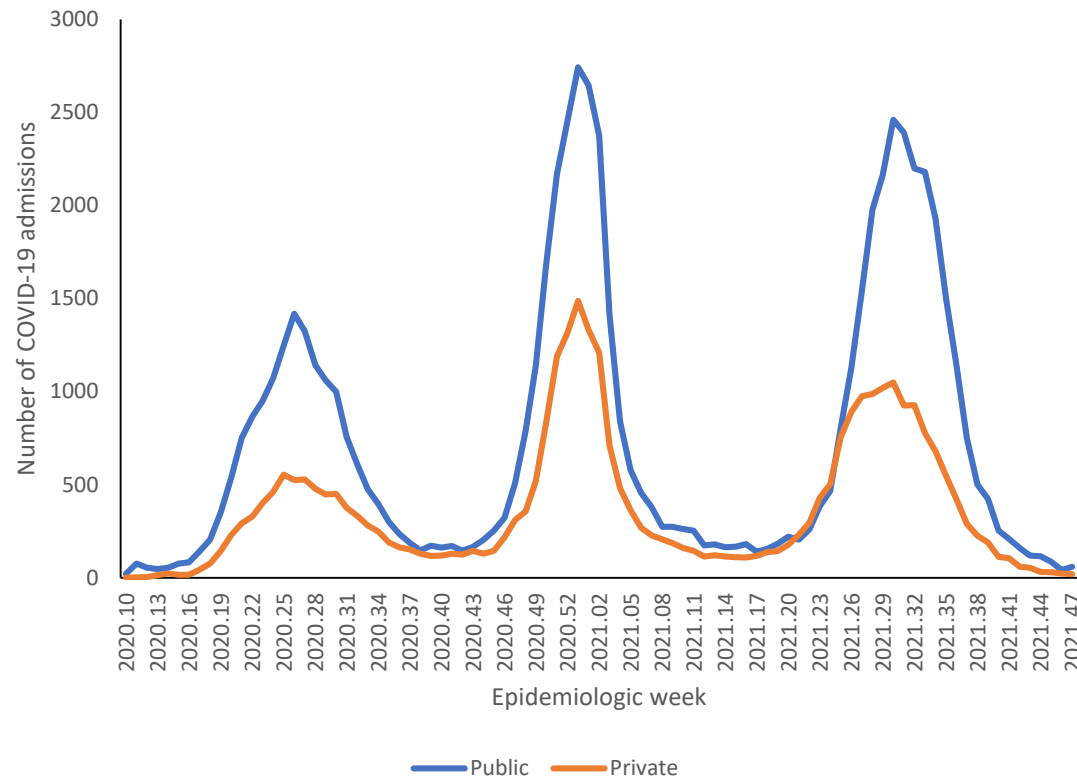


District	Date	Dept of Health	Upticks	Upswing	Case Threshold (7 day total per 100k pop)	Percentage Change compared to 7 days ago (%)
<b>Western Cape</b>						
Cape Winelands	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	5.74	107.69
Central Karoo	2021-11-26	Control	No	No	3.99	-40.00
City of Cape Town	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	Yes	9.23	159.15
Garden Route	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	5.93	48.00
Overberg	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	4.33	44.44
West Coast	2021-11-27	Control	No	No	3.04	16.67





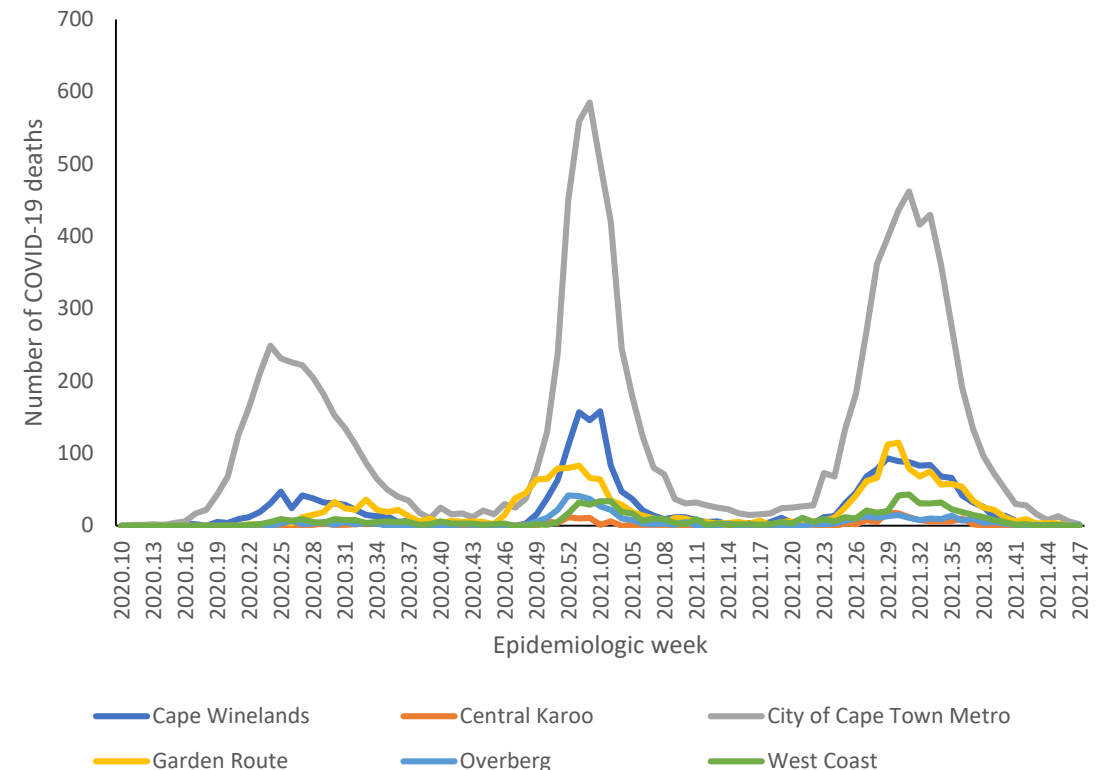
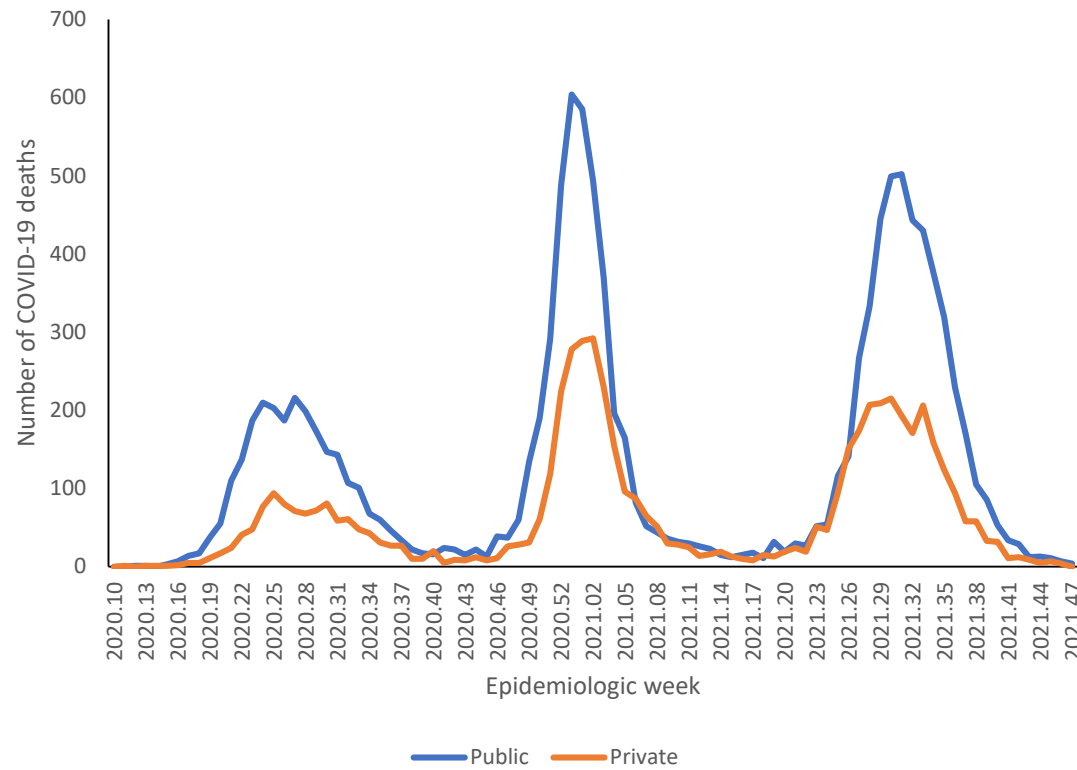
# Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Western Cape, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of admissions in 3rd wave has surpassed the peak of admission in second wave in Central Karoo and Garden Route
- Small increase in admissions in public sector
- Decreased admissions all districts



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Western Cape, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of deaths in 3rd wave has surpassed the peak of death in second wave in Central Karoo, Garden Route and West Coast
- Decreased deaths both sectors and all districts

