

Here are the numbers: COVID-19 is ticking up in some places, but levels remain low

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Here's a look at the state of COVID-19 in the U.S. as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention establishes [its latest advice on vaccinations](#).

Deaths

About 300 COVID-19-associated deaths were occurring weekly in May, according to [the most recent provisional CDC data](#). That's the lowest since the beginning of the pandemic. Nearly 26,000 people died from COVID-19 in the U.S. in the week ending Jan. 9, 2021—the highest weekly toll in the pandemic.

Hospitalizations

[The COVID-19 hospitalization rate](#) is 1.5 per 100,000 hospital visits. That's up from about 1.1 in mid-May. It peaked at 35 in early 2022.

Cases

Individual COVID-19 cases are no longer tracked, but health officials can analyze [wastewater](#) to help them get a big-picture look at where the virus may be spreading. The CDC describes [current wastewater levels](#) as "low" nationwide but inching up, with higher levels noted in Florida, Utah, California and Hawaii.

Vaccinations

As of May 11, fewer than one-quarter of U.S. adults [had received the latest COVID-19 shot](#). About 42% of people 75 and older—those most vulnerable to [severe disease](#) and [death](#) from COVID-19—got the latest shots.

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