Isle of Man Government

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COVID-19 Weekly Surveillance Report

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Introduction

- This report is a summary of indicators which are used to understand the status of the current wave of COVID-19 on the Isle of Man.
- This report will be published each Thursday for data up to and including the previous Sunday e.g. 12th August is for data up to 8th August.
- Time periods, unless otherwise specified, will start from the 28th June which is taken to be the beginning of this current wave.
- Confirmed cases are where a PCR test has returned a positive result.
- The report has been compiled by the Public Health Intelligence Team using data from Manx Care and the Civil Registry.

Wave Surveillance

- Currently the Isle of Man is experiencing a third wave of widespread community transmission, the impact of which is significantly mitigated by the successful roll out of the vaccination programme and is being managed without recourse to statutory measures such as ‘lock down’ or non-pharmaceutical interventions. Adherence to NPIs (hands, face, space, fresh air) is encouraged for all.
- A fourth wave is predicted for the UK during Autumn/Winter 2021-22, although the timing of this is uncertain. It is reasonable to expect a similar wave here.
- Following border relaxation, rates on island and patterns of incidence have, as expected, aligned with the pattern seen in the UK. This is expected to continue.
- Over the past week, there has been a levelling off of new infections in children aged 10 – 19 years. This is due to a significant fall in new cases in the 10 – 14 age group. Rates continue to rise, albeit on a lower trajectory, in children aged 5-9 and 15-19. This week has also seen rises in some adult age groups.

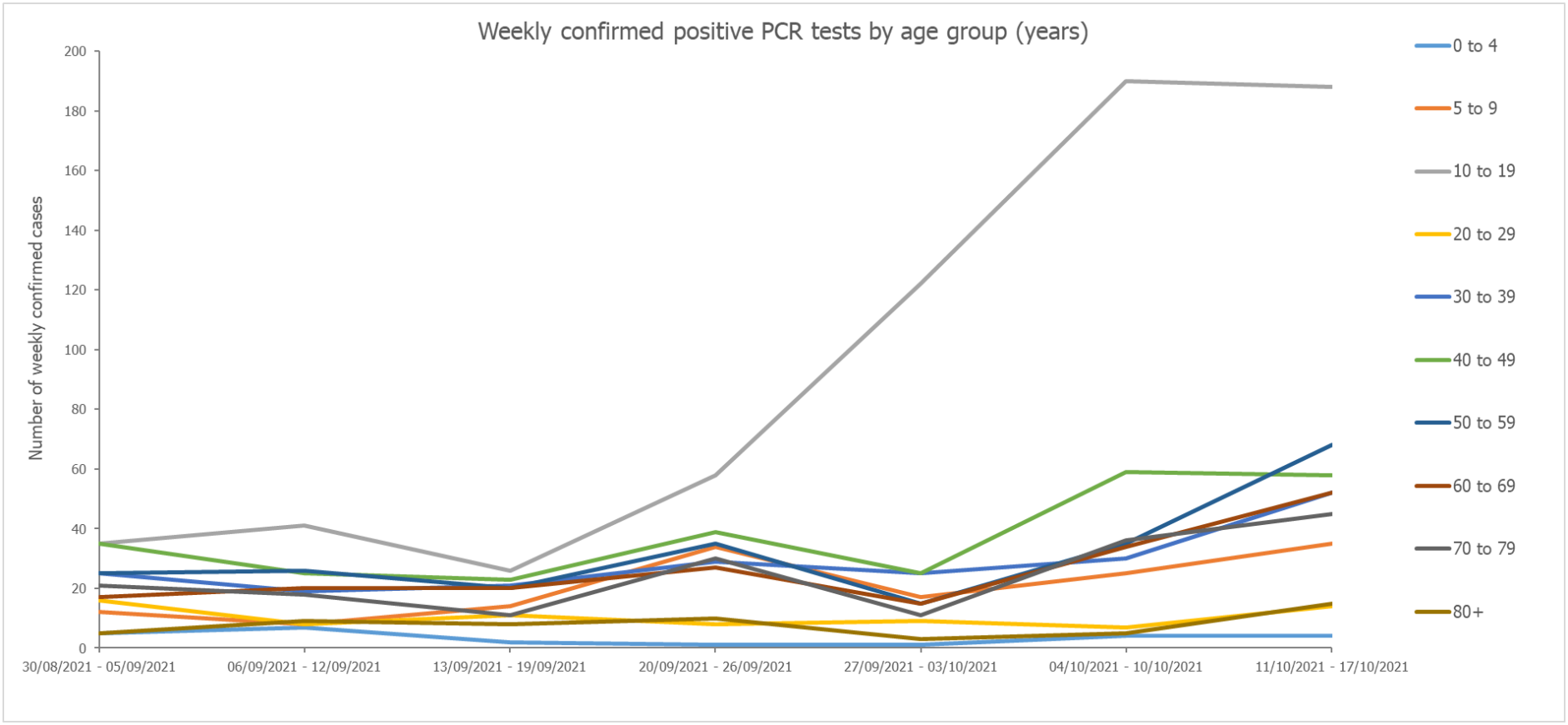
Wave Surveillance

- Autumn/Winter will likely see significant changes in mixing patterns (and hence COVID-19 and other respiratory pathogen transmission) due to people spending more time indoors with lower levels of fresh air/ventilation.
- Winter pressures on health and care may be significantly increased this year if a further wave of COVID-19 coincides with increased incidence of other seasonal respiratory infections (flu, RSV, etc) which were largely suppressed last year, including on Island, due to restrictions on mixing in place across.
- The Island's travel/border restrictions changed as of 00:01 on Thursday 16th September. As a result, we have seen a decrease in PCR tests through the UK arrivals pathway due to the easing of requirements for island residents to be tested on return to the island.