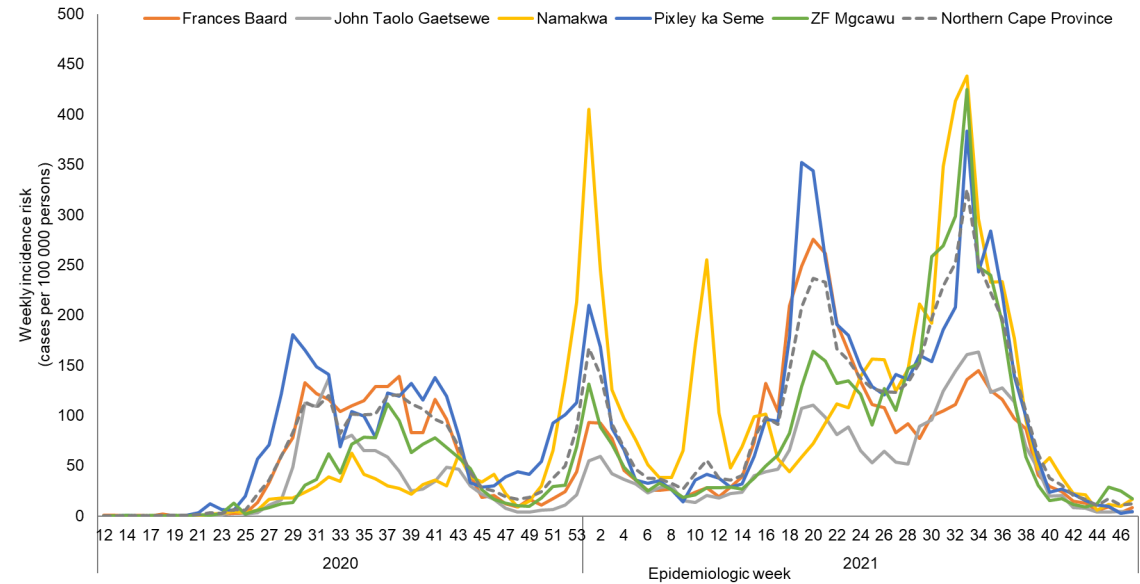
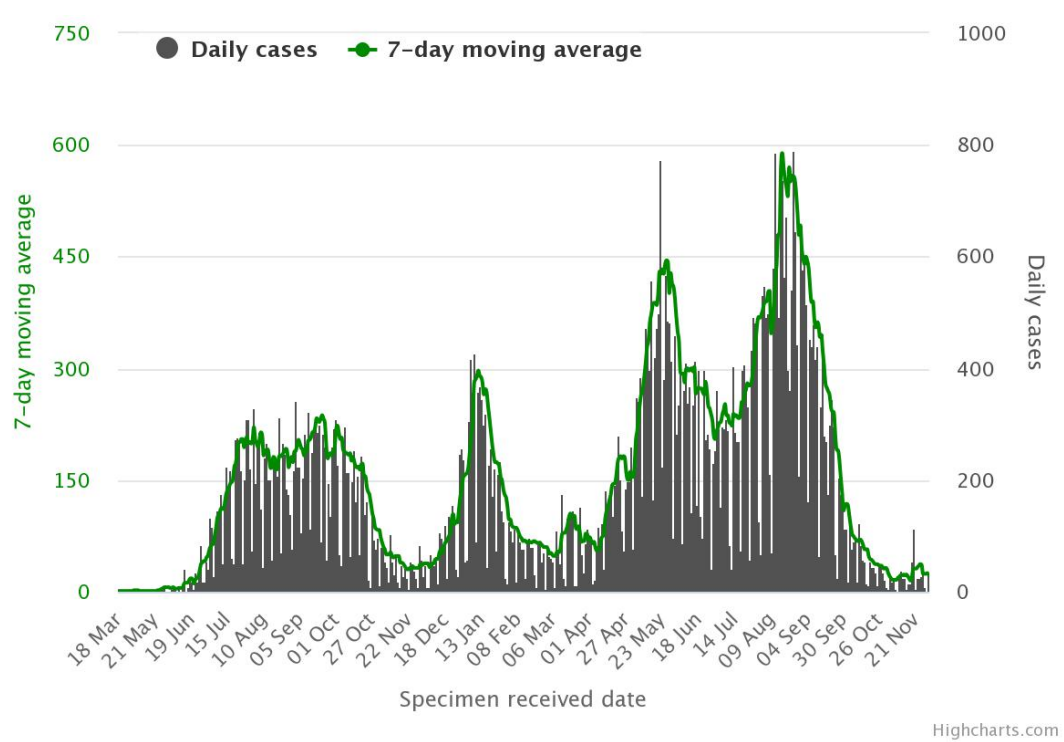


Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Western Cape, 30 October-27 November 2021

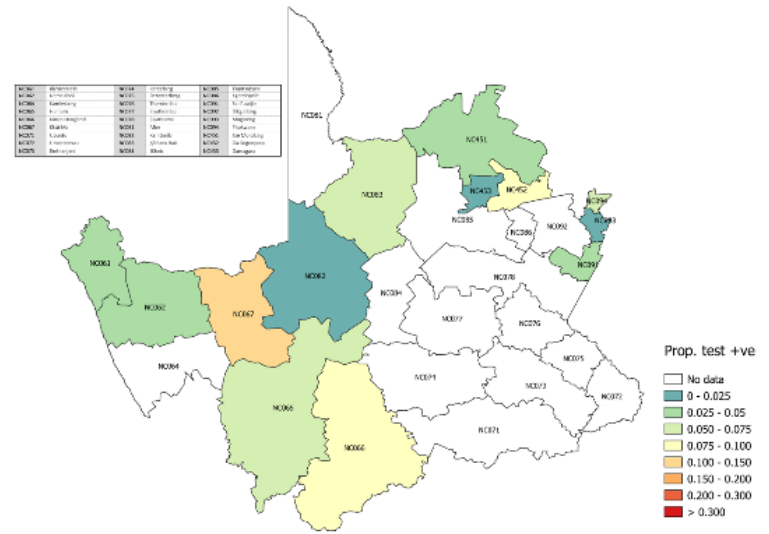
Districts	Previous 14 days admission average	Current 14 days admissions average	Percentage change in admissions	Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	Percentage change in deaths
Cape Winelands	3.14	2.36	-25.00	0.36	0.29	-20.00
Central Karoo	0.64	0.29	-55.56	0.07	0.07	0.00
City of Cape Town Metro	10.57	6.21	-41.22	1.50	0.57	-61.90
Garden Route	3.14	0.79	-75.00	0.50	0.07	-85.71
Overberg	0.79	0.29	-63.64	0.00	0.07	0.00
West Coast	0.50	0.29	-42.86	0.14	0.00	-100.00



