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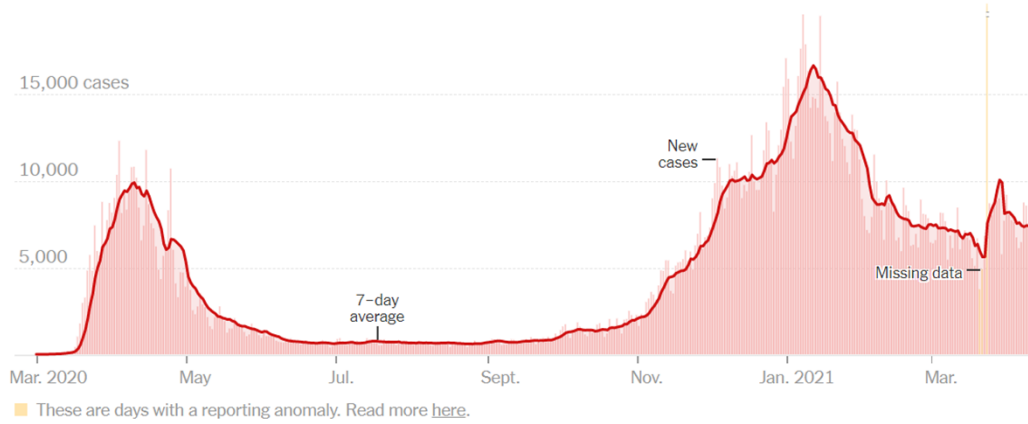
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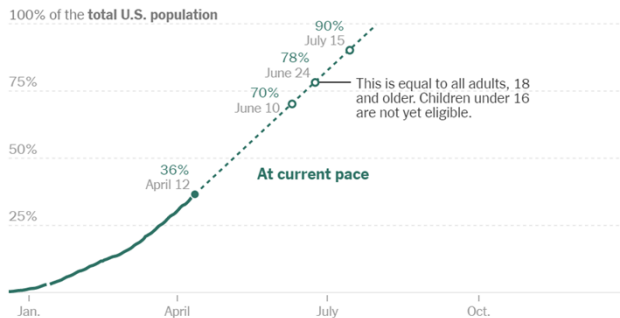
### New reported cases



### Vaccine Rollout

At the current pace of vaccination, everyone could get a shot this year. But no vaccine has been authorized for children under 16.

Based on the seven-day average of people receiving a first or single dose each day.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Note: Total population includes states, territories and three countries with special agreements with the United States: Palau, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

- 39% of New Yorkers have received the first shot.
- 25% are fully vaccinated.

## Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Suspension

- FDA and CDC are pausing use of the J&J vaccine at federal sites.
  - NY has halted use of J&J
- Issue: Six women between 18-48 developed blood clots within two weeks of vaccination.
  - Approximately 7 million Americans have received J&J vaccine.
  - Blood clots are not typical; need to be treated with different drugs
- Unrelated: # of J&J vaccines had decreased because of contamination in Baltimore plant.
  - Contaminated about 13-15 million doses.



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## Johnson & Johnson vs. AstraZeneca

- AstraZeneca: rare cases, people made antibodies that activated their own platelets.
  - 222/34,000,000 people developed blood clots; mostly women, mostly 60 and under.
  - European regulators: benefit of the vaccine outweighed risk – limited to older people.
- Both J&J and AstraZeneca use “adenovirus” as their vaccine platform



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# Vaccine Passport

- <https://epass.ny.gov/home>



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# Graduation/Prom Guidance

OUTDOOR EVENTS	Capacity	Proof of Recent Negative Test or Immunization	Examples	Notes
<b>Residential</b> • Homes	Up to 25 people	No	Party, Reception	Outdoor residential gathering limit is 25 people
<b>Small Scale</b> • Event Venue • Catering Hall • Performance Space	Up to 200 people or two attendees per student, up to 50% capacity	No, optional	Reception, Prom, Graduation	Outdoor social gathering limit is 200 people
<b>Medium Scale</b> • Event Venue • Catering Hall • Football Field	201 to 500 people, up to 33% capacity	Yes, required	Prom, Graduation, Commencement	Catering capacity is 50% in NYC and 75% outside of NYC
<b>Large Scale</b> • Stadiums or Performance Venues with 2,500+ capacity	Over 500 people, up to 20% capacity	Yes, required	Graduation, Commencement	

INDOOR EVENTS	Capacity	Proof of Recent Negative Test or Immunization	Examples	Notes
<b>Residential</b> • Homes	Up to 10 people	No	Party, Reception	Indoor residential gathering limit is 10 people
<b>Small Scale</b> • Event Venue • Catering Hall • Gymnasium	Up to 100 people or two attendees per student, up to 50% capacity	No, optional	Reception, Prom, Graduation	Indoor social gathering limit is 100 people; catering capacity is 50% in NYC and 75% outside of NYC
<b>Medium Scale</b> • Event Venue • Catering Hall • Performance Space	101 to 150 people, up to 33% capacity	Yes, required	Prom, Graduation, Commencement	Catering capacity is 50% in NYC and 75% outside of NYC
<b>Large Scale</b> • Arenas or Performance Venues with 1,500+ capacity	Over 150 people, up to 10% capacity	Yes, required	Graduation, Commencement	



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## Overview of New Guidance Documents on Travel and Quarantine



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## Quarantine Requirements: Exposure

- April 1, 2021: [Quarantine for Individuals Exposed to COVID-19](#)
  - No quarantine required following exposure to someone with COVID-19 if:
    - Fully vaccinated (more than 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2 dose series, or more than 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single dose vaccine); AND
    - Have remained asymptomatic since last COVID-19 exposure.

**\*\*Removed 90-day limitation**



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## Quarantine Requirements: Exposure (Cont'd)

- No quarantine required following exposure to someone with COVID-19 if:
  - Previously diagnosed with laboratory confirmed COVID-19; AND
  - Recovered; AND
  - New exposure is within 3 months after the date of symptom onset from the initial infection or first positive test if asymptomatic during illness; AND
  - Have remained asymptomatic



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## Quarantine Requirements: Travel

- April 10, 2021: [Updated Travel Guidance](#)
  - No quarantine, work furlough or testing requirements for asymptomatic domestic travelers. Exceptions:
    - Unvaccinated health care personnel who have not recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months AND who work in nursing homes, enhanced assisted living residences or assisted living programs, must furlough for 14 days after arrival in New York;
    - Unvaccinated domestic travelers who have not recovered from COVID in the past 3 months are recommended to get tested 3-5 days after arrival in NY



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## Quarantine Requirements: Travel (Cont'd)

### ○ International travelers:

- CDC requires proof of negative test or recent COVID recovery to board airplanes headed to the US
- CDC does not require quarantine, work furlough, or testing for asymptomatic international travelers. NY follows this recommendation. Exceptions:
  - Unvaccinated HCPs (14-day furlough v. 7-day furlough)
  - Recommendation of testing for international travelers (not required)
- Travelers from Canada, crossing at land borders subject to agreement between US and Canada are permitted to travel and do not need to quarantine



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