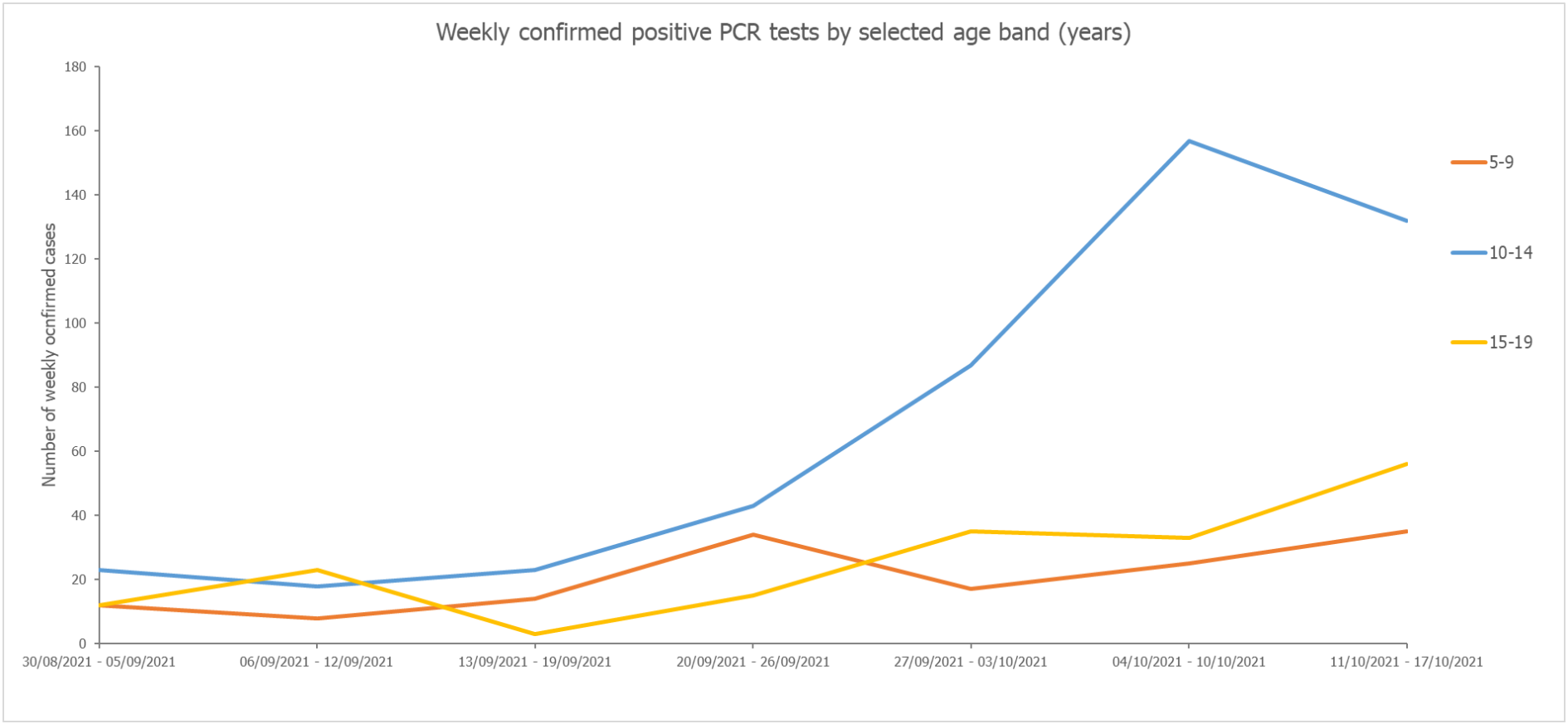
Key Points

- The current 7-day average for confirmed positive cases is around 78.
- The current overall trend of confirmed cases is slightly increasing.
- Most recent 7-day daily average test positivity rate is 31.1%.
- The percentage of PCR tests from the LFD pathway is slightly increasing, with percentage of UK Arrival tests slightly decreasing over the last two weeks.
- 86% of positive PCR tests are from the LFD pathway.
- Over the last 7 days most confirmed positive cases have been in the 10 - 14 age group, all of these cases are unvaccinated.
- The snapshot census of the Hospital shows 5 patients currently admitted with a COVID positive status.
- Daily and Weekly deaths continue to show a level trend overall.