# Northern Cape

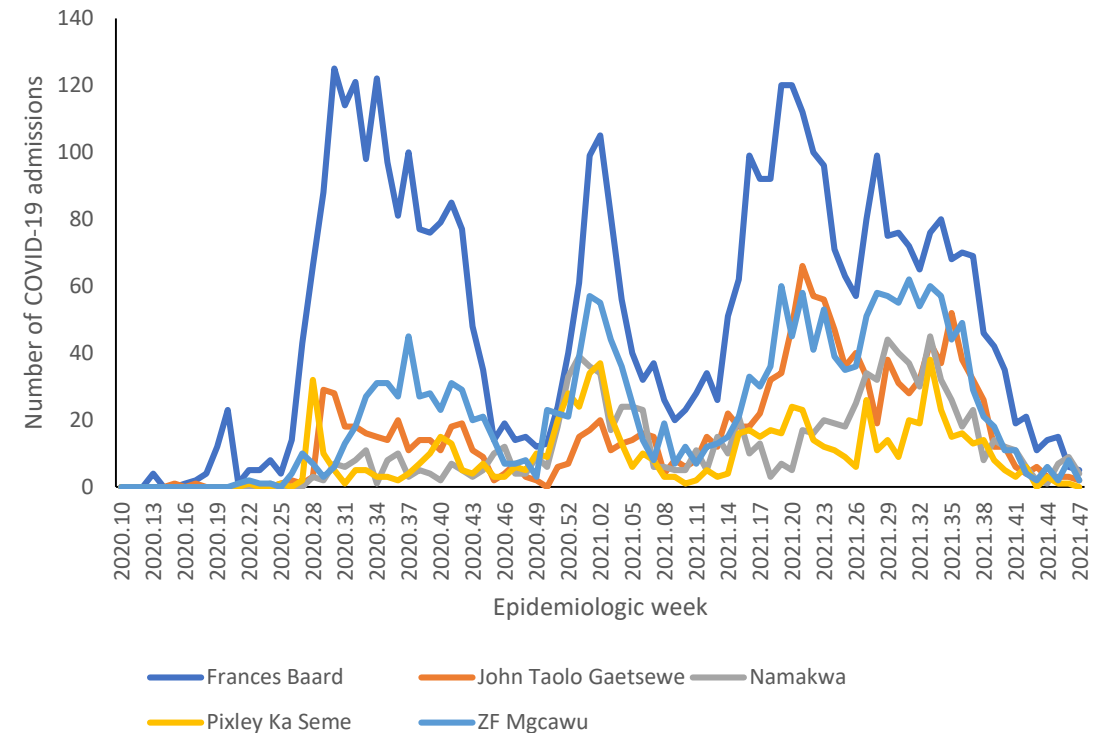
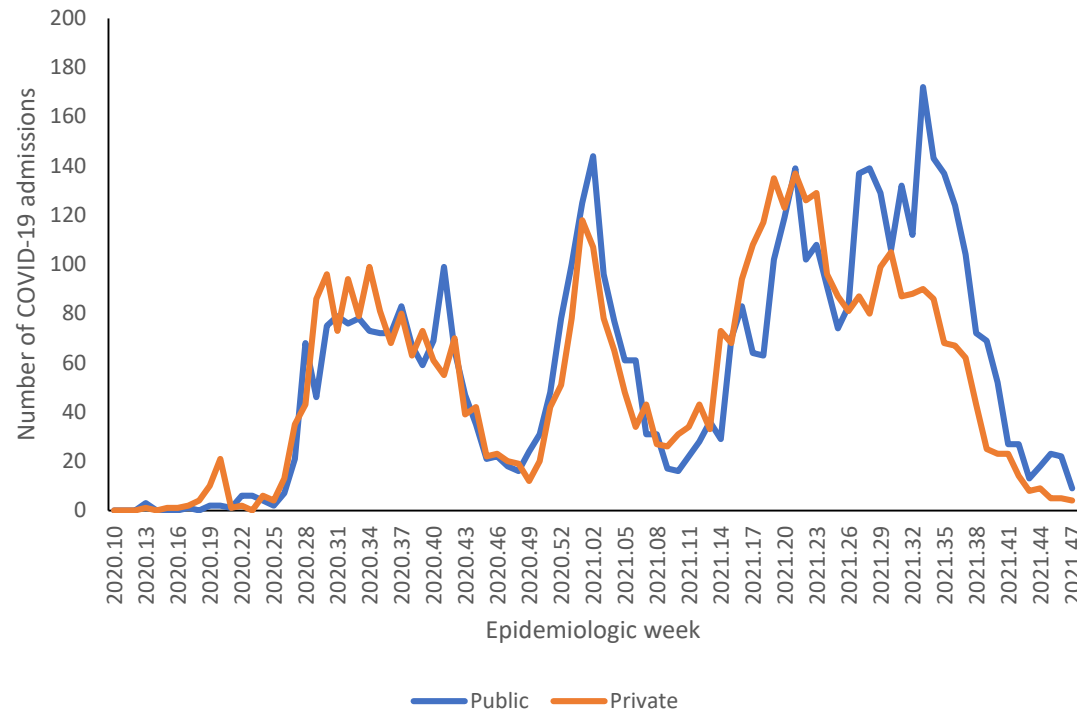


District	Date	Dept of Health	Upticks	Upswing	Case Threshold (7 day total per 100k pop)	Percentage Change compared to 7 days ago (%)
Northern Cape						
Frances Baard	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	Yes	8.44	169.23
John Taolo Gaetsewe	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	4.05	-15.38
Namakwa	2021-11-27	Response	No	No	16.43	72.73
Pixley ka Seme	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	5.22	120.00
ZF Mgcawu	2021-11-26	Response	No	No	19.29	-31.65





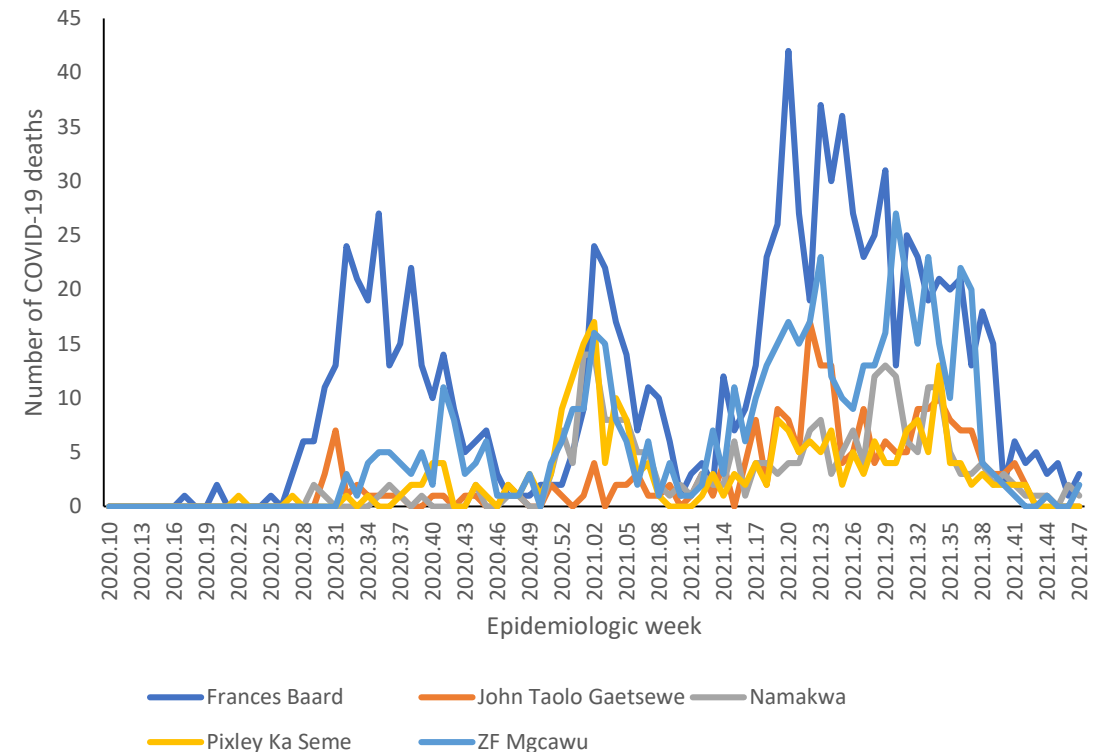
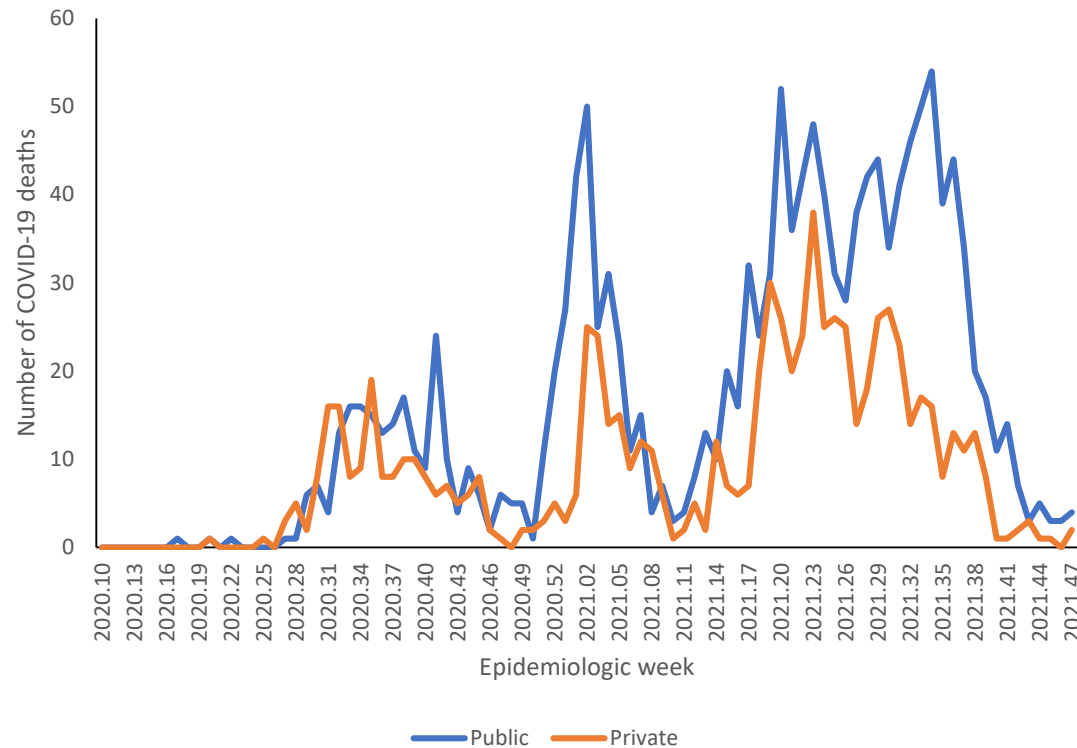
# Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Northern Cape, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of admissions at peak of 3rd wave surpassed peak of second wave in both sectors, and in Frances Baard, John Taolo Gaetsewe, Namakwa, Pixley Ka Seme and ZF Mgcawu
- Decreased admissions both sectors and all districts except, in Namakwa and ZF Mgcawu



