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Potential Increased UI Charges for Employers (Despite NY's Contrary Promise) and What to Do Now



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Update from Albany



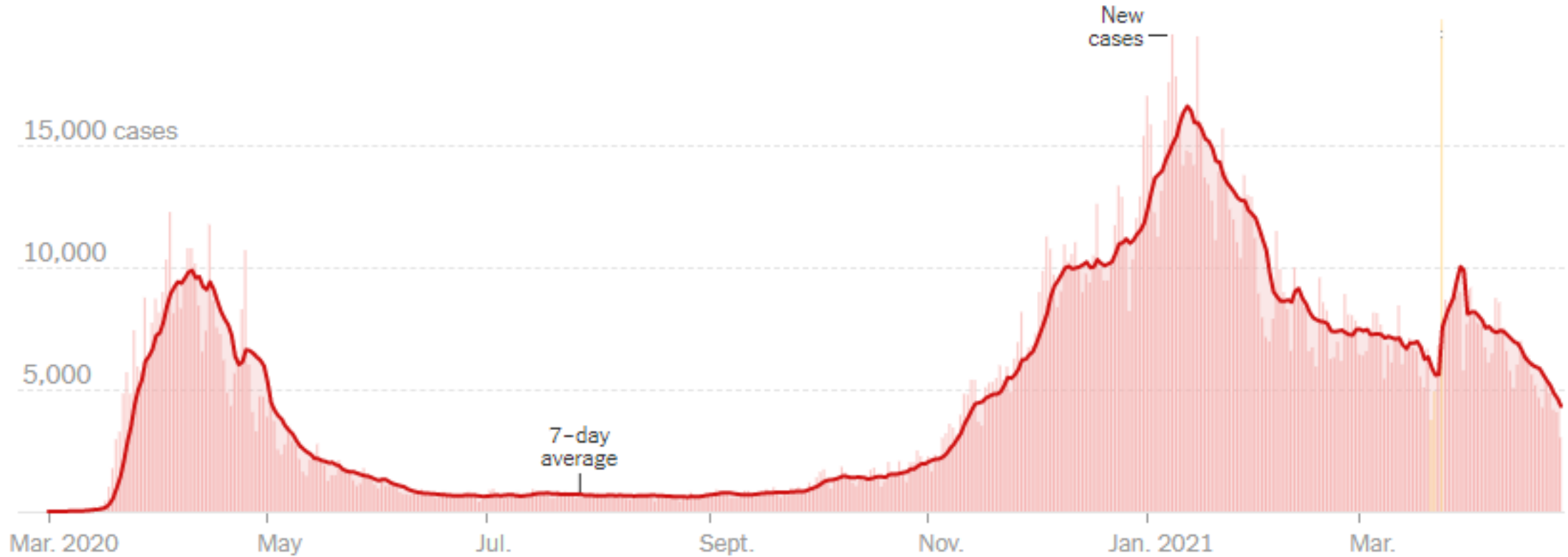
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New reported cases



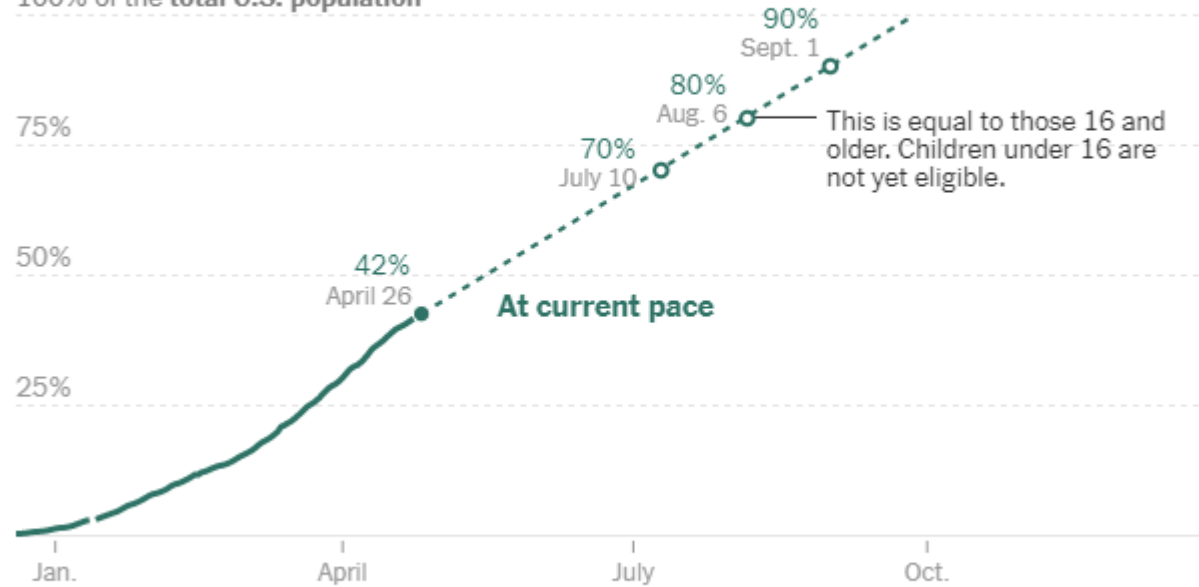
■ These are days with a reporting anomaly. Read more [here](#).

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.

100% of the total U.S. population



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Andrew Beveridge, SocialExplorer | Note: Total population includes states, territories and three countries with [special agreements](#) with the United States: Palau, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

46% of New Yorkers have received the first shot.
32% are fully vaccinated.

Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Suspension

- Friday: Use of Johnson & Johnson may resume immediately
- Only change: advise women under 50 of the “rare but increased risk” of blood clotting.
 - “Nearly all reports of this serious condition, which involves blood clots with low platelets, have been in adult women younger than 50 years old.”

Reopening Updates

- May 15:
 - Offices – 75% capacity
 - Gyms outside of NYC – 50%
 - Casinos – 50%
- State Fair:
 - August 20 – September 6; 50% capacity

REMEMBER: Capacity is based on maximum occupancy, NOT total number of employees!

Bills Worth Looking At

- NY HERO Act – delivered to Governor on April 23; has ten days (excluding Sundays) to sign or veto bill.
- Safe Staffing Ratios – Legislature set to pass staffing bills for nursing homes and hospitals.
 - Would require 2/3s of mandated 3.5 hours of care be provided by a certified nurse aide; one hour with nurse.
- Evictions & foreclosure – Legislature set to extend moratorium on evictions and foreclosures for residential tenants and small businesses who fill out hardship declaration forms.
 - Set to expire on May 1; would extend to August 31

Census

- NY will lose one Congressional seat; down to 26.
 - NY has lost at least two seats since 1950.
- Would have kept the seat if 89 more people had filled out the Census.
- Redistricting will occur after Census releases the “block data” in August.
 - Tells you population on granular level in NY; needed to make districts even in population.

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