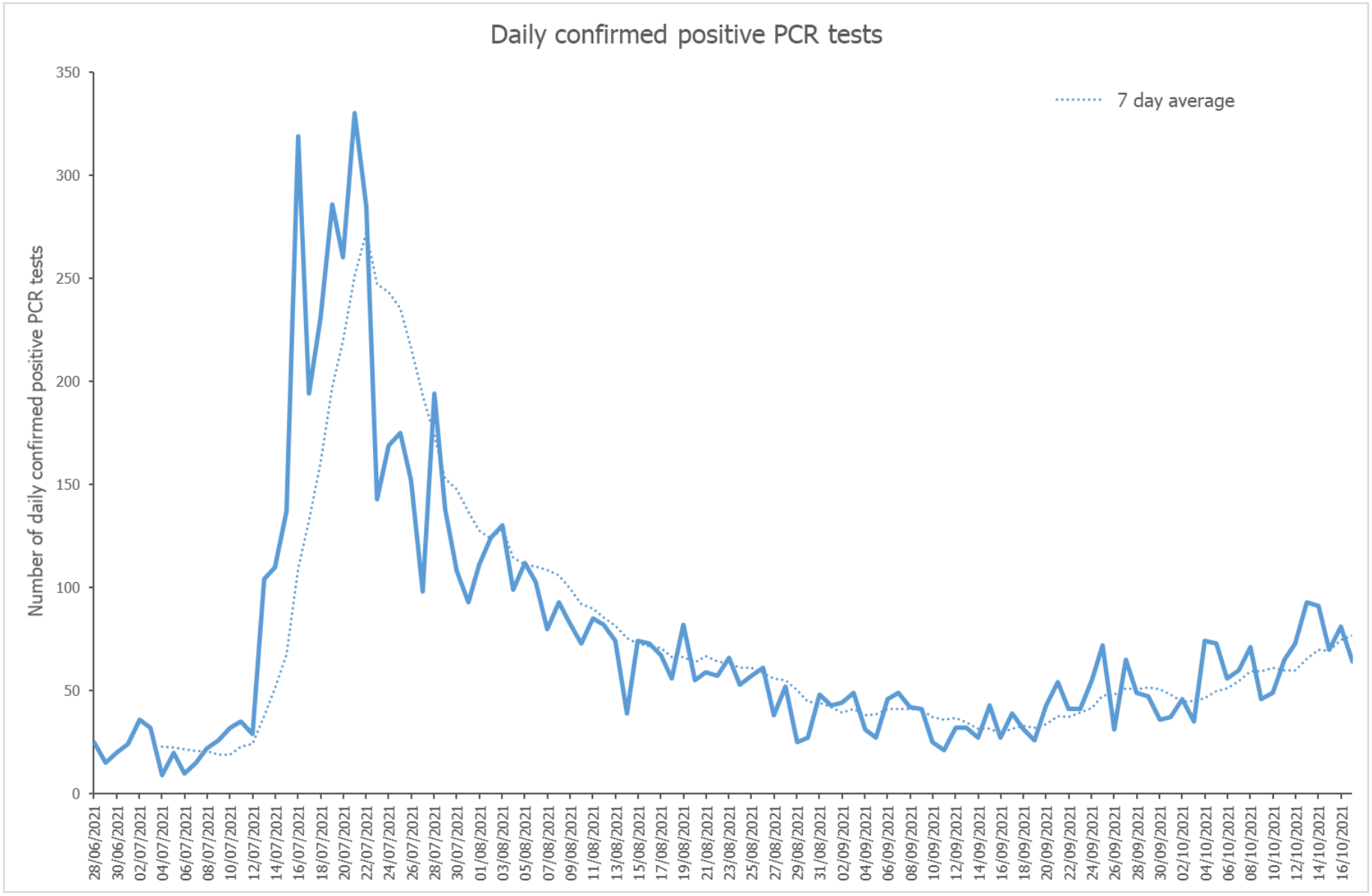
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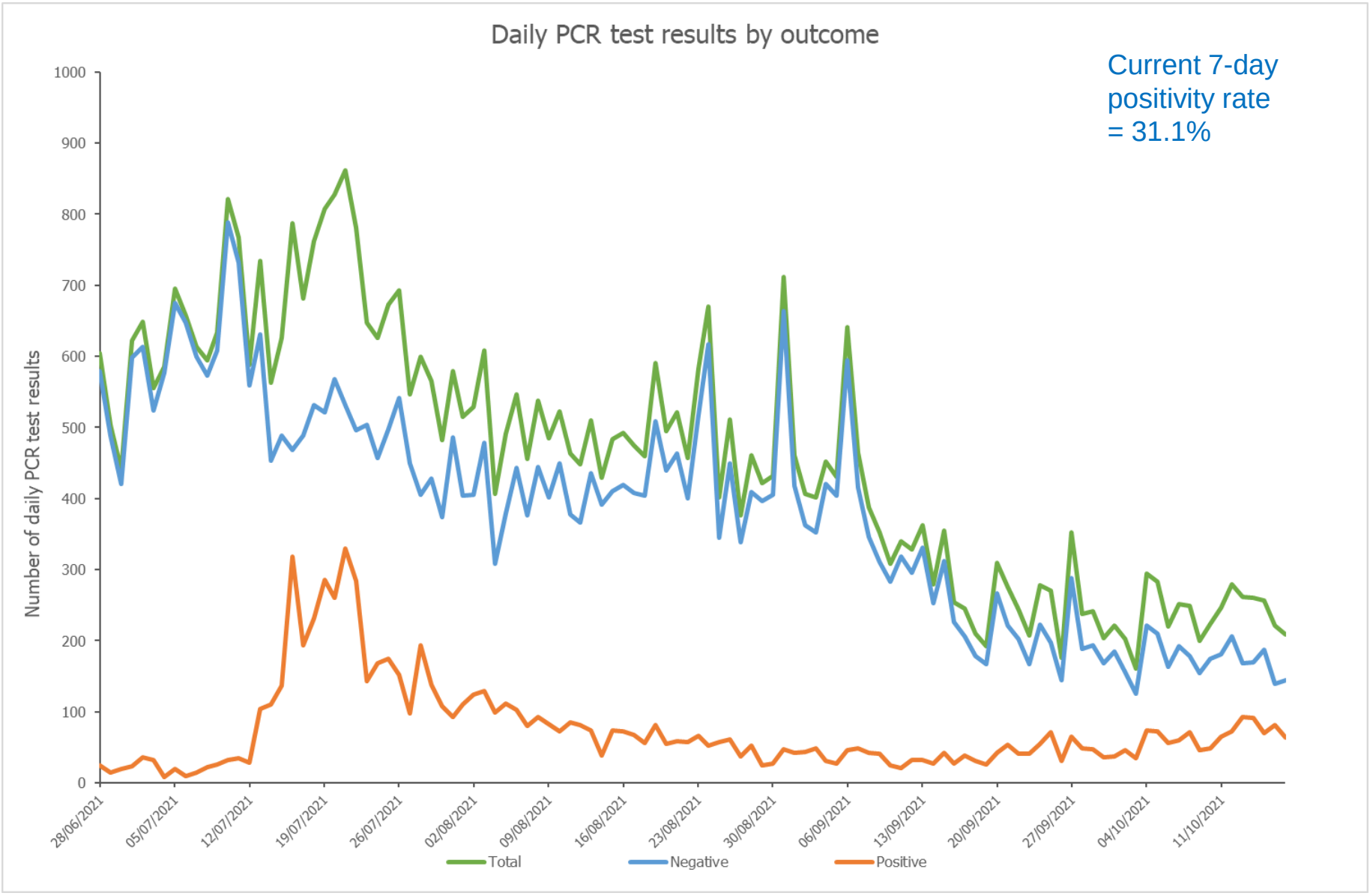
Selected Age Group Analysis