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Northern Cape, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of deaths at peak of 3<sup>rd</sup> wave surpassed peak in second wave in both sectors, and in Frances Baard, ZF Mgcawu, John Taole Gaetswe
- Decreased deaths both sectors
- Decreased deaths all districts, except Namakwa and ZF Mgcawu

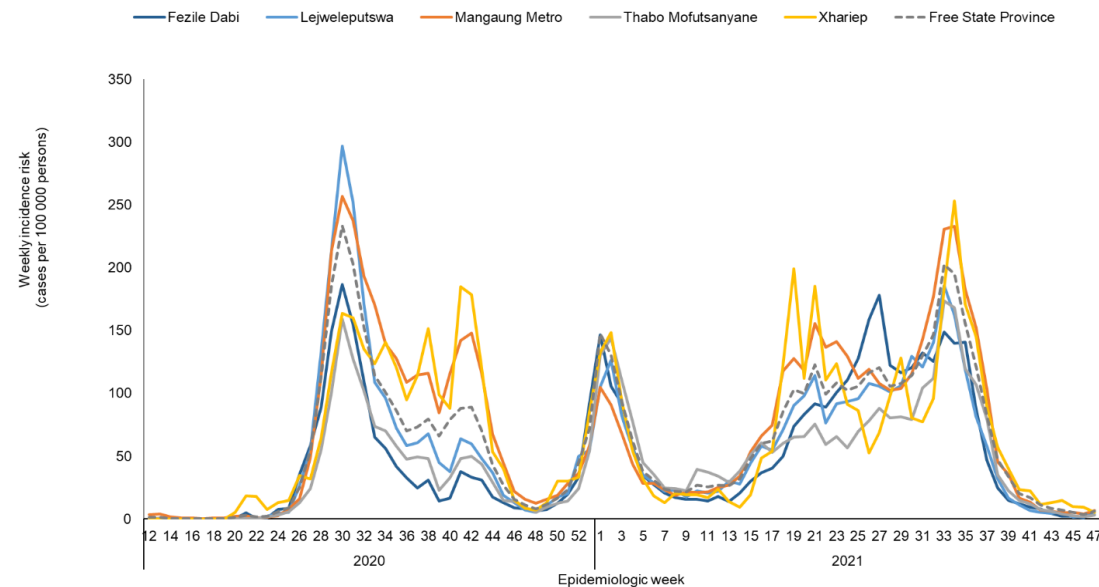
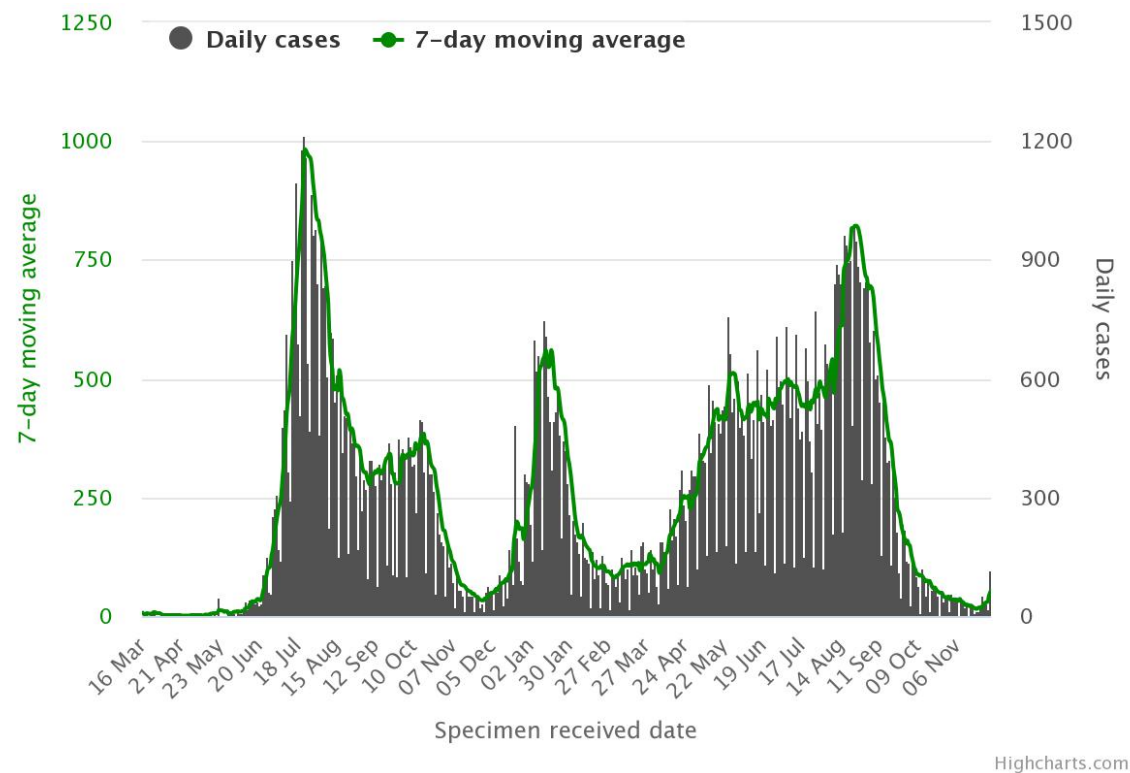


Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Northern Cape, 30 October-27 November 2021

Districts	Previous 14 days admission average	Current 14 days admissions average	Percentage change in admissions	Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	Percentage change in deaths
Frances Baard	2.07	0.79	-62.07	0.50	0.29	-42.86
John Taolo Gaetsewe	0.43	0.36	-16.67	0.07	0.00	-100.00
Namakwa	0.57	0.93	62.50	0.07	0.21	200.00
Pixley Ka Seme	0.29	0.07	-75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ZF Mgcawu	0.57	0.71	25.00	0.07	0.14	100.00

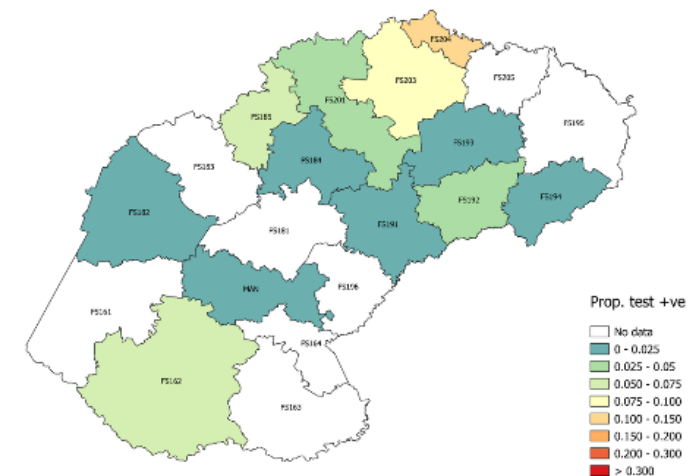


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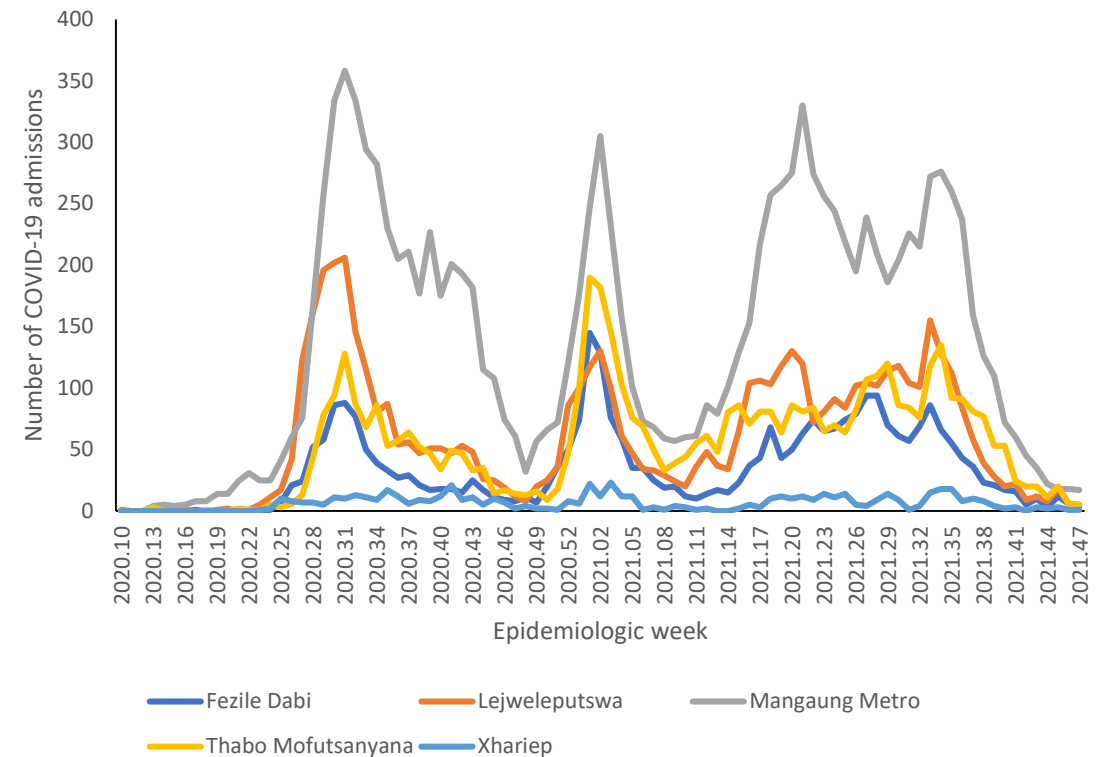
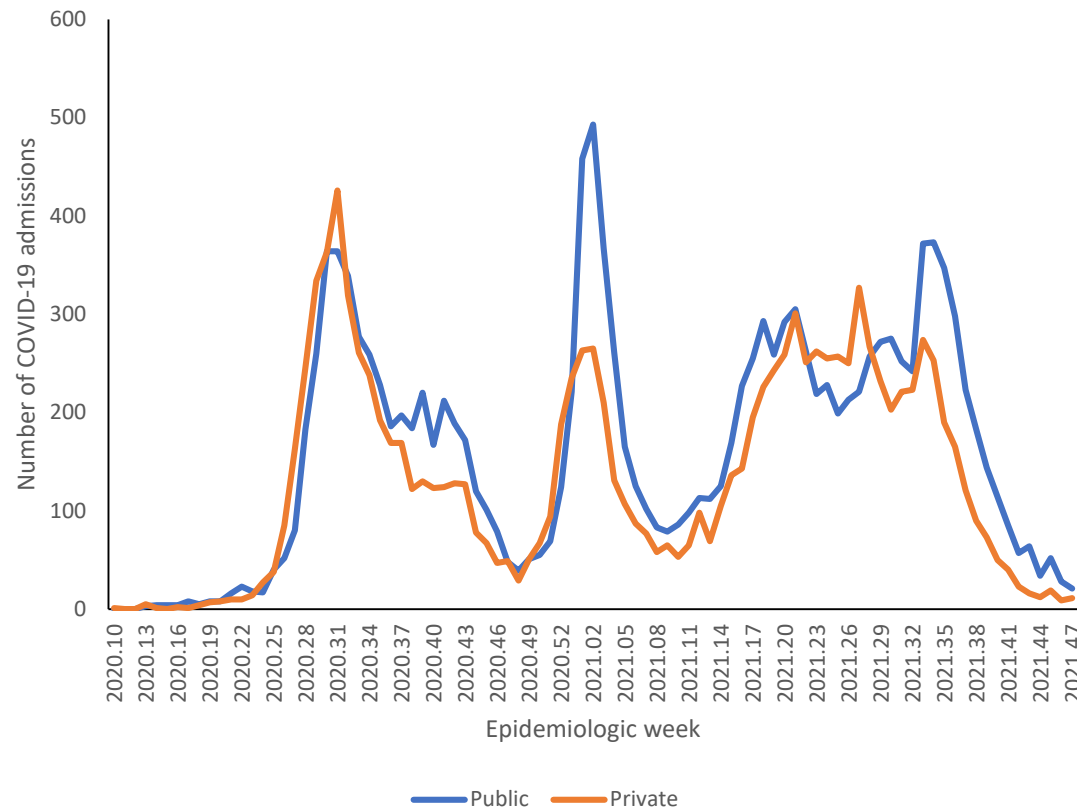
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District	Date	Dept of Health	Upticks	Upswing	Case Threshold (7 day total per 100k pop)	Percentage Change compared to 7 days ago (%)
<b>Free State</b>						
Fezile Dabi	2021-11-27	Alert	Yes	Yes	6.86	600.00
Lejweleputswa	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	3.82	108.33
Mangaung	2021-11-27	Alert	No	Yes	7.00	69.44
Thabo Mofutsanyane	2021-11-27	Alert	No	No	3.40	62.50
Xhariep	2021-11-27	Response	No	No	7.73	0.00





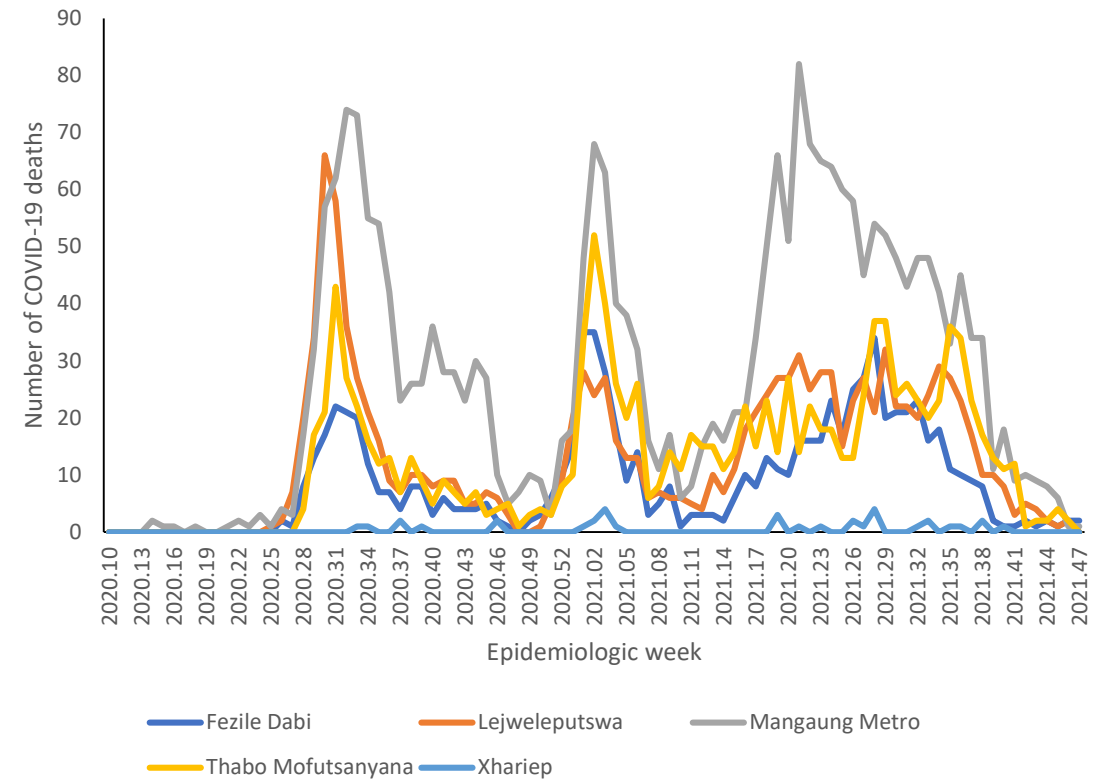
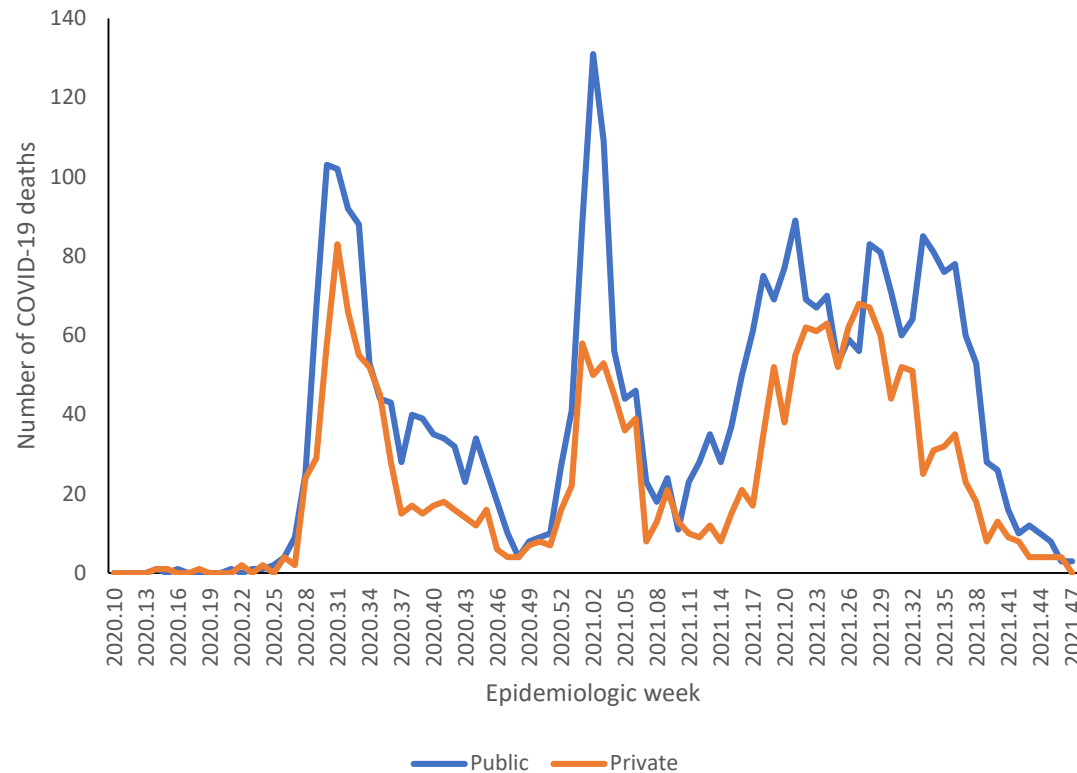
# Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Free State, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of admissions at peak of 3rd wave surpassed peak of second wave in private sector, and in Mangaung and Lejweleputswa
- Decreased admissions both sectors
- Decreased admissions all districts