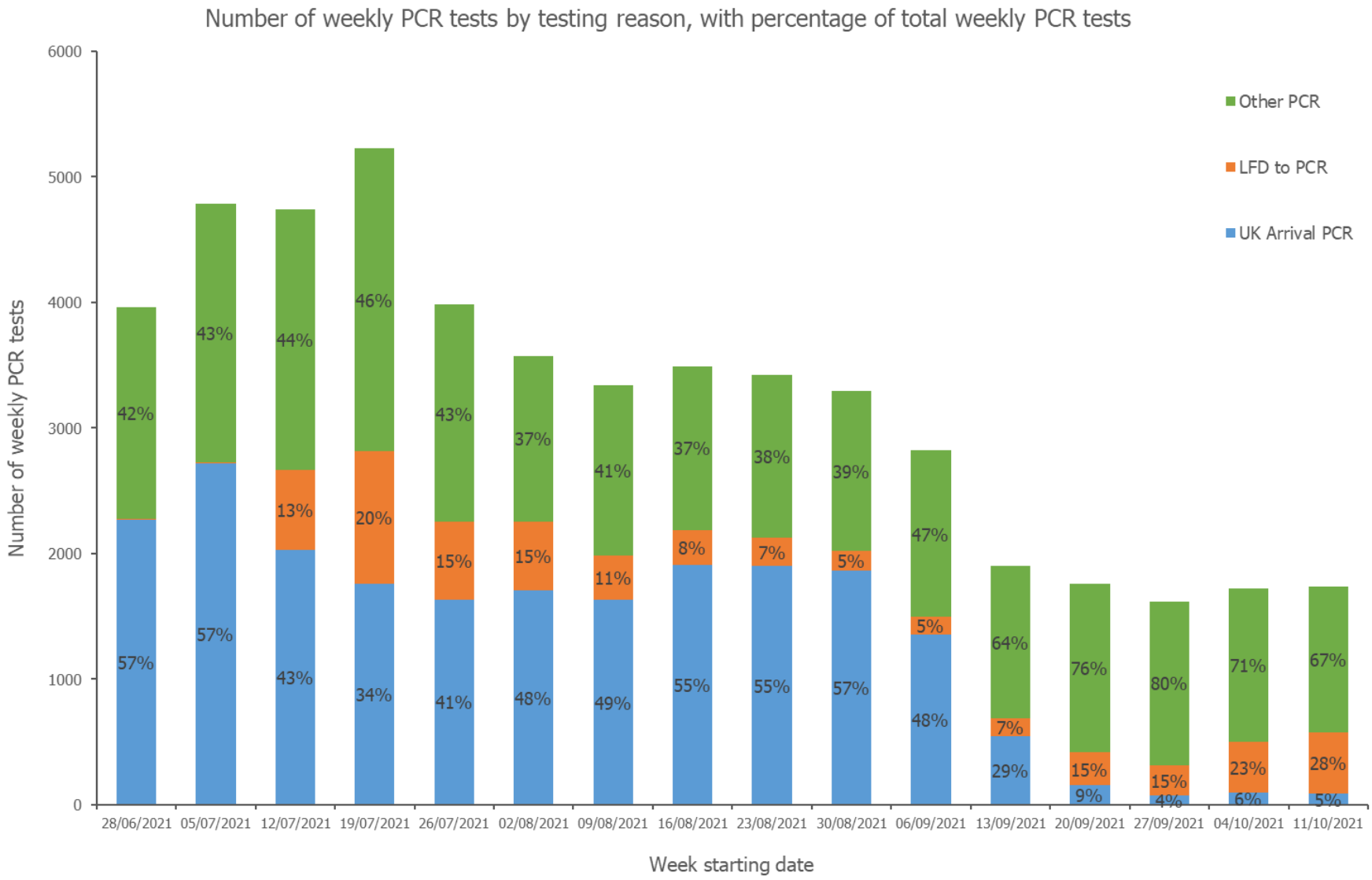
Daily Positive Cases Update



PCR Testing update

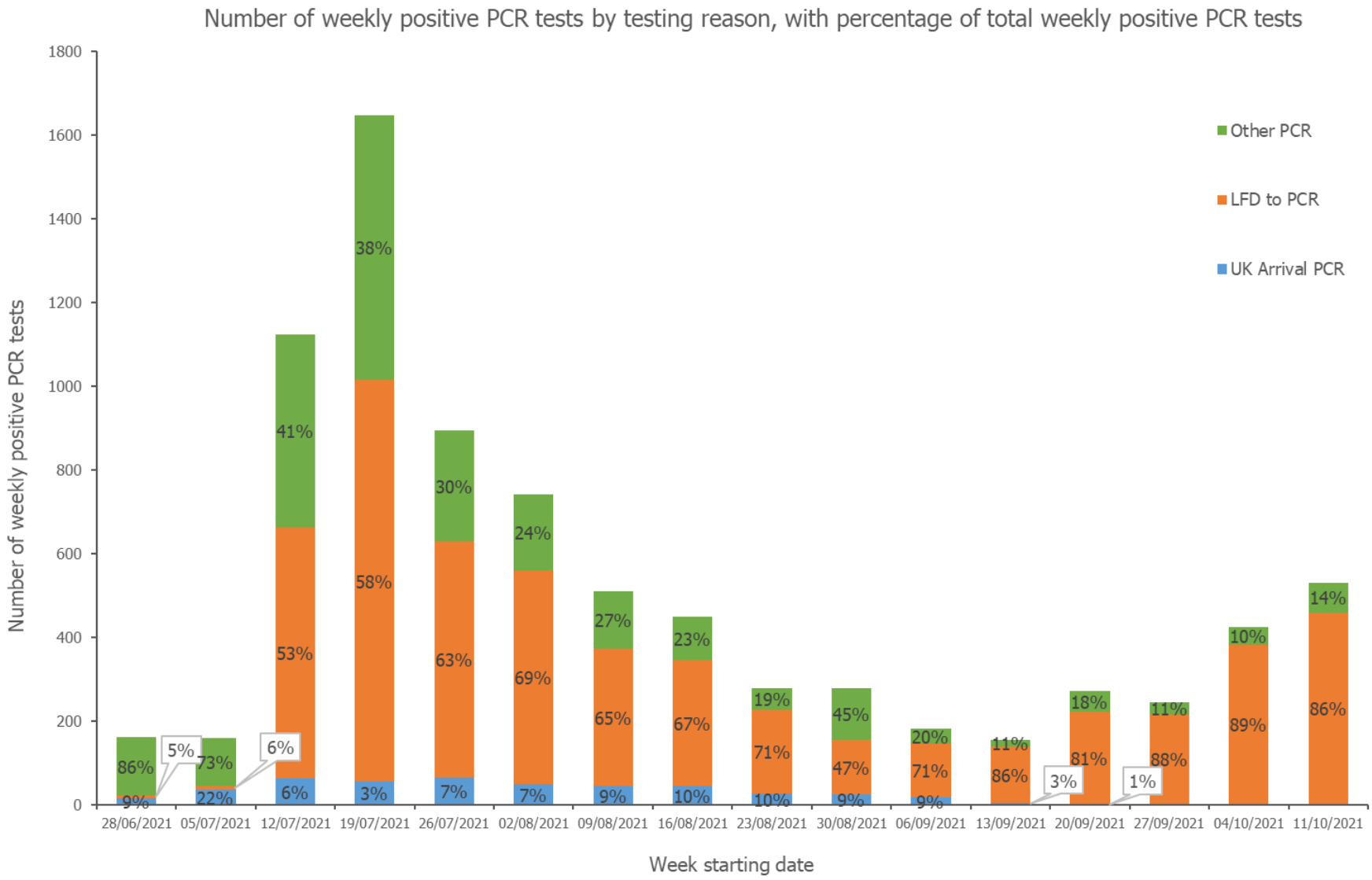