# Number of reported COVID-19 deaths, by epidemiologic week and health sector (left) and province (right), Free State, 5 March 2020-27 November 2021



- Weekly number of deaths at peak of 3rd wave surpassed peak of second wave in private sector, and in Mangaung and Lejweleputswa
- Decreased deaths both sectors
- Decreased deaths all districts except Fezile Dabi



Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Free State, 30 October-27 November 2021

Districts	Previous 14 days admission average	Current 14 days admissions average	Percentage change in admissions	Previous 14 days deaths average	Current 14 days deaths average	Percentage change in deaths
<b>Fezile Dabi</b>	1.07	0.71	-33.33	0.21	0.29	33.33
<b>Lejweleputswa</b>	1.86	0.79	-57.69	0.21	0.14	-33.33
<b>Mangaung</b>	2.86	2.50	-12.50	1.00	0.14	-85.71
<b>Thabo Mofutsanyane</b>	2.21	0.79	-64.52	0.43	0.14	-66.67
<b>Xhariep</b>	0.36	0.14	-60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

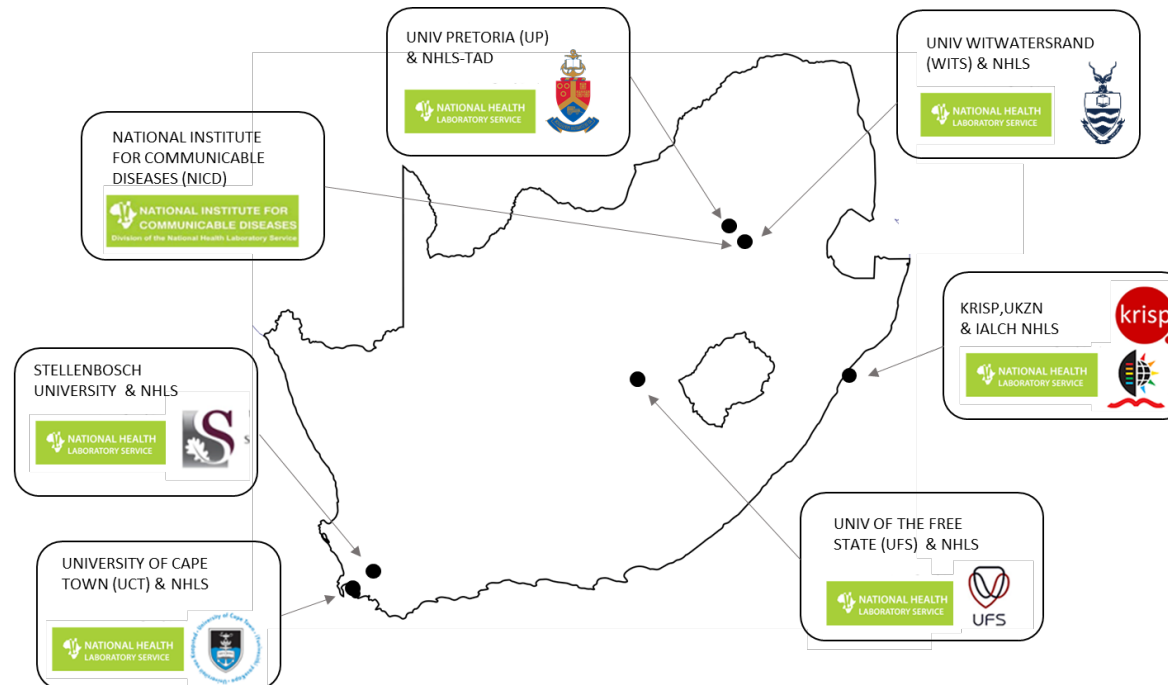


# Summary

- Rapidly increasing number of new daily cases, % positivity and testing rate: younger age groups but starting to move into older age groups
- Increases mainly in Gauteng – initially picked up as clusters in Tshwane but all districts now seeing increases
- Starting to see increases in Limpopo, North West, and Mpumalanga – others also showing increases
- Increase in hospitalisations in Gauteng, North West
- B.1.1.529 dominates November sequencing data – most sequences from Gauteng; S-Gene Target Failure suggests widespread (involving all provinces)



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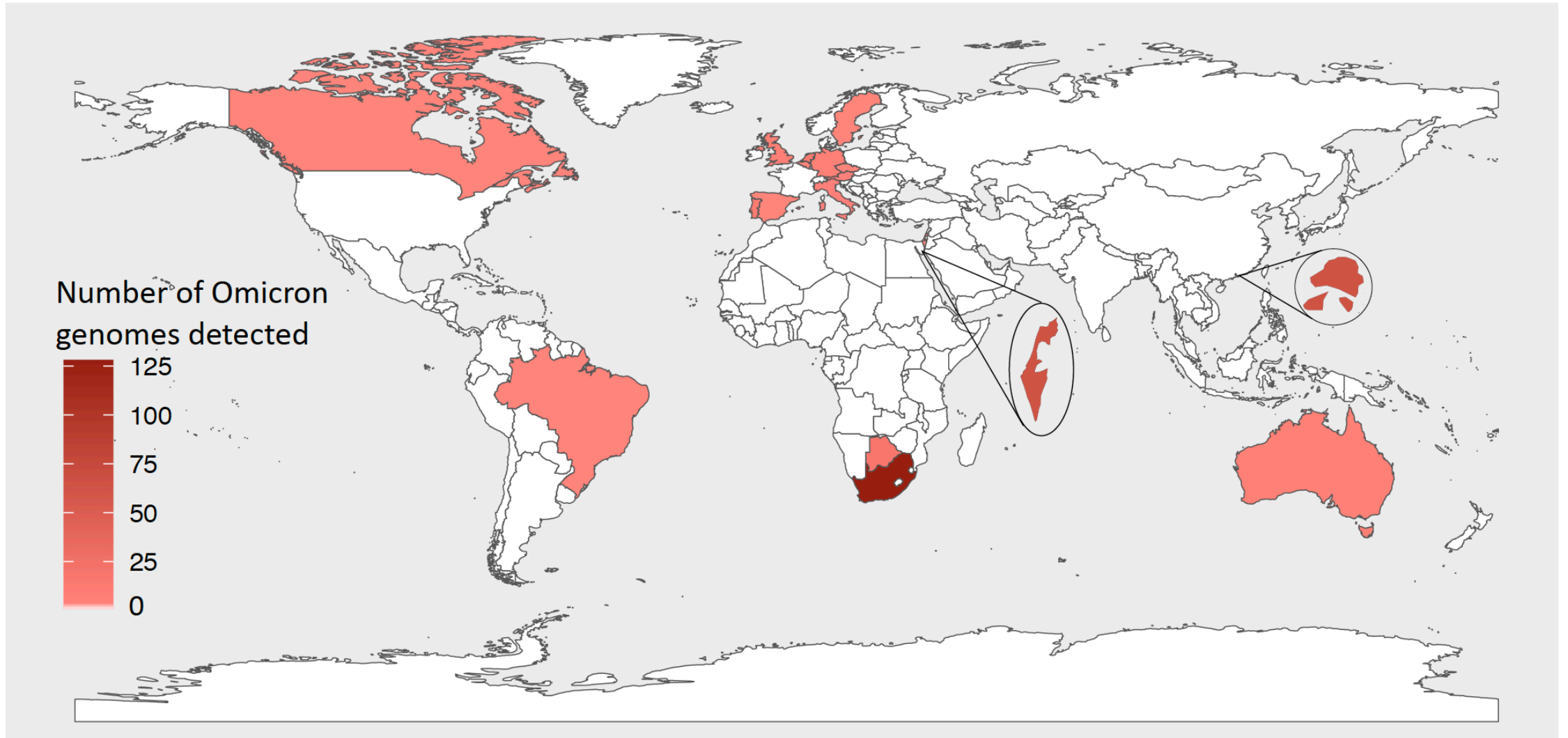