PCR Tests by Pathway



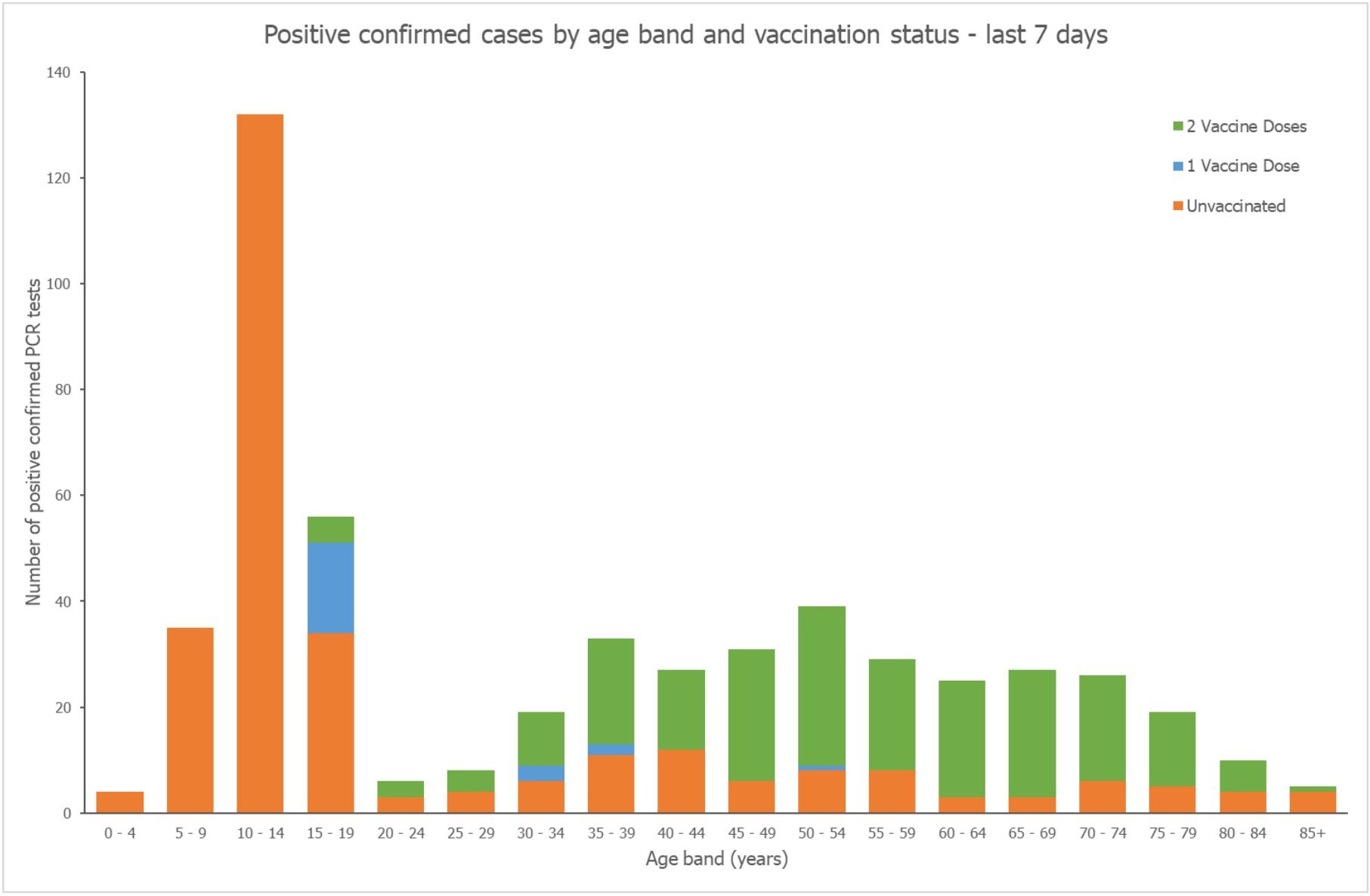
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Positive PCR Tests by Pathway



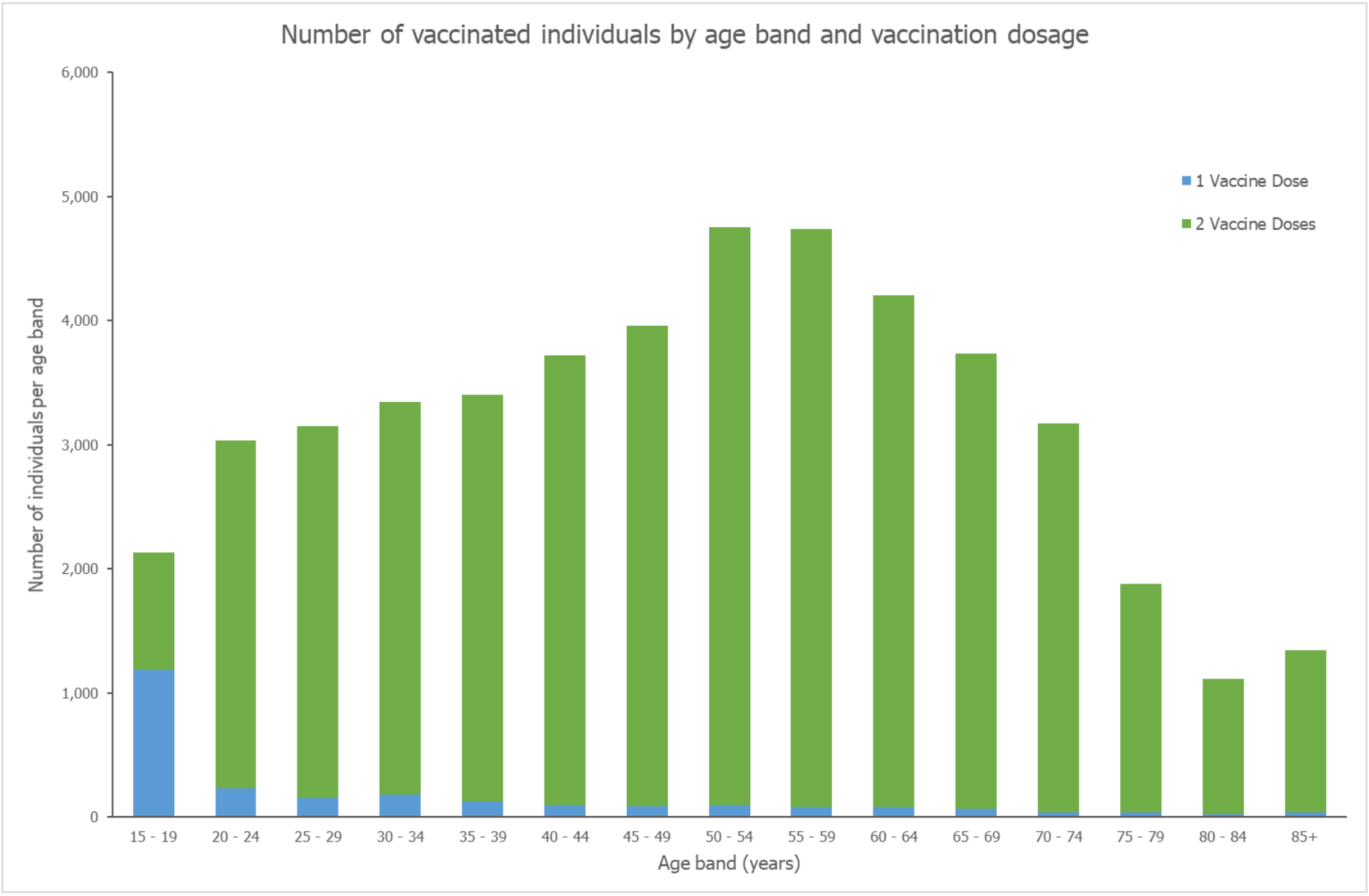
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Weekly Positive Cases by Age Group