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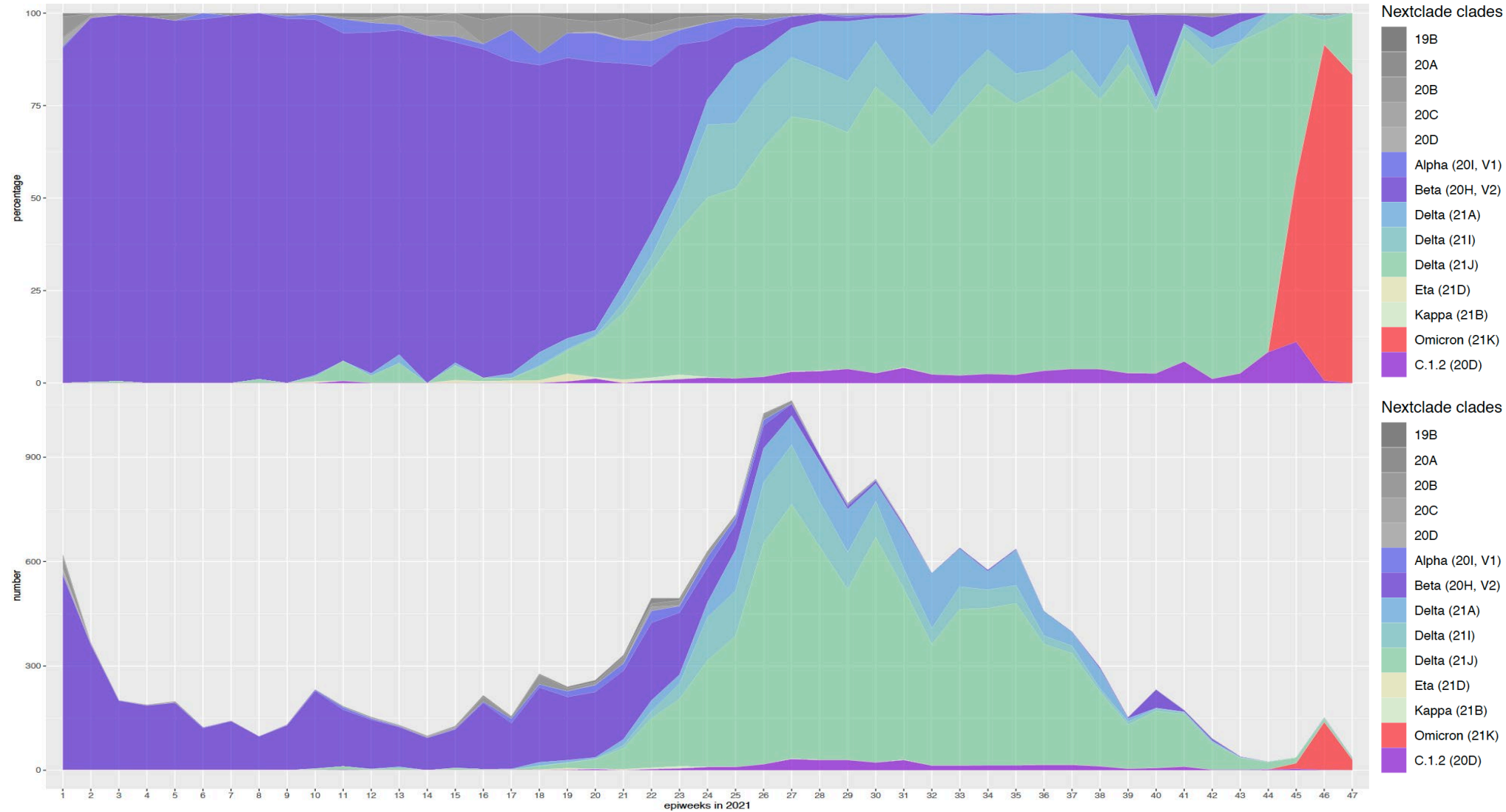
# Omicron global prevalence



Omicron has been detected in 19 countries across the globe (detections based on GISAID).



# Proportion and number of clades by epiweek in South Africa, 2021 (N= 17 315)



Sequencing data  
ending epi week 47  
(ending 27  
November 2021)

Currently in epi  
week 48 (ending 4  
December 2021)

**Delta dominated South Africa's third wave with >90% frequency in October, with C.1.2 detection remaining <4%.  
Omicron dominates November sequencing data but sequencing is ongoing to determine its true prevalence.**

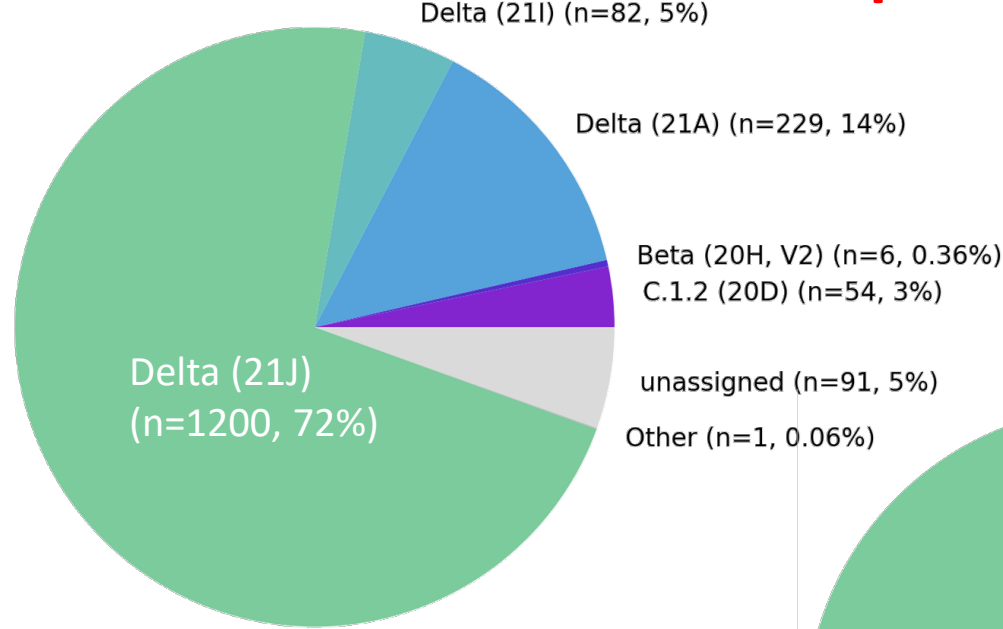


# Prevalence of Variants of Concern (VOC) and Variants of Interest (VOI) in

September (N=1663)

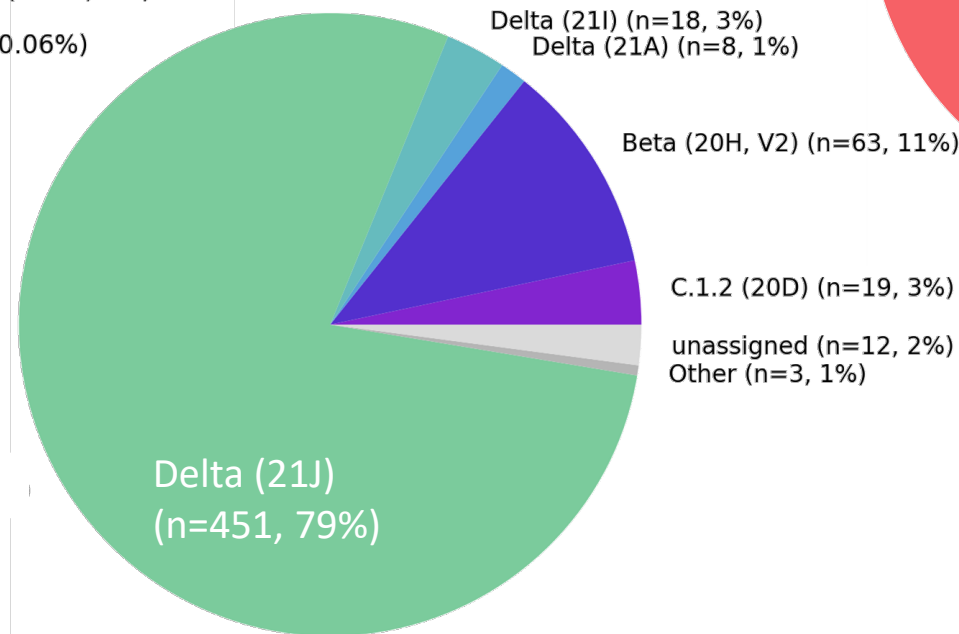
September – November 2021

November (N=249)

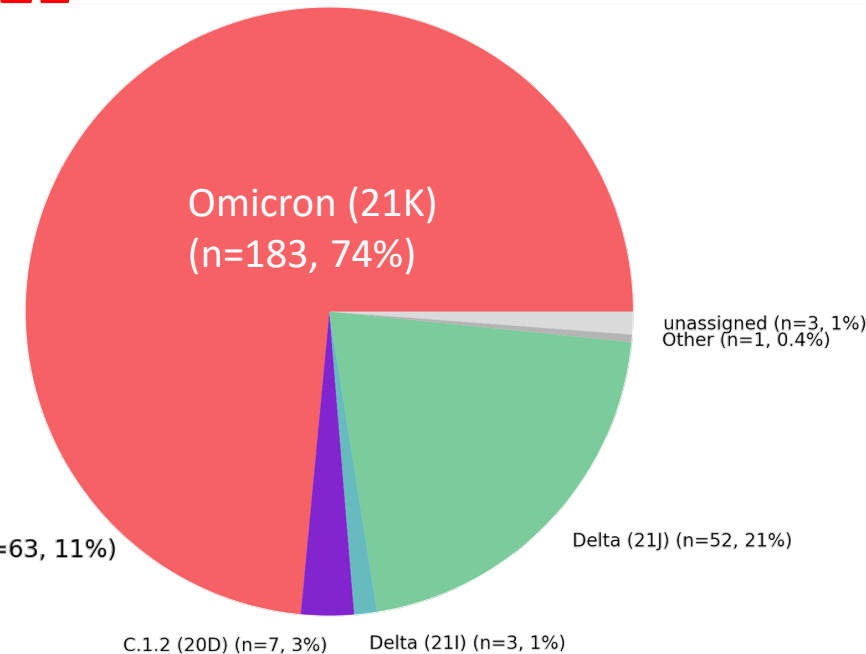


Total Delta in Sep: 1493 (91%)