Current available data only allows for most recent 7 days. This will be expanded in future reports

Vaccine uptake and coverage



This data will be expanded in future reports to show % of eligible population vaccinated

Hospitalised Patients

This figure is a snapshot census of the cases in Hospital.

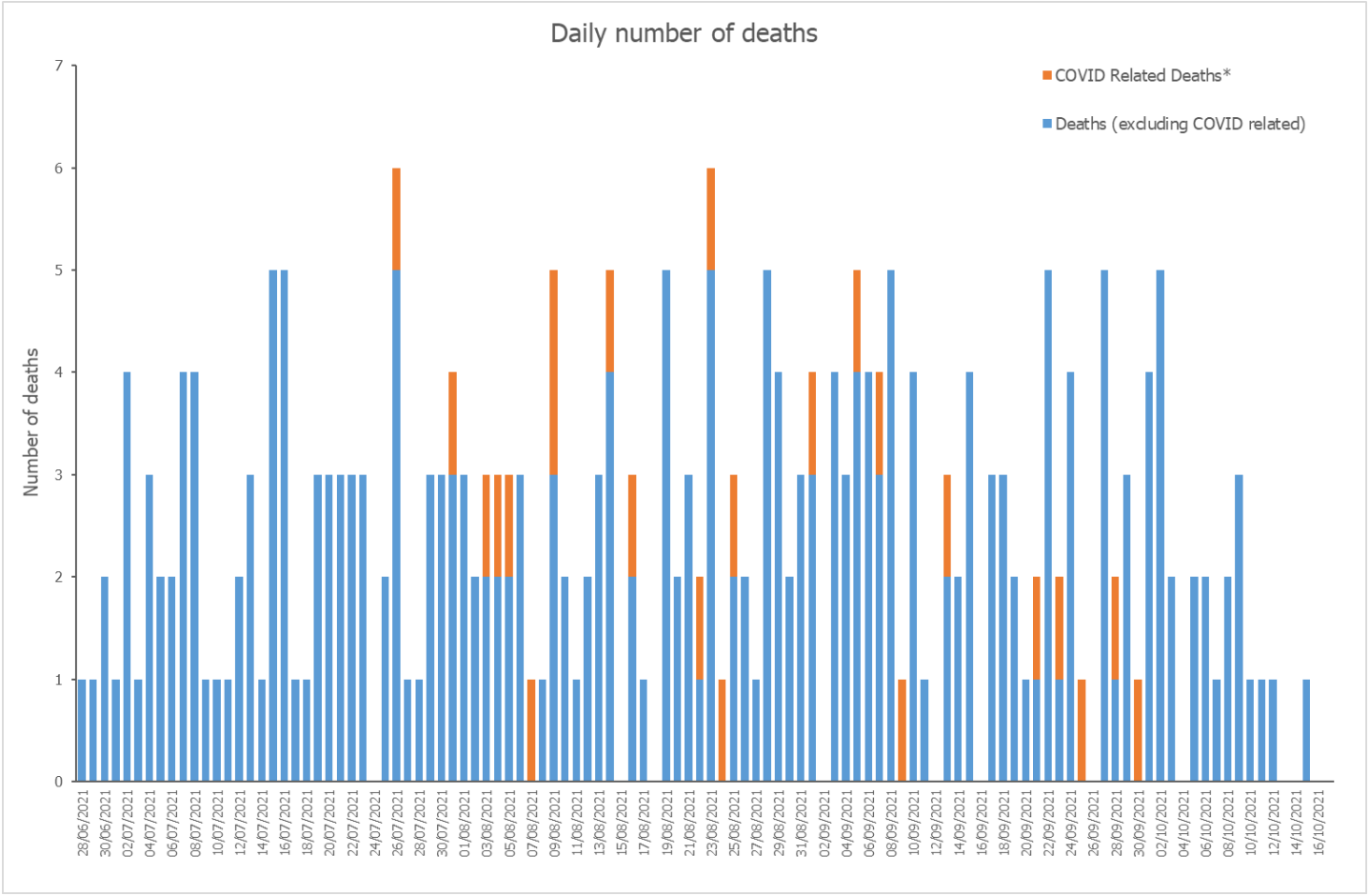
When broken down into vaccination status all numbers are 5 or below. Therefore, further sub-analysis of weekly figures cannot be produced due to the caveats and identifiable nature of small numbers.

SUMMARY

Total Patients	**5**
With COVID-19 Symptoms	100.0%
Without COVID-19 Symptoms	

Vaccination Status of Hospital Admissions	
Fully Vaccinated (2+2)	100.0%
Partially Vaccinated	
Unvaccinated	

Daily Deaths – current wave



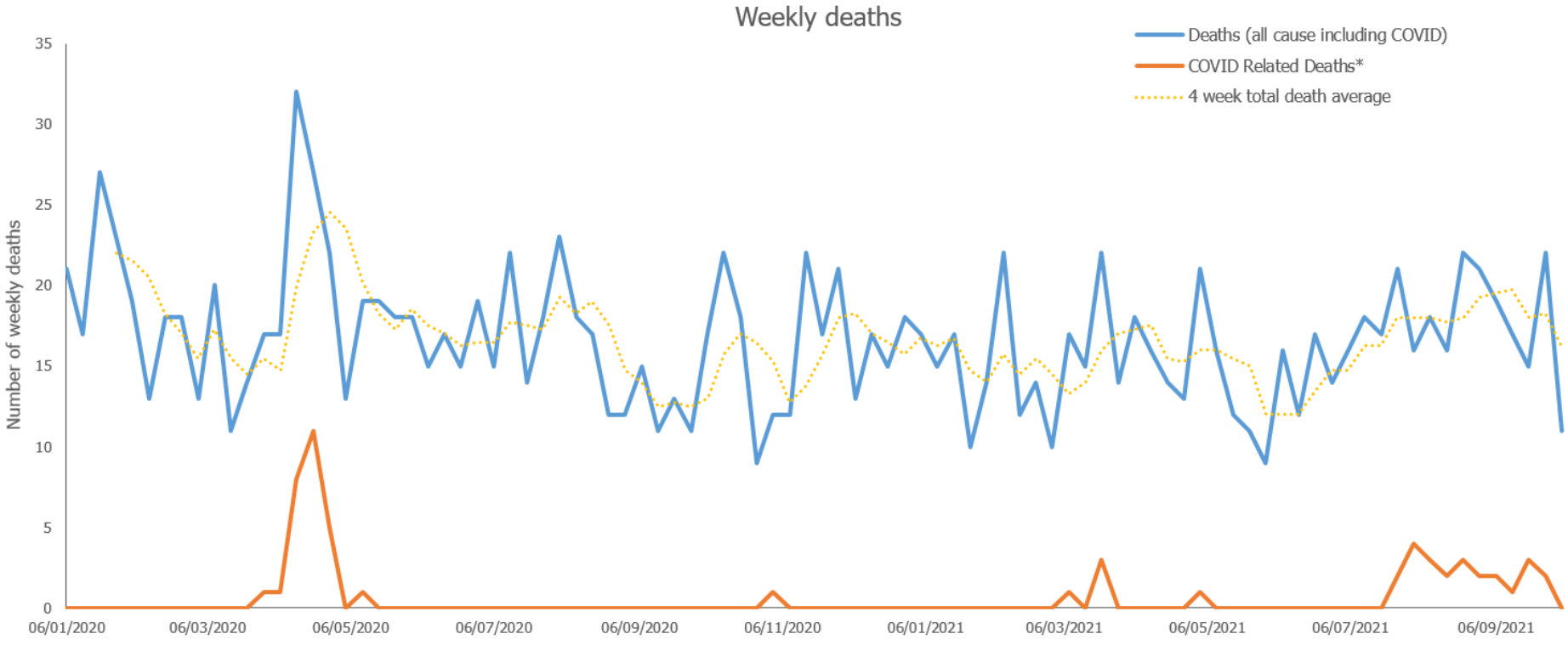
Cumulative COVID Related Deaths = 57

Numbers up to date at time of publication.

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Weekly Deaths – whole pandemic



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Definitions

- **Testing Pathways**
  - Other PCR = hospital, surveillance, symptomatics, other travel
  - LFD to PCR = positive LFD subsequently confirmed by PCR
  - UK Arrivals = identified arrivals from UK requiring PCR testing
- **LFD Pathway**
  - See above LFD to PCR definition
- **Vaccination Status**
  - 2 doses = those who have received two doses
  - 1 dose = those who have received one dose
  - Current available data doesn't allow for confirmation that those who've had 2 doses are fully vaccinated i.e. 2+2