October (N=456)



Total Delta in Oct: 420 (92%)



Total Delta in Nov: 55 (22%)

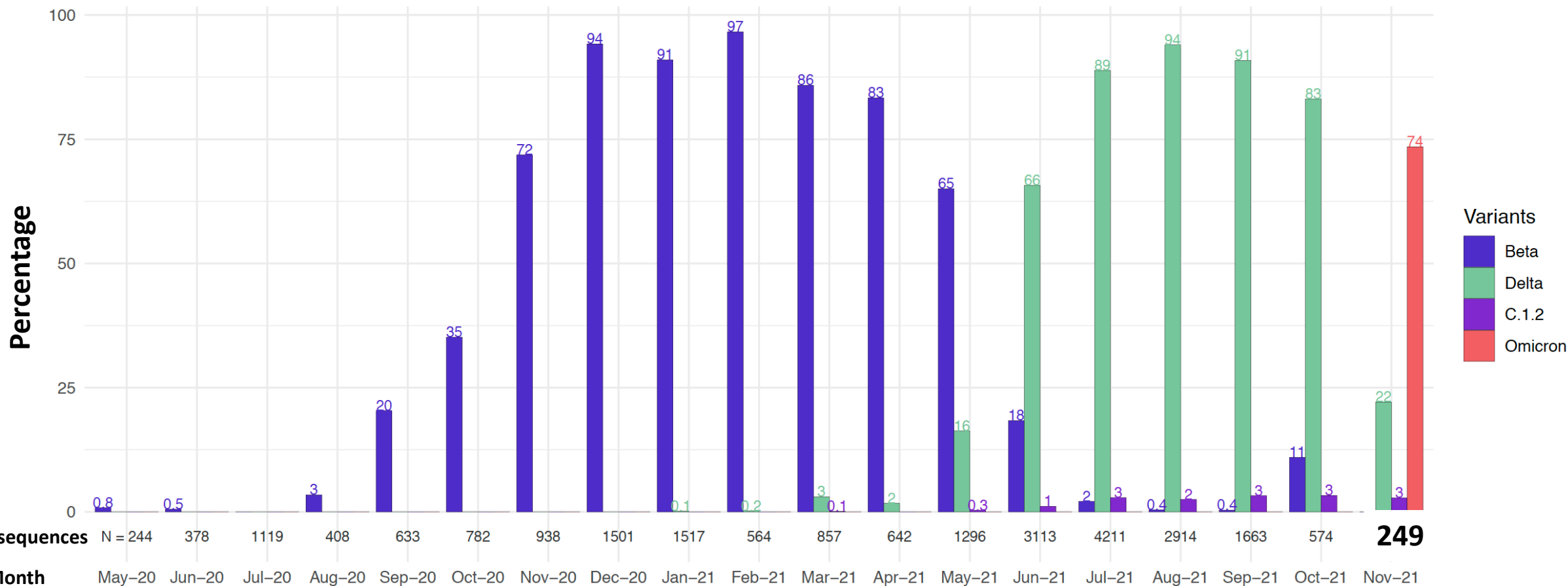
Legend: Omicron (21K) C.1.2 (20D) Beta (20H, V2) Alpha (20I, V1) Delta (21A) Delta (21I) Delta (21J) Kappa (21B) Eta (21D) Other unassigned

The Delta variant dominated in September and October in South Africa.  
Omicron was first detected in South Africa in November and dominates comprising 74% (183/249) of sequences.



# Detection Rates: Beta, Delta, C.1.2 and Omicron

Detection rates of variants being monitored in South Africa



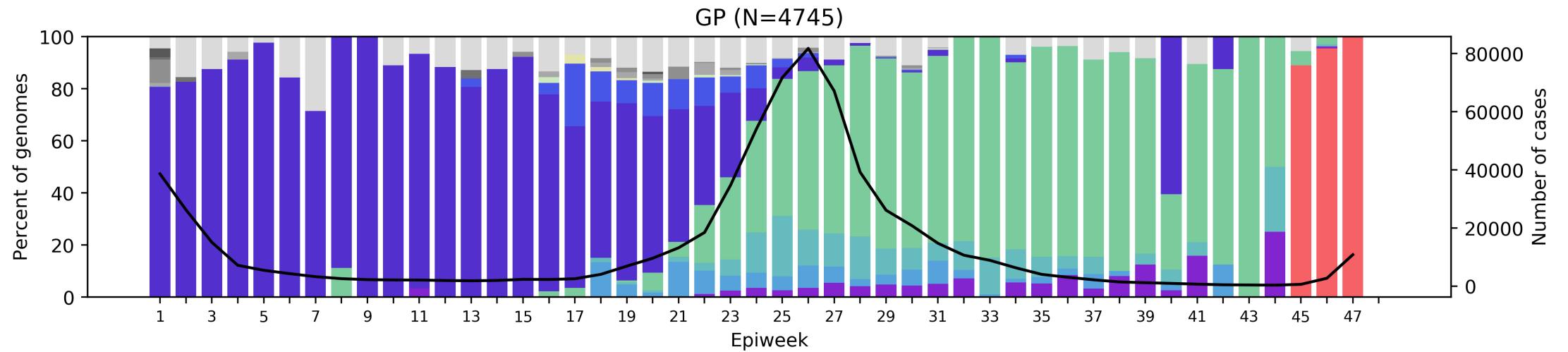
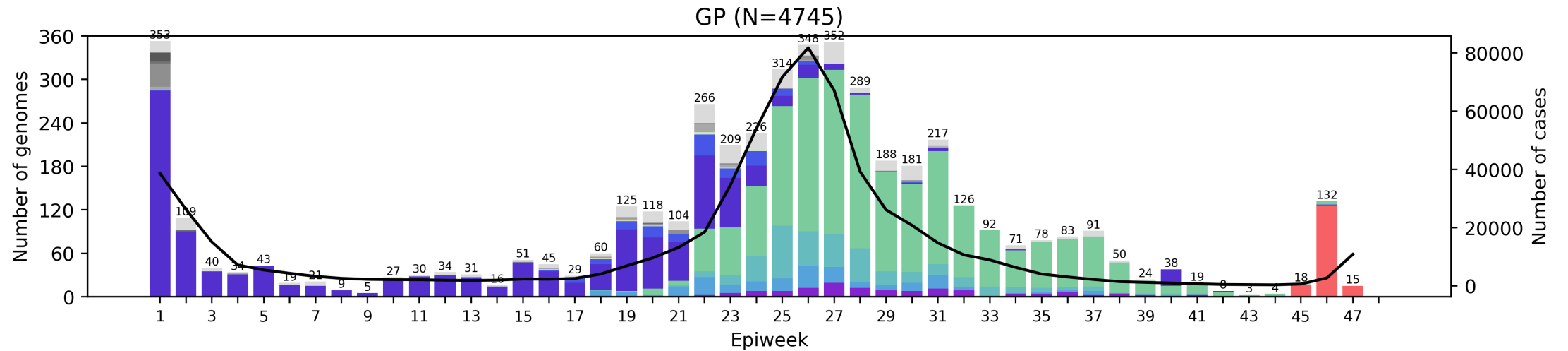
**C.1.2 continues to be detected at  $\leq 4\%$  of sequences in November.**

**Prevalence of Beta increased in October but has not been detected in November.**

**Omicron was first detected in South Africa on November 8<sup>th</sup> and accounts for 74% (n=183/249) of these genomes.**



# Gauteng Province, 2021, n = 4745



— cases    Omicron (21K)    C.1.2 (20D)    Delta (21A)    Delta (21I)    Delta (21J)    Beta (20H, V2)    Alpha (20I, V1)    Kappa (21B)    Eta (21D)    20A    20B    20C    20D    unassigned    19B



# Summary

- New B.1.1.529 (21K) lineage has been designated Variant of Concern Omicron
  - Earliest detection in South Africa: 8 November, Gauteng
  - Omicron dominates November sequencing data at 74% of genomes (n=183/249). Sequencing is ongoing to determine prevalence of Omicron in other provinces.
  - Omicron has now been detected in 19 countries worldwide
  - More information can be found at <https://www.nicd.ac.za/frequently-asked-questions-for-the-b-1-1-529-mutated-sars-cov-2-lineage-in-south-africa/>
- Delta variant dominated in all provinces until end October
  - The Delta sub-lineages vary by province
- C.1.2 lineage detected in all provinces of South Africa with prevalence of <4% of genomes per month



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